

I have noted the interjections from the member for Mackay and other Labor members. I say to them that their electorates, too, have benefited from Royalties for the Regions. Their electorates, too, will benefit from RegionsQ. The member for Mackay hangs his head in shame because he knows that there have been four Royalties for the Regions projects in his electorate totalling over \$12½ million. It is a great shame that the member for Condamine is not here this afternoon. If he were, I could tell him about all of the money that has been invested in his electorate under the Royalties for the Regions program.

Dr DOUGLAS: Madam Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Madam SPEAKER: Pause the clock. What is your point of order?

Dr DOUGLAS: Madam Speaker, as I informed you, the member for Condamine has gone home ill. He fractured a rib.

Madam SPEAKER: Deputy Premier, there is a convention of not referring to the presence or otherwise of members in the chamber. I ask you to pay attention to that.

Mr SEENEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like an opportunity to explain to the member for Condamine how much money has been allocated for Royalties for the Regions projects in his electorate. None of the members for Condamine, Mackay or Charters Towers has written to me or put forward a project, but we have funded projects.

(Time expired)

Royalties for the Regions

Mr KEMPTON: My question without notice is to the Deputy Premier. Can the Deputy Premier please explain how the Royalties for the Regions program is investing in economic development in Cape York?

Madam SPEAKER: I call the Deputy Premier. You have one minute.

Mr SEENEY: I thank the member for Cook for the question because, unlike those other members, he is a strong advocate for his electorate and is closely engaged with his electorate—in fact, probably more closely engaged with communities on the cape than any other member I know in relation to their electorate. We have funded things such as the Cooktown Esplanade—a little mini South Bank in Cooktown that will benefit the tourism industry that is of great importance to Cooktown. We have put bitumen surfacing on the barge landing at Aurukun. The previous government took the royalties out of Weipa for years and years and years and could not even fund a barge landing for the people of Aurukun. They now have all weather access to their town. In Napranum we have built the precinct ring-road. We have bitumened roads and we have widened and upgraded Napranum Road. We have made sure that these communities share for the first time in the benefits that flow from the resources industry. The member for Cook needs to be congratulated, because he has done more for the electorate of Cook than the former member ever did in all the years he was in this place.

(Time expired)

Madam SPEAKER: The time for questions has expired.

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MINISTERIAL PAPER

Consolidated Fund Financial Report



Hon. TJ NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade) (3.30 pm): I lay upon the table of the House the *Consolidated Fund financial report 2013-14*.

Tabled paper: Queensland Government: Consolidated Fund Financial Report 2013-14.

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2)

Message from Governor



Hon. TJ NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade) (3.31 pm): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

Madam SPEAKER: The message from His Excellency the Governor recommends the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2014, the contents of which will be incorporated in the records of the parliament. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 2014

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, PAUL de JERSEY AC, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—

A Bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay an amount from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial year starting 1 July 2013


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GOVERNOR

Date: 9 SEP 2014

Tabled paper: Message, dated 9 September 2014, from His Excellency the Governor, recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2).

Introduction

 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade) (3.31 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 year starting 1 July 2013. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2014.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2014, explanatory notes.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2014 seeks parliamentary approval of supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service in the 2013-14 financial year of \$5.6 million. This partly relates to determinations by the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal, and members will recall that that determination was made predominantly in the second half of 2013 with effect from the beginning of 2014. Reflecting the practice for annual appropriation bills, supplementary appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service is sought via a separate bill, hence there are two bills for supplementary appropriation this year.

First Reading

Hon. TJ NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade) (3.32 pm): 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.

Referral to the Finance and Administration Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Berry): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. TJ NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade) (3.33 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That under the provisions of standing order 136 the Finance and Administration Committee report to the House on the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) by 9 October 2014.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.