

FINANCE BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 empowers local authorities within the meaning of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 to make contributions out of their general funds or accounts to the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand.

Clause 3 empowers the Minister of Industries and Commerce, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, to acquire shares in any company incorporated under the Companies Act 1955 having as its principal object investigation into the further development of the carded sliver and wool topmaking industry in New Zealand. The Minister of Finance may advance money on behalf of Her Majesty to any company in which shares have been so subscribed, and may give any guarantee, indemnity, or security in respect of any advances made to the company by any other person, subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister of Finance thinks fit.

All money required for those purposes shall, without further appropriation, be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Account or the National Development Loans Account. The accounts of any company in which shares have been acquired by the Minister of Industries and Commerce shall be audited by the Controller and Auditor-General; the company shall not be obliged to keep its accounts or engage auditors in compliance with sections 151 to 153 or sections 163 to 166 of the Companies Act 1955.

Hon. Mr Muldoon

FINANCE

ANALYSIS

Title	3. Minister of Industries and Commerce may acquire shares in company formed to investigate further development of carded sliver and wool topmaking industry in New Zealand
1. Short Title	
2. Authorising contributions by local authorities to National Heart Foundation of New Zealand	

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make provision with respect to public finance and other matters

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Finance Act 1969.

10 2. Authorising contributions by local authorities to National Heart Foundation of New Zealand—It shall be lawful for any local authority within the meaning of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 to expend out of its general fund or account any sum or sums of money by way of contribution to the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand.

3. Minister of Industries and Commerce may acquire shares in company formed to investigate further development of carded sliver and wool topmaking industry in New Zealand—

(1) In this section—

“Audit Office” has the same meaning as in the Public Revenues Act 1953: 5

“Carded sliver” means an assemblage of fibres in rope form produced without twisting from an entangled or matted mass of fibres:

“Wool topmaking” means the process of making wool tops for carded sliver: 10

“Wool tops” means combed wool which is without short fibres, and has a substantially parallel formation of fibres which so far as they may differ in length from one another are uniformly distributed throughout the tops. 15

(2) The Minister of Industries and Commerce may from time to time, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, subscribe for or otherwise acquire shares in any company incorporated under the Companies Act 1955 and having as its principal object investigation into the further development of the carded sliver and wool topmaking industry in New Zealand, and may from time to time exercise on behalf of Her Majesty all Her Majesty’s rights and powers as the holder of those shares. 20 25

(3) The Minister of Finance may from time to time, on behalf of Her Majesty—

(a) Advance money to any company in which shares have been acquired under subsection (2) of this section; and 30

(b) Give in respect of any advances made to the company by any other person any guarantee, indemnity, or security— upon or subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister of Finance thinks fit. 35

(4) All money required to be paid under this section shall, without further appropriation than this section, be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Account or the National Development Loans Account.

(5) The Minister of Industries and Commerce may from time to time, on behalf of Her Majesty, enter into any agreement with any person or with any company in which he has acquired shares under this section. 40

(6) Where any money is required to be paid under this section and the money is paid out of the National Development Loans Account, the authority of the Minister of Finance to borrow money under section 11 of the New Zealand Loans Act 1953 shall be deemed to be extended as if the money so paid had been duly transferred from the National Development Loans Account to another fund or account as mentioned in that section.

(7) Notwithstanding anything in the Companies Act 1955, the accounts of any company in which the Minister of Industries and Commerce has acquired shares pursuant to this section shall be kept in such form as the Minister of Finance approves, and shall be audited by the Audit Office, which for that purpose shall have and may exercise all such powers as it has under the Public Revenues Act 1953 in respect of public money and public stores and the audit of local authorities' accounts.

(8) Nothing in sections 151 to 153 or in sections 163 to 166 of the Companies Act 1955 shall apply with respect to any company in which the Minister of Industries and Commerce has acquired shares under this section.