

Chapter 13. Financial proposals

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 Federation Chamber, as appropriate, but not during a debate or so as to interrupt a Member speaking.