Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1988 – 89

Date Introduced: 8 March 1989
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Peter Duncan, M.P., Minister for Employment and Education Services

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To authorise the Minister for Finance to issue $609.857 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in addition to the funds appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1988 – 89, to meet expenditure for the ordinary services of government.

Background
This Bill, together with the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1988 – 89 and the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 1988 – 89, form the additional estimates for 1988 – 89. The Bills seek to appropriate an additional $683.943 million.

While these Bills seek to appropriate additional funds, this is partly offset by savings of $425.684 million on expenditure authorised by the previous Appropriation Acts of 1988 – 89. Although a Department may be expecting savings in some areas, that Department may seek additional funds to cover unexpected costs in other areas. This occurs as funding is provided on a program basis and expenditure may be saved on one program and greater than expected expenditure incurred in another program.¹

One of the items covered by the additional appropriations sought by this Bill is recent wage increases in the public sector and, in particular, the recent 3% National Wage Case increase. In the second reading speech for this Bill, the Minister stated that this increase will comprise $130 million of the additional amounts sought by this Bill.

The largest amount sought is $241.155 million by the Department of Defence, while the next highest amount sought is $69.178 million by the Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce. Page 4 of the Bill contains a summary of the amounts sought by the various Departments, while the Schedule to the Bill details the expenditure within the Departments.
Main Provisions

Clause 3 will authorise the Minister for Finance to issue $609.857 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes specified in the Schedule to the Bill.

The funds appropriated by this Bill will be deemed to have been appropriated from July 1988 (clause 4).

The Bill will be subject to the Loans Act 1986 (clause 10).

References

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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