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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 161.

TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1953.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord Cherwell of Oxford, United Kingdom Paymaster-General, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—F. E. Rose.
4. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.**—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Fifth Report—Department of Works.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1953-54.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" Northern Territory, £2,674,000 "—

Vote—" Australian Capital Territory, £2,405,000 "—

Vote—" Norfolk Island, £58,300 "—

Vote—" Papua and New Guinea, £5,931,700 "—

Votes further debated.

The Chairman (Mr. Adermann) having called upon Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) to speak—
Point of Order.—Mr. Daly raised a Point of Order that the Minister had been called immediately after a speaker on the Government side.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the Minister in charge of the Estimates under consideration was entitled to the call.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Daly, having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 42.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan

NOES, 47.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Opperman

And so it was negatived,
Debate continued,

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Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes past eight o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Votes had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the sum already voted for such services, there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £428,260,000 for the services of the year 1953-54, viz. :—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		£
Parliament .. .. .	.. .. .	745,000
Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	2,059,000
Department of External Affairs .. .. .	.. .. .	1,915,000
Department of the Treasury .. .. .	.. .. .	8,071,000
Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	.. .. .	1,320,000
Department of the Interior .. .. .	.. .. .	3,510,000
Department of Works .. .. .	.. .. .	2,274,000
Department of Civil Aviation .. .. .	.. .. .	10,858,000
Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	.. .. .	3,370,000
Department of Health .. .. .	.. .. .	1,281,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture .. .. .	.. .. .	1,619,000
Department of Social Services .. .. .	.. .. .	2,411,000
Department of Shipping and Transport .. .. .	.. .. .	1,049,000
Department of Territories .. .. .	.. .. .	159,000
Department of Immigration .. .. .	.. .. .	1,267,000
Department of Labour and National Service .. .. .	.. .. .	1,860,000
Department of National Development .. .. .	.. .. .	906,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization .. .. .	.. .. .	3,660,000
Australian Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	.. .. .	368,000
Defence Services—	£	
Department of Defence	712,000	
Department of the Navy	45,770,000	
Department of the Army	73,742,000	
Department of Air	56,363,000	
Department of Supply	14,752,000	
Department of Defence Production	8,661,000	
	200,000,000	
Miscellaneous Services	17,717,000	
Refunds of Revenue	18,000,000	
Advance to the Treasurer	16,000,000	
Bounties and Subsidies	21,165,000	
War and Repatriation Services	18,162,000	
	339,746,000	
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.		
Commonwealth Railways	3,794,000	
Postmaster-General's Department	68,922,000	
Broadcasting Services	4,729,000	
	77,445,000	
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		
Northern Territory	2,674,000	
Australian Capital Territory	2,405,000	
Norfolk Island	58,300	
Papua and New Guinea	5,931,700	
	11,069,000	
	428,260,000	

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953-54, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £276,606,000.

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Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL 1953-54.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Estimates, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.
Mr. Hamilton addressing the Committee—
Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Ward moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.
Question—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 43.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan
NOES, 49.				
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.
Debate continued.
Mr. Ward rising to address the Committee—
Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49.				
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Gullett
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	

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NOES, 39.				
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Harrison	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Estimates be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House—

That, including the sum already voted for such services, there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £94,998,000 for the services of the year 1953-54, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, viz. :—

PART 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—OTHER THAN BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		£
Parliament		20,000
Prime Minister's Department ¹		1,115,000
Department of External Affairs		255,000
Department of the Treasury		184,000
Attorney-General's Department		80,000
Department of the Interior 		1,481,000
Department of Works 		£ 920,000
Department of Civil Aviation 		5,600,000
Department of Trade and Customs		126,000
Department of Health		2,010,000
Repatriation Department		350,000
Department of Commerce and Agriculture		265,000
Department of Social Services		28,036,000
Department of Shipping and Transport		4,879,000
Department of Territories		15,000
Department of Immigration		540,000
Department of Labour and National Service		50,000
Department of National Development		13,841,000
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization		348,000
Australian Atomic Energy Commission		238,000
Total PART 1		60,353,000
PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.		
Commonwealth Railways		1,900,000
Postmaster-General's Department		26,910,000
Broadcasting Services		331,000
Total PART 2		29,141,000
PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.		
Northern Territory		1,967,000
Australian Capital Territory		3,501,000
Papua and New Guinea		36,000
Total PART 3		5,504,000
TOTAL		94,998,000

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1953-54.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1953-54, for Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £62,721,000.

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Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Eric J. Harrison and Sir Philip McBride do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1953-54.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Eric J. Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham		Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 39.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Duthie	Mr. E. James	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Harrison	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Berry, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Hulme, Mr. James, Mr. Kekwick, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. McLeay, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Russell, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Turner.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.