

~~and Parliamentary Service for the financial year starting 1 July 2014. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the bill.~~

~~Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2015.~~

~~Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2015, explanatory notes.~~

~~The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2015 seeks parliamentary approval of supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service in the 2014-15 financial year of \$2.934 million. The unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service was primarily in relation to one-off expenses for the 2015 state general election, the fire protection system at Parliament House and upgrades to the finance system. Together with the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015, which is also introduced today, total supplementary appropriation for 2014-15 is \$12.044 million.~~

First Reading

~~**Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.21 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 Elmes): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.~~

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

~~**Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.21 pm): by leave, without notice: I move—~~

~~That under the provisions of 136 the Finance and Administration Committee report to the House on the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2015 by 20 October 2015.~~

~~Question put—That the motion be agreed to.~~

~~Motion agreed to.~~

<APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)

Message from Governor



Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.22 pm): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Elmes): The message from His Excellency recommends the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015. The contents of the message will be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 2015

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 amounts from the consolidated fund for particular departments for the financial year starting 1 July 2014 and to amend the Financial Accountability Act 2009 for a particular purpose

GOVERNOR

15 SEP 2015

Tabled paper: Message from the Governor regarding the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015.

Introduction



Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.22 pm): I present a bill for an act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the Consolidated Fund for particular departments for the financial year starting 1 July 2014 and to amend the Financial Accountability Act 2009 for a particular purpose. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015.

Tabled paper: Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015, explanatory notes.

The Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015—the bill—provides supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure in 2014-15. Unforeseen expenditure is expenditure from the Consolidated Fund above the amount approved by annual appropriation on an individual department basis. Yesterday I tabled the 2014-15 Consolidated Fund Financial Report, or CFFR, which outlines by department total appropriation from the Consolidated Fund for the financial year. The CFFR includes any unforeseen expenditure and provides explanations on a department basis for variations from the approved annual appropriation amount.

The bill seeks parliamentary approval of supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure incurred by seven departments in the 2014-15 financial year of \$9.110 million. Together with the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2015, which is also introduced today, the total supplementary appropriation for 2014-15 is \$12.044 million. This is the lowest amount of unforeseen expenditure over the past 18 years. The unforeseen expenditure incurred by the seven departments was primarily in relation to additional expenditure for the support services delivered by the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges and capital projects such as police station and watch-house upgrade and refurbishment. The introduction into parliament of the bills for supplementary appropriation on the day after the tabling of the CFFR enables parliamentary scrutiny of unforeseen expenditure.

The bill also amends section 71 of the Financial Accountability Act 2009. Currently this section provides that departments can, with the Treasurer's approval, borrow amounts from Queensland Treasury Corporation. Finance lease arrangements are considered to be a form of borrowing. However, QTC is no longer in the business of leasing. An amendment to section 71 is required so that departments are not limited to borrowing—in relation to leasing—from QTC. Under section 71, departments will continue to only borrow with the Treasurer's approval. Departments will continue to undertake traditional borrowings from QTC except in exceptional circumstances and only with the Treasurer's approval. Departments will be able to engage with parties other than QTC for the purpose of obtaining a finance lease or entering into any other financial arrangement which constitutes a borrowing but only with the Treasurer's approval. In order to ensure that there is appropriate governance to support this amendment, the associated policy documents will be updated to clearly state the appropriate borrowing arrangements for traditional borrowings, leasing and other financial arrangements that constitute a borrowing. >

First Reading

Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.25 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 Elmes): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date

Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (4.26 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 Bill (No. 2) 2015 by 20 October 2015.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

~~JOBS QUEENSLAND BILL~~

~~Introduction~~



~~Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (4.26 pm): I present a bill for an act to establish Jobs Queensland to give advice to the state on skills needs, workforce development and planning and the apprenticeship and traineeship system in Queensland. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Education, Tourism and Small Business Committee to consider the bill.~~

~~Tabled paper: Jobs Queensland Bill 2015.~~

~~Tabled paper: Jobs Queensland Bill 2015, explanatory notes.~~

~~I am pleased to stand here today and introduce the Jobs Queensland Bill 2015. The Palaszczuk government is committed to growing the economy and building new and innovative industries in Queensland. To achieve this, we need to develop the highly skilled and productive workforce required to meet the needs of the future. Jobs Queensland is part of our broader plan to make Queensland's vocational education and training sector the strongest and most productive in the nation to ensure industry can access the skills it needs to fuel growth. This plan also includes the reintroduction of the successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative and the introduction of our Rescuing TAFE plan, which incorporates the repeal of the Queensland Training Assets Management Authority Act 2015 and the introduction of an independent Training Ombudsman.~~

~~The establishment of Jobs Queensland will allow for a focused effort on workforce planning and engagement across a range of industries in Queensland. Funding of up to \$10 million per annum has been allocated to establish and operate Jobs Queensland. The bill establishes the new authority and describes its statutory functions and governance arrangements while providing flexibility and longevity to allow Jobs Queensland to be responsive to changing economic and industry needs.~~

~~Under the bill, Jobs Queensland will have three key functions. It will provide advice to myself, as Minister for Training and Skills, on: skills needs for particular industry sectors or regional areas; future workforce development and planning; and the apprenticeship and traineeship system. It will also have a research function and be required to publicly promote its role and functions.~~

~~Jobs Queensland will identify the skills and training needs across all industries to inform priorities for this government's significant investment in VET. The Department of Education and Training will remain responsible for the supply side, making decisions about designing and delivering programs, managing the VET budget and investing in priority training. The department will also continue to regulate the apprenticeship and traineeship system.~~

016 ~~Separating the strategic advisory role from the regulation of apprenticeships and traineeships reinforces that the new entity is different from its predecessors. It allows the authority to focus on genuine industry engagement and the identification of demand for skilled work across the economy at the strategic level.~~

~~Jobs Queensland will also be more responsive than previous engagement bodies. Jobs Queensland will not be tied to a strict and one-off annual reporting cycle; rather, Jobs Queensland will provide advice to me on an as-needed basis throughout the year as issues arise. In addition, under legislation I will be provided with the power to refer matters relevant to Jobs Queensland's functions for investigation and action throughout the year as they arise, ensuring the skills system as a whole can react responsively as matters arise.~~

~~Jobs Queensland will not have a direct role in advising government on matters of employment policy, which will remain the responsibility of Queensland Treasury. Under the bill I will be able to influence the work undertaken by Jobs Queensland, for example, through issuing a written statement, a statement of expectations, about how they should perform their functions and reporting requirements. Jobs Queensland must also produce a public annual report about how it has performed its functions; however, importantly neither the department nor I can direct the content of the advice that Jobs Queensland provides.~~