

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2021

Statement of Compatibility

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2021 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Bill

Supplementary Appropriation

Section 35 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that, should expenditure from the Consolidated Fund exceed the amount approved by annual appropriation, Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, may authorise the expenditure. This is known as unforeseen expenditure and must be approved by the Governor in Council within four weeks of the end of the financial year. Unforeseen expenditure must also be formally approved by Parliament via Appropriation Bills.

On 15 July 2021, the Governor in Council authorised unforeseen expenditure incurred during the 2020-21 financial year. Parliamentary approval for unforeseen expenditure of \$447,456,000 incurred by six departments is now being sought.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The proposed Bill seeks Parliamentary approval for unforeseen expenditure in 2020-21. As these sections of the Bill only apply to internal Government bodies, it in no way limits the human rights of an individual.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* as it does not limit an individual's human rights.

THE HONOURABLE CAMERON DICK MP
TREASURER
MINISTER FOR INVESTMENT