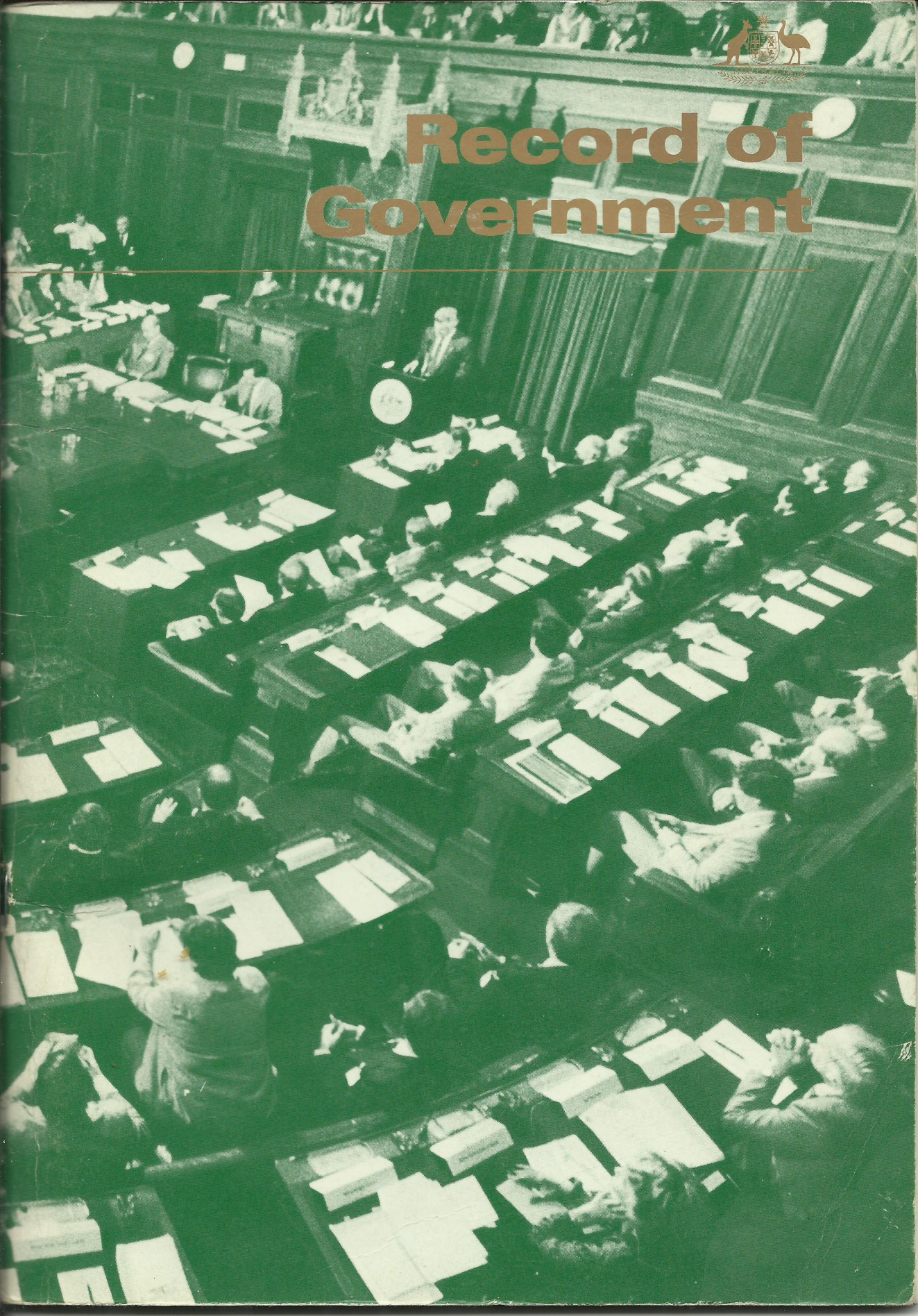




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*Dr Harvey Cohen, developer of the Australian-designed 'computer companion' for the severely handicapped, watches a student at the Yooralla Special School demonstrate how it can be used to draw. It combines a personal computer with a voice synthesiser to help the handicapped 'speak' and study.*

youth. It has been increased by 10 per cent to ensure there are no staff reductions or reduced services during interim funding arrangements.

### **Disability Advisory Council**

The establishment of this council will mean that, for the first time, disabled people will be able to offer advice on government policy and programs affecting them. They form a significant majority on the council.

### **Other programs**

- ☐ The Government will review the *Handicapped Persons' Assistance Program* so that special services take account of individual rights and needs.
- ☐ *Workers compensation benefits* for Commonwealth Government employees increased by 4.17 per cent from 1 May. Similar increases will be applied to benefits payable under the Seamen's Compensation Act.