

## Appropriation (1997–98 Budget Variations) Bill (No 2) 1998

### Explanatory note

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

The *Public Finance and Audit Amendment (State Accounts) Bill 1998* is cognate with this Bill.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to appropriate additional amounts totalling \$85,032,000 from the Consolidated Fund in adjustment of the vote "Advance to Treasurer", 1997–98 for supplementary charges made during the year 1997–98 for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and
- (b) to confirm the validity of certain payments of the kind referred to in section 28 of the *Appropriation Act 1997* and section 24 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, and
- (c) to validate the financial reporting of certain authorities.

Outline of provisions

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

**Clause 2** provides that the proposed Act commences on the date of assent.

**Clause 3** inserts a definition of **authority** for the purposes of the proposed Act.

**Clause 4** appropriates an additional amount in adjustment of the vote "Advance to Treasurer", 1997–98, for supplementary charges made during the year 1997–98 for the ordinary annual services of the Government specified in Schedule 1.

**Clause 5** validates offsets across Ministerial portfolios in amounts appropriated for the year 1997–98 for capital works and services. The offsets are of a kind authorised under section 28 of the *Appropriation Act 1997*. The payments made are set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2 and the equivalent sums not paid out of the Consolidated Fund are set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2.

**Clause 6** validates offsets within Ministerial portfolios.

**Clause 7** validates certain appropriations of a kind referred to in section 24 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* made in relation to services or functions the responsibility for which was transferred during the year 1997–98.

**Clause 8** validates the issue and payment of sums to which the proposed Act applies.

**Clause 9** provides that liabilities incurred with respect to a program to which the proposed Act applies within the limits of an appropriation made in respect of the program by the *Appropriation Act 1997*, the *Appropriation (1997–98 Budget Variations) Act 1998* or the proposed Act are taken, for the purposes of section 12 (3) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, to have been incurred with the Treasurer's authorisation.

**Clause 10** extends the time for lodging annual reports by authorities with the appropriate Ministers for a further 28 days after the date of assent to the proposed Act.