

# POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES.

No. 12 of 1951.

## An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1950*.

[Assented to 7th July, 1951.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1951*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1950*,\* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1951*.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one. Commencement.

3. The First and Second Schedules to the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1950* are repealed and the following Schedules inserted in their stead :— First and Second Schedules.

### “ FIRST SCHEDULE.

#### PART I.

Newspapers and periodicals registered at a General Post Office posted by—

- (a) the proprietors thereof to *bona fide* subscribers, and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale ; and
- (b) newsvendors and agents to *bona fide* subscribers, and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale,

without condition as to the number contained in each addressed wrapper

Twopence half-penny per eight ounces or part of eight ounces on the aggregate weight of newspapers or periodicals posted by any one person at any one time

\* Act No. 13, 1902, as amended by No. 10, 1906 ; No. 24, 1910 ; No. 8, 1911 ; No. 23, 1913 ; No. 24, 1918 ; No. 27, 1920 ; No. 16, 1923 ; No. 12, 1924 ; No. 20, 1930 ; No. 1, 1931 ; No. 23, 1940 ; No. 54, 1941 ; No. 23, 1949 ; and No. 28, 1950.

## PART II.

Letters and Letter Cards .. .. .	Three pence half-penny for the first ounce or part of an ounce, and Two pence half-penny for each additional ounce or part of an ounce
Post Cards .. .. .	Three pence each
Second Class Mail Matter—	
(a) Commercial papers, patterns, samples and merchandise, as prescribed	Three pence for the first two ounces or part of two ounces, and Two pence for each additional two ounces or part of two ounces
(b) Printed matter (including printed papers, circulars and catalogues, and books, periodicals and newspapers not registered at a General Post Office), as prescribed	Three pence for the first four ounces or part of four ounces, and Two pence for each additional four ounces or part of four ounces
Third Class Mail Matter (comprising books registered at a General Post Office and periodicals and newspapers registered at a General Post Office posted otherwise than as specified in Part I. of this Schedule), as prescribed	Two pence half-penny for the first six ounces or part of six ounces and Two pence for each additional six ounces or part of six ounces
<i>Hansard</i> , that is, reports of Parliamentary debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or of a State	Two pence per twelve ounces or part of twelve ounces

## “SECOND SCHEDULE.

## PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

	Between offices which are not more than fifteen miles apart.	Between offices which are more than fifteen miles apart.
Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding twelve words .. ..	Two shillings and three pence	Two shillings and six pence
For each additional word .. ..	Two pence	Two pence

Double the foregoing rates shall be charged for the transmission of—

- (a) urgent telegrams ; and
- (b) telegrams on the public service when required, under section ninety-five of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1950*, to be transmitted before other telegrams.

The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portorage charges.

## PART II.—PRESS TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

(a) Telegrams (accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions) relating to Parliamentary, Executive, Departmental and other Commonwealth Proceedings as prescribed—

Including address and signature—

Not exceeding twenty-four words—One shilling and three pence  
For each additional word, One half-penny.

(b) Other telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—

	Between offices which are in the same State.	Between offices which are not in the same State.
Including address and signature—		
Not exceeding twenty-four words ..	One shilling and threepence	Two shillings and sixpence
For each additional word .. ..	One half-penny	One penny

The rates specified in this Part are exclusive of portorage charges.

#### PART III.—BROADCASTING TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—the same rates as are specified in Part II. of this Schedule.

#### PART IV.—LETTER TELEGRAMS, AS PRESCRIBED.

Telegrams, accepted for transmission subject to the prescribed conditions—including address and signature, Two shillings for the first twenty-four words and One penny for each additional word.

#### PART V.—SHIPPING TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams relating to the movements of shipping, sent by officers of the Commonwealth Navigation and Lighthouse Services, for the purpose of being posted up at telegraph offices—the same rates as are specified in paragraph (b) of Part II. of this Schedule.

#### PART VI.—METEOROLOGICAL TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams transmitted to or from Commonwealth meteorological offices or stations—free.”.