

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021

Explanatory Notes

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Section 27(b) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that, for each financial year, the Treasurer must present to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for a parliamentary Annual Appropriation Act.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2021-22 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year; and
- Supply for 2022-23 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the 2022-23 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent.

There is no supplementary unforeseen expenditure included in this Bill. The supplementary appropriation for 2019-20 unforeseen expenditure was included in the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2020*.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The policy objectives can only be achieved by legislation.

Estimated cost for government implementation

The Bill will provide appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the 2021-22 financial year and interim supply for 2022-23 until 2022-23 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent. Consistent with this approach, any supplementary appropriation for 2020-21, identified following the completion of annual financial statements, will be included in a separate appropriation Bill.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Speaker in determining the appropriation requirements of the Legislative Assembly and the parliamentary service.

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short titles of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that the amount of \$103,325,000 is appropriated for the 2021-22 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment as set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 2(3) provides that the amount of \$103,325,000 includes amounts already authorised by *Appropriation (Parliament) (2020-2021) Act 2021*, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2021.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$51,662,500 is appropriated for the 2022-23 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2022-23 receives assent.

Clause 4 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2019* (Act No. 21 of 2019) and *Appropriation (Parliament) Act (No. 2) 2020* (Act No. 4 of 2020).

Schedule 1 details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and the amount for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2021-22.