

preceding sub-section, but subject to such conditions (if any) as are prescribed, be appointed to clerical offices in the Service of the Commission without having passed the prescribed entrance examination, and such persons may be appointed accordingly.”; and

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (7.) the words “Fifteen hundred pounds” and inserting in their stead the words “Two thousand five hundred pounds”.

Intra-state
services in
pursuance of
powers referred
by State
Parliaments.

10.—(1.) Section nineteen A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “prior to the commencement of this section” and inserting in their stead the words “prior to the commencement of section ten of the *Australian National Airlines Act 1959*”.

(2.) On and after the date of commencement of this section, the provisions of the Principal Act, as amended by the provisions of this Act that come into operation on that date, in their application to or in relation to airline services referred to in section nineteen A of that Act, as so amended, shall be deemed to have effect by virtue of this Act.

Power to
purchase and
dispose of
assets.

11. Section twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-sections (2.) and (3.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-sections:—

“(2.) The Commission shall not, without the approval of the Minister—

- (a) purchase any land for a consideration exceeding Twenty thousand pounds;
- (b) enter into a lease of land for a period exceeding ten years; or
- (c) dispose of any property, right or privilege where the consideration for the disposal, or the value of the property, right or privilege, exceeds Fifty thousand pounds.

“(3.) The Commission shall not, without the approval of the Minister, enter into a contract for the supply of aircraft, equipment or materials to the Commission for a consideration exceeding Fifty thousand pounds.”.

Contracts for
transport of
mails.

12. Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “the Minister on behalf of”.

Commission to
be common
carrier.

13. Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is repealed.