



New South Wales

Appropriation Bill 2015

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

The following Bills are cognate with this Bill:

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2015

Appropriation (Budget Variations) Bill 2015

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to appropriate from the Consolidated Fund various sums of money required during the 2015–16 financial year for the recurrent services and capital works and services of the Government, including:

- (a) the principal departments, and
- (b) various special offices.

The Consolidated Fund largely comprises receipts from, and payments out of, taxes, fines, some regulatory fees, Commonwealth grants and income from Crown assets.

The Bill for the 2015–16 financial year contains an additional appropriation which allocates revenue raised in connection with gaming machine taxes to the Minister for Health for spending on health related services.

The Bill for the 2015–16 financial year contains provision for transfer payments from the Commonwealth to non-Government schools and local government.

The Bill provides for appropriation for the whole of the 2015–16 financial year.

Outline of provisions

Part 1 Preliminary

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 interprets a reference to the financial year to which the proposed Act relates.

Clause 4 is an interpretative provision relating to expenses and capital expenditure information included in the proposed Act.

Part 2 Appropriation (Departments)

Part 2 (**clauses 5–18**) provides for the appropriations for the recurrent services and capital works and services of the specified departments for the 2015–16 financial year. The amounts appropriated are:

- (a) \$52,828,404,000 for recurrent services, and
- (b) \$5,188,967,000 for capital works and services.

Part 3 Additional appropriation for health related services

Part 3 (**clauses 19 and 20**) makes an additional appropriation of \$324,541,787 to the Minister for Health, with this being part of the revenue raised from gaming machine taxes.

Part 4 Appropriation (Special Offices)

Part 4 (**clauses 21–31**) provides for the appropriations for the recurrent services and capital works and services of the specified offices for the 2015–16 financial year. The amounts appropriated are:

- (a) \$290,890,000 for recurrent services, and
- (b) \$17,826,000 for capital works and services.

Part 5 General

Part 5 (**clauses 32–36**) contains a provision for Commonwealth transfer payments and provides for general matters related to the appropriations set out in the proposed Act.

Clause 32 provides for transfer payments of \$3,788,200,000 from the Commonwealth to non-Government schools and local government.

Clause 33 enables the Treasurer to authorise payment for a purpose, in excess of the sum appropriated for the purpose, in specified circumstances. **Clause 34** allows this function to be delegated by the Treasurer.

Clause 35 allows the Treasurer to apply an appropriation differently in the event that responsibility for a service or function is transferred.

Clause 36 allows a Minister to table a Budget Paper in the Legislative Assembly by presenting it to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, if the Legislative Assembly is not sitting when the Budget Paper is sought to be tabled.