The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, is published for general information.

NIGERIAN EX-SERVICEMEN'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Nigerian Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Association Ordinance provides for the preparation by regional councils of annual statements of accounts and for the audit of such accounts. It has been represented as desirable and in the interests of the Association that the Association should be given power to give directions of a general nature to all regional councils regarding accounting procedure to ensure uniformity in the keeping of the Association's accounts and to be able to demand that at the end of every period of three months, copies of books and vouchers relating to expenditure during the quarter be forwarded by the regional councils to the headquarters of the Association whose audited annual statement of accounts will be based on those quarterly returns. Clause 2 seeks to give effect to this and the other clauses are machinery in relation thereto.

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(Bills 755)

NIGERIAN EX-SERVICEMEN'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION (AMENDMENT)

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

- 1. Short title, etc.
- Section 15 of Ordinance replaced.
- 3. Section 16 of Ordinance amended.
- 4. Section 17 of Ordinance amended.

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An Act to amend the Nigerian Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Association Ordinance (Chapter 136).

Commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

Short title,

etc.

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Association (Amendment) Act, 1961, and shall be read as one with the Nigerian Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Association Ordinance, (hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance).
 - (2) This Act shall apply throughout the Federation.
- 2. For section 15 of the Ordinance there is hereby substituted the 10 following new section—

Section 15 of Ordinance replaced.

"Keeping of records, etc. and supply of copies to Association. 15

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- 15.—(1) The Association may from time to time give directions to regional councils as to the manner in which accounts and records relating to accounts and any other matters shall be kept and any regional council to which a direction has been given shall comply therewith to the satisfaction of the Association.
- (2) As soon as possible after the end of each quarter every regional council shall forward to the Association a copy of the accounts and records and of all prepared vouchers relating to that quarter and any other information in relation thereto which the Association may from time to time request."

Section 16 of Ordinance amended.

- 3. Subsection (3) of section 16 of the Ordinance is amended by substituting for all words following the word "copy", where it first occurs, the words "of the statement of accounts referred to in subsection (1) of this section, and a copy of the report of the auditor on such statement or the financial records of any of the regional council, as the case may be."
- 4. Section 17 of the Ordinance is amended by substituting for all words following the word "annual", where it first occurs, the words "report and statement of accounts of the Association, together with the report of the auditor."

Section 17 of Ordinance amended.

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