

Act No. 36

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTS (PUBLIC FINANCE AND AUDIT)  
AMENDMENT BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

This Bill is cognate with the Public Finance and Audit (Amendment) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend certain Acts—

- (a) with respect to the annual reporting requirements of Departments and statutory bodies;
- (b) to abolish the Ambulance Services Fund established under the Ambulance Services Act 1976;
- (c) to abolish the Hospital Fund established under the Public Hospitals Act 1929; and
- (d) as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Public Finance and Audit (Amendment) Act 1987.

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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act. The provisions relating to the abolition of the Ambulance Services Fund and the Hospital Fund are deemed to have commenced on 1 July 1986.

Clause 3 is a formal provision which gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

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Clause 4 is a transitional provision which continues the operation of the Ambulance Services Fund and the Hospital Fund in respect of money in those funds immediately before 1 July 1986.

Schedule 1 provides for the amendment of certain Acts. Those Acts and the effect of the amendments are as follows:

Section 10 of the Ambulance Services Act 1976 is omitted to abolish the Ambulance Services Fund. Money that was previously paid into that Fund will now be paid into the Consolidated Fund because of section 39 of the Constitution Act 1902.

Sections 13 and 14 of the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985 are amended to provide that annual reports of Departments which are presented to the Clerk of a House of Parliament when that House is not sitting may be printed and shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings or the Votes and Proceedings, as the case may be, of that House of Parliament.

Section 16 of the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985 is amended to increase from 6 weeks to 3 months the time within which a Department Head may apply for an extension of time for the preparation and submission of the annual report of the Department.

Sections 11 and 12 of the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984 are amended to provide that annual reports of statutory bodies which are presented to the Clerk of a House of Parliament when that House is not sitting may be printed and shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings or the Votes and Proceedings, as the case may be, of that House of Parliament.

Section 13 of the Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984 is amended to increase from 6 weeks to 3 months the time within which a statutory body may apply for an extension of time for the preparation and submission of its annual report.

Section 11 and Part III of the Public Hospitals Act 1929 are amended to abolish the Hospital Fund. Money that was previously paid into that Fund will now be paid into the Consolidated Fund because of section 39 of the Constitution Act 1902.

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