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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, and had presented to him the Address of the House of Representatives, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to on the 5th June instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

GENTLEMEN :

It is highly gratifying to me to receive your Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of The Parliament of the Commonwealth ; and I thank you for your pleasing assurances of loyalty to the Throne and Person of the Sovereign.

I earnestly hope that the result of your considerations of the various measures submitted to Parliament will prove of much benefit to the people of Australia.

HOPETOUN,

Governor-General.

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3. SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Cameron, referring to the answer given by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister to Question No. 2 on the Notice Paper for this day, as to the swearing-in of honorable Members of this House on the occasion of the Opening of The Parliament, stated that he was of opinion the oath had not been properly administered on that occasion, and he desired, therefore, to make and subscribe the oath before Mr. Speaker.  
Mr. Speaker stated that although the honorable Member had duly signed the form of oath, still if he were of opinion that the oath had not been properly administered to him he would be allowed to again submit himself to be sworn.
4. MEMBER SWORN.—Donald Norman Cameron, Esquire, took and again subscribed the oath required by law.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.  
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.  
Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING THE 30TH JUNE, 1901.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and ninety-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the following services for the period ending 30th June, 1901, viz.:—

## I.—MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Number.	DIVISION NO. 1.	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
	<b>THE SENATE.</b>		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	SALARIES.	£	£
1	The President, at £1,100 per annum, from 9th May, 1901	...	160
1	The Chairman of Committees, at £500 per annum, from date of election	...	30
1	Clerk of the Parliaments, at £900 per annum, from 1st April, 1901	...	225
1	Clerk Assistant, at £750 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	125
1	Usher of the Black Rod and Clerk of Select Committees, at £550 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	92
1	Clerk of the Papers, at £360 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	60
1	Shorthand Writer and Typist, at £160 per annum, from 1st June, 1901	...	14
1	Junior Clerk, at £160 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	27
1	Housekeeper and Doorkeeper, at £180 per annum, in addition to quarters, from 1st May, 1901	...	30
1	Special Messenger, at £170 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	29
3	Messengers, at £168 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	84
4	Sessional Messengers, at £3 per week	...	104
17	Total SALARIES	...	980
	Subdivision No. 2.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Stores, Stationery, Travelling, and Incidental Expenses	...	100
	Total Division No. 1	...	1,080
	DIVISION NO. 2.		
	<b>THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.</b>		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	SALARIES.		
1	The Speaker, at £1,100 per annum, from 9th May, 1901	...	160
1	The Chairman of Committees, at £500 per annum, from 5th June, 1901	...	37
1	Clerk of the House of Representatives	...	125
1	Clerk Assistant, at £750 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	100
1	Second Clerk Assistant, at £600 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	92
1	Serjeant-at-Arms and Clerk of Committees, at £550 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	70
1	Clerk of the Papers and Accountant, at £420 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	59
1	Clerk of the Records, at £350 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	50
1	Assistant Clerk of Committees and Reading Clerk, at £300 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	34
1	Assistant Reading Clerk, at £200 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	34
1	Principal Doorkeeper, at £204 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	126
4	Senior Doorkeepers, at £188 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	78
3	Junior Doorkeepers, at £156 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	31
2	Junior Doorkeepers, at £156 per annum, from 27th May, 1901	...	...
20	Total SALARIES (carried forward)	...	996

I.—MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—*continued.*

DIVISION No. 2.		Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES— <i>continued.</i>		£	£
Brought forward ... ..		...	996
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Temporary Assistance, Charwomen, Stores, Stationery, Travelling and Incidental Expenses ... ..		...	425
Total Division No. 2 ... ..		...	1,421
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DIVISION No. 3.			
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
SALARIES.			
1	Principal Parliamentary Reporter, at £700 per annum, from 1st April, 1901 ... ..	...	175
1	Second Parliamentary Reporter, at £600 per annum, from 1st April, 1901 ... ..	...	150
7	Parliamentary Reporters, at £500 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ... ..	...	584
1	Typist, at £200 per annum, from 1st April, 1901 ... ..	...	50
1	Attendant, at £156 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ... ..	...	26
5	Sessional Typists, at £18 per month, from 1st May, 1901 ... ..	...	180
16	Total SALARIES ... ..	...	1,165
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Stores, Stationery, Travelling and Incidental Expenses ... ..		...	400
Total Division No. 3 ... ..		...	1,565
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DIVISION No. 4.			
THE LIBRARY.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
SALARIES.			
1	The Librarian, at £600 per annum, from 1st May, 1901... ..	...	100
1	Clerk, at £200 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ... ..	...	34
1	Messenger, at £188 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ... ..	...	32
3	Total SALARIES ... ..	...	166
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Books and Bookbinding ... ..		...	100
Fuel, Light, Water, Stationery, Postage Stamps, Incidental Expenses, Allowance to Charwoman, and to Temporary Messengers and other Temporary Assistance ... ..		...	108
		...	208
Total Division No 4 ... ..		...	374

I.—MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—*continued.*

		Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
		£	£
DIVISION No. 5.			
REFRESHMENT ROOMS.			
Allowance to Controller, at £50 per annum, from 1st May, 1901,			
Wages of Staff, Fuel, Light, and Incidental Expenses ...		...	129
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DIVISION No. 6.			
Water power for Parliament House ...		...	50
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DIVISION No. 7.			
PARLIAMENT GARDENS.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
SALARIES.			
1	Foreman Gardener, at £168 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	28
2	Gardeners, at £132 per annum, from 1st May, 1901	...	44
3	Total SALARIES	...	72
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
...	Incidental Expenses	...	17
...	Total Division No. 7	...	89
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DIVISION No. 8.			
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
SALARIES.			
1	Private Secretary to the Vice-President, at £400 per annum, from 19th April, 1901	...	80
1	Acting Clerk to the Federal Executive Council, at £150 per annum, from 1st January, 1901	...	75
1	Clerk, at £290 per annum, from 1st January, 1901	...	145
3	Total SALARIES	...	300
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
...	Stores, Stationery Incidental and Travelling Expenses	...	280
...	Total Division No. 8	...	580

I.—MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—*continued.*

Number.		Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
		£	£
	DIVISION No. 9.		
	ADMINISTRATIVE.		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	SALARIES.		
1	Secretary, at £800 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ...	...	134
1	Chief Clerk, at £600 per annum, from 18th May, 1901 ...	...	73
1	Secretary to the Prime Minister, at £450 per annum, from 1st January, 1901 ...	...	225
1	Clerk, at £250 per annum, from 1st January, 1901 ...	...	125
1	Clerk, at £250 per annum, from 1st February, 1901 ...	...	105
1	Clerk, at £240 per annum, from 7th May, 1901 ...	...	37
1	Clerk, at £120 per annum, from 13th February, 1901 ...	...	46
1	Chief Messenger, at £140 per annum, from 1st January, 1901 ...	...	70
1	Messenger, at £100 per annum, from 1st April, 1901 ...	...	25
1	Junior Messenger, at £39 per annum, from 1st January, 1901 ...	...	20
1	Housekeeper (Sydney Office), at £52 per annum, from 1st April, 1901 ...	...	13
11	Total SALARIES ...	...	873
	Subdivision No. 2.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Temporary Assistance ...	...	71
	Stores, Stationery, Allowances, Telegrams, Travelling and Incidental Expenses ...	...	500
		...	571
	Total Division No. 9 ...	...	1,444
	DIVISION No. 10.		
	MISCELLANEOUS.		
	Expenses in connexion with the Opening of Parliament and the Royal Reception ...	...	10,000
	Honorarium to Mr. E. G. Blackmore for preparation of Draft Standing Orders for the Senate ...	...	75
	Honorarium to Mr. G. H. Jenkins for preparation of Draft Standing Orders for the House of Representatives ...	...	75
	Honorarium to Mr. A. C. Budge for services as Acting Clerk to the Federal Executive Council ...	...	21
	Total Division No. 10 ...	...	10,171
	Total Minister of External Affairs ...	...	16,903

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## II.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Number.		Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
		£	£
	DIVISION No. 11.		
	SECRETARY'S OFFICE.		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	SALARIES.		
1	Secretary, at £360 per annum, from 1st January, 1901, to 31st May, 1901, and £750 per annum from 1st June, 1901	...	213
	Allowance to Mr. R. R. Garran for acting as Parliamentary Draftsman, at £50 per annum, from 1st June, 1901	...	5
1	Total SALARIES	...	218
	Subdivision No. 2.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Stores, Books, Stationery, Travelling and Incidental Expenses	...	300
	Total Attorney-General	...	518

III.—MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS.

Number.	DIVISION No. 12.	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the Time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE.</b>		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	<b>SALARIES.</b>		
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
1	Secretary to Minister of Home Affairs, at £400 per annum, from 5th April, 1901 ... ..	...	96
1	Shorthand Writer and Clerk, at £200 per annum, from 17th April, 1901 ... ..	...	42
1	Messenger, at £140 per annum, from 1st May, 1901 ...	...	24
1	Officer whose services have been temporarily borrowed from a State, at £900 per annum, from 1st June, 1901 ...	...	75
1	Officer whose services have been temporarily borrowed from a State, at £500 per annum, from 1st June, 1901 ...	...	42
5	Total SALARIES ... ..	...	279
	Subdivision No. 2.		
	<b>CONTINGENCIES.</b>		
	Travelling Expenses, Allowances, Stationery, Books, Printing, and Incidental Expenses ... ..	...	600
	Type-writing Machines ... ..	...	30
	Furnishing Sydney and Melbourne Offices, also Alterations at Sydney Offices ... ..	...	1,910
		...	2,540
	Total Division No. 12 ... ..	...	2,819
	DIVISION No. 13.		
	<b>ELECTORAL.</b>		
	For the holding of the first elections for The Parliament (exclusive of moneys drawn and expended by the Governor-General in Council in accordance with Section 83 of The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act) ... ..	...	20,000
	DIVISION No. 14.		
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>		
	Expenses in connexion with the funeral of the Honorable Sir James Robert Dickson, K.C.M.G. ... ..	...	8
	Draping Custom Houses on the occasion of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria... ..	...	90
		...	98
	Total Minister of Home Affairs ... ..	...	22,917

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## IV.—TREASURER.

Number	DIVISION No. 15.  THE TREASURY.  Subdivision No. 1.  SALARIES.	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the Time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
		£	£
1	Secretary to the Treasury, at £300 per annum, from 1st January to 31st May, 1901, and at £750 per annum from 1st June, 1901	...	188
1	Clerk, at £250 per annum, from 18th April, 1901	...	51
2	Clerks, at £250 per annum, from 1st June, 1901	...	84
4	Total SALARIES	...	323
	Subdivision No. 2.  CONTINGENCIES.		
	Allowances to State Officers for performing Commonwealth Treasury and Audit duties	...	900
	Travelling Expenses, Printing, Stores, and Incidental Expenses	...	250
		...	1,150
	Total Division No. 15	...	1,473
	DIVISION No. 16.  GOVERNMENT PRINTER.		
	Wages	...	2,000
	Plant and Material	...	4,900
	Total Division No. 16	...	6,900
	DIVISION No. 17.  MISCELLANEOUS.		
	Expenses in connexion with Conferences of Treasury and Audit Officers of the various States	...	100
	Expenses in connexion with Conference of Government Printers of New South Wales and Victoria	...	4
	Expenses in connexion with Conference between the Treasurer and Representatives of certain Banks	...	19
	Total Division No. 17	...	123
			8,496
	DIVISION No. 18.  ADVANCE TO TREASURER.		
	To enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and to Pay Expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation	...	10,000
	Total Treasurer	...	£18,496



V.—MINISTER OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the Time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
	£	£
<b>DIVISION No. 19.</b>		
For the Maintenance of the Department of the Minister of Trade and Customs (in addition to moneys drawn from the Treasury and expended by the Governor-General in Council in accordance with Section 83 of The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act)—		
Expenditure in the State of New South Wales ...	£7,000	
Expenditure in the State of Victoria ...	8,000	
Expenditure in the State of Queensland ...	9,300	
Expenditure in the State of South Australia ...	2,500	
Expenditure in the State of Tasmania ...	1,000	
Expenditure in the State of Western Australia ...	3,600	
	31,400	
<b>DIVISION No. 20.</b>		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>		
Expenses in connexion with the Federal Patents Conference in Melbourne ...	...	123
<b>Total Minister of Trade and Customs ...</b>	<b>£31,523</b>	

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## VI.—MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the Time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
	£	£
DIVISION No. 21.		
For the Maintenance of the Department of the Minister of Defence (in addition to moneys drawn from the Treasury and expended by the Governor-General in Council in accordance with Section 83 of The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act)—		
Expenditure in the State of New South Wales	£26,000	
Expenditure in the State of Victoria	55,000	
Expenditure in the State of Queensland	22,000	
Expenditure in the State of South Australia	6,800	
Expenditure in the State of Tasmania	3,800	
Expenditure in the State of Western Australia	6,000	
	119,600	
DIVISION No. 22.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Military and Naval Demonstrations in connexion with the Opening of Parliament in Melbourne, and the Royal Reception in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane		43,500
Furnishing and Alterations to Offices, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.		725
	119,600	44,225
<b>Total Minister of Defence</b>		<b>£163,825</b>

VII.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

	Expenditure solely for the Maintenance or Continuance as at the time of Transfer of Departments transferred to the Commonwealth.	Other Expenditure.
<b>DIVISION No. 23.</b>	£	£
For the Maintenance of the Department of the Postmaster-General (in addition to moneys drawn from the Treasury and expended by the Governor-General in Council in accordance with Section 83 of The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act)—		
Expenditure in the State of New South Wales ...	£75,000	
Expenditure in the State of Victoria ...	65,000	
Expenditure in the State of Queensland ...	38,000	
Expenditure in the State of South Australia ...	19,000	
Expenditure in the State of Tasmania ...	10,700	
Expenditure in the State of Western Australia...	30,000	
	237,700	
<b>Total Postmaster-General ...</b>	237,700	—

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the period ending 30th June, 1901, the sum of £491,882 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred and ninety-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two pounds to the service of the period ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and one,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.

Bill read a third time.

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10. MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members present except—Messrs. Brown, Chapman, Fisher, Hughes, Macdonald-Paterson, Page, Reid, E. Solomon, and Watkins.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes past twelve o'clock a.m., adjourned until half-past two o'clock p.m. this day.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*