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APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1983-84

Date Introduced: 30 March 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.S. Dawkins, M.P., Minister for Finance

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To appropriate $508,467,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in addition to the sums appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1983-84, in order to meet expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the Government.

Background

This Bill together with Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1983-84 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 1983-84 form the Additional Estimates for 1983-84. Post-Budget cost and price increases have been largely responsible for the additional appropriations. Funds are required to meet the costs of awards and determinations made since the Budget. An estimated $157 million is for wages and salaries, $78.2 million being for non-defence and $78.7 million for defence purposes, to meet increases in award rates and other wage and salary costs. Expenditures relating to staffing increases, however, have been mainly met from the provision of "Special Funds" under Division 312 of Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1983-84.

A detailed outline of the appropriations is provided by the Schedule to the Bill. The largest amount of funds is being sought by the Department of Defence ($115.5 million). Of this amount, $16.3 million is for additional payments on aircraft projects. An amount of $99.8 million is sought by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations of which $59.1 million will be allocated to labour force and training programs mainly in relation to assistance for work experience, training for Aboriginals and the adult wage subsidy scheme. The Department of Education and Youth Affairs seeks $32.9 million of which nearly one-half ($14.7 million) is required for assistance to tertiary students and for Aboriginal study grants.
The amounts appropriated by the Additional Estimates are partly offset by savings in the appropriations made by Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) 1983-84 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1983-84. These savings amount to $295.7 million. The Additional Estimates appropriate a total of $632.1 million of which $508.5 million is sought in Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1983-84, $121.9 million in Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1983-84, and $1.7 million in Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 1983-84. There will be a net increase of $336.4 million in expenditures financed from the appropriations after allowing for prospective savings.

Main Provisions

By clause 3 the Minister for Finance may spend $508,467,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes set out in the Schedule to the Bill, for the year ending 30 June 1984.

Clause 4 provides that the amount of expenditure provided by this Bill, shall be deemed to have been appropriated as from 1 July 1983.

Section 5 of the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1983-84 enables the Minister for Finance to pay from Consolidated Revenue, increases in wages and salaries (for which provision is made in Schedule 2 of that Act), arising from any law, award etc., which become payable in 1983-84. The effect of clause 5 is to apply the Minister's power contained in section 5 to this Bill.

Clause 6 provides that this Bill has effect subject to the Loan Act (No. 2) 1983.

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