

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

GENERAL OUTLINE

Policy Objectives of the Bill

This Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2000-01 to fund the cost of providing the services of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service in that year and some services delivered in the previous year; and
- Initial supply for 2001-02 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service to continue until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill to be presented to Parliament in 2001 receives assent.

The Bill is in accordance with established practice under which funds for the annual budget of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service are requested in a separate annual Appropriation (Parliament) Bill tabled by the Treasurer with the main annual Appropriation Bill.

The usual consultation has been undertaken with the Speaker in finalising the appropriation requested for the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service.

Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles

Under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 22, words used in this Bill that are defined in the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* have the same meaning the words have in that Act, subject to a contrary intention in this Bill. Words which are defined in the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* which have the same meaning in this Bill are “administered items”, “Annual Appropriation Act”, “consolidated fund”, “departmental outputs”, “equity adjustment”, “financial year” and “vote”.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 (1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$49,952,000 from the Consolidated Fund for services of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service for the financial year 2000-01.

Clause 2 (2) provides that the amount of \$49,952,000 is appropriated for the financial year for the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service for application to their departmental outputs and equity adjustment for 2000-01 as set out in the Schedule.

It also provides that part of that amount may be applied for some payments necessary in respect of departmental outputs, equity adjustments and administered items delivered in 1999-2000 for which they were not paid by the end of that financial year because the quantum of the payments could not be finalised by then.

Clause 2 (3) provides that the amount of \$49,952,000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 1999*, section 4, to be issued for the financial year 2000-01.

Clause 3 provides initial supply for 2001-02 and authorises the Treasurer to pay \$29,225,000 from the Consolidated Fund for services of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service for that financial year to allow the normal operations of the Parliament to continue until the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill* to be presented to Parliament in 2001 receives assent.

Clause 4 provides that the Act is an Annual Appropriation Act for the purposes of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*. This will facilitate the format of the Bill which provides for the presentation of departmental outputs and equity adjustment at an aggregate level rather than detailing their composition which is included separately in the Budget Papers.

Clause 5 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 1997* and the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act (No.2) 1997* which have had their effect.

The *Schedule* details the total amount appropriated, or Vote, for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service and the amounts for application to their departmental outputs and equity adjustment in 2000-01.

LEGISLATIVE STANDARDS

The other matters outlined in section 23 (1) of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* are not applicable to Appropriation Bills.