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UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION
(CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) BILL 1988

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Social Security
the Hon Brian Howe MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

This Bill will repeal the United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Act 1971, which applied the provisions of the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971 to civilians employed by the Government of the United States of America at North West Cape.

The purpose of the Bill is to ensure that those persons continue to be covered for workers' compensation purposes by the same legislation as is applicable to Commonwealth employees generally. To this end, the United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Bill 1988 contains a Schedule which would make certain modifications to the proposed Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 so that it would apply to civilians employed by the United States' Government at the Naval Communication Station.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposals put forward in the Bill will have no impact on Government expenditure.

Clause 1 : Short title

This clause will allow the Act to be cited as the United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Act 1988.

Clause 2 : Commencement

This clause provides that the Act will commence on the commencement of Part X of the proposed Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988.

Clause 3 : Interpretation

This clause defines the principal terms used in the Bill.

Clause 4 : Application of Compensation Act to civilian employees

This clause provides that the Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 will apply to civilian employees of the US Government at North West Cape as if they were employees of the Commonwealth, subject to modifications of that Act set out in the Schedule.

Clause 5 : Repeal

This clause provides for the repeal of the United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Act 1971 and other Acts which amended that Act.

SCHEDULE

The Schedule would make modifications to the Commonwealth Employees Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 to enable that Act to apply to civilian employees of the Government of the United States of America at North West Cape.