




Speech By
Hon. Curtis Pitt


MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE

Record of Proceedings, 14 June 2016

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL

Message from Acting Governor

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (2.33 pm): I present a message from Her Excellency the Acting Governor.

 **Mr SPEAKER:** The message from Her Excellency recommends the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill. The contents of the message will be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*. I table the message for the information of members.

MESSAGE

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 2016

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, CATHERINE ENA HOLMES, Acting 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 the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017

ACTING GOVERNOR

Date: 13 JUN 2016

Tabled paper: Message, dated 13 June 2016, from Her Excellency the Acting Governor recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2016 [\[882\]](#).

Introduction

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (2.34 pm): I present a bill for an act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the Consolidated Fund for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for the financial years starting 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017. I table the bill and explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2016 [\[883\]](#).

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I introduce the appropriation bill for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service, which provides appropriation for the 2016-17 financial year. The bill combines the appropriation for the 2016-17 budget and interim supply for 2017-18 to allow normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service to continue until the 2017-18 appropriation bill receives assent. The government remains committed to the independence of the Legislative Assembly, and this extends to the means by which public moneys are appropriated to ensure its continued functioning. We are therefore adhering to the convention that the Legislative Assembly's appropriation be contained in a bill separate from the Appropriation Bill for the other activities of government.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill will provide the necessary funds to ensure the continued operations of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service. These include: advisory and information services to assist the parliament, its committees and members to fulfil their constitutional and parliamentary responsibilities; the services provided by the Parliamentary Library, committee office, Parliamentary Reporting Service, chamber and procedural services; Security and Attendant Services; and the provision of accommodation, hospitality and members' entitlements.

First Reading

Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (2.35 pm): 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.