

Appropriation Bill 2012

Explanatory Notes

General Outline

Policy Objectives of the Bill

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

The policy objectives of the Bill, the reasons for those objectives and the ways in which the policy objectives will be achieved by the Bill are detailed in the Budget Speech and the accompanying Budget Papers.

This Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2012-13 to fund the cost of delivering departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in that year and certain services, equity adjustment and administered items delivered in the previous year but not previously funded;
- Supply for 2013-14 to allow the normal operations of government to continue until the Appropriation Bill for 2013-14 receives assent; and
- Supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure that occurred in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years.

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 for the respective financial years.

Notes On Provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that for each department, the vote amount mentioned for the department in Schedule 2 is appropriated for the 2012-13 financial year for the department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment.

It also provides that part of the vote amount may be applied for some payments necessary in respect of departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment delivered in 2011-12 which departments were not paid for by the end of that financial year.

Clause 2(3) provides that the total amount of \$45 928 427 000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation Act 2011*, section 3, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2012.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$23 000 000 000 is authorised to be paid for the 2013-14 financial year for departments for application to their departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation Bill for 2013-14 receives assent.

Clause 4(1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$9 304 381 000 from the consolidated fund for departments as stated in Schedule 3 for the financial year starting 1 July 2010.

Clause 4(2) provides that for each department, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 3 is appropriated for the department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the year as stated in the Schedule.

Clause 5(1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$2 823 076 000 from the consolidated fund for departments as stated in Schedule 3 for the financial year starting 1 July 2011.

Clause 5(2) provides that for each department, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 4 is appropriated for the department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the year as stated in the Schedule.

Clause 6 repeals the *Appropriation Act 2009 (2009 Act No. 28)*.

Schedule 1 sets out how the amount appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for the year starting on 1 July 2012 is to be distributed between

departments, other than the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service.

Schedule 2 details the total amount appropriated for each department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the financial year 2012-13.

Accountable Officers may apply the total of funds received from the Treasurer for departmental services across the individual services of the department.

Under section 33 of the *Financial Accountability Act*, the Treasurer may pay a department's appropriation in amounts different to those set out in the Annual Appropriation Act, provided that the total Vote amount is not exceeded. If the Treasurer considers there is a surplus in one or more of the headings of a department for a financial year and a deficiency in another heading or headings of that department, the Treasurer may allocate an amount to one or more of the headings that are deficient from the heading or headings in surplus.

Schedule 3 details the total amount of supplementary appropriation for each department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the financial year 2010-11.

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Legislative Standards

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with departments in establishing the appropriations payable to them pursuant to this Bill.