Date Introduced: 18 August 1992
House: House of Representatives
Portfolio: Treasury

Purpose
To appropriate $62,225,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) for the recurrent and capital expenditure of the Parliamentary Departments during 1991-92.

Outline
The Schedules to this Bill deal with the allocation of funds appropriated by this Bill, a total of $115,339,000. The majority of funds appropriated by this Bill will go to the Joint House Department, which is to receive $36,766,000. The majority of this, $34,056,000, is for operating expenses. The second highest amount sought, $26,696,000, is for the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

Main Provisions
The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $62,225,000 from the CRF for the purposes specified in Schedule 2 of this Bill during 1992-93 (clause 3).

Clause 4 will deem $115,339,000, the sum of the amounts appropriated by this Bill and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1992-93, to have been appropriated from 1 July 1992 (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 1992-93 and arising from any law, award etc (clause 5).

Clause 6 provides that amounts paid under the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1992-93 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 Parliamentary Reporting Staff and the Joint House Department (Note: Advances are provided for urgent and unforeseen requirements).