

Chicken Meat Research

No. 35 of 1969

An Act to establish a Chicken Meat Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

[Assented to 14 June 1969]

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Chicken Meat Research Act 1969*.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“member” means a member of the Committee;

“nominated member” means a member referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of sub-section (1.) of section 9 of this Act;

“research” means scientific, technical or economic research, and includes—

(a) the training of persons for the purposes of any such research;

(b) the publication of reports, periodicals, books and papers in connexion with any such research;

(c) the dissemination of information and advice in connexion with scientific, technical or economic matters; and

(d) any matter incidental to a matter referred to in this definition;

“the Committee” means the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee constituted under this Act;

“the Research Account” means the Chicken Meat Research Trust Account established by this Act.

Chicken Meat
Research
Trust Account.

4.—(1.) An account is hereby established to be known as the Chicken Meat Research Trust Account.

(2.) The Research Account is a Trust Account for the purposes of section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act 1901–1968*.

Moneys to be
paid into the
Research
Account.

5.—(1.) There shall be paid into the Research Account—

(a) amounts equal to the amounts of levy received by the Commonwealth by virtue of section 5 of the *Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969*;

- (b) subject to the next succeeding sub-section, amounts equal to one-half of the amounts from time to time payable out of the Research Account in accordance with this Act;
- (c) moneys paid by any person to the Commonwealth for the purposes of the Research Account;
- (d) moneys received by the Commonwealth from the sale of any land or goods bought or produced, or in respect of any work paid for, out of moneys paid out for the Research Account; and
- (e) interest from the investment of moneys standing to the credit of the Research Account.

(2.) The sum of the amounts paid into the Research Account by virtue of paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section shall not exceed the sum of the amounts paid into the Research Account by virtue of paragraph (a) of that sub-section, other than amounts related to amounts received by the Commonwealth by way of penalty.

(3.) Amounts payable into the Research Account by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-section (1.) of this section are payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(4.) The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated to the extent necessary for the purpose of any payment referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section.

6.—(1.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, moneys standing to the credit of the Research Account may be expended—

Application of
the Research
Account.

- (a) with the approval of the Minister, for the purpose of research in connexion with the chicken meat industry;
- (b) in payment of the expenses incurred by the Committee in the performance of its functions;
- (c) in payment of fees, expenses and allowances payable to a member of the Committee, or the deputy of a member, under section 14 of this Act; and
- (d) in payment of fees, expenses and allowances payable to persons appointed by the Minister under section 15 of this Act.

(2.) The Minister shall not exercise his power to approve the expenditure of moneys from the Research Account for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section except in accordance with recommendations of the Committee.

7.—(1.) The Minister, or an officer of the Public Service of the Commonwealth authorized by the Minister to act under this section, may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, enter into agreements for the purposes of, or for purposes in connexion with, any research or other matter or thing to be done or performed with moneys provided in whole or in part out of the Research Account.

Agreements for
carrying out of
research.

(2.) Without limiting the generality of the last preceding sub-section, an agreement made with a person under that sub-section in relation to moneys provided out of the Research Account may—

- (a) provide for the moneys to which the agreement relates and any property acquired with those moneys or with moneys that include those moneys to be used only for purposes specified in the agreement and for the payment by the person to the Commonwealth for the purposes of the Research Account, in the event of any of those moneys or any of that property being used for a purpose not specified in the agreement, of an amount equal to the whole, or such part as the Minister determines, of those moneys;
- (b) provide for the payment by the person to the Commonwealth for the purposes of the Research Account of an amount equal to the whole, or such part as the Minister determines, of any net income derived by the person from—
 - (i) property acquired with moneys to which the agreement relates or with moneys that include those moneys; or
 - (ii) patents for inventions made, or any other property acquired, in the course of carrying out research or doing any other act or thing with those moneys or with moneys that include those moneys,or for the assignment by the person to the Commonwealth of any property referred to in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph, of any patents for inventions or other property referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of this paragraph or of any such invention or of any interest that he may have in any such invention; and
- (c) provide for the payment by the person to the Commonwealth for the purposes of the Research Account, in the event of the disposal otherwise than to the Commonwealth of any property of a kind referred to in the last preceding paragraph, of an amount equal to the whole, or such part as the Minister determines—
 - (i) in the case of a disposal by way of sale or assignment for value—of the net proceeds of the sale or assignment; and
 - (ii) in any other case—of the value of the property as determined by the Minister.

Australian
Chicken Meat
Research
Committee.

8.—(1.) For the purposes of this Act there shall be an Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee.

(2.) The functions of the Committee are—

- (a) to make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the amounts to be prescribed from time to time for the purposes of section 7 of the *Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969*; and
- (b) to make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the expenditure of moneys standing to the credit of the Research Account.

9.—(1.) The Committee shall consist of—

Constitution
of Committee.

- (a) six persons to represent the organization known as the Australian Chicken Meat Federation;
- (b) two persons to represent the organization known as the Australian Agricultural Council;
- (c) one person to represent the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization;
- (d) one person to represent Australian Universities; and
- (e) one person to represent the Department of Primary Industry.

(2.) The members of the Committee—

- (a) shall be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) hold office, subject to this Act, for a period of three years; and
- (c) are eligible for re-appointment.

(3.) A nominated member shall be appointed on the nomination of the organization or of the organizations, as the case may be, that he is to represent.

(4.) If the place of a nominated member becomes vacant before the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, the Minister may appoint a person nominated in accordance with the last preceding subsection to hold the vacant place for the remainder of that term.

(5.) The appointment of a nominated member is not invalidated and shall not be called in question by reason of a defect or irregularity in connexion with his nomination.

(6.) The exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Committee is not invalidated by reason only of there being a vacancy or vacancies in the membership of the Committee.

10. The member representing the Department of Primary Industry shall be the Chairman of the Committee.

Chairman of
the Committee.

11.—(1.) A member may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a person to be his deputy.

Deputies
of member.

(2.) A member may revoke the appointment of a person as his deputy, but the revocation is not effective until the member has given notice of it in writing to the Minister.

(3.) The deputy of a member is entitled, in the event of the absence of the member from a meeting of the Committee, to attend that meeting and, when so attending, shall be deemed to be a member and, if he is the deputy of the Chairman of the Committee, shall be deemed to be the Chairman.

12.—(1.) The Minister may remove a member or the deputy of a member from office for incapacity, incompetence or misbehaviour.

Removal and
resignation
of members of
Committee
and deputies
of members.

(2.) The Minister may, at the request of the organization or organizations that a nominated member represents, terminate the appointment of that person as a member.

(3.) A member or the deputy of a member may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Minister.

Quorum
and voting.

13. At a meeting of the Committee—

- (a) the Chairman of the Committee and five other members form a quorum;
- (b) the Chairman of the Committee shall preside;
- (c) all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting; and
- (d) the Chairman has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

Fees, expenses
and allowances.

14.—(1.) Members and deputies of members shall be paid, in respect of attendance at meetings of the Committee, or while engaged (whether in Australia or overseas), with the approval of the Committee, on business of the Committee, such fees, expenses and allowances as the Minister determines.

(2.) If a member or the deputy of a member is also a member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or of a State, he shall not be paid fees, expenses and allowances under the last preceding sub-section, but shall, subject to the approval of the Minister, be reimbursed such expenses as he reasonably incurs by reason of his attendance at meetings of the Committee or of his engagement (whether in Australia or overseas), with the approval of the Committee, on business of the Committee.

Appointment
of advisors.

15.—(1.) The Minister may, upon the recommendation of the Committee, appoint persons to advise the Committee in relation to any purpose in respect of which moneys may be expended from the Research Account.

(2.) A person appointed under the last preceding sub-section shall be paid such fees, expenses and allowances (if any) as the Minister determines.

Annual report.

16. The Committee shall, as soon as practicable after each thirtieth day of June, make a report to the Minister on the operation of this Act during the year that ended on that date and the Minister shall cause the report to be laid before each House of the Parliament.

Regulations.

17. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.