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Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1987 – 88

Date Introduced: 23 March 1988
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. John Dawkins, M.P., Minister for Employment, Education and Training

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Purpose

To appropriate $153 440 000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in addition to the funds appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2)* 1987 – 88, for capital works and services, payments to the States and Northern Territory and for other services.

Background

Refer to the Digest for the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1987 – 88.

Outline

A summary of the allocation of the funds sought by the Bill appears on page 5 of the Bill. The major increases sought are:

The Department of Primary Industries and Energy seeks $81.069 million to validate rebates of crude oil excise paid in 1982 – 83. As an equal amount will be raised in excise from the same period, this merely corrects a technical error. This Department also seeks $410 million for payment to New South Wales for the Coal Freight Rate Efficiency Scheme.

The Department of Community Services and Health seeks $11.278 million for Medicare grants payable to the States and the Northern Territory. The Department also seeks $5.1 million for computer equipment.

The Department of Defence seeks $10 million to provide additional capital for the Defence Services Homes Corporation.

The Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories seeks 45.067 million for expenditure under the *Australian Sports Commission Act* 1985.

Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance will be authorised to issue $153 440 000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the services specified in the

Schedule to the Bill. Clause 4 will deem the amount to have been appropriated from 1 July 1987.

The appropriate Minister will be able to determine the terms and conditions that will apply to grants to the States, Territories, local government or organisations (clause 5).

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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