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

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To make interim provision for the appropriation of $7,189,562,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government during the 1985-86 financial year.

Background

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 provides for the appropriation of $7,189,562,000, which represents an 8.8 per cent increase over the amount for the 1984-85 Supply period. A large part of the increase reflects staffing approvals, salary and other cost increases as well as the effects of the National Wage Case decision handed down on 3 April 1985.

The Schedule of the Bill outlines the appropriations sought by Government Departments as well as the allocation to various categories within the Department. The largest amount, namely $2,400,290,000, is being sought by the Department of Defence. Of this total, $941,168,000 is for new, replacement, repair and overhaul of equipment and stores. The Department of Housing and Construction seeks $301,220,000 of which $140,000,000 is to be allocated to the First Home Owners Scheme. In 1984-85, provision for this Scheme was made by a standing appropriation under the

Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance may issue $7,189,562,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Schedule to the Bill, 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.

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