I also table the actuarial investigation of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme, QSuper, as at 30 June 2015 and a letter from the Queensland Investment Corporation, QIC, confirming that QIC will continue to manage the assets held by the government to meet its defined benefit liabilities in accordance with the government’s fiscal principle of targeting full funding of its long-term liabilities based on actuarial advice.


Tabled paper: Letter, dated 20 May 2016, from the Under-Treasurer, Queensland Treasury, Mr Jim Murphy, to the State Actuary, Mr Wayne Cannon, regarding the review of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (QSuper).

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 31 May 2016, from the Chief Executive, Queensland Investment Corporation, Mr Damien Frawley, to the Under-Treasurer, Queensland Treasury, Mr Jim Murphy, regarding QIC’s investment management of the state’s Employer Fund and other long-term assets.

Section 11(1) of the Financial Accountability Act 2009, the FA Act, provides—

From time to time, the Treasurer must prepare and table in the Legislative Assembly a charter of fiscal responsibility giving details of the government’s fiscal objectives.

The government has a clear role in providing high-quality and appropriate front-line services that keep pace with growth in the population while maintaining fiscally responsible and affordable levels of expenditure. Accordingly, the government has decided to adopt a new fiscal principle following delivery of the government’s commitment to revitalise front-line services. The government will work towards a sustainable Public Service by ensuring that growth in the public sector—full-time equivalent employees, FTEs—on average over the forward estimates does not exceed population growth in order to maintain consistency between the budgeted documentation and the official charter. I table the revised charter of fiscal responsibility.

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.

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, explanatory notes.
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.

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

BUDGET PAPERS

Hon. CW PITT (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (2.36 pm): I lay upon the table of the House the following documents: Appropriation Bills Booklet; Budget Speech; Budget Strategy and Outlook; Capital Statement; Budget Measures; Budget Highlights; Regional Action Plans; and Service Delivery Statements, including statements for the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Capital Statement—Budget Paper No. 3.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Budget Measures—Budget Paper No. 4.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Budget Highlights—Advancing Queensland’s Economy.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Regional Action Plan—Gold Coast.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Regional Action Plan—Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Service Delivery Statements—Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Office of the Governor, Public Service Commission, Queensland Audit Office.
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2016-17: Service Delivery Statements—Legislative Assembly of Queensland.