GRANTS COMMISSION ACT 1975

No. 59 of 1975

An Act to amend the Grants Commission Acts 1973.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Grants Commission Act 1975.

(2) The Grants Commission Acts 1973 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Grants Commission Act 1973-1975.

**Commencement.**

**2.** (1) Subject to sub-section (2), this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) The amendment effected by paragraph 3(b) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 October 1974.

**Membership of Commission.**

**3.** Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1) the word “six” and substituting the word “seven”; and

(b) by inserting after sub-section (6) the following sub-section: —

“(6a) If the Chairman was, immediately before his appointment, a Judge of a Federal Court or of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, he shall have the same designation, rank, status and precedence as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.”.

**4.** (1) Section 9 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted:—

**Remuneration of member who has status of Judge.**

“9. (1) If sub-section 8(6a) applies to the Chairman, he shall be paid salary at such rate, and an annual allowance at such rate, if any, as the Parliament fixes, but, until the Parliament fixes the rate of that salary, he shall be paid salary and an annual allowance at the rates that were applicable immediately before the commencement of this section.

“(2) If sub-section 8(6a) applies to the Chairman, he shall be paid such allowances (other than an annual allowance) as are prescribed.

**Remuneration of other members.**

“9a. (1) A member, other than a member to whom sub-section 8(6a) applies, shall be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal, but, if no determination of that remuneration is in operation, he shall be paid remuneration at the rate that was applicable immediately before the commencement of this section.

“(2) A member, other than a member to whom sub-section 8(6a) applies, shall be paid such allowances as are prescribed.

“(3) This section has effect subject to the Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973-1974.”.

(2) Regulations in force at the commencement of this Act for the purposes of sub-section 9(3) of the Principal Act continue in force as if made for the purposes of sub-sections 9(2) and 9a(2) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.