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HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY PRIVATE) BILL 2005

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Honourable Dr Brendan Nelson MP)
OUTLINE

The Bill adds Melbourne University Private to the list of Table B higher education providers by amending the table to subsection 16-20(1) of the Higher Education Support Act 2003. This will allow Melbourne University Private to access Commonwealth funding for research and FEE-HELP assistance (which provides student loans for tuition fees).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil. Any grant that Melbourne University Private may receive will be funded from existing appropriations. Further, the financial impact of providing FEE-HELP to students attending private institutions such as Melbourne University Private was included in the original measure to extend FEE-HELP to private providers.
NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short title

Provides for the Act to be cited as the Higher Education Support Amendment (Melbourne University Private) Bill 2005.

Clause 2 - Commencement

Provides for the Act to commence on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Schedule(s)

Provides that each Act that is specified in a Schedule is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule and that any other item in a Schedule has effect according to its terms.
Schedule 1—Amendment of the Higher Education Support Act 2003

Item 1  Subsection 16-20(1) (at the end of the table)

Amends the table in subsection 16-20(1) to add Melbourne University Private to the list of Table B higher education providers.