

Coal Mines (Pensions Increase) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1. Citation of Act.

Clause 2. Contains a provision regarding the date of commencement of the Act.

Clause 3. Defines the *Coal Mines Act 1958* as the Principal Act.

Clause 4. Introduces the following amendments to the Principal Act:

- (a) Section 104 amends the pension payable to retired miners.
- (b) Section 105 amends the pension payable to invalid miners.
- (c) Section 106 (a) amends the pension payable to the wife of a retired miner.
- (d) Section 106 (b) amends the pension payable to the child of a deceased or retired miner.
- (e) Section 106 (c) amends the pension payable to the dependant female of a retired miner.
- (f) (g) Sections 107 (1) and 107 (1A) amend the pension payable to the widow of a pensioner.
- (h) Section 110 (3) provides for subsequent amendments to the supplementary pension to be made in accordance with increases in Commonwealth Age, Invalid, Child or Widows' Pensions made after the commencement of the Act.

Clause 5. Provides for the new rates of pensions to take effect on and after 1 June 1985.

The amounts specified in Clause 4 have been determined from the rates of the Commonwealth age pension current as from May 1985 which are:

married couple: \$78.65 each per week
single person: \$94.30 per week
additional child allowance: \$14.00 per week

