

DEPARTURE FEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2011

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. **Clause 1** is the short title of the Act.
2. **Clause 2** provides for commencement on gazettal of assent with the Act having effect from 1 July 2011. Thus the removal of the departure fee will occur from 1 July — and not the date the Act commences.
3. **Clause 3** defines the “principal Act.”
4. **Clause 4** adopts the amendments to the principal Act made in the Schedule.

The Schedule—

Item 1, removes the amount payable as a departure fee and substitutes provision for it to be set in future by Regulation. The effect of the change is that there will be no fee from 1 July 2011 until a regulation may be made to impose one.

Item 2 repeals the provision that the departure fee not be payable if the fee is included in an air ticket price.

Item 3 provides a general regulation making power that will support any regulation that may impose a departure fee in future.

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