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LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1987

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for
Primary Industry,
the Hon John Kerin, MP)

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OUTLINE

The Live-stock Export Charge consists of three components which raise funds to finance the activities of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC), the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation (AMLRDC), and, in the case of cattle and buffaloes, bovine disease eradication.

Maximum rates are set in the legislation for the AMLRDC component, the disease eradication component, and the total of the three components. The maximum available for the AMLC is the difference between the current total maximum rate and the maximum rates provided for the disease eradication and AMLRDC components.

The individual operative rates of charge for each species are set by Regulation. The export charge rates for the AMLC and the AMLRDC are varied only after the Minister has received recommendations from the relevant body, that is either the AMLC or the AMLRDC. Neither the AMLC nor the AMLRDC is permitted to recommend a change to the operative rates of export charge without having first had a motion endorsing the changes passed at their respective Annual General Meetings.

The amendments proposed in this Bill will increase the maximum level of the export charge and therefore the AMLC's potential share of the charge, while not increasing the amount set aside for the AMLRDC or disease eradication. The proposed increases in the maximum charge rates are as follows

Cattle	-	from \$6.00 to \$10.00
Sheep	-	from 60¢ to \$1.00
Lambs	-	from 60¢ to \$1.00
Buffalo	-	from \$6.00 to \$10.00
Goats	-	from 60¢ to \$1.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed increases will have no effect on the current operative rates of the livestock export charge, nor will they have any impact on Commonwealth income or expenditure.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

No of Clause	Explanation
1(1)	Short title
1(2)	Principal Act
2	Commencement
3	Increases the maximum charge rate on cattle to \$10.00 per head
4	Increases the maximum charge rate on sheep to \$1.00 per head
5	Increases the maximum charge rate on lambs to \$1.00 per head
6	Increases the maximum charge rate on buffalo to \$10.00 per head
7	Increases the maximum charge rate on goats to \$1.00 per head