

POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

No. 23 of 1940.

An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1931*.

[Assented to 31st May, 1940.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1940*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1931** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1940*.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation. Commencement.

* Act No. 13, 1902, as amended by No. 10, 1906; No. 24, 1910; No. 8, 1911; No. 23, 1918; No. 24, 1918; No. 27, 1920; No. 16, 1923; No. 12, 1924; No. 20, 1930; and No. 1, 1931.

3. After section four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

Northern
Territory
to form
part of South
Australia.
Regulations.

“4A. For the purposes of this Act, the Northern Territory shall be deemed to be part of the State of South Australia.”

4. Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a)

Second
Schedule.

5. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule inserted in its stead :—

“SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

	Between offices which are not more than fifteen miles apart.	Between offices which are more than fifteen miles apart.
Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding fourteen words	Ninepence ..	One shilling
Each additional word	One penny ..	One penny

Double the foregoing rates shall be charged for the transmission of—

- (a) urgent telegrams ; and
- (b) telegrams on the public service when required, under section ninety-five of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1934*, to be transmitted before other telegrams.

The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portorage charges.

PART II.—PRESS TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

(a) Telegrams (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) relating to Parliamentary, Executive, Departmental and other Commonwealth Proceedings as prescribed—

Including address and signature—			
Not exceeding twenty-five words	One shilling and fourpence
Exceeding twenty-five but not exceeding fifty words	..		One shilling and eightpence
Exceeding fifty but not exceeding one hundred words	..		Two shillings
Every additional fifty words or portion of fifty words	..		Eightpence

(b) Other telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—

	Between offices which are in the same State.	Between offices which are not in the same State.
Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding twenty-five words ..	Eightpence ..	One shilling and fourpence
Exceeding twenty-five but not exceeding fifty words	Elevenpence ..	One shilling and tenpence
Exceeding fifty but not exceeding one hundred words	One shilling and ninepence	Three shillings and sixpence
Every additional fifty words or portion of fifty words	Eightpence ..	One shilling and fourpence

The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portorage charges.

PART III.—BROADCASTING TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—the same rates as are specified in Part II. of this Schedule.

PART IV.—LETTER TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—including address and signature, One shilling and threepence for the first thirty words and one halfpenny for each additional word.

PART V.—SHIPPING TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams relating to the movements of shipping, sent by officers of the Commonwealth Navigation and Lighthouse Services, for the purpose of being posted up at telegraph offices—the same rates as are specified in paragraph (b) of Part II. of this Schedule.

PART VI.—METEOROLOGICAL TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams transmitted to or from Commonwealth meteorological offices or stations—free.”.
