

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation

No. 51 of 1970

An Act to increase certain amounts of Compensation payable to Employees of the Commonwealth.

[Assented to 24 June 1970]

BE 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 *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1970*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930–1969** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930–1970*.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

3. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “Ten thousand dollars” and inserting in their stead the words “Twelve thousand dollars”. Compensation for certain injuries.

4. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “Ten thousand dollars” and inserting in their stead the words “Twelve thousand dollars”. Maximum compensation.

5. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended as set out in the following table:— First Schedule.

Provision amended	Omit—	Insert—
Paragraph (1.) (a) (i)	Ten thousand dollars	Twelve thousand dollars
Paragraph (1.) (b)	Twenty-eight dollars fifteen cents	Thirty-one dollars eighty cents
Paragraph (1.) (b) (i)	Six dollars eighty cents	Seven dollars seventy cents
Paragraph (1.) (b) (ii)	Two dollars fifty cents	Two dollars eighty cents
Paragraph (1.) (c) (i)	Twenty-eight dollars fifteen cents	Thirty-one dollars eighty cents
Paragraph (1A.) (a) (ii)	One thousand six hundred and fifty dollars	Two thousand dollars
Paragraph (1A.) (b) (iii)	Twenty-one dollars ten cents	Twenty-three dollars eighty-five cents
	Twenty-eight dollars fifteen cents	Thirty-one dollars eighty cents
Paragraph (9A.)	than Two hundred dollars and Two hundred dollars	than Two hundred and eighty dollars and Two hundred and eighty dollars

* Act No. 24, 1930, as amended by No. 8, 1944; No. 61, 1948; No. 80, 1950; No. 27, 1951; No. 15, 1954; No. 93, 1956; No. 98, 1959; No. 94, 1962; No. 101, 1964; No. 96, 1967; No. 123, 1968; and No. 11, 1969.

Adjustment of
weekly
payments, &c.,
under Principal
Act.

6.—(1.) Where, immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, a person was receiving weekly payments under the *Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act* 1912 or was receiving, or was entitled to receive, weekly payments in accordance with the First Schedule to the Principal Act, he is, from and including that date, entitled to receive weekly payments in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(2.) Where, before the date of commencement of this Act, an employee sustained an injury or contracted a disease in respect of which weekly payments in accordance with the First Schedule to the Principal Act would have been payable immediately before that date but for the fact that he was not then incapacitated for work or but for the operation of clause (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1A.) of that Schedule, and on or after that date he becomes incapacitated for work as a result of the injury or disease or that clause ceases to have effect in relation to him, weekly payments in respect of that incapacity shall be in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(3.) Where, on or after the date of commencement of this Act, death results from an injury or a disease that was sustained or contracted before that date and in respect of which compensation was payable under the Principal Act, compensation shall be paid in respect of that death in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(4.) Where, immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, an employee was receiving, was entitled to receive, or, but for the operation of clause (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1A.) of the First Schedule to the Principal Act, would have been entitled to receive, weekly payments in accordance with that Schedule in respect of an injury or injuries sustained or a disease contracted before that date, the provisions of section 13 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act apply in relation to the injury, injuries or disease.

(5.) The amendment made by section 3 of this Act applies in relation to an injury sustained on or after the date of commencement of this Act notwithstanding that the accident or disease that caused the injury occurred before that date.