

Bill Introduced

Government Bill

(Minister/Member in Charge shown in parenthesis)

22 October 1992

Finance Bill (No. 6) (Hon. Maurice McTigue)

Referred to Select Committee

Internal Affairs and Local
Government

Summary of Bill Introduced

Finance Bill (No. 6)

This bill comprises two parts:

Part I provides for the Minister for State Owned Enterprises to transfer shares in Radio New Zealand Limited and Television New Zealand Limited. Other provisions relate to bonus bonds, training, retraining and employment of Maori, and the validation of fees and rentals collected in respect of West Coast whitebait stands.

Part II includes provisions dissolving the Clerks of Works Registration Board and the Quantity Surveyors Registration Board. This Part also makes amendments to a number of Acts including the Higher Salaries Commission Act 1977, the Superannuation Schemes Act 1989, the International Finance Agreements Act 1961, the Fire Service Act 1975, the Private Savings Banks (Transfer of Undertakings) Act 1992, the Crown Forest Assets Act 1989, and the Accident Rehabilitation and Compensation Insurance Act 1992.

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Government Notices

Agriculture and Fisheries

Animals Act 1967

Tuberculosis Control Scheme: Compensation For Cattle Reactors (Notice No. 5188)

Section 53AA of the Animals Act 1967 provides for the Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries, in consultation with the Animal Health Board, to fix the amount of compensation payable when cattle suspected of being infected with tuberculosis are directed to be slaughtered.

The amount of compensation is limited to a maximum set by regulation. The Cattle Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Control Regulations 1971 Amendment No. 12 has set this maximum amount at \$4,000. (This was set on the basis of 85% of the possible value of a stud bull and is far in excess of the usual amounts paid.)

Accordingly, the Director-General, in consultation with the Animal Health Board, has fixed different compensation rates which apply for tuberculin reactors found in herds in different areas according to the following rules:

- A. For reactors from herds that are considered by the Director-General to be at risk from Tb infected wild or domestic animals in the vicinity, the compensation will be at a rate of 85% of the market value of each reactor animal, up to the maximum allowable.
- B. For reactors from any other herd the compensation shall be at a rate of:
 - (i) 85% of market value (up to the maximum allowable) where no pathological evidence of tuberculosis is found on post mortem and/or laboratory examination of any reactor animal, or
 - (ii) 40% of market value (up to the maximum allowable)

where pathological evidence of tuberculosis is found in any reactor animal.

In exceptional cases, where the Director-General is satisfied that, through no fault of the owner, the number of cattle found with pathological evidence of tuberculosis in a herd within any 12 month period exceeds 20 percent of the average number of animals in the herd concerned during that period, the Director-General may, on the recommendation of the Animal Health Board, approve payment of compensation — at 85% of market value — for those reactors in excess of 20% of the total number of animals in the herd.

Determination of Market Value

For the purposes of this notice the value of any head of cattle shall be whichever is the lesser of:

- (a) The market value of the animal at the date on which the direction for its slaughter was given under section 53AA of the Act, assuming that the animal did not have tuberculosis; or
- (b) The maximum market value of cattle of that type at the date referred to in paragraph (a) of this subclause as determined by:
 - (i) The New Zealand Dairy Board, in the case of dairy cattle;
 - (ii) The Market Milk Federation of New Zealand Incorporated, in the case of town supply cattle;
 - (iii) The New Zealand Meat Producers Board, in the case of beef cattle.

The market value shall be determined by an Inspector, but where:

- (a) The value so determined is less than the maximum market value of cattle of that type determined by the appropriate body (above); and
- (b) The owner of the animal disputes the Inspector's determination, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration