

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2011

Explanatory Notes

General Outline

Policy Objectives of the Bill

Section 27(b) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that for each financial year, the Treasurer must present to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for a parliamentary Annual Appropriation Act for the financial year.

This Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2011-12 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year and certain services, equity adjustment and administered items delivered in the previous year, not previously funded;
- Supply for 2012-13 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2012-13 receives assent; and
- Supplementary appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for unforeseen expenditure that occurred in the 2009-10 financial year.

The supplementary appropriation sought is based on the Consolidated Fund Financial Report, noting unforeseen expenditure to be appropriated, which has been prepared by the Treasurer and reported upon by the Auditor-General in accordance with Section 23 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*. A brief explanation of departmental unforeseen expenditure requirements has been provided as part of the Consolidated Fund Financial Report 2009-10.

Notes On Provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that the amount of \$72 021 000 is appropriated for the 2011-12 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment as set out in Schedule 1.

It also provides that part of that amount may be applied for some payments necessary in respect of departmental services, administered items and equity adjustments delivered in 2010-11 which were not paid for by the end of that financial year.

Clause 2(3) provides that the amount of \$72 021 000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2010*, section 3, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2011.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$36 000 000 is authorised to be paid for the 2012-13 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2012-13 receives assent.

Clause 4(1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$3 510 000 from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service as stated in Schedule 2 for the financial year starting 1 July 2009.

Clause 4(2) provides that for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 2 is appropriated to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the year as stated in the Schedule.

Clause 5 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2008 (2008 Act No. 44)*.

Schedule 1 to the Bill details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and the amounts for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2011-12.

Schedule 2 to the Bill details the total amount of supplementary appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and

the amounts for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2009-10.

Legislative Standards

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Speaker in determining the appropriation requirements of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service.

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