2018. Legislation to repeal the FIRS was introduced into the Australian parliament earlier this year and is expected to be passed before 1 July 2018. The closure of the FIRS will require all heavy vehicles registered under the FIRS to transition to state and territory based registration systems during a transition window from 1 July this year to 30 June next year. Consequently, this bill also amends the Duties Act Queensland 2001 to provide a one-off exemption from vehicle registration duty for heavy vehicles transitioning from the FIRS to the Queensland registration scheme during the transition window.

The bill also makes some consequential changes throughout the remainder of the HVNL to reflect that the majority of registration matters are not dealt with under the HVNL but, rather, they are to be regulated under various jurisdictional laws. These amendments will ensure that jurisdictions can continue to perform registration-related functions, but will allow the NHVR access to registration data to perform its functions. The national operator fleet dataset will comprise a single minimal dataset with common definitions and business rules populated by data provided by all jurisdictions. Jurisdictions will be responsible for submitting clean and consistent data that will allow the NHVR access to registration data to perform its functions. The NHVR will be given full access to the dataset on 1 July this year and will be responsible for its maintenance.

The heavy vehicle amendments in this bill represent the next step in the ongoing evolution and improvement of heavy vehicle regulation in Queensland and across our nation. They are a prime example of what can be achieved when jurisdictions and industry work together. I am pleased to progress these amendments.

In relation to road safety, this bill also includes a range of amendments that impact drivers in Queensland. These amendments focus on improving road safety and addressing new technologies. The bill allows the chief executive to notify the registered operator of a vehicle when an offence is committed in their vehicle by another driver. This will enable informed conversations between vehicle owners and the people they allow to use their vehicle leading to improved road safety outcomes. This particular reform may appear minor, but it has been sought by many in the heavy vehicle industry for quite some time.

As members may be aware, the Palaszczuk government has been conducting an Australian-first trial of a new high-tech safety-focused online test called PrepL, which will push learner drivers through an intensive interactive course, including driving simulation tasks and powerful real-life interviews. This bill contains amendments that relate to the retention of digital photos and signatures to support PrepL. This will give participants more flexibility to attend a customer service centre to provide their photo and signature within the 12-month PrepL enrolment period.

Debate, on motion of Mr Bailey, adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm.

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL

Message from Governor

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (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 2018

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, PAUL de JERSEY AC, 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 2018 and 1 July 2019

(sgd)

GOVERNOR

Date: 12 June 2018
Tabled paper: Message, dated 12 June 2018, from His Excellency the Governor, recommending the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2018.

Introduction

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (2.01 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 2018 and 1 July 2019. I table the bill and the explanatory notes.


I introduce the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service which provides appropriation for the 2018-19 financial year. The bill combines the appropriation for the 2018-19 budget and interim supply for 2019-20 to allow normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service to continue until the 2019-20 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent.

The government remains committed to the independence of the Legislative Assembly and this extends the means by which public moneys are appropriated to ensure its continued functioning. We are therefore adhering to the current 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 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 and security and attendant services as well as the provision of accommodation, hospitality and members’ entitlements.

First Reading

Hon. JA TRAD (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (2.02 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

Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2018-19: Budget Speech—Budget Paper No. 1
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2018-19: Budget Strategy and Outlook—Budget Paper No. 2
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2018-19: Budget Measures—Budget Paper No. 4
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2018-19: Budget Highlights—Delivering for Queenslanders
Tabled paper: Queensland Budget 2018-19: Regional Action Plan—Delivering for the Gold Coast