

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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FOREST AND RURAL FIRES AMENDMENT BILL

This Supplementary Order Paper is in substitution for Supplementary Order Paper No. 142 dated Tuesday, 11 July 1989.

Proposed Amendments

Hon. PETER TAPSELL, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 1: To omit from line 4 on page 1 the expression "(1)".
To omit lines 9 to 12 on page 1.

Clause 7, new section 60A: To insert into line 32 on page 4, before the word "Every", the words "For the year commencing on the 1st day of April 1988 and every subsequent year".

To insert, after line 3 on page 5, the following subclause:

"(5) Where any Fire Authority is formed after the 1st day of April in any year, for the purposes of the annual levy for that year the Secretary of Forestry may determine that—

"(a) The Fire Authority shall be deemed to have administered its area or any part thereof on the 1st day of April in that year, to the extent that the levy in respect of that area or that part has not been paid by any other Fire Authority; and

"(b) No other Fire Authority shall be liable for payment of the annual levy in respect of that area or that part that is deemed to have been so administered by the first-mentioned Fire Authority."

Clause 9: To omit lines 13 to 19 on page 6, and substitute the following lines:

payable for each of the years ending with the 31st day of March 1989 and the 31st day of March 1990—

(a) Sections 60A (4) and 60B of the principal Act (as so inserted) shall apply as if the reference to the 30th day of November in that year were a reference to the 31st day of January 1990:

(b) Section 60B (1) of the principal Act (as so inserted) shall be read as if the reference to the 31st day of October in

that year were a reference to the 31st day of December 1989.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1: These amendments provide that there is to be no separate commencement date for *clause 2 (3)*.

Clause 7, new section 60A: The first amendment makes it clear that the levy is to apply to the 1988-89 year and subsequent years.

The second amendment adds a new *subclause (5)* to provide for payment of the annual levy for the year in which a new Fire Authority is formed. The Secretary of Forestry may determine that the new Fire Authority is to be liable for the payment of the levy for that year in respect of its area to the extent that the levy has not been paid by any other Fire Authority.

Clause 9 amends the transitional provisions so that the levy payable for the 1988-89 year and the levy payable for the 1989-90 year are payable on or before 31 January 1990, and the rate of each levy is to be determined on or before 31 December 1989.