

# Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2012

## Explanatory Notes

### General Outline

### Policy Objectives of the Bill

Section 27(b) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that for each financial year, the Treasurer must present to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for a parliamentary Annual Appropriation Act for the financial year.

This Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2012-13 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service in that year and certain services, equity adjustment and administered items delivered in the previous year, not previously funded; and
- Supply for 2013-14 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service to continue until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2013-14 receives assent.
- Supplementary appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for unforeseen expenditure that occurred in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years.
- The supplementary appropriation sought is based on the Consolidated Fund Financial Reports for the respective financial years, noting unforeseen expenditure to be appropriated, which has been prepared by the Treasurer and reported upon by the Auditor-General in accordance with Section 23 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*. A brief explanation of departmental unforeseen expenditure requirements has been provided as part of the Consolidated Fund Financial Reports for the respective financial years.

## Notes On Provisions

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 provides that the amount of \$80 534 000 is appropriated for the 2012-13 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment as set out in Schedule 1.

It also provides that part of that amount may be applied for some payments necessary in respect of departmental services, administered items and equity adjustments delivered in 2011-12 which were not paid for by the end of that financial year.

Clause 2(3) provides that the amount of \$80 534 000 includes the amount already authorised by the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2011*, section 3, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2012.

Clause 3 provides that the amount of \$40 300 000 is authorised to be paid for the 2013-14 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for the application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation

(Parliament) Bill for 2013-14 receives assent.

Clause 4(1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$530 000 from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service as stated in Schedule 2 for the financial year starting 1 July 2010.

Clause 4(2) provides that for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 2 is appropriated for application to its departmental outputs, equity adjustment and administered items for the year as stated in the Schedule.

Clause 5(1) authorises the Treasurer to pay \$3 250 000 from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service as stated in Schedule 3 for the financial year starting 1 July 2011.

Clause 5(2) provides that for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service, the total amount mentioned in Schedule 3 is appropriated for application to its departmental services, equity adjustment and administered items for the year as stated in the Schedule.

Clause 6 repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2009 (2009 Act No. 27)*.

Schedule 1 to the Bill details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service and the amounts for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2012-13.

## **Legislative Standards**

### **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Speaker in determining the appropriation requirements of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Service.