



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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Record of Proceedings, 15 June 2021

## **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL**

### **Message from Governor**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (2.00 pm): I present a message from His Excellency the Governor.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The message from His 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 2021

*Constitution of Queensland 2001*, section 68

I, PAUL de JERSEY AC, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intitled-


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 2021 and 1 July 2022

GOVERNOR

Date: 15 June 2021

*Tabled paper:* Message, dated 15 June 2021, from His Excellency the Governor, recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021 [824](#).

### **Introduction**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (2.00 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 2021 and 1 July 2022. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights.

*Tabled paper:* Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021 [825](#).

*Tabled paper:* Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021, explanatory notes [826](#).

*Tabled paper:* Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021, statement of compatibility with human rights [827](#).

I am pleased to introduce the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021. The bill provides appropriation for the 2021-22 financial year as well as interim supply for 2022-23 to allow normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service to continue until the 2022-23 Appropriation Bill receives assent.

The Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021 will provide necessary funds to ensure the continued operations of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service. In particular, the bill provides funding for the operation of the parliament and the Parliamentary Service, including to support 93 members.

One of those 93 members was our dear friend Duncan Pegg, whom we lost last week. Duncan loved this parliament, he loved politics and he loved representing his community. Duncan also loved the annual budget sitting week. Duncan participated fully and vigorously in all budget debates during his time in this place and his contributions on the appropriation bills were always outstanding. I know that Duncan would have loved to be here with us to see this budget. I hope the 2021 state budget would meet Duncan's expectations: a Labor budget, a budget for all Queenslanders and a budget that Duncan would have been proud to help deliver in his community.

While I am on my feet, I should thank officers of the Treasury who have supported the government in this process. While our last budget was produced in record time following the state election, it was delivered in December. It means that this budget cycle has been particularly compressed, meaning that we have worked officers in the Treasury very hard this year. I want to thank the acting Under Treasurer, Leon Allen; and Deputy Under Treasurers, Graham Fraine and Michael Carey; Head of Economics, Dennis Molloy; Head of Fiscal, Will Ryan; from the budget office, Kath Begley; Head of Commercial, Sarah Amos; Head of Policy and Performance, Drew Ellem; and all other Treasury officers who have contributed so much to this important process.

I also wish to acknowledge Rachel Hunter, who was the Under Treasurer when we started this process and was instrumental in setting our budget strategy. Rachel is a lifelong servant of the people of Queensland and is now leading Queensland's Public Service as the first female director-general of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. I commend the bill to the House.

### **First Reading**

**Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (2.04 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.

**Mr SPEAKER:** In accordance with standing order 177, the bill is now set down for its second reading.