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 for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the period 1 July 1983 to 30 November 1983.

Background

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 provides for the appropriation of $5,741,316,000, which represents a 19.2 per cent increase over the amount for the Supply period 1982-83. According to the Minister's Second Reading Speech, a "large part of the increase reflects higher staff ceilings approved by the previous Government after the 1982-83 Budget, salary and other cost increases and an extra payday which falls within the Supply period in 1983-84 as compared with 1982-83". Furthermore, the Minister emphasized, in this speech, that the Bill does not anticipate decisions yet to be taken in respect of the 1983-84 Budget.

Main Provisions

By Clause 3, the Minister for Finance may issue $5,741,316,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the
purposes detailed in the Schedule of the Bill, 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, necessary to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, award, etc., which become payable after 4 May 1983.

By Clause 5, a reference to the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the Bill's Schedule, will be read, after the commencement of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983, as including a reference to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

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