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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Chris Hurford, M.P., Minister Assisting the Treasurer

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To appropriate $8652.1 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the services of the Government during the period 1 July 1987 to 30 November 1987.

Background
The Supply Bill (No. 1) 1987-88 together with the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1987-88 and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1987-88 provide interim appropriations for the period 1 July 1987 to 30 November 1987. It is anticipated that, by 30 November 1987, 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 $665.4 million, or 8.2%, on the amount appropriated by the Supply Act (No. 1) 1986-87. The increase is mainly due to new policies, price increases and fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Main Provisions
The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $8652.1 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Schedule to the Bill (clause 3).

The Schedule to the Bill sets out the appropriations to various Departments and the allocation within Departments. The largest amount, $3056.9 million, is being sought by the Department of Defence. The next highest amount sought is $474.7 million by the Department of Foreign Affairs, most of which will go to the Australian Development Assistance Bureau. The third highest amount sought is $456.4 million by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Clause 4 will allow additional appropriations in respect of increases in salaries. In respect of the 1987-88 financial year, the Minister for Finance may, at any time before 1 December 1987, issue funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, order, award or determination which becomes payable after 6 May 1987.