

SCHEDULE.

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1. For the acquisition for Commonwealth purposes of property in Perth, Western Australia and expenses incidental thereto ... ..	£153,000
2. To redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Northern Territory ... ..	71,945
3. To redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Port Augusta Railway ... ..	304,581
	£529,526

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BEER EXCISE.

No. 23 of 1912.

An Act to amend the *Beer Excise Act* 1901.

[ Assented to 24th December, 1912.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Beer Excise Act* 1912.

(2.) The *Beer Excise Act* 1901, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Beer Excise Act* 1901-1912.

Short title and citation.

2. Section five of the *Beer Excise Act* 1901 is amended—

(a) by omitting the definition of Quarts and Pints and inserting in its stead the following definition—

“ Quarts, pints, or half-pints ’ means quart, pint, or half-pint bottles, and includes bottles reputed to contain quarts, pints, or half-pints ” ; and

(b) by adding to the definition of the word “ vessels ” the words “ vessels of prescribed sizes, but having a capacity greater than that of hogshead.”

Amendment of s. 5 of Principal Act.

3. Section twenty-seven of the *Beer Excise Act* 1901 is repealed, and the following section inserted in its stead :—

Dutiable contents of vessels.

“27.—(1.) The dutiable contents of the following vessels shall be taken to be as follows :—

Hogsheads—Fifty-two gallons.

Barrels—Thirty-five gallons.

Half-hogsheads—Twenty-six gallons.

Kilderkins—Seventeen gallons.

“(2.) In the case of other vessels and of bottles, the dutiable contents shall be taken to be the full holding capacity of the vessels or bottles, but where the reputed contents of any vessel or bottle are more than the actual contents the reputed contents shall be taken to be the dutiable contents unless some other intention appears from the Act imposing the duty.”

Amendment of s. 44.

4. Section forty-four of the *Beer Excise Act* 1901 is amended by omitting the words “quarts or pints” and inserting in their stead the words “quarts, pints, or half-pints”.

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## BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

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### No. 24 of 1912.

An Act to amend the *Bills of Exchange Act* 1909.

[ Assented to 24th December, 1912.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Bills of Exchange Act* 1912.

(2.) The *Bills of Exchange Act* 1909, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Bills of Exchange Act* 1909-1912.

Amendment of s. 31.

2. Sub-section (1.) of section thirty-four of the *Bills of Exchange Act* 1909 is amended by omitting the word “or” after paragraph (a), and inserting in its stead the word “and”.