APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 2019

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 2018

Signed

GOVERNOR

Date: 19 September 2019

Tabled paper: Message, dated 19 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2019.

Introduction

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane — ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (11.15 am): I present 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 2018. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Economics and Governance Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper. Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2019.

Tabled paper. Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2019, explanatory notes.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2019 provides supplementary appropriation for unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service in 2018-19 of \$639,000. The unforeseen expenditure incurred by the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service was primarily due to additional departmental services; namely, funding for electorate office technology improvements and allowance determinations for the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal. Together with the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019, which is also introduced today, the total supplementary appropriation for 2018-19 is \$1,398 million.

First Reading

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (11.20 am): 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 Economics and Governance Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Economics and Governance Committee.

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)

Message from Governor

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (11.22 am): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): The message from His Excellency recommends the Appropriation Bill (No. 2). 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) 2019

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 2018

Signed

GOVERNOR

Date: 19 September 2019

Tabled paper. Message, dated 19 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor recommending the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019.

Introduction

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (11.22 am): 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 2018. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Economics and Governance Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper. Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019.

Tabled paper. Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019, explanatory notes.

On 16 September I tabled the Consolidated Fund Financial Report for 2018-19. The report outlines by department total appropriations from the Consolidated Fund for the financial year. It also explains variations from the appropriations approved in the 2018-19 budget, including both unforeseen expenditure and lapsed appropriation. Unforeseen expenditure reflects the government's response to emergencies, the acceleration of government programs or priorities, or a changed flowthrough of funds from Commonwealth programs. It is not evidence of government overspending.

In 2018-19, unforeseen expenditure was \$1,397 million, which was more than offset by lapsed appropriations of \$1,463 million returned to the fund. As a share of total appropriations, unforeseen expenditure in 2018-19 was 2.6 per cent. This is around half as much as in 2016-17 but a little under twice as much as in 2017-18. Unforeseen expenditure is far smaller than in the first report handed down by the LNP in which it hit nearly six per cent of appropriations.

Today I introduce Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019, which provides for supplementary appropriation for this unforeseen expenditure. No further approvals are required for the lapsed appropriations as these have been returned to the Consolidated Fund. In 2018-19, eight departments incurred unforeseen expenditure. Three departments accounted for almost 90 per cent of the total.

The Palaszczuk government is proud to deliver major road projects ahead of schedule, including the Gateway Upgrade North, the M1 merge and the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing. In March, the Palaszczuk government completed the congestion-busting widening of the Gateway Motorway. Extra lanes on the motorway and the Deagon Deviation are also significantly reducing bottlenecks on Brisbane's north side. The upgraded Nudgee interchange will improve access, traffic flows and driver safety, both on and off the motorway, in each direction.

The Palaszczuk government is also tackling congestion on the Gold Coast by accelerating our \$2.3 billion program of M1 upgrades, including the M1 merge and Varsity Lakes. The completion of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing means that our world-class exports can get to their destinations quicker and that commuters from Toowoomba, the Darling Downs and the Lockyer Valley can get home safer. It is a more efficient future for our truckies and is fantastic news for the regions outside Greater Brisbane. The acceleration of these projects brings \$441 million of Palaszczuk government investment ahead of schedule and builds on the acceleration of \$305 million last year. Our government also delivered \$58 million in maintenance ahead of schedule and added \$27 million in new maintenance.

The Palaszczuk government is committed to ensuring that every Queensland child gets a great start through a world-class education, no matter where they live. That is why we have delivered 13 new schools since 2015 right across the state, including North Shore State School in Townsville, Picnic Creek State School in Coomera East, Yarrabilba State School in Logan, Cairns State Special School and Bellmere State School in Caboolture. Building on the acceleration in 2018-19, the Palaszczuk government's 2019-20 budget includes a massive \$1.5 billion of school infrastructure investment. This includes building eight new schools in 2020 and a further five schools in 2021.

The Palaszczuk government is supporting local councils in tough times. We plan, we build and then when disaster strikes—from droughts to floods to cyclones—we rebuild. In the last financial year

the Palaszczuk government supported the early flowthrough of 2019-20 financial assistance grants to local governments, which was represented as unforeseen expenditure for the department. Our government also struck a deal in 2018 to ensure a more sustainable Queensland racing industry, increasing prize money for thoroughbred TAB race meetings by \$26 million in exchange for broader industry reforms. Together with the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2019, which is also introduced today, the total supplementary appropriation for 2018-19 is \$1,398 million.

First Reading

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (11.23 am): 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 Economics and Governance Committee

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Economics and Governance Committee.

HOLIDAYS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Message from Governor

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (11.23 am): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): The message from His Excellency recommends the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The contents of the message will be incorporated in the Record of Proceedings. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

HOLIDAYS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

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 to amend the Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991, the Contract Cleaning Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 2005, the Holidays Act 1983 and the Industrial Relations Act 2016 for particular purposes

Signed

GOVERNOR

Date: 17 September 2019

Tabled paper. Message, dated 17 September 2019, from His Excellency the Governor recommending the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Introduction

Hon. G GRACE (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (11.23 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991, the Contract Cleaning Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 2005, the Holidays Act 1983 and the Industrial Relations Act 2016 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Education, Employment and Small Business Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper. Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Tabled paper: Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, explanatory notes.

Today I am pleased to introduce the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into the House. The bill provides for Christmas Eve, 24 December, to be observed as a part-day public holiday from 6 pm to 12 midnight. In introducing this bill, we are recognising that there is something