

Appropriation (Parliament 1995–96, No. 1) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill provides appropriation for the Parliament for the 1995–96 financial year.

The amounts included in Schedule 1 provide for the administration and operations of the Parliament in so far as they are funded by way of annual appropriation. In line with the wishes of the Presiding Officers of the Parliament, the estimates contained in Schedule 1 are presented in program format.

In addition, unspent appropriations under the **Appropriation (Parliament 1994–95, No. 1) Act 1994** have been carried forward to 1995–96 pursuant to the provisions of section 32 (1) (b) of the **Financial Management Act 1994**. These funds are therefore not included in the amounts specified in Schedule 1. The amount determined pursuant to section 32 is contained in Table 4.4 of the 1995–96 “*Budget Estimates*” Budget Paper.

Funds are also available to the Parliament by way of Special Appropriation and details of these can be found in Table 4.1 of the 1995–96 “*Budget Estimates*” Budget Paper.

The Bill is comprised of seven clauses as follows:

Clause 1 defines the purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 specifies that the Act comes into operation on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 defines “works” referred to in the Act.

Clause 4 provides that the Treasurer may issue an amount of \$30 038 700 out of the Consolidated Fund in the financial year 1995–96 for the recurrent services and works and services of the Parliament. Sub-clauses (2) and (3) provide authority for additional appropriation if necessary for salary increases which are the result of determinations or legislation during the year.

Clause 5 states that the **Appropriation (Parliament) (Interim 1995–96) Act 1995** shall cease to have effect on and from the commencement of this Act.

Clause 6 provides that the total amount that may be expended under the authority of this Act and the **Appropriation (Parliament) (Interim 1995–96) Act 1995** shall not exceed the amount provided for under this Act.

Clause 7 provides that the sums issued and applied under this Act pursuant to *Clause 6* are appropriated.

