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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The Health Services (Amendment) Bill will amend the Health Services Act 1990.

The Health Services (Amendment) Bill entitles an appointed Board member to such remuneration and allowances either as are prescribed by regulations or by determination from the Remuneration Tribunal of the Commonwealth.

The Bill also entitles the appointed Board members to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his or her functions if there is no existing determination relating to that expense.

The financial impact of these proposed amendments is uncertain as it will be dependent upon the frequency with which the Board and its committees meet. The Board itself is required to hold at least eight (8) meetings in each period of twelve (12) months but has been meeting more frequently. The Board currently has six (6) committees, each of which includes two Board members and these meet monthly. The proposed changes are therefore estimated to cost up to \$80 000 per annum.

Details of the Bill are included in the attachment.

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THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Details of the Health Services (Amendment) Bill 1991 are as follows:-

Section 1 cites the short title of the Bill.

Section 2 refers to the "Principal Act" which means the Health Services Act 1990.

Section 3 inserts a new section following section 16.

New Section 16A entitles appointed Board members to remuneration and allowances either:-

- (i) as are prescribed by regulations; or
- (ii) by a determination from the Remuneration Tribunal of the Commonwealth.

Section 4 amends Section 17 of the Principal Act by adding Subsection 2. This Subsection disallows reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by an appointed Board member in the performance of his or her functions if there is an existing determination relating to that expense.

The amendment shall commence upon Gazettal.