

**Telecommunications (Numbering Fees) Act 1991**

**No. 90 of 1991**

**An Act to provide for the payment of fees for the allocation of numbers for public telecommunications services**

[*Assented to 26 June 1991*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Telecommunications (Numbering Fees) Act 1991.*

**Commencement**

**2. (1)** Subject to this section, this Act commences on 1 July 1991.

**(2)** Sections 1 and 2 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

**Interpretation**

**3.** An expression has in this Act the same meaning as it has in the *Telecommunications Act 1991.*

**Fees for allocation of numbers**

**4.** There is payable to the Commonwealth, by a person to whom a number is to be allocated under section 242 of the *Telecommunications Act 1991*,in respect of the allocation of that number, the fee (if any) fixed by the regulations.

**Fees for allocation of “special” numbers**

**5.** There is payable to the Commonwealth, by a person to whom a number is to be allocated under section 242 of the *Telecommunications Act 1991*,in respect of the allocation of that number, the additional fee (if any) worked out as set out in the regulations.

**Regulations for section** 4

**6. (1)** The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, fixing fees for the purposes of section 4.

**(2)** Regulations under subsection (1) must not fix a fee of more than $2,000.

**Regulations** **for section** 5

**7. (1)** The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, providing for fees for the purposes of section 5.

**(2)** Regulations under subsection (1):

1. may fix a fee by way of a premium for the allocation of particular numbers or classes of numbers; or
2. may provide for fees to be worked out by reference to the results of:

(i) a tender process; or

(ii) a public auction;

conducted as provided by the regulations.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in*—

*House of Representatives on 7 May 1991*

*Senate on 29 May 1991*]