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REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL; APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2); AND APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (12.56 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2018, the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 2018 and the Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 in this cognate debate. I will make a short contribution in terms of the content of these bills and the process that the Economics and Governance Committee followed in its consideration of these bills.

The purpose of the appropriation bills is to provide supplementary appropriation for the unforeseen expenditure of some \$5.4 million that occurred in the financial year. Some of the expenditure was due to costs associated with the 2017 electoral boundary redistribution and the state election; accelerated funding for capital programs, including the Bruce Highway upgrade and other state roads; and the Commonwealth government's prepayment of 2018-19 funding for financial assistance grants to local governments. It is interesting to note that the unforeseen expenditure is below the annual average of \$637 million that we have seen over the previous five years, and I would like to congratulate the Treasurer—as this is her first budget—in terms of the reduction in unforeseen expenditure.

Other measures, to name but a few, covered in these bills include the phased expansion of electronic conveyancing, which will allow for an expanded range of transactions, provide options and settle a broader range of transactions through e-conveyancing. Charitable institution registration requirements will be amended to ensure that there are certain restrictions on the use of income and property, which is really important, and that is to be outlined in the institution's constitution. It is pleasing to hear that the Deputy Premier is moving amendments today to ensure that these institutions can be compliant over the coming two years.

Minor amendments will also be made to allow for simplifying provisions for the case management of debtors and the establishment of consistent registration arrangements for all types of debts referred to SPER. This bill will also address serious health concerns with regard to homemade alcohol, which leads to deadly outcomes throughout discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This bill will particularly capture the substance known as turbo yeast.

I would like to thank my fellow Economics and Governance Committee members and our committee staff. I would also like to thank those who appeared as witnesses as part of the committee's inquiries and the departments who worked with us through the committee process. I am pleased to note the committee supports these bills and recommends that they be passed.