Date Introduced: 21 April 1977
House: House of Representatives
Introduced by: Rt. Hon. Phillip Lynch, M.P., Treasurer

**Short Digest of Bill**

**Purpose**

To appropriate moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for commitments for certain capital items and transfer payments in 1976–77 additional to those provided in Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1976–77.

**Background**

See Digest for Appropriation Bill (3) 1976–77.

**Provisions**

Appropriation Bill (No. 4) permits the appropriation of $78 million for the purposes specified in the Schedule to the Bill, retrospective to 1 July 1976.

The main items are summarised in the Second Reading Speech and include:

**Capital Works and Services**
- $8.2m for N.C.D.C. cost increases.
- $4.3m for Cooper Basin gas field because divestment of this asset not yet carried out.
- $3m for concessional home loans in Darwin.

**Payments to States**
- $7.4m for Aboriginal programs.
- $3.4m for growth centres of Albury–Wodonga, Bathurst–Orange and Macarthur.
- $10m for recent natural disasters.
- $2.6m for Tasman Bridge cost increases.
- $15m for new rural adjustment scheme (more than offset by savings under previous schemes).
Other Services

- $0.85m for community youth support scheme.
- $3.6m for Fraser Island compensation.
- $2m for Tasmanian south-bound freight equalisation.

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