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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
THE SENATE

(Presented pursuant to leave granted and read 1^o, 28 March 1984)

(ATTORNEY-GENERAL, SENATOR GARETH EVANS)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to enable certain information obtained under the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979* to be furnished to the Honourable John Patrick Slattery for the purposes of a Special Commission of Inquiry established under the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1983 of New South Wales

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title, &c.

5 **1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the *Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Act 1984*.

(2) The *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979*¹ is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

10 **2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Information may be forwarded to the Slattery Inquiry

3. Section 7A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting “Honourable Ronald Francis Cross” from the definition of “inquiry” in sub-section (1) and substituting “Honourable John Patrick Slattery”; and
- (b) by omitting “8 November 1983” from the definition of “inquiry” in sub-section (1) and substituting “27 March 1984”.

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Transitional

4. (1) In this section, “inquiry” has the same meaning as in section 7A of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

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(2) The Attorney-General may, by notice in writing given to the person conducting the inquiry, authorize information communicated in accordance with sub-section 7A (6) of the Principal Act to be given to the person conducting the inquiry.

(3) Where the Attorney-General gives an authorization under sub-section (2) in relation to any information—

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- (a) sub-section 7A (7) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act applies in relation to that information as if the information had been communicated to the person conducting the inquiry in accordance with sub-section 7A (6) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act; and

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- (b) the use that may be made of the information is subject to the same conditions as were imposed under sub-section 7A (6) of the Principal Act.

(4) Sub-section 7 (4) of the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979* does not apply in relation to a communication of information in accordance with this section.

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NOTE

1. No. 114, 1979, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 181, 1979; and Nos. 114 and 116, 1983.