Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1991-92

Date Introduced: 26 February 1992
House: House of Representatives
Portfolio: Finance

Purpose
To authorise the Minister for Finance to issue $277 064 000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) in addition to the funds appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1991-92.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1991-92.

The major additional appropriations sought in this Bill relate to:

* Department of Transport and Communications - $122.25 million. The majority of the additional funds sought relate to funding of transport infrastructure ($66 million) and the development of Badgerys Creek airport ($54 million).

* Department of Primary Industry and Energy - $74.201 million. This Department seeks $33.91 million for grants to the States and Northern Territory for the rural adjustment scheme and $27 million for payment to Victoria in lieu of petroleum royalties.

* Department of Health, Housing and Community Services - $26.43 million. The major item for which funds are sought is demonstration practice grants ($11 million). Practice grants are proposed as an alternative method of remuneration for GPs.

* Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories - $21.979 million. The majority of the additional funds sought, $20 million, is for assistance in the restoration of heritage properties.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will authorise the Minister for Finance to issue an additional $277 064 000 from the CRF for the 1991-92, while clause 4 will deem this amount to have been appropriated from 1 July 1991 for the purposes listed in the Schedule to the Bill. The Schedule lists the Departments and programs to which the funds are allocated.

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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