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APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85

Date Introduced: 21 August 1984
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To appropriate money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) for the ordinary annual services of the Government during the 1984-85 financial year.

Background

The Second Reading Speech on Appropriation Bill No. 1 is the vehicle used by the Treasurer to introduce the Budget for the current financial year.

In accordance with section 81 of the Constitution, all revenues or moneys raised or received are paid to the credit of the CRF and, in accordance with section 83, no money shall be drawn from the Treasury except under appropriation made by law.

Appropriation Bill No. 1 covers expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the Government. Appropriation Bill No. 2 covers expenditure on capital works and services, payments to or for the States and other services not authorised by special legislation. Appropriation for both recurrent and capital expenditure of the Parliamentary Departments (Senate, House of Representatives, Parliamentary Library, Parliamentary Reporting Staff and Joint House Department) is contained in Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill. Authority to spend under these Bills lapses on 30 June.

Additional appropriation may be sought in further Appropriation Bills, commonly known as the Additional Estimates, when the amount provided in the Appropriation Acts is insufficient for the financial year. The Additional Estimates also lapse on 30 June.
In the period between 30 June and the time of the Budget, authority to spend is obtained from the Supply Acts. These are normally passed a month or two before the beginning of a new financial year, and usually allow for not more than five months expenditure. The amounts authorised in the Supply Acts are later included in the Appropriation Acts of the financial year to which the expenditure relates.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 allows the Minister for Finance to spend $9,140,049,800 from the CRF on items set out in Schedule 2, in the year ending 30 June 1985.

Under the Supply Act (No. 1) 1984-85, expenditure of $6,609,329,200 was authorised for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 November 1984. Clause 4 appropriates $15,749,379,000 for expenditure on items set out in Schedule 2 in respect of 1984-85 financial year. Of this amount, $9,140,049,800 is authorised by clause 3 of the Bill, the remaining $6,609,329 having been authorised by Supply Act (No. 1) 1984-85.

Clause 5 authorises the Minister for Finance to pay, from the CRF, additional amounts necessary for increases in salaries, for which provision is made in Schedule 2, which become payable during 1984-85 financial year under any law, award, etc.

Clause 6 provides that the amounts paid under Supply Act (No. 1) 1984-85 for increases in salaries are deemed to have been issued and applied under this Bill.

Clause 7 allows the Minister for Finance to pay amounts from the CRF in 1983-84 into the Loan and Consolidation Investment Reserve. This provision has been used in the past to handle surpluses arising in the CRF.

Clause 8 provides that this Bill has effect subject to the Loan Act 1984.

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