PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT ACT 1976

**No. 70 of 1976**

An Act to amend the Public Accounts Committee Act 1951-1973.

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

**Short title and citation.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Accounts Committee Amendment Act 1976.

(2) The Public Accounts Committee Act 1951-1973 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Public Accounts Committee Act 1951-1976.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Joint Committee of Public Accounts.**

**3.** Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:–

“(6) At any time at which–

(a) there is constituted a Standing Committee of the House of Representatives known as the Expenditure Committee; and

(b) the Chairman of that Committee is not a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts by virtue of an appointment under sub-section (2),

that Chairman shall, by virtue of his office as Chairman of the Expenditure Committee, be a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts in addition to the members referred to in sub-section (1), but is not eligible to be elected as Chairman of the last-mentioned Committee.”.

**Formal amendments.**

**4.** The Principal Act is amended as set out in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE Section 4

FORMAL AMENDMENTS

1. The following provisions of the Principal Act are amended by omitting any number expressed in words that is used to identify a section of that Act or of another Act, and substituting that number expressed in figures:—

Sections 8, 9(3), 11(6), 15, 16 and 21(1).

2.The following provisions of the Principal Act are amended by omitting the words “of this section” and “of this Act” (wherever occurring):—

Sections 11(3)(b), 11(5), 15, 16 and 23(2).

3. The following provisions of the Principal Act are amended by omitting the words “to this Act”:—

Sections 10(2), 13(2) and 14(2).