

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2024

Explanatory Notes

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2024.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Section 27(b) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that, for each financial year, the Treasurer must present to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for a parliamentary Annual Appropriation Act.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2024-25 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year;
- Supply for 2025-26 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the 2025-26 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent; and
- Appropriation for amounts of unforeseen expenditure approved by the Governor in Council during the 2023-24 financial year including how these amounts are to be reported.

Any further supplementary appropriation for 2023-24, identified following the completion of annual financial statements, will be included in a separate appropriation Bill.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The policy objectives can only be achieved by legislation.

Estimated cost for government implementation

The Bill will provide appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the 2024-25 financial year and interim supply for 2025-26 until 2025-26 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent, and appropriation relating to unforeseen expenditure for 2023-24.

The administrative cost to government to implement the Bill will be met from existing Queensland Parliamentary Service budget allocation as it is considered a fundamental role of the Queensland Parliamentary Service.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Speaker in determining the appropriation requirements of the Legislative Assembly and the parliamentary service.

Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

The Bill is specific to the State of Queensland and is not complementary to legislation of the Commonwealth or another state.

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that the amount of \$131,935,000 is appropriated for the 2024-25 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment as set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 2(3) provides that the amount of \$131,935,000 includes amounts already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2023*, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2024.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$65,967,500 is appropriated for the 2025-26 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2025-26 receives assent.

Clause 4 provides that for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service, the amount mentioned in Schedule 2 is appropriated for the 2023-24 financial year for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment.

Clause 4(3) provides for the lapsing of any appropriated amount that was not paid in the financial year or within the further 2 weeks from the total amount mentioned for each department in Schedule 2.

Clause 5 provides that a statement is prepared showing the amount of unforeseen expenditure paid in the 2023-24 financial year or within the further 2 weeks, the amount mentioned in Schedule 2 appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and any lapsed amount from that appropriation.

Clause 5(2) provides that the statement is given to the relevant portfolio committee.

Clause 6 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2022* and *Appropriation (Parliament) Act (No. 3) 2022*.

Schedule 1 details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and the amount for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2024-25.

Accountable Officers may apply the total of funds received from the Treasurer for departmental services across the individual services of the department.

Under section 33 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, the Treasurer may pay a department's appropriation in amounts different to those set out in the Annual Appropriation Act, provided that the total vote amount is not exceeded. If the Treasurer considers there is a surplus in one or more of the headings of a department for a financial

year and a deficiency in another heading or headings of that department, the Treasurer may allocate an amount to one or more of the headings that are deficient from the heading or headings in surplus.

Schedule 2 details the total amount appropriated as unforeseen expenditure for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the financial year 2023-24.