

Priority legislation

Many bills (proposed laws) are expected to be introduced into the House of Representatives during this Autumn period of sittings. These include a number of bills with high priority for debate and passage. The high priority bills are listed below. This list is indicative only and other high priority bills may be added. A full list of proposed legislation can be found on the Internet at www.dpmc.gov.au/briefing/parlinfo.html

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Dairy Industry Adjustment Bill

Dairy Adjustment Levy Bill

- amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986* to provide for the implementation and administration of an adjustment package to assist the dairy industry to manage the structural adjustment process to a deregulated domestic market milk sector;
- provide for a levy on drinking milk at the retail level to fund the adjustment package.

(The above bills were introduced on 16 February 2000)

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Australian Postal Legislation Amendment Bill

- convert Australia Post to a Corporations Law company;
- implement postal industry reform.

Broadcasting Services (Digital Television) Amendment Bill

- implement changes resulting from reviews of digital television.

Environment and Heritage

Product Stewardship (Oil) Bill

- implement a Product Stewardship System for Waste Oil.

Family and Community Services

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Consequential and Related Measures) Bill

- provide for the consolidation of family assistance legislation, including the payment infrastructure for childcare benefit, into the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*.

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Further 1999 Budget Measures) Bill

- provide for the implementation of measures relating to the simplification of international payments and the use of tax file numbers as the primary matching key for matching Centrelink data with particular Australian Taxation Office data.

Transport and Regional Services

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Amendment Bill

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill

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- implement updated nationally uniform heavy vehicle charges for the Australian Capital Territory and Federally registered vehicles;
- amend definitions of classes of heavy vehicles.

Treasury

A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) Bill

A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge – Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill

- amend various Acts.

New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill (No. 2)

- amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and various other taxing Acts.

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5)

- amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.