

# Chapter 13. Financial proposals

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## ***Chapter outline***

This chapter sets out:

- special measures for appropriation and taxation proposals, and
  - procedures for Governor-General's messages recommending appropriation.
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## **Proposals for appropriation and taxation**

### **178 Notice not required for certain bills or proposals**

A Minister may present without notice an Appropriation or Supply Bill or a bill or proposal dealing with taxation.

### **179 Taxation proposals initiated by Minister**

- (a) Only a Minister may initiate a proposal to impose, increase, or decrease a tax or duty, or change the scope of any charge.
- (b) Only a Minister may move an amendment to the proposal which increases or extends the scope of the charge proposed beyond the total already existing under any Act of Parliament.
- (c) A Member who is not a Minister may move an amendment to the proposal which does not increase or extend the scope of the charge proposed beyond the total already existing under any Act of Parliament.

## **Messages recommending appropriation**

### **180 Appropriations recommended by Governor-General**

- (a) All proposals for the appropriation of revenue or moneys require a message to the House from the Governor-General recommending the purpose of the appropriation in accordance with section 56 of the Constitution.
- (b) For an Appropriation or Supply Bill, the message must be announced before the bill is introduced.

(c) For other bills appropriating revenue or moneys, a Minister may introduce the bill and the bill may be proceeded with before the message is announced and *standing order 147 (message recommending appropriation)* applies.

(d) A further message must be received before any amendment can be moved which would increase, or extend the objects and purposes or alter the destination of, a recommended appropriation.

### **181 Message for Senate amendments and requests**

Any message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation in relation to a Senate amendment or request for amendment to a House bill, must be announced before the House proceeds to consider the amendment or request.

### **182 Governor-General's messages announced**

The Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall announce all messages from the Governor-General in the House or the Main Committee, as appropriate, but not during a debate or so as to interrupt a Member speaking.