

States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement)

No. 130 of 1971

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Welfare and Advancement of the Aboriginal People of Australia.

[Assented to 16 December 1971]

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. This Act may be cited as the *States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Act 1971*. Short title.

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

3.—(1.) There is payable, during the year that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, to each State, for the purpose of financial assistance in connexion with the welfare and advancement of the Aboriginal people of Australia living in that State, amounts not exceeding in the whole the amount specified in the Schedule to this Act opposite to the name of that State. Grants of financial assistance to States.

(2.) The grant of financial assistance to a State under this Act is subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) that each amount paid to a State under this Act will be applied by the State, in a manner and within a time approved by the Minister, for the purposes of expenditure in connexion with the welfare or advancement of Aboriginal people of Australia living in that State; and
- (b) that, if the Minister informs the Treasurer of that State that he is satisfied that the State has failed, in respect of an amount paid to the State under this Act, to fulfil the condition referred to in the last preceding paragraph, the State will repay that amount to the Commonwealth.

4. A payment to a State under this Act shall be made out of the Aboriginal Advancement Trust Account established under section 62A of the *Audit Act 1901–1969*. Payments to be made out of Trust Account.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 3 (1.).

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New South Wales	2,400,000
Victoria	400,000
Queensland	3,038,000
South Australia	800,000
Western Australia	2,500,000
Tasmania	62,000
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