

## **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1980**

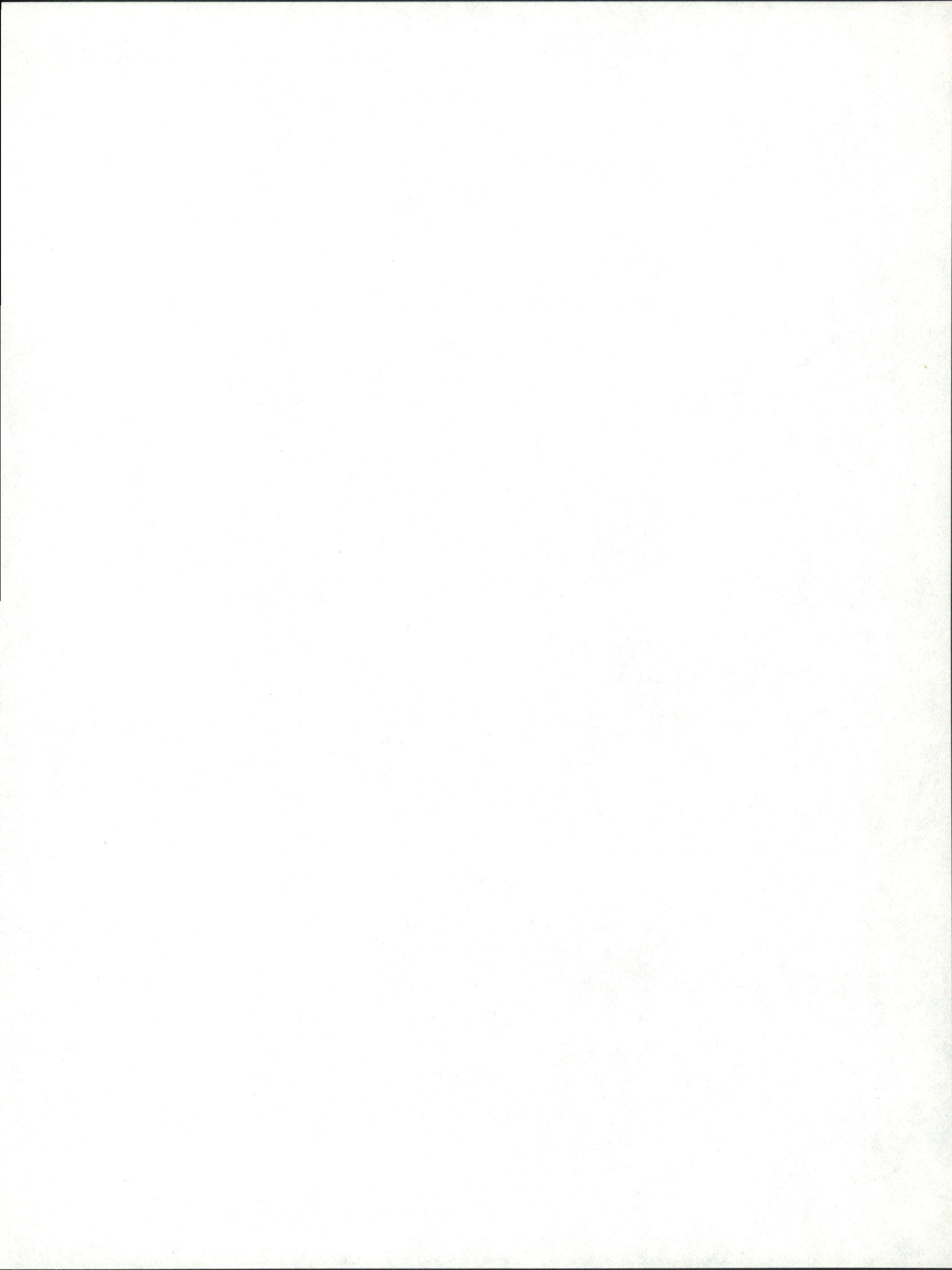
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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940 ("the Act"), so as—

- (a) to insert a new Part in the Act to provide for maternity leave from service with an employer to be available in respect of a pregnancy to all female employees upon the completion of 12 months' continuous service with the employer (Schedule 1—proposed Part XIVA);
  - (b) to permit the appointment of more than 8 conciliation commissioners under the Act (Schedule 2 (1));
  - (c) to remove the restriction on the classes of orders or awards which a conciliation committee established under the Act may make in respect of Parliamentary staff (Schedule 2 (2));
  - (d) to require the industrial commission of New South Wales or any conciliation committee established under the Act, when making an award in respect of employees of the Crown, to have regard to (but not necessarily to adopt, award or fix) conditions and wages awarded to non-Crown employees doing substantially the same class of work (Schedule 2 (3)).
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**INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 1980**

No.           , 1980.

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**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, to provide for maternity leave for female employees, and for certain other purposes.

[MR HILLS—1 *April*, 1980.]

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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

(2) Part XIVA—

5 After section 153, insert :—

PART XIVA.

MATERNITY LEAVE.

153A. In this Part, except in so far as the context or  
subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires—

Interpre-  
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Pt. XIVA.

10 “confinement”, in relation to a female employee,  
means her confinement caused by the birth of a  
child or other termination of a pregnancy;

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female employee who is pregnant, means a date  
certified by a medical practitioner to be the date  
on which he expects the employee to be  
confined in respect of her pregnancy;

“employee” means a person who is—

20 (a) a worker as defined in the Annual  
Holidays Act, 1944; and

(b) employed full-time or part-time by an  
employer;

“employer” means any person who employs another  
person or other persons and includes the Crown;

25 “maternity leave” means unpaid leave in accordance  
with this Act in respect of a pregnancy;

“ordinary maternity leave” means maternity leave  
which is not special maternity leave;

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 “special maternity leave” means maternity leave under  
section 153I.

10 153B. (1) The provisions of this Part shall not be construed to affect or override any entitlement that a female employee may have under a provision of any other Act or any award, agreement or contract of employment in relation to sick leave or other leave or payment for such leave.

Construc-  
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this Part.

15 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), no contract or agreement made or entered into either before or after the date of assent to the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1980, shall operate to annul, vary or exclude any of the provisions of this Part.

20 (3) Where a female employee is entitled under a provision of any other Act or any award, agreement or contract of employment to a benefit that is more favourable to the employee than a benefit provided in this Part, this Part shall not apply to the extent that it is inconsistent with the provision.

25 153C. (1) Subject to this Part, every female employee shall be entitled to be absent on maternity leave from the service of her employer if she has continuously served that employer during the whole of the period of 12 months immediately preceding her absence.

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30 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), section 4 (11) (c) of the Long Service Leave Act, 1955, applies to and in respect of the service of an employee in the same way as it applies to and in respect of the service of a worker.

*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 153D. (1) A female employee who wishes to take ordinary maternity leave shall—

Employee to give medical certificate and notice of intention to take maternity leave.

(a) not less than 10 weeks prior to the expected date of her confinement give to her employer a certificate from a medical practitioner—

(i) certifying as to her pregnancy; and

10 (ii) stating the expected date of confinement; and

(b) not less than 4 weeks prior to the date upon which she intends to commence ordinary maternity leave, give to her employer a notice in writing—

15 (i) stating her intention to take maternity leave; and

20 (ii) specifying the period of leave she intends to take and the date of commencement of the period.

(2) Where an employee is unable to comply with the requirement in subsection (1) (b) by reason of her confinement occurring earlier than the expected date of her confinement, she shall, if her confinement results in the birth of a living child, be entitled to give the notice referred to in that subsection not later than 2 weeks after her confinement.

30 (3) Any absence by a female employee in respect of a pregnancy shall not be regarded as absence on ordinary maternity leave for the purposes of this Part unless she has given to her employer a certificate and a notice in accordance with subsection (1) or subsections (1) and (2), as the case may be.



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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 (4) Any absence by a female employee in  
respect of a pregnancy, other than absence during the  
period of leave specified in the notice given by her under  
subsubsection (1) (b) in respect of the pregnancy or absence  
10 during that period as last varied in accordance with section  
153F, as the case may be, shall not be regarded as absence  
on ordinary maternity leave except where the absence is  
occasioned by—

15 (a) the confinement of the employee occurring prior  
to the commencement of the period, where the  
confinement results in the birth of a living child;  
or

(b) the employer of the employee requiring her under  
section 153E to commence ordinary maternity  
leave.

20 153E. Where an employee has given to her employer  
a certificate referred to in section 153D (1) (a) and—

25 (a) has given to her employer a notice under section  
153D (1) (b) stating that she intends to com-  
mence maternity leave on a date later than 6  
weeks prior to the expected date of her  
confinement; or

(b) has not given to her employer a notice under  
section 153D (1) (b) prior to 8 weeks before  
the expected date of her confinement,

30 her employer may, by not less than 14 days' notice in  
writing, require her to commence ordinary maternity leave  
on a specified date within the period of 6 weeks immedi-  
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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

- 5           153F. (1) An employee who has given to her employer a notice under section 153D (1) (b) may, by a further notice in writing given to her employer in accordance with subsection (2), vary the period of maternity leave she specified in the notice under section 153D (1) (b)—
- 10                   (a) before commencing ordinary maternity leave, any number of times; and
- (b) after commencing ordinary maternity leave—
- (i) once without the consent of her employer;
- 15                           (ii) any number of times with the consent of her employer; and
- (iii) in addition to any variation made under subparagraph (i), once without the consent of her employer in the circumstances referred to in section 153H (2).
- 20                   (2) The further notice varying the period of maternity leave shall be given—
- (a) before the commencement of ordinary maternity leave—
- 25                           (i) where the commencement is delayed, at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the period as last notified to the employer before the giving of the further notice; and
- 30                           (ii) where the commencement is accelerated, at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the period as varied in the further notice; and

Employee may vary period of leave.



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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

(b) after the commencement of ordinary maternity  
leave—

(i) where the period is extended, at least 4  
weeks prior to the last day of the period  
as last notified to the employer before the  
giving of the further notice; and

(ii) where the period is shortened, at least 4  
weeks prior to the last day of the period  
as varied in the further notice.

153G. Except as provided in section 153H (3), the  
period of ordinary maternity leave taken by an employee  
shall include the period of 6 weeks immediately following  
her confinement.

Ordinary  
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include  
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6 weeks  
after con-  
finement.

153H. (1) Where the pregnancy of a female employee  
who is not absent on ordinary maternity leave terminates  
otherwise than by the birth of a living child, the employee  
shall, if otherwise entitled to ordinary maternity leave in  
respect of that pregnancy, cease to be so entitled.

Maternity  
leave  
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child.

(2) Where the pregnancy of a female employee  
who is absent on ordinary maternity leave terminates not  
earlier than 28 weeks before the expected date of her  
confinement otherwise than by the birth of a living child,  
the employee may shorten the period of her maternity leave  
in accordance with section 153F.

(3) An employee who under subsection (2)  
shortens the period of her maternity leave, shall not be  
entitled to resume work within the period of 6 weeks  
immediately following the date of her confinement unless

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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 she has given to her employer a certificate from a medical practitioner stating that the pregnancy of the employee terminated otherwise than by the birth of a living child.

10 153I. A female employee who is not absent on ordinary maternity leave but who is entitled to take maternity leave shall, in respect of a pregnancy, be entitled to be absent on special maternity leave for such period or periods as a qualified medical practitioner certifies as necessary—

- (a) in respect of any illness related to the pregnancy; and
- 15 (b) in respect of the normal consequences of confinement where, not earlier than 28 weeks before the expected date of confinement, her pregnancy terminates otherwise than by the birth of a living child.

20 153J. (1) An employee shall not, in respect of the same pregnancy, be entitled to be absent on maternity leave (whether special or ordinary) for a period which exceeds, or for periods which in total exceed, 52 weeks. Maternity leave not to exceed 52 weeks.

25 (2) Where an employee has, in respect of a pregnancy, been absent on maternity leave for 52 weeks, any further absence by the employee in respect of that pregnancy shall not be regarded as absence on maternity leave for the purposes of this Part.

*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 153K. An employee who is entitled under this Part to maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy may take any annual holiday leave or long service leave to which she is entitled in substitution for or in addition to maternity leave if the total of all periods of annual holiday leave, long service leave and maternity leave (whether special or ordinary) taken in respect of that pregnancy does not exceed 52 weeks.

Annual holiday or long service leave may be substituted for or added to maternity leave.

15 153L. (1) Subject to subsection (2), an employee who resumes her employment after being absent from that employment on maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy shall not be entitled to any further maternity leave in respect of that pregnancy.

Effect of resumption of employment on further maternity leave.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of absences on special maternity leave taken by an employee under section 153I (a).

20 153M. (1) An employee who, in respect of a pregnancy, is absent on maternity leave shall, not more than 6 weeks and not less than 4 weeks prior to the last day of the period of leave specified in the notice given by her under section 153D (1) (b) in respect of the pregnancy or absence during that period as last varied in accordance with section 153F, as the case may be, give to her employer a notice in writing confirming her intention to return to work.

Notice to be given confirming intention to return to work.

30 (2) An employee who fails to give to her employer a notice in accordance with subsection (1) shall be deemed to have terminated her employment with the employer on the day after the last day on which the notice is required under that subsection to be given.



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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 153N. (1) In this section, “former position”, in relation to an employee who has taken maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy, means—

Employee entitled to former position after maternity leave.

- (a) the position held by her in the employment of her employer immediately before she commenced the maternity leave; or
- 10 (b) where by reason only of the pregnancy she had transferred or been transferred from one such position to another such position before commencing maternity leave, the position held by her in that employment immediately before she so
- 15 transferred or was transferred to another position.

(2) An employer shall make available to an employee who returns to work for him at the conclusion of maternity leave—

- (a) the former position of the employee; or
- 20 (b) where the former position of the employee has ceased to exist but there is another position available, or other positions available, in the employment of the employer for which the employee is capable or qualified, that position
- 25 or, as the case may be, such of those positions as is as close as possible in status and salary or wages to that of her former position.

(3) An employer shall not employ a person in the former position of an employee who is taking or will be taking maternity leave unless he has informed that person of the rights of that employee under subsection (2) in relation to her former position.

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

- 5 (4) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or  
(3) is guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty  
not exceeding \$1,000.

10 153o. (1) The absence of an employee on maternity leave shall not for any purpose be regarded as interrupting or affecting the continuity of the service by the employee with her employer. Absence on maternity leave not to affect continuity of service.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), any period during which an employee is absent on maternity leave shall not be taken into account in calculating for any purpose the period of service of the employee.

15 153p. Where—

20 (a) a female employee who is pregnant gives to her employer a certificate from a medical practitioner stating that illness or risks arising out of her pregnancy or hazards connected with the work assigned to the employee make it inadvisable for the employee to continue in her present position; and

25 (b) there is another position available, or other positions available, in the employment of the employer which is or are suitable to be performed by the employee and which the employee is capable of performing,

Employee may be transferred to a more suitable position.



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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE—*continued.*

5 the employer shall, if he considers it to be practicable, make available to the employee that position or, as the case may be, such of those positions as is as close as possible in status and salary or wages to that of her present position.

Penalty : \$1,000.

10 153Q. An employer shall not terminate the employment of an employee by reason only of the fact that the employee is or has been pregnant or absent on maternity leave.

Penalty : \$1,000.

Employer not to terminate employment on ground of pregnancy or absence on maternity leave.

15 153R. The provision by this Part of a penalty for a contravention of this Act does not operate to prejudice or affect any right or remedy in respect of such a contravention that an employee would have if such a penalty were not so provided.

Civil remedies not affected.

20 153s. The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Part is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Part.

Regulations.

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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 2.

Sec. 3.

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION  
ACT, 1940.

(1) Section 15 (1)—

- 5 Omit “not more than eight persons each of whom shall be a conciliation commissioner”, insert instead “such number of conciliation commissioners as he thinks fit”.

(2) (a) Section 20 (1A)—

- 10 Omit “officers of either House of Parliament or persons employed in either of the Departments of the Legislature under their separate control”.

(b) Section 20 (1A)—

Omit “officers or”.

(3) Section 88A—

- 15 Omit the section, insert instead :—

88A. (1) In this section—

- 20 “parent award” means an award in respect of which changes in rates of wages or conditions of employment, or in both, are traditionally reflected in another award or other awards;

Crown employees.

“prescribed award” means—

- 25 (a) an award that, pursuant to this section as from time to time in force before the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1980, was used by the commission or a committee to award conditions or fix rates of wages or other payments for employees of the Crown which were not

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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 2—*continued.*

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION  
ACT, 1940—*continued.*

5                   less favourable than those awarded or  
fixed for private employees doing  
substantially the same class of work;

(b) an award made after that commencement  
that extends or replaces an award  
referred to in paragraph (a); or

10                   (c) an award made before or after that  
commencement (not being an award  
referred to in paragraph (a) or (b))  
that, in the opinion of the commission or  
15 a committee when considering the award  
for the purposes of this section, is a  
parent award for the purpose of awarding  
conditions or fixing rates of wages or  
other payments for private employees;

20                   “private employees” means employees other than  
employees of the Crown.

(2) Subject to this section, the commission or  
a committee, in awarding conditions or fixing rates of  
wages or other payments in respect of employees of the  
Crown shall have regard to (but shall not be obliged to  
25 adopt, award or fix) the conditions and the rates of wages  
and other payments awarded or fixed for private employees  
doing substantially the same class of work.

(3) The commission or a committee shall not  
award any conditions or fix any rates of wages or other  
payments in respect of employees of the Crown less  
30 favourable than those awarded or fixed under a prescribed  
award for private employees doing substantially the same  
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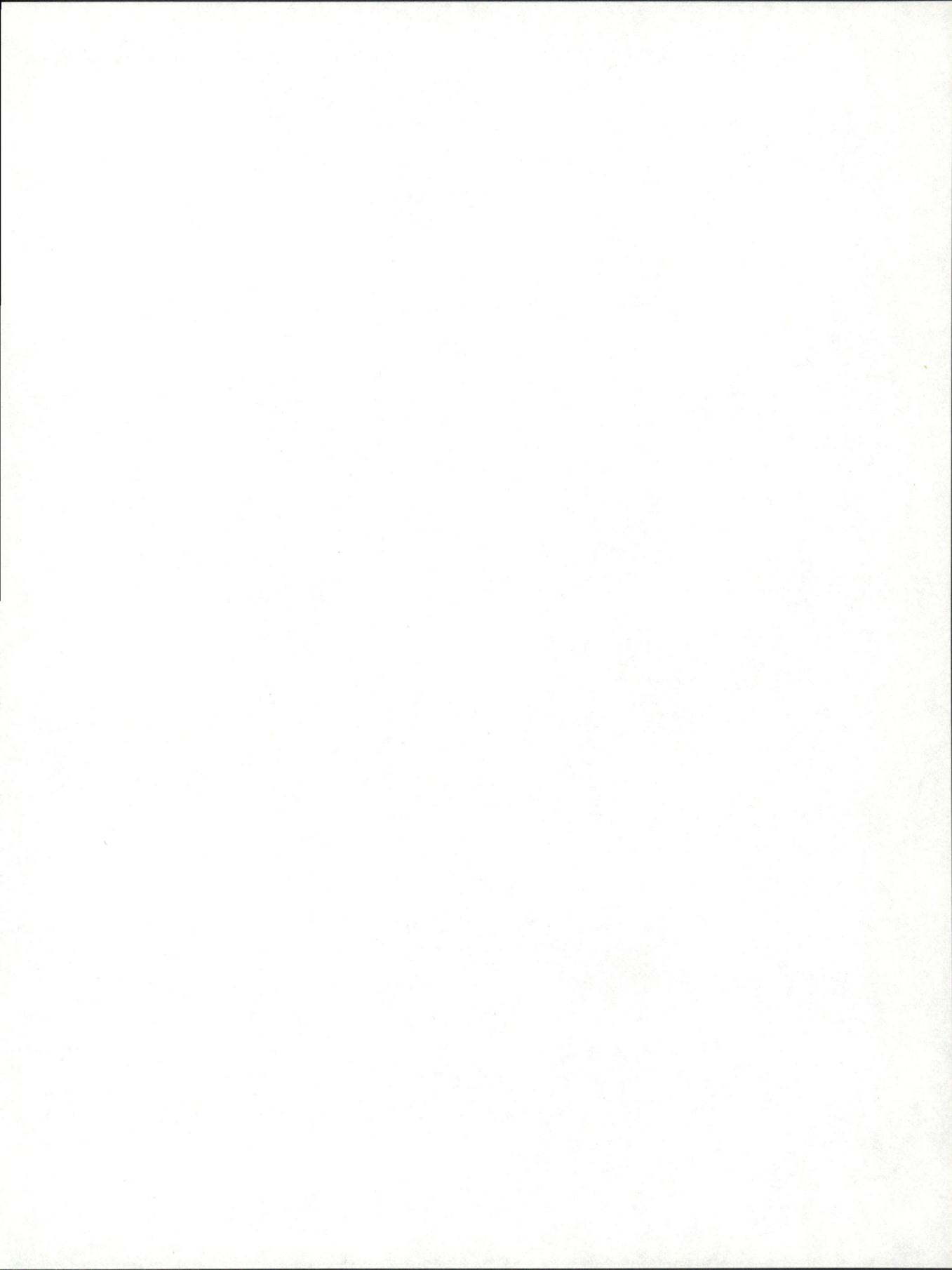
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SCHEDULE 2—*continued.*

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION  
ACT, 1940—*continued.*

- 5 (4) In determining whether work done by a class  
of employees of the Crown is substantially the same class  
of work as that done by private employees, the fact that  
the employment of the employees of the Crown is  
permanent or that they are allowed additional privileges  
shall not of itself be regarded as a substantial difference  
10 in the nature or class of the work.







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*Schedule of the amendment  
referred to in Message of 2 April, 1980.*

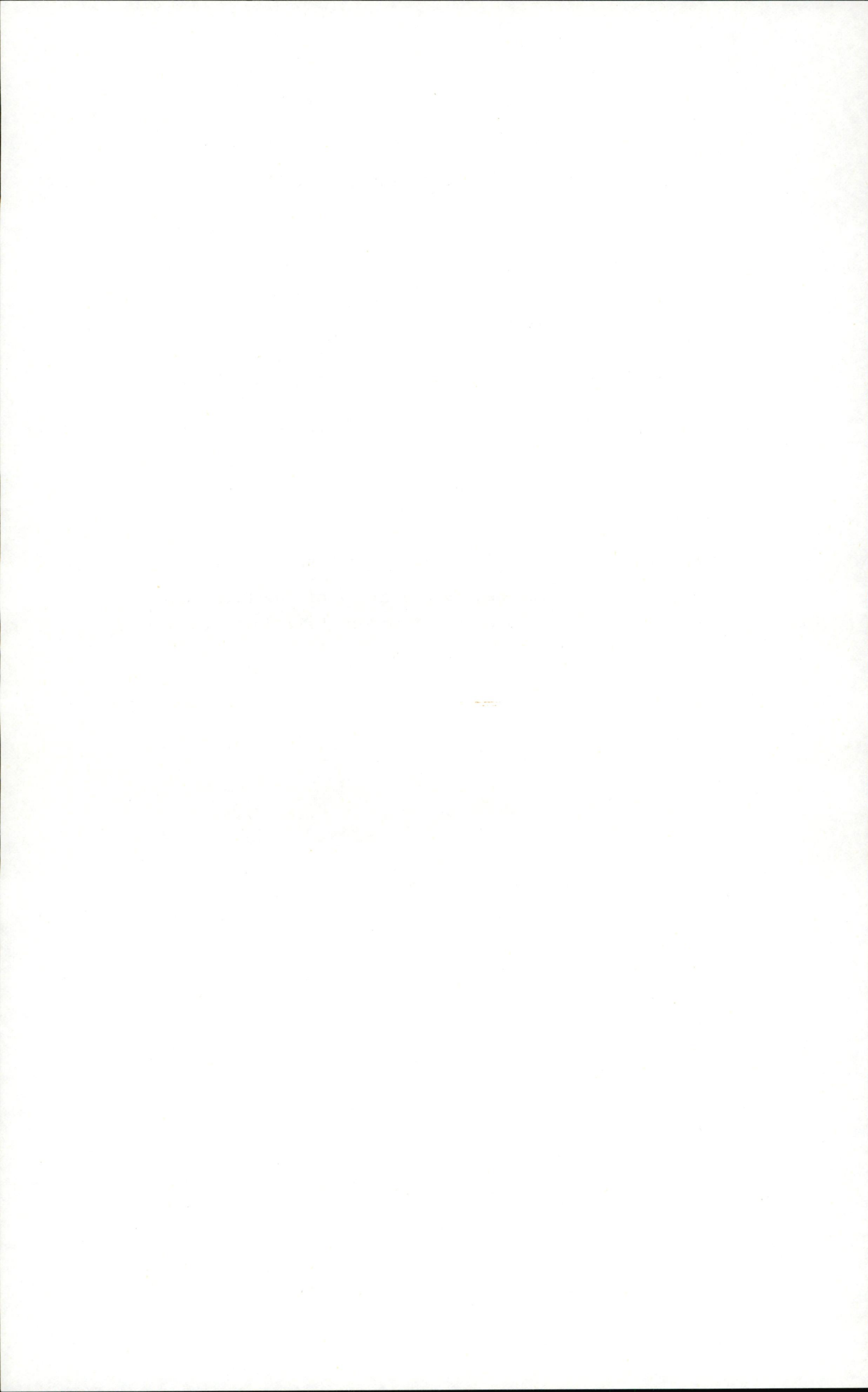
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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Page 14, Schedule 2, line 11. Omit "their separate control",  
insert "the separate control of the President  
or Speaker or under their joint control".

Examined,

Chairman of Committees.



**INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT,  
1980, No. 55**

**New South Wales**



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**Act No. 55, 1980.**

An Act to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, to provide for maternity leave for female employees, and for certain other purposes. [Assented to, 28th April, 1980.]

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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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**BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short  
title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1980".

Schedules.

**2.** This Act contains the following Schedules :—

SCHEDULE 1.—AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL  
ARBITRATION ACT, 1940, RELATING TO MATERNITY  
LEAVE.

SCHEDULE 2.—MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE  
INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940.

Amendment  
of Act No.  
2, 1940.

**3.** The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedules 1 and 2.

Sec. 3.

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SCHEDULE 1.

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
RELATING TO MATERNITY LEAVE.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part XIV, insert :—

PART XIVA.—MATERNITY LEAVE—*ss.* 153A–153s.



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*Industrial Arbitration (Amendment).*

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- (a) a worker as defined in the Annual Holidays Act, 1944; and
- (b) employed full-time or part-time by an employer;

“employer” means any person who employs another person or other persons and includes the Crown;

“maternity leave” means unpaid leave in accordance with this Act in respect of a pregnancy;

“ordinary maternity leave” means maternity leave which is not special maternity leave;

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this Part.

153B. (1) The provisions of this Part shall not be construed to affect or override any entitlement that a female employee may have under a provision of any other Act or any award, agreement or contract of employment in relation to sick leave or other leave or payment for such leave.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), no contract or agreement made or entered into either before or after the date of assent to the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1980, shall operate to annul, vary or exclude any of the provisions of this Part.

(3) Where a female employee is entitled under a provision of any other Act or any award, agreement or contract of employment to a benefit that is more favourable to the employee than a benefit provided in this Part, this Part shall not apply to the extent that it is inconsistent with the provision.

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153C. (1) Subject to this Part, every female employee shall be entitled to be absent on maternity leave from the service of her employer if she has continuously served that employer during the whole of the period of 12 months immediately preceding her absence.

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- (ii) stating the expected date of confinement; and

(b) not less than 4 weeks prior to the date upon which she intends to commence ordinary maternity leave, give to her employer a notice in writing—

- (i) stating her intention to take maternity leave; and
- (ii) specifying the period of leave she intends to take and the date of commencement of the period.

(2) Where an employee is unable to comply with the requirement in subsection (1) (b) by reason of her confinement occurring earlier than the expected date of her confinement, she shall, if her confinement results in the birth of a living child, be entitled to give the notice referred to in that subsection not later than 2 weeks after her confinement.

(3) Any absence by a female employee in respect of a pregnancy shall not be regarded as absence on ordinary maternity leave for the purposes of this Part unless she has given to her employer a certificate and a notice in accordance with subsection (1) or subsections (1) and (2), as the case may be.



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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*
 AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1940,  
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(4) Any absence by a female employee in respect of a pregnancy, other than absence during the period of leave specified in the notice given by her under subsection (1) (b) in respect of the pregnancy or absence during that period as last varied in accordance with section 153F, as the case may be, shall not be regarded as absence on ordinary maternity leave except where the absence is occasioned by—

- (a) the confinement of the employee occurring prior to the commencement of the period, where the confinement results in the birth of a living child; or
- (b) the employer of the employee requiring her under section 153E to commence ordinary maternity leave.

153E. Where an employee has given to her employer a certificate referred to in section 153D (1) (a) and—

- (a) has given to her employer a notice under section 153D (1) (b) stating that she intends to commence maternity leave on a date later than 6 weeks prior to the expected date of her confinement; or
- (b) has not given to her employer a notice under section 153D (1) (b) prior to 8 weeks before the expected date of her confinement,

her employer may, by not less than 14 days' notice in writing, require her to commence ordinary maternity leave on a specified date within the period of 6 weeks immediately preceding the expected date of confinement.

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(a) before commencing ordinary maternity leave, any number of times; and

(b) after commencing ordinary maternity leave—

(i) once without the consent of her employer;

(ii) any number of times with the consent of her employer; and

(iii) in addition to any variation made under subparagraph (i), once without the consent of her employer in the circumstances referred to in section 153H (2).

(2) The further notice varying the period of maternity leave shall be given—

(a) before the commencement of ordinary maternity leave—

(i) where the commencement is delayed, at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the period as last notified to the employer before the giving of the further notice; and

(ii) where the commencement is accelerated, at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the period as varied in the further notice; and

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- (b) after the commencement of ordinary maternity leave—
- (i) where the period is extended, at least 4 weeks prior to the last day of the period as last notified to the employer before the giving of the further notice; and
  - (ii) where the period is shortened, at least 4 weeks prior to the last day of the period as varied in the further notice.

Ordinary maternity leave to include period of 6 weeks after confinement.

153G. Except as provided in section 153H (3), the period of ordinary maternity leave taken by an employee shall include the period of 6 weeks immediately following her confinement.

Maternity leave where pregnancy terminates otherwise than by the birth of a living child.

153H. (1) Where the pregnancy of a female employee who is not absent on ordinary maternity leave terminates otherwise than by the birth of a living child, the employee shall, if otherwise entitled to ordinary maternity leave in respect of that pregnancy, cease to be so entitled.

(2) Where the pregnancy of a female employee who is absent on ordinary maternity leave terminates not earlier than 28 weeks before the expected date of her confinement otherwise than by the birth of a living child, the employee may shorten the period of her maternity leave in accordance with section 153F.

(3) An employee who under subsection (2) shortens the period of her maternity leave, shall not be entitled to resume work within the period of 6 weeks immediately following the date of her confinement unless

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she has given to her employer a certificate from a medical practitioner stating that the pregnancy of the employee terminated otherwise than by the birth of a living child.

153I. A female employee who is not absent on ordinary maternity leave but who is entitled to take maternity leave shall, in respect of a pregnancy, be entitled to be absent on special maternity leave for such period or periods as a qualified medical practitioner certifies as necessary—

- (a) in respect of any illness related to the pregnancy; and
- (b) in respect of the normal consequences of confinement where, not earlier than 28 weeks before the expected date of confinement, her pregnancy terminates otherwise than by the birth of a living child.

153J. (1) An employee shall not, in respect of the same pregnancy, be entitled to be absent on maternity leave (whether special or ordinary) for a period which exceeds, or for periods which in total exceed, 52 weeks.

(2) Where an employee has, in respect of a pregnancy, been absent on maternity leave for 52 weeks, any further absence by the employee in respect of that pregnancy shall not be regarded as absence on maternity leave for the purposes of this Part.



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Annual holiday or long service leave may be substituted for or added to maternity leave.

153K. An employee who is entitled under this Part to maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy may take any annual holiday leave or long service leave to which she is entitled in substitution for or in addition to maternity leave if the total of all periods of annual holiday leave, long service leave and maternity leave (whether special or ordinary) taken in respect of that pregnancy does not exceed 52 weeks.

Effect of resumption of employment on further maternity leave.

153L. (1) Subject to subsection (2), an employee who resumes her employment after being absent from that employment on maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy shall not be entitled to any further maternity leave in respect of that pregnancy.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of absences on special maternity leave taken by an employee under section 153I (a).

Notice to be given confirming intention to return to work.

153M. (1) An employee who, in respect of a pregnancy, is absent on maternity leave shall, not more than 6 weeks and not less than 4 weeks prior to the last day of the period of leave specified in the notice given by her under section 153D (1) (b) in respect of the pregnancy or absence during that period as last varied in accordance with section 153F, as the case may be, give to her employer a notice in writing confirming her intention to return to work.

(2) An employee who fails to give to her employer a notice in accordance with subsection (1) shall be deemed to have terminated her employment with the employer on the day after the last day on which the notice is required under that subsection to be given.



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153N. (1) In this section, “former position”, in relation to an employee who has taken maternity leave in respect of a pregnancy, means—

Employee entitled to former position after maternity leave.

- (a) the position held by her in the employment of her employer immediately before she commenced the maternity leave; or
- (b) where by reason only of the pregnancy she had transferred or been transferred from one such position to another such position before commencing maternity leave, the position held by her in that employment immediately before she so transferred or was transferred to another position.

(2) An employer shall make available to an employee who returns to work for him at the conclusion of maternity leave—

- (a) the former position of the employee; or
- (b) where the former position of the employee has ceased to exist but there is another position available, or other positions available, in the employment of the employer for which the employee is capable or qualified, that position or, as the case may be, such of those positions as is as close as possible in status and salary or wages to that of her former position.

(3) An employer shall not employ a person in the former position of an employee who is taking or will be taking maternity leave unless he has informed that person of the rights of that employee under subsection (2) in relation to her former position.

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(4) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or (3) is guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.

Absence on maternity leave not to affect continuity of service.

153o. (1) The absence of an employee on maternity leave shall not for any purpose be regarded as interrupting or affecting the continuity of the service by the employee with her employer.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), any period during which an employee is absent on maternity leave shall not be taken into account in calculating for any purpose the period of service of the employee.

Employee may be transferred to a more suitable position.

153p. Where—

- (a) a female employee who is pregnant gives to her employer a certificate from a medical practitioner stating that illness or risks arising out of her pregnancy or hazards connected with the work assigned to the employee make it inadvisable for the employee to continue in her present position; and
- (b) there is another position available, or other positions available, in the employment of the employer which is or are suitable to be performed by the employee and which the employee is capable of performing,

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the employer shall, if he considers it to be practicable, make available to the employee that position or, as the case may be, such of those positions as is as close as possible in status and salary or wages to that of her present position.

Penalty : \$1,000.

153Q. An employer shall not terminate the employment of an employee by reason only of the fact that the employee is or has been pregnant or absent on maternity leave.

Employer not to terminate employment on ground of pregnancy or absence on maternity leave.

Penalty : \$1,000.

153R. The provision by this Part of a penalty for a contravention of this Act does not operate to prejudice or affect any right or remedy in respect of such a contravention that an employee would have if such a penalty were not so provided.

Civil remedies not affected.

153s. The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Part is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Part.

Regulations.

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Sec. 3.

## SCHEDULE 2.

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION  
ACT, 1940.

## (1) Section 15 (1)—

Omit “not more than eight persons each of whom shall be a conciliation commissioner”, insert instead “such number of conciliation commissioners as he thinks fit”.

## (2) (a) Section 20 (1A)—

Omit “officers of either House of Parliament or persons employed in either of the Departments of the Legislature under the separate control of the President or Speaker or under their joint control”.

## (b) Section 20 (1A)—

Omit “officers or”.

## (3) Section 88A—

Omit the section, insert instead :—

## 88A. (1) In this section—

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employees.

“parent award” means an award in respect of which changes in rates of wages or conditions of employment, or in both, are traditionally reflected in another award or other awards;

“prescribed award” means—

- (a) an award that, pursuant to this section as from time to time in force before the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Act, 1980, was used by the commission or a committee to award conditions or fix rates of wages or other payments for employees of the Crown which were not



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less favourable than those awarded or fixed for private employees doing substantially the same class of work;

- (b) an award made after that commencement that extends or replaces an award referred to in paragraph (a); or
- (c) an award made before or after that commencement (not being an award referred to in paragraph (a) or (b)) that, in the opinion of the commission or a committee when considering the award for the purposes of this section, is a parent award for the purpose of awarding conditions or fixing rates of wages or other payments for private employees;

“private employees” means employees other than employees of the Crown.

(2) Subject to this section, the commission or a committee, in awarding conditions or fixing rates of wages or other payments in respect of employees of the Crown shall have regard to (but shall not be obliged to adopt, award or fix) the conditions and the rates of wages and other payments awarded or fixed for private employees doing substantially the same class of work.

(3) The commission or a committee shall not award any conditions or fix any rates of wages or other payments in respect of employees of the Crown less favourable than those awarded or fixed under a prescribed award for private employees doing substantially the same class of work.

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(4) In determining whether work done by a class of employees of the Crown is substantially the same class of work as that done by private employees, the fact that the employment of the employees of the Crown is permanent or that they are allowed additional privileges shall not of itself be regarded as a substantial difference in the nature or class of the work.

*In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.*

A. R. CUTLER,  
*Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1980.*