Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1986-87

Date Introduced: 25 March 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Chris Hurford, M.P., Minister Assisting the Treasurer

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To appropriate $127.608 million from the Consolidated Revenue Funds in addition to the funds appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1986-87, for capital works and services, payments to the States and Northern Territory and for other services.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1986-87.

Outline
A summary of the allocation of funds sought by this Bill appears on page 5 of the Bill.

The major increases in expenditure relate to

* $16 million sought by the Department of Finance for payment to the States and Northern Territory for natural disaster relief and restoration;
* $15.510 million sought by the Department of Health principally for special payments for settlement of estimated arrears under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme ($13 million);
* $15.031 million sought by the Department of Foreign Affairs for Australia's contribution to the Tuvalu Trust Fund ($8 million) and Solomon Islands cyclone reconstruction ($7 million);
* $14.321 million sought by the Department of the Treasury ($8.479 million for the Savings Banks Deposit Interest Subsidy); and
* $13.307 million sought by the Department of Resources and Energy of which $13.062 million relates to payments for Northern Territory electricity supply.
Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance may issue $127.608 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes set out in the Schedule to the Bill, for the year ending 30 June 1987 (clause 3).

Clause 4 provides that the proposed appropriations will be deemed to have been appropriated from 1 July 1986.

The appropriate Minister will be able to determine the terms and conditions that will apply to grants to the States, Territories local government or organisations (clause 5).

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

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