

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2017

Explanatory Notes

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2017.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

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.

Achievement of policy objectives

This Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2017-18 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year; and
- Supply for 2018-19 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2018-19 receives assent.

There is no supplementary unforeseen expenditure in this Bill. Consistent with previous years, any supplementary appropriation for 2016-17, identified following the completion of annual financial statements, will be included in a separate Appropriation Bill.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The policy objectives can only be achieved by legislation.

Estimated cost for government implementation

The Bill will provide appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the 2017-18 financial year and interim supply for 2018-19 until the 2018-19 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

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

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2(1) provides that the amount of \$91,690,000 is appropriated for the 2017-18 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.

Clause 2(3) provides that the amount of \$91,690,000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2016*, section 3, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2017.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$45,845,000 is authorised to be paid for the 2018-19 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 2018-19 receives assent.

Clause 4 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2015 (Act No.10)* and the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act (No. 2) 2015 (Act No. 19)*.

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 2017-18.