Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1987-88

Date Introduced: 6 May 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Chris Hurford, M.P., Minister Assisting the Treasurer

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To appropriate $23.716 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments during the 1987-88 financial year.

Background
As a result of the report 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) 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 $2.4 million, or 11.2%, on the amount appropriated by the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1986-87.

Main Provisions
The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $23.716 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Schedule to the Bill for the 1987-88 financial year (clause 3).

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. 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 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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