



Speech by

Hon. D. HAMILL

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Treasurer's Annual Statement

Hon. D. J. HAMILL (Ipswich—ALP) (Treasurer) (9.46 a.m.), by leave: As the House will be aware, the Treasurer's Annual Statement is my report to Parliament on the financial results for the State Budget sector for the financial year 1998-99, audited as necessary by the Auditor-General. As such, it brings together details of cash transactions in the Consolidated Fund and Trust and Special Funds, including outlays provided for in the Appropriation Acts for the year. An appendix to the statement sets out the unforeseen expenditure requirements for which supplementary supply is sought in the Appropriation Bills 1999.

This is the final Treasurer's Annual Statement in the current reporting format. In June 1999 the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977—the Act—was amended to reflect the implementation of the Managing for Outcomes framework for 1 July 1999. The amendments included a change in the basis of appropriation from an expenditure limit to a revenue based payment to departments on an accrual basis for agreed purposes. From 1999-2000 accountability to the Parliament for appropriations will be by way of the Treasurer's Appropriation Statement.

The Treasurer's Annual Statement for 1998-99 reports that the Consolidated Fund outcome exceeded the 1998-99 Budget forecast. The final surplus cash balance of \$13.85m compares with the Budget estimate of \$7.89m. Underlying this result was an increase in actual receipts compared with Budget estimates of 1.8%, allowing a corresponding increase in spending on services and infrastructure for the Queensland community. Both receipts and expenditure in 1998-99 totalled \$16.4 billion. Compared with the previous year's receipts and expenditure, the 1998-99 results represent an increase of 7.5% in each case.

The more significant components of the increase in Consolidated Fund receipts compared to the 1997-98 actuals were increased Commonwealth payments, section 90 "safety net" revenue replacement grants, stamp duties, gaming machine tax, payroll tax, dividends, tax equivalent payments and a draw-down of Suncorp-Metway merger proceeds. Offsetting these gains to a partial extent were decreased collections from motor vehicle registrations, liquor and tobacco licence fees, interest, Queensland Rail payments relating to coal haulage, and land and property sales.

In summary, the 1998-99 year closed with a better than expected Consolidated Fund cash result, a surplus of close to \$14m. More importantly, revenue growth continued and, as well as supporting an improved surplus, allowed for better provision of services and infrastructure with increased actual outlays of over 7%.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! There is too much audible conversation.

Mr HAMILL: I table the Treasurer's Annual Statement 1998-99 and attached Statement of Unforeseen Expenditure to be Appropriated 1998-99, and I commend these statements to the House.
