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**A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated
Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary
Departments, and for related purposes**

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A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No.1) 2023-2024*

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	1st July 2023	1st July 2023

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

administered assets and liabilities item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to a Parliamentary Department opposite the heading “Administered Assets and Liabilities”.

administered item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 opposite an outcome for a Parliamentary Department under the heading “Administered”.

current year means the financial year ending on 30 June 2023.

departmental item means the total amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to a Parliamentary Department under the heading “Departmental”.

Note: The amounts set out opposite outcomes, under the heading “Departmental”, are “notional”. They are not part of the item, and do not in any way restrict the scope of the expenditure authorised by the item.

expenditure means payments for expenses, acquiring assets, making loans or paying liabilities.

item means any of the following:

- (a) a departmental item;
- (b) an administered item;
- (c) an administered assets and liabilities item;
- (d) an other departmental item.

non-corporate entity means:

- (a) a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; or
- (b) the High Court.

Note: Each Parliamentary Department is a non-corporate Commonwealth entity for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

other departmental item means an amount set out in Schedule 1 in relation to a Parliamentary Department opposite the heading “Equity Injections”.

Parliamentary Department means any of the following:

- (a) the Department of the Senate;
- (b) the Department of the House of Representatives;
- (c) the Department of Parliamentary Services;
- (d) the Parliamentary Budget Office.

Portfolio Budget Statements means the Portfolio Budget Statements 2023-2024.

portfolio statements means the Portfolio Budget Statements.

President means the President of the Senate.

responsible Presiding Officer means:

- (a) in relation to the Department of the Senate—the President; or
- (b) in relation to the Department of the House of Representatives—the Speaker; or
- (c) in relation to the Department of Parliamentary Services—the President and the Speaker together; or
- (d) in relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office—the President and the Speaker together.

Speaker means the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

special account has the same meaning as in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

4 Portfolio statements

The portfolio statements are declared to be relevant documents for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Note: See paragraph 15AB(2)(g) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* which provides that the material that may be considered in the interpretation of a provision of an Act includes any document that is declared by the Act to be a relevant document.

5 Notional transactions between entities that are part of the Commonwealth

For the purposes of this Act, notional transactions between non-corporate entities are to be treated as if they were real transactions.

Note: This section applies, for example, to a “payment” between non-corporate entities that are both part of the Commonwealth. One of the effects of this section is that the payment will be debited from an appropriation for the paying non-corporate entity, even though no payment is actually made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. This is consistent with section 76 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

Part 2—Appropriation items

6 Summary of appropriations

The total of the items specified in Schedule 1 is \$259,916,000.

Note 1: Items in Schedule 1 can be adjusted under Part 3 of this Act

Note 2: Sections 74 to 75 to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* also provide for the adjustment of amounts appropriated by this Act.

7 Departmental items

The amount specified in a departmental item for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for the departmental expenditure of the Parliamentary Department.

8 Administered items

- (1) The amount specified in an administered item for an outcome for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.
- (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

9 Administered assets and liabilities items

- (1) The amount specified in an administered assets and liabilities item for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving any outcome specified in Schedule 1 for the Parliamentary Department.
- (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

10 Other departmental items

The amount specified in an other departmental item for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for the department expenditure of the Parliamentary Department.

Part 3—Advance to the responsible Presiding Officer

11 Advance to the responsible Presiding Officer

- (1) This section applies if the responsible Presiding Officer is satisfied that there is an urgent need for expenditure in relation to a Parliamentary Department, in the current year, that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 1:
 - (a) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
 - (b) because the expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bill for this Act before that Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives.
- (2) This Act has effect as if Schedule 1 were amended, in accordance with a determination of the responsible Presiding Officer, to make provision for so much (if any) of the expenditure as the responsible Presiding Officer determines.
- (3) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) of this section for the Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$300,000.
- (4) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) of this section for the Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than \$300,000.
- (5) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) of this section for the Department of Parliamentary Services cannot be more than \$1 million.
- (6) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) of this section for the Parliamentary Budget Office cannot be more than \$300,000.
- (7) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative instrument, but neither section 42 (disallowance) nor Part 4 of Chapter 3 (sunsetting of the *Legislation Act 2003* applies to the determination.

Part 4—Miscellaneous

12 Crediting amounts to special accounts

If any of the purposes of a special account is a purpose that is covered by an item (whether or not the item expressly refers to the special account), then amounts may be debited against the appropriation for that item and credited to that special account.

13 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated as necessary for the purposes of this Act, including the operation of this Act as affected by the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

14 Repeal of this Act

This Act is repealed at the start of 1 July 2025.

Schedule 1—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 13.

Abstract

Department	Total
	\$'000
Department of the Senate	23,462
Department of the House of Representatives	25,618
Department of Parliamentary Services	201,463
Parliamentary Budget Office	8,473
Total	259,016

APPROPRIATIONS

SUMMARY

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2023-2024
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2022-2023

Entity	Departmental	Administered	Non- Operating	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Department of the Senate	23,462	-	-	23,462
	<i>23,853</i>	-	-	<i>23,853</i>
Department of the House of Representatives	25,761	357	-	26,118
	<i>25,649</i>	<i>319</i>	-	<i>25,968</i>
Department of Parliamentary Services	142,592	8,739	50,623	201,963
	<i>142,442</i>	<i>11,565</i>	-	<i>154,007</i>
Parliamentary Budget Office	8,473	-	-	8,473
	<i>8,258</i>	-	-	<i>8,258</i>
Total: Parliamentary Departments	200,288	9,096	50,623	260,007
	<i>200,202</i>	<i>11,884</i>	-	<i>212,086</i>

PARLIAMENT

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2023-2024
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2022-2023

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
Advisory and administrative support services to	23,462	-	23,462
enable the Senate and Senators to fulfill their	23,853	-	23,853
representative and legislative duties			
Total: Department of the Senate	23,462	-	23,462
	<i>23,853</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>23,853</i>

PARLIAMENT

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2023-2024
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2022-2023

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
Advisory and administrative services support the	20,761	357	21,118
House of Representatives to fulfill its representative and legislative role	<i>25,649</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>25,968</i>
Total: Department of the House of Representatives	25,761	357	21,118
	<i>25,649</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>25,968</i>

PARLIAMENT

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2023-2024
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2022-2023

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
Support the functions of Parliament and parliamentarians through the provision of professional services, advice and facilities and maintain Australian Parliament House.	142,592	8,739	151,331
	<i>142,442</i>	<i>11,565</i>	<i>154,007</i>
Total: Operating	137,592	8,739	146,331
	<i>142,442</i>	<i>11,565</i>	<i>154,007</i>
Non-operating			
Administered Assets and Liabilities			50,623
			-
Total: Non-operating			50,623
			-
Total: Department of the Parliamentary Services	137,592	8,739	196,963
	<i>142,442</i>	<i>11,565</i>	<i>154,007</i>

PARLIAMENT

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2023-2024
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2022-2023

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
Inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals	8,473	-	8,473
	<i>8,258</i>	-	<i>8,258</i>
Total: Parliamentary Budget Office	8,473	-	8,473
	<i>8,258</i>	-	<i>8,258</i>