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APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1985-86

Date introduced: 19 March 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Chris Hurford, M.P., Minister
Representing the Minister for
Finance

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To appropriate \$183.567 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in addition to the funds appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1985-86, for capital works and services, payments to the States and Northern Territory, and for other services.

Background

This Bill forms part of the Additional Estimates for 1985-86. The additional funds sought by this Bill are necessary to cover the extra costs resulting from wage and price increases and additional Government commitments. The major new commitments relate to additional assistance for disaster relief, the commencement of construction of the National Maritime Museum and the decision to subsidise the cost of the anti-dumping duty on imports of certain fertilisers.

Outline

A summary of the allocation of the funds appropriated by this Bill is included as page 5 of the Bill.

The major increases in expenditure result from:

the payment of \$52.26 million to the States and Northern Territory in respect of the Medicare public hospital agreements;

- . an additional \$21 million being made available to the States and Northern Territory for natural disaster relief and restoration;

- . the grant of \$19.5 million to the States and Northern Territory to provide assistance to users to compensate for the anti-dumping duty imposed on certain imported fertilisers;

- . an additional \$16.7 million being made available to the Parliament House Construction Authority; and

- . the payment of \$8.0 million to the New South Wales Government for the construction of stage 1 of the National Maritime Museum.

Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance may issue \$183.567 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes set out in the Schedule of the Bill, for the year ended 30 June 1986 (clause 3).

Clause 4 provides that the proposed appropriations will be deemed to have been appropriated from 1 July 1985.

Clause 5 will allow the appropriate Minister to determine the terms and conditions that will apply to grants to the States, Territories, local government or organisations.

Clauses 6, 7 and 8 deal with formal matters.

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

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