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[Assented to 29 February 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Ministers of State and Other
Legislation Amendment Act 2000*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

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- (2) If this Act does not commence under subsection (1) within the period of 6 months beginning on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent, it commences on the first day after the end of that period.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendment of the Ministers of State Act 1952

1 Section 4

Repeal the section, substitute:

4 Number of Ministers

The number of the Ministers of State must not exceed:

- (a) in the case of those designated, when appointed by the Governor-General, as Parliamentary Secretary—12; and
- (b) in the case of those not so designated—30.

2 Section 5

Omit “\$1,622,000”, substitute “\$2,300,000”.

Schedule 2—Repeal of the Parliamentary Secretaries Act 1980

1 The whole of the Act

Repeal the Act.

2 Saving of amendments

The repeal of the *Parliamentary Secretaries Act 1980* does not affect the amendments made by section 5 of that Act.

Note: However, some of the amendments are affected by Schedule 3 to this Act.

Schedule 3—Amendment of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973

1 Paragraph 3(4)(jb)

Repeal the paragraph.

2 Subsection 7(1A)

Repeal the subsection.

3 Subsection 7(9)

Omit “(other than a determination under subsection (1A))”.

4 Paragraph 8(1)(b)

Omit “(1A),”.

5 Subsection 8(1A)

Repeal the subsection.

Schedule 4—Amendment of the Freedom of Information Act 1982

1 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *Minister*)

Repeal the definition.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 9 December 1999
Senate on 16 February 2000]*

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