Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1988–89

Date Introduced: 20 April 1988
House: House of Representatives

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To appropriate $41.236 million for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments during the 1988–89 financial year.

Background
As a result of the Senate Select Committee on Parliament’s Appropriations and Staffing, tabled on 18 August 1981, the appropriations for Parliamentary Departments, for both capital and recurrent expenditure, are made by a separate Bill.

The Supply Bill (No.1) 1988–89 together with the Supply Bill (No.2) 1988–89 and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1988–89 provide interim appropriations for the period 1 July 1988 to 30 November 1988. It is anticipated that by 30 November 1988 the Appropriation Bills, which are introduced on Budget night in August, would have been enacted. The amounts appropriated by the Supply Bills are later included in the Appropriation Bills for the financial year to which the expenditure relates.

Outline
The amount appropriated by this Bill represents an increase of $21.701 million, or about 74% over the amount for the 1987–88 Supply period. The increase is attributable to moving, establishment and increased operating cost arising from the occupation of the New Parliament House.
Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $41,236 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Schedule to the Bill for the 1988–89 financial year (clause 3).

Clause 4 will allow additional appropriations in respect of increases in salaries. In respect of the 1988–89 financial year the Minister for Finance may, at any time before 1 December 1988, issue funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, order or determination which becomes payable after 20 April 1988. The amounts are to be determined by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Clause 5 will allow advances, to the limit contained in the Schedule, to be made to the President and Speaker for expenditure in the Senate and the House of Representatives in excess of specific appropriation. For the remaining Parliamentary Departments, advances may be made from the Joint Advance to the President and Speaker to the limit listed in the Schedule.

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

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