Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1991-92

Date Introduced: 20 August 1991
House: House of Representatives
Portfolio: Treasury

Purpose
To appropriate $68 367 000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) for the recurrent and capital expenditure of the Parliamentary Departments during 1991-92.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1991-92.

Outline
The Schedules to this Bill deal with allocation of funds appropriated by this Bill, a total of $119 954 000. The majority of funds appropriated by this Bill will go to the Joint House Department which is to receive $40 058 000. The majority of this $36 031 000, is for operating expenses. The second highest amount sought, $27 082 000, is for the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

Main Provisions
The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $68 367 000 from the CRF for the purposes specified in Schedule 2 of the Bill during 1991-92 (clause 3).

Clause 4 will deem $119 954 000, the sum of the amounts appropriated by this Bill and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1991-92, to have been appropriated from 1 July 1991. (Note: In the period 1 July and the Budget, authority to spend is obtained under the Supply Acts. These are normally passed a month or so before the end of the financial year and generally do not allow for more than five months spending. The amounts authorised under the Supply Acts are later incorporated in the Appropriation Acts for the year to which the expenditure relates.)

The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue funds from the CRF to cover increases in wages and salaries payable during 1991-92 and arising from any law, award etc (clause 5).

Clause 6 provides that amounts paid under the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1991-92 for increases in salaries are deemed to have been issued and applied under this Bill.

Clause 8 provides for advances to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and for joint advances in respect of the Department of the Parliamentary Library, the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff and the Joint House Department. Advances are provided for urgent and unforseen requirements.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group on 06 2772460.

This Digest does not have any official legal status. Other sources should be consulted to determine the subsequent official status of the Bill.

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