

# Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021

## Explanatory Notes

### Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

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.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The Bill provides for:

- Appropriation for 2021-22 to fund the cost of providing the services, equity adjustment and administered items of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service in that year; and
- Supply for 2022-23 to allow the normal operations of the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service to continue until the 2022-23 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent.

There is no supplementary unforeseen expenditure included in this Bill. The supplementary appropriation for 2019-20 unforeseen expenditure was included in the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2020*.

### Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The policy objectives can only be achieved by legislation.

### Estimated cost for government implementation

The Bill will provide appropriation for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the 2021-22 financial year and interim supply for 2022-23 until 2022-23 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill receives assent. Consistent with this approach, any supplementary appropriation for 2020-21, identified following the completion of annual financial statements, will be included in a separate appropriation Bill.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

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

## Notes on provisions

*Clause 1* provides for the short titles of the Act.

*Clause 2* provides that the amount of \$103,325,000 is appropriated for the 2021-22 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.

*Clause 2(3)* provides that the amount of \$103,325,000 includes amounts already authorised by *Appropriation (Parliament) (2020-2021) Act 2021*, to be paid for the financial year starting 1 July 2021.

*Clause 3* provides that the amount of \$51,662,500 is appropriated for the 2022-23 financial year for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment until the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for 2022-23 receives assent.

*Clause 4* repeals the *Appropriation (Parliament) Act 2019* (Act No. 21 of 2019) and *Appropriation (Parliament) Act (No. 2) 2020* (Act No. 4 of 2020).

*Schedule 1* details the total amount appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service and the amount for application to its departmental services, administered items and equity adjustment in 2021-22.