

# Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2023

## Short title

The short title of the Bill is *Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2023*.

## Policy objectives and the reasons for them

### *Background*

Payments from the Consolidated Fund, including unforeseen expenditure, must be formally authorised under an Act of Parliament in accordance with section 66 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* (Qld).

The *Appropriation Act 2022* (Qld) (assented to on 29 August 2022) appropriated the amount of \$69,860,232,000 from the Consolidated Fund for departments for the financial year starting 1 July 2022.

### *2022-23 Supplementary appropriation*

Parliamentary approval for supplementary appropriation for 2022-23 for unforeseen expenditure has been sought as follows:

1. The *Appropriation Bill 2023* (Qld) (introduced to Parliament on 13 June 2023) will, on assent, appropriate the amount of \$1,340,001,000 from the consolidated fund for 11 departments for the financial year starting 1 July 2022.
2. This Bill, which provides for supplementary appropriation for an additional amount of unforeseen expenditure incurred during the 2022-23 financial year.

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Governor in Council authorised unforeseen expenditure that occurred in the 2022-23 financial year, that is, expenditure from the Consolidated Fund in excess of the amounts already authorised, in accordance with section 35 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* (Qld).

Timely consideration of unforeseen expenditure enhances transparency and accountability of Government expenditure. As such, supplementary appropriation is sought via a separate Appropriation Bill as soon as possible after the end of the financial year rather than combined with the annual Appropriation Bills introduced next year at Budget time.

The supplementary appropriation sought is based on the Consolidated Fund Financial Report, noting unforeseen expenditure to be appropriated, which has been prepared by the Treasurer and reported on by the Auditor-General in accordance with section 23 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* (Qld).

Explanations of unforeseen expenditure requirements by departments have been provided as part of the 2022-23 Consolidated Fund Financial Report.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objectives of the Bill for supplementary appropriation are achieved as payments from the Consolidated Fund, including unforeseen expenditure, must be formally authorised under an Act of Parliament in accordance with section 66 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* (Qld).

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

The policy objective can only be achieved by legislation.

## **Estimated cost for government implementation**

There are not any additional administrative costs in implementing the Bill as it seeks Parliamentary approval for expenditure incurred in the 2022-23 financial year.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the departments in establishing the appropriation payable to them pursuant to this Bill.

## **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(1)* authorises the Treasurer to pay \$1,243,941,000 from the Consolidated Fund for departments as stated in Schedule 1, for the financial year starting 1 July 2022.

*Clause 2(2)* provides that for each department, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 1 is appropriated for the department for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment for the year as stated in the Schedule.