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THE SENATE

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**A New Tax System (Family Assistance)
(Improved access to baby bonus)
Amendment Bill 2008**

No. , 2008

(Senator Stott Despoja)

**A Bill for an Act to amend the *A New Tax System
(Family Assistance) Act 1999* to give all adopting
parents access to baby bonus payments, and for
related purposes**

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1 **A Bill for an Act to amend the *A New Tax System***
2 ***(Family Assistance) Act 1999* to give all adopting**
3 **parents access to baby bonus payments, and for**
4 **related purposes**

5 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

6 **1 Short title**

7 This Act may be cited as *A New Tax System (Family Assistance)*
8 *(Improved access to baby bonus) Amendment Act 2008*.

9 **2 Commencement**

10 This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal
11 Assent.

4 Object

1 **3 Schedule(s)**

2 Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or
3 repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule
4 concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect
5 according to its terms.

6 **4 Object**

7 The object of this Act is to permit all adoptive parents to become
8 eligible for baby bonus payment.

9 **5 Appropriation of funds**

10 Any money payable under paragraph 36(5)(b) of the *A New Tax*
11 *System (Family Assistance) (Improved access to baby bonus) Act*
12 *2008* is to be paid from moneys appropriated by the Parliament for
13 that purpose.

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Schedule 1—Amendment of A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999

1 Paragraph 36(5)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (b) the child is a person under the age of consent, where *age of consent* has the same meaning as in the *Social Security Act 1991*, at the time the child is entrusted to the care of the individual; and

Note: The *Social Security Act 1991* refers to the age of consent as being the age of consent applicable in the State or Territory in which the person lives at the time.

2 Paragraph 36(5)(ba)

Repeal the paragraph.