

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

No. 26 of 1958.

AN ACT to amend the *Government Printing Office Act 1949.* [11 July 1958.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Government Printing Office Act 1958.* Short title and citation.

(2) The *Government Printing Office Act 1949*, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

2 After section one of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

“ 1A In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.

‘ additional loans ’ means any moneys paid (whether before or after the commencement of this section) to the Government Printer by the Treasurer, pursuant to this Act, for the purposes of capital expenditure in connection with the Government Printing Office;

‘ Loan Fund ’ means the Loan Fund established under section six of the *Public Account Act 1957*;

‘ principal loan ’ means the sum debited to the Tasmanian Government Printer in the books of the Treasury pursuant to section thirteen;

‘ State rate ’ means the State rate as defined in section twenty-four of the *Hydro-Electric Commission Act 1944*.”

3 Sections eight to twelve of the Principal Act are repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

“ 8 The Government Printer shall keep such accounts, and prepare such annual financial statements in relation thereto, in such form and containing such particulars as the Treasurer may approve. Form, &c., of accounts.

“ 9 The Auditor-General has, in respect of the accounts of the Government Printer, all the powers conferred on him by the *Audit Act 1918* in relation to the audit of the public accounts. Audit of accounts.

Bank
accounts.

“ 10—(1) The Government Printer shall cause to be opened in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia or the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, in the name of the Tasmanian Government Printer, such accounts as may be necessary.

“(2) All—

(a) moneys received on account of the Government Printing Office shall be paid into; and

(b) expenditure of, or in connection with, the Government Printing Office shall be drawn from,

the accounts referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

Depreciation
and loan
redemption.

“ 11—(1) The Government Printer shall, out of the revenues of the Government Printing Office, make such annual provision as the Treasurer may approve for the depreciation of assets, and the moneys so set aside shall be credited to a special account (in this section referred to as ‘ the depreciation account ’).

“(2) The Government Printer shall in each financial year, out of the depreciation account, pay to the Treasurer such sum as the Treasurer may certify to be necessary to reimburse the Treasurer for the amount of the sinking fund contributions paid by the Treasurer in the immediately preceding financial year to the National Debt Commission in respect of such loans and advances made by the Treasurer to the Government Printer as were outstanding at the end of the last-mentioned financial year.

“(3) Upon payment to the Treasurer by the Government Printer of a sum pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the amount of the loan or advance in relation to which the sum is so paid shall be reduced by an amount equal to the sum so paid.

“(4) The Treasurer shall, in each financial year, reduce by an amount of five shillings per cent (in addition to any reduction made pursuant to subsection (3) of this section) the amount outstanding at the end of the immediately preceding financial year of each loan or advance in relation to which a sum is paid to the Treasurer pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

“(5) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, the Government Printer may, out of the revenues of the Government Printing Office, set aside such sums as he considers necessary for the purpose of—

(a) making provision for undetermined losses or liabilities; or

(b) creating a reserve, or reserves, against contingencies.

“(6) The Government Printer shall not exercise the power conferred on him by subsection (5) of this section unless the Treasurer has approved of the amount of each provision or reserve, and the purpose for which each provision or reserve is made.

“(7) The moneys set aside pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, or provided by reason of the making of any provision or the creating of a reserve pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, after making provision for any payments required to be made to the Treasurer pursuant to subsection (2) of this section may, with the consent of the Treasurer, be applied by the Government Printer for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

- (a) In making investments in such securities as the Governor may approve;
- (b) In financing the purchase of new assets or the replacement of assets; or
- (c) In making payments to the Treasurer in reduction of the capital indebtedness of the Government Printer to the Treasurer.”.

4 Sections fourteen to twenty-one of the Principal Act are repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

“14—(1) Subject to this Act, the Government Printer may requisition the Treasurer for any moneys required by him for capital expenditure in connection with the Government Printing Office that have been appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, and the Treasurer may pay those moneys to the Government Printer forthwith. Additional loans and working capital.

“(2) The Treasurer may advance to the Government Printer such sums as he may require for working capital, but the amount so advanced shall not exceed £80,000 at any one time.

“(3) The Treasurer may direct that such amount as he considers necessary to effect reimbursement to the Loan Fund in respect of charges and expenses incurred by him in the borrowing of such loan moneys as are paid or advanced to the Government Printer out of the Loan Fund pursuant to, or for the purposes of, this section shall be deemed to constitute an advance to the Government Printer under this section and to form part of the moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of this Act.

“(4) The Government Printer shall pay to the Treasurer on account of the Consolidated Revenue, quarterly on the last days of September, December, March, and June respectively in each financial year, interest at the State rate in respect of the principal loan and the additional loans and upon any amount advanced by the Treasurer under subsection (2) of this section, or so much thereof as may remain unpaid.

15 When, in any financial year, the profit and loss account of the Government Printer prepared in respect of the immediately preceding financial year shows — Profit and loss.

- (a) a credit balance, the amount of that credit balance shall be paid by the Government Printer to the Treasurer to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue; or

(b) a debit balance, the Treasurer shall pay to the Government Printer out of the Consolidated Revenue, without any other authority than this section, the amount of that debit balance.

Accounts to be submitted to the Auditor-General.

“ 16 The Government Printer shall submit his accounts to the Auditor-General for audit on or before the sixteenth day of August in each year.

Annual report.

“ 17—(1) As soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June in each year, the Government Printer shall furnish to the Minister a report of the operations, business, and affairs of the Government Printing Office during the financial year ended on that day.

“ (2) As soon as practicable after the Government Printer’s accounts for any year have been audited and certified by the Auditor-General, the Government Printer shall furnish the Minister with a copy of those accounts as so audited and certified.

“ (3) The Minister shall cause copies of the report mentioned in subsection (1) of this section and of the Government Printer’s accounts as audited and certified by the Auditor-General, to be laid on the table of each House of Parliament within the first ten sitting days of the House after it is or they are respectively received by the Minister.”.

Re-numbering of sections.

5 Any section of the Principal Act (as amended by the foregoing provisions of this Act) the number of which is specified in the column headed “Existing number” in the schedule to this Act is re-numbered as specified opposite to that number in the column headed “New number” in that schedule.

THE SCHEDULE.

(Section 5.)

Re-numbering of sections.

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