

Appropriation (1996/97, No. 1) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill provides appropriation for payments from the Consolidated Fund by departments for recurrent services and works and services for the financial year 1996/97, including payments made under the **Appropriation (Interim 1996/97) Act 1996**.

The amounts included in Schedule 1 provide for the operations of departments in so far as they are funded by way of annual appropriation.

Where an item of expenditure in Schedule 1 provides that section 29 of the **Financial Management Act 1994** applies, money received from the provision of services by that department or by specific purpose payment by the Commonwealth or by a municipal council may be credited to that item during the financial year and is deemed to have been appropriated. Details of these amounts may be found in Table 4.4 of the 1996/97 "*Budget Estimates*" Budget Paper.

In addition, unspent appropriations under the **Appropriation (1995/96, No. 1) Act 1995** have been carried forward to 1996/97 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. Details of amounts determined pursuant to section 32 are contained in Table 4.4 of the 1996/97 "*Budget Estimates*" Budget Paper.

The appropriations contained in Schedule 1 are in line with the departmental structure effected through the machinery of Government changes announced in April of this year. Payments associated with the former departments are shown in Schedule 1 under the new departments.

Funds are also available to departments by way of Special Appropriation and details of these can be found in Table 4.1 of the 1996/97 "*Budget Estimates*" Budget Paper.

The Bill is comprised of nine 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 \$13 973 732 000 out of the Consolidated Fund in the financial year 1996/97 for the recurrent services and works and services of departments. Sub-clauses (2) and (3) provide authority for additional appropriation if necessary for salary increases which may be the result of determinations or legislation during the year.
- Clause 5 states that the **Appropriation (Interim 1996/97) Act 1996** 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 (Interim 1996/97) Act 1996** 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.
- Clause 8 provides appropriation authority for additional funding approved by the Treasurer during 1995/96 pursuant to the provisions of section 35 of the **Financial Management Act 1994** as detailed in Schedule 2.
- Clause 9 provides appropriation authority for additional funding approved by the Treasurer during 1995/96 from funds appropriated for Advance to the Treasurer under the Department of Treasury and Finance. Details are contained in Schedule 3.