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47th Parliament

25 – 27 October 2022

Budget

4.01 Introduction of the 2022-2023 Budget and budget reply

On Tuesday evening the Treasurer presented Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023, moved the second reading and delivered the budget speech. Debate adjourned and the Assistant Treasurer presented budget-related documents. The Assistant Treasurer then presented Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2022-2023 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023. Before each bill was presented, a message from the Governor-General was announced recommending appropriation.

On Thursday evening debate resumed on the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) and the Leader of the Opposition delivered his budget reply speech.

This was the second budget presented in 2022. The budget bills were previously presented in March but lapsed at the dissolution of the 46th Parliament.

Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1953-62

27 October 2022, 2262-7

Votes and Proceedings: 2022/228-9, 266

SOs 142, 178, 180

4.02 Supply bills introduced on budget night

Following the introduction of the 2022-2023 Budget, the Assistant Treasurer presented Supply Bill (No. 3) 2022-2023, Supply Bill (No. 4) 2022-2023 and Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2022-2023. Before each of the bills was presented a message from the Governor-General was announced recommending appropriation.

Supply bills had been passed in the previous parliament when it was expected that the budget bills would not pass before the dissolution of the 46th Parliament. These bills provided expenditure for the first five months of the financial year – that is, until the end of November 2022. The supply bills introduced on Tuesday provide appropriations for the continuation of normal government and parliamentary services for the remainder of the financial year. On presenting the bills, the Assistant Treasurer explained that they did not contain funding for any new budget measures.

By leave, debate then resumed on each of the supply bills in turn. A second reading amendment to Supply Bill (No. 3), moved by an Australian Greens member, was negatived on the voices before each of the bills passed all stages. The bills passed the Senate the following day.

Supply bills provide funds for an interim period to ensure continuity of normal government business. They are typically introduced when the main appropriation bills are not scheduled to pass before the beginning of the financial year.

*Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1962-7
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/229-30*

SO 63, 142, 145, 178, 180

4.03 Statement by Chair of Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on draft budget estimates for the ANAO and PBO

As usual on budget day the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit made a statement regarding the draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2022-2023 and presented a copy of his statement.

As the committee responsible for parliamentary oversight of the ANAO and PBO, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit is required by legislation to consider the draft budget estimates for each office. On budget day each year the committee makes a statement on whether, in its opinion, these offices have been given sufficient funding to carry out their respective mandates. See the Parliamentary Service Act 1999 regarding the committee's role in respect of the PBO and the Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951 regarding the ANAO.

*Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1947-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/227*

SO 199

Motions

4.04 Condolence motion for John Michael Spender KC

On Tuesday the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion on the death of John Michael Spender KC, a former member for the division of North Sydney from 1980 to 1990. The motion acknowledged his service as a member of the House and as a diplomat, and offered sympathy to his family in their bereavement. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and the Member for Wentworth, Mr Spender's daughter, also spoke. All members present rose in their places as a mark of respect before the motion was referred to the Federation Chamber for further debate.

*Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1910-2
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/223*

SOs 49, 183

4.05 Anniversary of national apology to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

On Thursday the House agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the Prime Minister to move a motion at 2pm that day regarding the anniversary of the national apology to the survivors and victims of institutional child sexual abuse. Later, the Prime Minister moved the motion commemorating the apology given by Prime Minister Gillard in the House four years

ago. The Leader of the Opposition spoke in support of the motion before it was referred to the Federation Chamber for further debate.

Hansard: 27 October 2022, 2173; 2223-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/253; 262

SOs 47, 183

4.06 Disallowance motion

During government business time on Thursday, the House agreed to suspend standing orders to call on the Member for Clark's notice of motion relating to the disallowance of the Export Control (Animals) Amendment (Northern Hemisphere Summer Prohibition) Rules 2022 made under the *Export Control Act 2020*. The independent member then moved that the rules, relating to live sheep exports, be disallowed. A number of members spoke in the debate before the disallowance motion was disagreed to on division.

Hansard: 27 October 2022, 2253-62
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/265

SOs 35, 47

Statements

4.07 Statements on indulgence

On Tuesday the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements by indulgence in relation to recent floods in Australia. The House agreed to allow further statements on the matter in the Federation Chamber.

On Thursday the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition made statements by indulgence regarding the retirement of New South Wales Minister for Health, Brad Hazzard, and regarding the Australian wheelchair rugby league team and the upcoming Rugby League World Cup.

Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1912-4
27 October 2022, 2223; 2242
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/223

SOs 65, 183

4.08 Regional ministerial budget statement

On Wednesday, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, by leave, delivered the regional ministerial budget statement. The Leader of the Nationals addressed the House in reply.

Hansard: 26 October 2022, 2021-7
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/243

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Bills

4.09 Debate management motion for Cheaper Child Care Bill

On Wednesday the Leader of the House moved to suspend standing orders to facilitate the passage of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022. The motion provided for: shorter speech time limits for the second reading debate; the debate to continue from 8pm that evening until no further members rose to speak or until a minister required the debate to be adjourned (no earlier than 10pm); and the bill to be called on the following day with questions to be put on the remaining stages. The Leader of the Australian Greens moved, as an amendment, that divisions and quorums called for from 7.30pm that evening be deferred until the next day. The amendment was carried on the voices and the suspension motion, as amended, was carried on division.

The adjournment debate took place as usual from 7.30pm to 8pm that evening. In accordance with the resolution above, the second reading debate on the bill then resumed and continued until 9.51pm, when the House was adjourned. The bill passed all stages the following day.

Hansard: 26 October 2022, 2079-83; 2092-6
27 October 2022, 2191-3
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/245-7; 256-7

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Documents

4.10 Parliamentary annual reports presented

The Speaker presented the annual reports of Department of the House of Representatives on 25 October and the Department of Parliamentary Services and the Parliamentary Budget Office on 26 October.

Hansard: 25 October 2022, 1931
26 October 2022, 2054
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/223; 223; 243

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Offensive words[#]

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'Fifty shades of flex!'	26 October 2022	2052

[#] List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.