



Census and Statistics Amendment Act 1985

No. 195 of 1985

An Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*

[Assented to 16 December 1985]

[Date of commencement 13 January 1986]

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

Short title, &c.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Census and Statistics Amendment Act 1985*.

(2) The *Census and Statistics Act 1905*¹ is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

2. After section 1 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Application to external Territories

“2. This Act, other than Part III, extends to such external Territories as are prescribed.”.

Refusal or failure to answer questions, &c.

3. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:

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“(2) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to a refusal or failure by a person to answer a question, or to supply particulars, relating to the person’s religious beliefs.”.

NOTE

1. No. 15, 1905, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 33, 1920; No. 18, 1930; No. 17, 1938; No. 74, 1946; No. 34, 1949; No. 93, 1966; No. 216, 1973; No. 15, 1977; and Nos. 48 and 177, 1981.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 21 August 1985
Senate on 8 October 1985*]