APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1980-81

Date Introduced: 1 April 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J. Howard, M.P., Treasurer

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To appropriate money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund additional to the appropriations made under Appropriation Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) 1980-81 (see digests 80/124 and 80/125 for short digests of these Acts). The additional proposed appropriations amount to $432.6 million.

The main areas of expenditure covered by the Bill were outlined in the Minister's second reading speech.

Provisions

Clause 3 empowers the Minister for Finance to expend a sum of $432,588,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year ending 30 June 1981 for the purposes set out in the Schedule of the Bill.

Clause 4 provides that the amount of expenditure provided for in this Bill shall be deemed to have been appropriated as from 1 July 1980. The purpose of this provision is to ensure that the proposed expenditure enters into total expenditure for the financial year 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981.

Section 5 of the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1980-81 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 1980-81. Clause 5 of the present Bill in effect applies the Minister's power contained in that section to the present Bill.

Section 5 of the Loan Act 1980 provides in effect that expenditure for a service must not be made if it were
to result in total expenditures exceeding the appropriations authorised by Parliament. Clause 6 of the present Bill provides that the above section also applies to it.

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