

Appropriation Bill 2023

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 and Minister for Trade and Investment, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Appropriation Bill 2023.

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

Under section 27(a) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, the Treasurer must present annual appropriation bills for each financial year that appropriate funds for each department (except for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service).

Section 35 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, may authorise unforeseen expenditure within four weeks of the end of the financial year. The unforeseen expenditure approved by the Governor in Council must also be formally approved by Parliament.

The Appropriation Bill 2023 provides:

- Authorisation for the Treasurer to pay amounts from the Consolidated Fund for each department (except for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service);
- Supply for 2024-25 to allow normal operations of government to continue until the 2024-25 Appropriation Bill receives assent; and
- Authorisation for amounts of unforeseen expenditure approved by the Governor in Council during the 2022-23 financial year and provisions related to reporting associated with these amounts, as well as lapsing any amounts (if required).

Human Rights Issues

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

The Bill seeks Parliamentary approval of the appropriation for the 2023-24 Budget, supply for the financial year starting 1 July 2024 to allow normal operations of government to continue until the 2024-25 Appropriation Bill receives assent, and additional appropriation for 2022-23 relating to unforeseen expenditure in 2022-23. As the Bill only applies to internal Government bodies, it in no way limits the human rights of an individual.

Conclusion

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

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TREASURER
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