

1990

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS  
AMENDMENT BILL 1990

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Industry,  
Technology and Commerce, Senator the Hon. John N Button)

THIS MEMORANDUM TAKES ACCOUNT OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE  
TO THE BILL AS INTRODUCED





## EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 1990

### OUTLINE

1. The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Export Market Development Grants Act 1974 to extend its term from 1 July 1990 to 31 December 1990. This is an interim measure to preserve the continuity of the Act pending the enactment of the Government's amendments to that Act jointly announced by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce, Senator Button, on 28 February 1990.
2. The Bill also provides that films that have been, or would be under the appropriate classification guidelines, classified "X" or refused classification are not to receive grants under the Act.
3. The substantive amendments announced by the Prime Minister and Senator Button are proposed to be enacted in the 1990 Budget Sitzings of Parliament. It is proposed to make such amendments retrospective to 1 July 1990 in accordance with that announcement.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

4. No financial impact is expected to arise from the amendment to extend the term of the Act for six months.
5. As regards the amendment to exclude certain films from receiving grants under the Act, as only one small grant has ever been paid in respect of such films, it is not possible to quantify the direct and indirect savings which will result from this measure.

## ABBREVIATIONS

6. The following abbreviations are used in this explanatory memorandum:

EMDG Act : Export Market Development Grants Act 1974

EMD Grant : Export Market Development Grant under the EMDG Act

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 Short title etc.

7. This clause provides:

.for the Act to be cited as the Export Market Development Grants Amendment Act 1990; and

.that in the Act a reference to the "Principal Act" is a reference to the Export Market Development Grants Act 1974 ('EMDG Act').

Clause 2 Commencement

8. This clause provides for the Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Interpretation

9. This clause amends the definition of "grant year" in subsection 3(1) of the Principal Act by adding a new paragraph (e) to that definition which provides that a grant year includes the period commencing on 1 July 1990 and ending on 31 December 1990. The effect of this is to extend the current operation of the EMDG Act for that six month period.

Clause 4 10. This clause amends section 14 of the Principal Act by adding new subsections (5) and (6). New subsection 14(5) provides that an EMD Grant is not payable in respect of expenditure incurred by a person in exporting a film which has been, or would be under film classification guidelines, classified "X" or refused classification.

11. New subsection 14(6) is an interpretation provision for new subsection 14(5) - it defines "a film" and provides that a reference to film classification means classification by the Film Censorship Board.