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15 March 1990

Weights and Measures Amendment (Hon. Margaret Shields)

Referred to Select Committee

Commerce and Marketing

Local Bill

14 March 1990

Waikato Electricity Authority Amendment (Trevor Mallard)

Internal Affairs and Local
Government

Waikato Electricity Authority Amendment Bill

The Bill seeks to amend the Waikato Electricity Authority Act 1988 by transferring certain assets and liabilities of the Waikato Electricity Authority to the Waikato Electricity Limited as at 1 April 1989, to clarify and record incidental matters relating to the exemption from gift duty of the assets vested, and to extend the time whereby the transfers of assets are exempt from stamp duty to 30 September 1990.

The Bill deems the Waikato Electricity Limited to be an “administering body” under the Reserves Act 1977 in respect of all reserves vested in it and the Bill also provides procedures for the transfer of assets.

Weights and Measures Amendment Bill

This Bill amends the Weights and Measures Act 1987.

The principal purpose of the amendments is to transfer the primary responsibility for the testing of weights and measures from the Weights and Measures Inspectorate to the private sector.

The Bill sets up a system for the accreditation of persons to carry out the testing of weights and measures, who will be empowered to stamp weights and measures with the official mark of verification.

Accredited agents will be empowered to issue a certificate of accuracy in respect of weights and measures found to be accurate. Certificates of accuracy will be valid for a limited period, and re-examination and re-testing will be required before a replacement certificate can be issued.

In areas where there are no accredited agents, Weights and Measures Inspectors will carry out the task of stamping, and the issuing of certificates of accuracy, on a cost-recovery basis.