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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 4 September 1991

(Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Short title etc.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Student Assistance Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991*.

5 (2) In this Act, “Principal Act” means the *Student Assistance Act 1973*¹.

Commencement

2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

10 (2) Paragraphs 4(a), (b) and (c) commence 28 days after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(3) The remaining provisions of this Act commence on 1 January 1992.

Application

15 3. Section 55A of the Principal Act as in force on 1 January 1992 applies to payments made on or after that date.

Interpretation

4. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting “or” at the end of paragraph (c) of the definition of “current special educational assistance scheme” in subsection (1);
- (b) by omitting paragraph (d) of the definition of “current special educational assistance scheme” in subsection (1);
- (c) by adding at the end of the definition of “former special educational assistance scheme” in subsection (1) the following word and paragraph:
 - “or (d) the former Living Allowance for English as a Second Language Scheme;”;
- (d) by adding at the end of subsection (2) “and the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands”.

5. After section 5 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part 1:

Extension of Act

“5A. This Act extends to the Territory of Christmas Island and to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.”.

Heading to Part 4

6. The heading to Part 4 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “PAYMENT” and substituting “ADVANCE”.

7. Section 10 of the Principal Act is repealed.

Advances on account of benefits

8. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2).

9. After section 55 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Appropriation

“55A.(1) Payment of benefit in relation to:

- (a) the AUSTUDY scheme; and
- (b) the Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme; and
- (c) the ABSTUDY Scheme (also known as the Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme);

is to be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.

“(2) In this section:

‘benefit’ includes an advance on account of benefit that is expected to become payable under a scheme mentioned in subsection (1).”.

NOTE

1. No. 155, 1973, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 37, 1976; No. 26, 1982; Nos. 63, 72 and 120, 1984; No. 137, 1985; No. 114, 1986; Nos. 125, 130 and 141, 1987; No. 35, 1988; Nos. 76 and 171, 1989; and Nos. 70 and 95, 1991.



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