Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1983-84

Date Introduced: 12 May 1983
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.S. Dawkins, M.P., Minister for Finance

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To provide interim appropriations to meet expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments from 1 July 1983 to 30 November 1983.

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.

In the period 1 July to the introduction of the Budget in August, when the Appropriation Bills (Nos. 1 and 2) and the Appropriation Bill for Parliamentary Departments are introduced, authority to spend is obtained from the Supply Acts which provide expenditure for the period ending 30 November. It is expected that, by this date, the Appropriation Bills 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 $14m for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments. This represents an increase of 28.4 per cent over the amount for the 1982-83 Supply period, and is required to finance an additional pay day, which falls in the 1983-84 Supply period, and wage and salary increases.
Main Provisions

By Clause 3, the Minister for Finance may issue $14,008,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Bill's Schedule, for the 1983-84 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 1983, for the 1983-84 financial year, issue money from Consolidated Revenue, as determined by the President and the Speaker, necessary to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, award, etc., which become payable after 4 May 1983.

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