

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

GENERAL OUTLINE

Policy Objectives of the Bill

Section 21 (b) of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* 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 2001-02 to fund the cost of providing the outputs and equity adjustment of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year and certain outputs and equity adjustment delivered in the previous year, not previously funded; and
- Initial supply for 2002-03 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2002-03 receives assent.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 (1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$50,383,000 from the Consolidated Fund for the outputs and equity adjustment of the Legislative Assembly and the parliamentary service for the financial year 2001-02.

Clause 2 (2) provides that the amount of \$50,383,000 is appropriated for the financial year for the Legislative Assembly and the parliamentary

service for application to its departmental outputs and equity adjustment for 2001-02 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 2000-01 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 \$50,383,000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2000*, section 3, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2001.

Clause 3 provides initial supply for 2002-03 and authorises the Treasurer to pay \$25,200,000 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* for 2002-03 receives assent.

Clause 4 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 1998 (1998 Act No. 34)* which has had its effect.

The *Schedule* details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and the amounts for application to its departmental outputs and equity adjustment in 2001-02.

LEGISLATIVE STANDARDS

Consultation

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