Date Introduced: 1 May 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.S. Dawkins, M.P., Minister for Finance

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To provide for the appropriation of $6,609,329,200 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 November 1984.

Background

The Supply Bill (No. 1) 1984-85 together with the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1984-85 and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1984-85 provide interim appropriations for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 November 1984. It is expected that, by 30 November 1984, 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 $6,609,329,200, which represents a 15.1 per cent increase over the amount for the (1983-84) Supply period. According to the Minister, in his Second Reading Speech, a "large part of the increase reflects staffing approvals and salary and other cost increases including the effects of the National Wage Case decision handed down on 4 April 1984". The largest amount, $2,160,513,000 is being sought by the Department of Defence.

Main Provisions

By clause 3, the Minister for Finance may issue $6,609,329,200 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Schedule of the Bill, for the 1984-85 financial year.
Clause 4 deals with additional appropriations in respect of increases in salaries. The Minister for Finance may, at any time before 1 December 1984, for the 1984-85 financial year, issue money from Consolidated Revenue, necessary to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, award, etc., which become payable after 1 May 1984.

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