

1917-18.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1918.

1. The House met at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. McGrath made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 19th April, 1918, a.m.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Factories—Commonwealth Government Factories—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1916.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT MOTION.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three p.m.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. ADJOURNMENT MOTION.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1917-18.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 19th April, 1918.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, That the Paper "Ministerial Statement—changes in Ministry, and Ministerial Programme," laid on the Table on the 10th April instant, be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Tudor addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

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9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1915-16 AND 1916-17.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 58.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 4th April, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 59.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 4th April, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 60.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 4th April, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 61.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 4th April, 1918.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred forthwith to the Committee of Supply.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 and 9.
11. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1915-16 AND 1916-17].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered—That the Supplementary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., 1915-16 be considered as a Whole.  
*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1915-16

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1915-16 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
II. The Department of Prime Minister ... ..	9,059
III. The Department of the Treasury ... ..	40,808
V. The Department of External Affairs ... ..	183,384
VI. The Department of Defence—Military ... ..	234,328
VII. The Department of the Navy ... ..	51,223
VIII. The Department of Trade and Customs ... ..	69,092
IX. The Department of Home Affairs ... ..	29,672
X. The Postmaster-General's Department ... ..	4,841

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## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1915-16, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £16,972.

Ordered—That the Supplementary Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., 1916-17 be considered as a whole.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1916-17

That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1916-17, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament ... ..	155
II. The Prime Minister's Department ... ..	13,128
III. The Department of the Treasury ... ..	51,584
IV. The Attorney-General's Department ... ..	2,053
V. The Home and Territories Department ... ..	58
VI. The Department of Defence—Military ... ..	3,148
VII. The Department of the Navy ... ..	5,346
VIII. The Department of Trade and Customs ... ..	7,237
IX. The Department of Works and Railways ... ..	20,208
X. The Postmaster-General's Department ... ..	11,240
XI. War Services ... ..	557,931

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1916-17.

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1916-17 a variation of the appropriation already made for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.**—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Watt were adopted by the House.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1915-16 and 1916-17.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1915-16, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £622,407.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1915-16.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1915-16, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £16,972.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1916-17 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £672,088.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1916-17, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a variation of the appropriation already made.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Webster do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

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15. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1915-16.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt 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.*)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1915-16.—Mr. Watt also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt 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.*)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve into the said Committee.

17. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1916-17.—Mr. Watt also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt 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.*)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1916-17.—Mr. Watt also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the appropriation out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventeen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Watt 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.*)

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Burchell<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Falkiner,  
Mr. Fleming<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page,  
Mr. Palmer, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates<sup>(a)</sup>.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*