


~~the equation when it comes to pricing retail water. Sadly, the minister thinks the public is stupid enough to fall for it. The government admits through this bill that the residential water bill, which includes both state bulk water costs and distribution, retail water and waste water charges—~~

~~Debate, on motion of Mr Dickson, adjourned.~~

~~Sitting suspended from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm.~~

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL

Message from Governor

 **Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade) (2.30 pm): I present a message from Her Excellency the Governor.

The Speaker read the following message—

MESSAGE

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 2011

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, PENELOPE ANNE WENSLEY, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—

A Bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2009, 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2012.


(sgd)

GOVERNOR

Date: 10 JUN 2011

Tabled paper: Message, dated 10 June 2011, from Her Excellency the Governor, recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill.

First Reading

 **Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade) (2.31 pm): I present a bill for an act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2009, 1 July 2011 and 1 July 2012. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.


Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill, explanatory notes.

Second Reading

 **Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade) (2.32 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

I introduce the Appropriation Bill for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service, which provides appropriation for the 2011-12 Budget. The Bill combines both the appropriation for the 2011-12 Budget and the supplementary appropriation for 2009-10 for unforeseen expenditure in the Consolidated Fund Financial Report.

The Government remains committed to the independence of the Legislative Assembly and this extends to the means by which public moneys are appropriated to ensure its continued functioning.

We are therefore adhering to the recent convention that the Legislative Assembly's appropriation be contained in a Bill separate from the Appropriation Bill for the other activities of government.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill will provide the necessary funds to ensure the continued operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service. These include advisory and information services to assist the Parliament, its Committees and Members to fulfil their constitutional and parliamentary responsibilities, the services provided by the Parliamentary Library, Committee Office, Parliamentary Reporting Service, Chamber and Procedural Services, and Security and Attendant Services as well as the provision of accommodation, hospitality and Members' entitlements.

Mr Speaker, I commend the bill to the House.

Debate, on motion of Mr Nicholls, adjourned.