

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1984 No. 51

LOAN (INCOME EQUALIZATION DEPOSITS) ACT 1976

LOAN (INCOME EQUALIZATION DEPOSITS) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Sub-section 4(4) of the Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Act 1976 provides that interest on Income Equalization Deposits will be made at the rate of 5 per centum per annum or at such other rate as is prescribed by regulation made under the Act. Statutory authority for the Governor-General to make regulations under the Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Act 1976 is conferred by Section 28(1) of the Act.

The subject amendments provide that interest on Income Equalization Deposits be payable at:

- (1) 15.390 per centum per annum from 1 April 1984 on deposits made on or after 1 September 1983, when the depositor has met the eligibility criteria as determined by the Treasurer; and
- (2) 10.390 per centum per annum from 1 April 1984 on deposits made on or after 1 September 1983 when the depositor has not met the eligibility criteria.

As currently prescribed by regulation 2, deposits made prior to 1 September 1983 will continue to be paid interest at the rate of seven and one half per centum per annum.