

Post and Telegraph Rates

No. 150 of 1965

An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902–1964 in relation to Decimal Currency.

[Assented to 18 December, 1965]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1965. Short title and citation.

(2) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902–1964* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902–1965.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six. Commencement.

* Act No. 13, 1902, as amended by No. 10, 1906; No. 24, 1910; No. 8, 1911; No. 23, 1913; No. 24, 1918; No. 27, 1920; No. 16, 1923; No. 12, 1924; No. 20, 1930; No. 1, 1931; No. 23, 1940; No. 54, 1941; No. 23, 1949; No. 28, 1950; No. 12, 1951; No. 66, 1956; No. 56, 1959; and No. 66, 1964.

Articles
addressed to
"The
Householder".

3. Section 6A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (3.) the word "penny" and inserting in its stead the word "cent".

Schedules.

4. The First and Second Schedules to the Principal Act are repealed and the following Schedules inserted in their stead:—

THE SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

RATES OF POSTAGE

1. Letters, letter-cards and postcards .. Four cents for the first ounce or part of an ounce and Three cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce
2. Newspapers and periodicals registered at a General Post Office and posted by—
 - (a) the proprietors thereof to *bona fide* subscribers, and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale; and
 - (b) newsvendors and agents to *bona fide* subscribers, and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale,
 without limitation as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper

In respect of the articles posted by any one person at any one time, Four cents per twelve ounces or part of twelve ounces on the aggregate weight of the articles
3. Books registered at a General Post Office and periodicals and newspapers registered at a General Post Office and posted otherwise than as specified in the last preceding item, subject to compliance with the regulations Four cents per eight ounces or part of eight ounces
4. Articles (other than parcels) not comprised within items 1, 2 and 3 Four cents for the first four ounces or part of four ounces and Three cents for each additional four ounces or part of four ounces

SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS

1. The rate for telegrams containing not more than twelve words (including address and signature) is Thirty cents.
2. The rate for telegrams containing more than twelve words (including address and signature) is Thirty cents, together with an amount of Five cents for every two words by which the number of words contained in the telegram exceeds twelve. If the telegram contains an odd number of words, it shall be deemed to contain an additional word.
3. Double the foregoing rates shall be charged for the transmission of—
 - (a) urgent telegrams; and
 - (b) telegrams on the public service when required, under section ninety-five of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1965*, to be transmitted before other telegrams.
4. The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portage charges.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

PART II.—PRESS TELEGRAMS

1. The rate for a press telegram, as prescribed (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) relating to Parliamentary, Executive, Departmental and other Proceedings of the Commonwealth, as prescribed, is—

- (a) where the number of words contained in the telegram (including address and signature) is not more than twenty—Eight cents; and
- (b) where the number of words contained in the telegram (including address and signature) is more than twenty—Eight cents, together with an amount of Eight cents for every twenty words by which the number of words in the telegram exceeds twenty. If the number of words in the telegram exceeds twenty but is not a multiple of twenty, the telegram shall be deemed to contain a number of words equal to the nearest higher number that is a multiple of twenty.

2. The rate for a press telegram, as prescribed (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) to which the last preceding clause does not apply is—

- (a) where the telegram is to be transmitted from a place within a State to another place within the same State—the rate that would be applicable if the last preceding clause applied; and
- (b) where the telegram is to be transmitted from a place in one State to a place in another State—double the rate that would be applicable if the last preceding clause applied.

3. The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portage charges.

PART III.—BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION TELEGRAMS

The rate for a broadcasting or television telegram, as prescribed (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) is the rate specified in the last preceding Part for a press telegram of a like kind.

PART IV.—LETTER TELEGRAMS

The rate for a letter telegram, as prescribed (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) is Sixteen cents, together with an amount of One cent for every word by which the number of words contained in the letter telegram (including address and signature) exceeds twenty.
