POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

No. 66 of 1964.

An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1959.

[Assented to 30th September, 1964.]

B^E it enacted by the Queen'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 short title Act 1964.

- (2.) The Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902–1959* 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 1902–1964.
- 2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of Commencement. October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.
- 3. After section six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:-
 - "6A.—(1.) This section applies to articles that—
 - (a) are comprised within item 1 or item 4 in the First Schedule to this Act;

(b) are not addressed to specified persons but bear the words 'The Householder' or some similar words; and

(c) are posted in bulk.

- "(2.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the postage payable in respect of articles to which this section applies—
 - (a) is an amount equal to seven-tenths of the amount of postage that, but for this section, would be payable in respect of the articles; and
 - (b) shall be prepaid in cash.
- "(3.) Where the amount of postage ascertained in accordance with the last preceding sub-section includes a fraction of a penny, that fraction shall be disregarded.".

<sup>Act No. 13, 1902, as amended by No. 10, 1906; No. 24, 1910; No. 8, 1911; No. 23, 1913;
No. 24, 1918; No. 27, 1920; No. 16, 1923; No. 12, 1924; No. 20, 1930; No. 1, 1931; No. 23, 1940;
No. 54, 1941; No. 23, 1949; No. 28, 1950; No. 12, 1951; No. 66, 1956; and No. 56, 1959.</sup>

Second Schedule. 4. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting Part I. and inserting in its stead the following Part:—

" PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

- 1. The rate for telegrams containing not more than twelve words (including address and signature) is Three shillings.
- 2. The rate for telegrams containing more than twelve words (including address and signature) is Three shillings, together with an amount of Sixpence for every two words by which the number of words contained in the telegram exceeds twelve. If the telegram contains an odd number of words, it shall be deemed to contain an additional word.
 - 3. 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 1901-1961, to be transmitted before other telegrams.
 - 4. The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of porterage charges.".