SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1981-82

Date Introduced: 14 May 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J. Howard, Treasurer

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To provide interim appropriations for the ordinary services of the Government for the period 1 July 1981 to 30 November 1981.

Background

In the period between 1 July and the time of the Budget when Appropriation Bill (Nos. 1 and 2) are passed, authority to spend is obtained from Supply Acts Nos. 1 and 2. The amounts authorised in these Acts are later subsumed by Appropriation Acts Nos. 1 and 2 in the Budget appropriations for the financial year to which the expenditures relate.

Supply Bill No. 1 seeks appropriations for government current expenditure amounting to some $4,363 million, together with such amounts as the Minister for Finance may consider necessary to meet wage increases. In his Second Reading Speech the Treasurer emphasised that the Bill was not to be interpreted as anticipating decisions yet to be taken in respect of the 1980-81 Budget.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 permits the appropriation of $4,362,523,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes specified in the Schedule in respect of the financial year 1980-81.

Clause 4 permits the appropriation for 1981-81 of amounts estimated to be necessary to meet wage increases after 1 April 1981.

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