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OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES - IMPORTS) BILL 1988

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for the Arts, Sport,
the Environment, Tourism and Territories
Senator the Hon Graham Richardson)

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OUTLINE

This bill is a companion bill to the Ozone Protection Bill 1988 and the Ozone Protection (Licence Fees - Manufacture) Bill 1988. Its purpose is to provide for levying fees on the holders of licences issued under the Ozone Protection Bill, in respect of importation of substances and products regulated by the Bill. The levels of fees under this Bill and the Ozone Protection (Licence Fees - Manufacture) Bill 1988 will be set so that receipts under the two Bills offset completely the costs to the Commonwealth of administering the three acts, after the first year.

The licence fee for each licensee, in respect of importation, will be calculated each quarter, at a rate to be fixed by regulations, for the quantity of scheduled substances (expressed in terms of ozone depleting effect) imported by the licensee during that quarter. By the Ozone Protection Bill, they will be payable within 15 days of the end of the relevant quarter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Bill, together with the Ozone Protection (Licence Fees - Manufacture) Bill 1988, will enable the collection of revenue, to offset the cost of administering the Ozone Protection Bill 1988, which includes three staff positions in the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories at an estimated cost of \$185,000 per year.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short title

1. This clause provides for the Act to be cited as the Ozone Protection (Licence Fees - Imports) Act 1988.

Clause 2 - Commencement

2. This clause provides for the Act to commence on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Interpretation

3. This clause provides that terms used in this Bill have the same meanings as in the Ozone Protection Bill 1988.

Clause 4 - Licence fees

4. This is the principal clause of this Bill. It provides that a licensee must pay to the Commonwealth, for each quarter, a fee, calculated at the rate fixed by the regulations, for the scheduled substances imported by the licensee during that quarter.

Clause 5 - Regulations

5. This clause enables the making of regulations to fix a rate for the purposes of the calculation of licence fees, pursuant to clause 4.
