

ANZAC DAY AMENDMENT BILL 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Objectives of the Legislation

The objective of the Amendment Bill is to amend the provisions of the *Anzac Day Act 1995* (the Act) which relate to the funding of the Anzac Day Trust Fund.

Reasons for the Legislation

The Act provides for the operation of the Anzac Day Trust Fund which collects and disperses funds for the general welfare of ex-service people, their dependants and related associations.

The Act provides for annual funding of the Fund by Treasury from sources such as general licences under the *Liquor Act 1992* and taxes in relation to race betting on Anzac Day.

It has been necessary to revise the funding arrangements for the Trust in view of—

- the abolition of State fees for liquor licences
- inherent administrative problems and complexities
- variability of past funding.

It has been determined that the appropriate alternative funding is by way of an annual grant (indexed by CPI) from the Consolidated Fund to replace existing funding in the Act.

Cost for Government Implementation

There will be no increase in costs for Government arising from this legislation.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with key stakeholders in the preparation of this Bill.

Fundamental Legislative Principles

The Bill does not offend fundamental legislative principles.

Short title

Clause 1 provides a short title for the legislation.

Act amended

Clause 2 names the existing Act affected by the amendments.

Replacement of pt 3, div 2

Clause 3 omits the old and inserts a new Division 2 in the Act to introduce replacement funding arrangements for the Anzac Day Trust Fund.

Payments to Trust

New Section 13 provides that the State is to pay to the Anzac Day Trust an annual grant to replace all existing funding at Section 15 (1) (a) to (d) of the Act.

The grant is payable for each financial year with payment being made as soon as possible after the end of the relevant financial year.

The initial grant has been set at \$795 000 for the 1998-99 financial year with future grants being adjusted annually by the CPI (March quarter).

Provision is made to ensure the grant will never fall below the amount of the initial grant.

Insertion of new div hdg

Clause 4 inserts a new division heading for purposes of existing transitional provisions at section 32.

Insertion of new pt 5, div 2

Clause 5 inserts a new division heading for purposes of new transitional provisions at new section 33.

No payment under repealed section

New section 33 makes it clear that the proposed grant will be payable instead of the current obligation for payment for Anzac Day, 25 April 1999. This section automatically expires on 31 December 1999.