Date Introduced: 8 May 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. M.J. Young, M.P., Minister representing the Minister for Finance

Purpose

To make interim provision for the appropriation of $19,535,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments during the 1985-86 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) 1985-86 together with the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1985-86 and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1985-86 provide interim appropriations for the period 1 July 1985 to 30 November 1985. It is expected that, by 30 November 1985, 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 expenditures relate.

Outline

The Bill seeks about $19.5m for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments. This represents an increase of about 13.4 per cent over the amount for the 1984-85 Supply period. According to the Minister, in his Second Reading Speech, the additional appropriation is required "to maintain the on-going operations of the Parliament, and to meet unavoidable salary and other cost increases arising partly from the increased numbers of Members and Senators".
The Schedule to the Bill outlines the appropriation sought, and the allocation between recurrent and capital expenditure, by the Parliamentary Departments.

Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance may issue $19,535,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Bill's Schedule for the 1985-86 financial year (clause 3).

Clause 4 deals with additional appropriations in respect of increases in salaries. The Minister for Finance may, at any time before 1 December 1985, for the 1985-86 financial year, issue money from Consolidated Revenue necessary to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, award, order or determination, which becomes payable after 8 May 1985. The amounts are to be determined by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Under clause 5, advances are to be made to the President and Speaker for expenditure in excess of specific appropriation. For the remaining Parliamentary Departments, such expenditure may be charged to the Joint Advance to the President and the Speaker.

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