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Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2003-2004**

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(Finance and Administration)

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

5 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

6 **Part 1—Preliminary**
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8 **1 Short title**

9 This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation (Parliamentary*
10 *Departments) Act (No. 1) 2003-2004.*

Section 2

1 **2 Commencement**

2 This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal
3 Assent.

4 **3 Definitions**

5 In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

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

9 **administered item** means an amount set out in Schedule 1 opposite
10 an outcome of a Parliamentary Department under the heading
11 “Administered Expenses”.

12 **Agency** has the same meaning as in the *Financial Management and*
13 *Accountability Act 1997*.

14 Note: Each Parliamentary Department is an Agency for the purposes of the
15 *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

16 **Chief Executive** has the same meaning as in the *Financial*
17 *Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

18 **current year** means the financial year ending on 30 June 2004.

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

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

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

28 **Finance Minister** means the Minister administering this Act.

29 **item** means any of the following:

- 30 (a) a departmental item;
31 (b) an administered item;

- 1 (c) an administered assets and liabilities item;
 2 (d) an other departmental item.

3 **other departmental item** means an amount set out in Schedule 1 in
 4 relation to a Parliamentary Department:

- 5 (a) opposite the heading “Equity Injections”; or
 6 (b) opposite the heading “Loans”; or
 7 (c) opposite the heading “Previous Years’ Outputs”.

8 **Parliamentary Department** means any of the following:

- 9 (a) the Department of the Senate;
 10 (b) the Department of the House of Representatives;
 11 (c) the Department of the Parliamentary Library;
 12 (d) the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff;
 13 (e) the Joint House Department.

14 **Portfolio Budget Statements** means the Portfolio Budget
 15 Statements that were tabled in the Senate or the House of
 16 Representatives in relation to the Bill for this Act.

17 **President** means the President of the Senate.

18 **responsible Presiding Officer** means:

- 19 (a) in relation to the Department of the Senate—the President; or
 20 (b) in relation to the Department of the House of
 21 Representatives—the Speaker; or
 22 (c) in relation to the Department of the Parliamentary Library—
 23 the President and the Speaker together; or
 24 (d) in relation to the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting
 25 Staff—the President and the Speaker together; or
 26 (e) in relation to the Joint House Department—the President and
 27 the Speaker together.

28 **section 31 agreement** means an agreement under section 31 of the
 29 *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

30 **Speaker** means the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 **Special Account** has the same meaning as in the *Financial*
 32 *Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

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1 **4 Portfolio Budget Statements**

2 (1) The Portfolio Budget Statements are hereby declared to be relevant
3 documents for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts*
4 *Interpretation Act 1901*.

5 Note: See paragraph 15AB(2)(g) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

6 (2) If the Portfolio Budget Statements indicate that activities of a
7 particular kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect
8 of a particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of
9 carrying out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the
10 purpose of contributing to achieving the outcome.

11 **5 Notional payments, receipts etc.**

12 For the purposes of this Act, notional transactions between
13 Agencies are to be treated as if they were real transactions.

14 Note: This section applies, for example, to a “payment” between Agencies
15 that are both part of the Commonwealth. One of the effects of this
16 section is that the payment will be debited from an appropriation for
17 the paying Agency, even though no payment is actually made from the
18 Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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Part 2—Basic appropriations

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6 Summary of basic appropriations

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The total of the items specified in Schedule 1 is \$167,279,000.

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

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Note 2: See also section 30A of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, which provides for adjustment of appropriations to take account of GST.

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7 Departmental items—basic appropriation

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- (1) For a departmental item for a Parliamentary Department, the Finance Minister may issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund amounts that do not exceed, in total, the amount specified in the item.

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Note: Generally, the Finance Minister is permitted, but not obliged, to issue the amounts out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. However, subsection (3) imposes an obligation on the Finance Minister to issue the amounts in certain circumstances.

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- (2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for a departmental item for a Parliamentary Department may only be applied for the departmental expenditure of the Parliamentary Department.

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Note: The acquisition of *new* departmental assets will usually be funded from an other departmental item.

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- (3) If a departmental item for a Parliamentary Department includes provision for payment of remuneration and allowances to the holder of:
- (a) a public office (within the meaning of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*); or
 - (b) an office specified in a Schedule to the *Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990*;
- then the Finance Minister, under subsection (1), must issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, under that item, amounts that are

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1 sufficient to pay the remuneration and allowances and must apply
2 the amounts for that purpose.

3 **8 Administered items—basic appropriation**

- 4 (1) For an administered item for an outcome of a Parliamentary
5 Department, the Finance Minister may issue out of the
6 Consolidated Revenue Fund amounts that do not exceed, in total,
7 the lesser of:
8 (a) the amount specified in the item; and
9 (b) the amount determined by the Finance Minister in relation to
10 the item, having regard to the expenses incurred by the
11 Parliamentary Department in the current year in relation to
12 the item.
- 13 (2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for an
14 administered item for an outcome of a Parliamentary Department
15 may only be applied for expenditure for the purpose of carrying out
16 activities for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.

17 Note: The acquisition of *new* administered assets will usually be funded
18 from an administered assets and liabilities item.

19 **9 Administered assets and liabilities items—basic appropriation**

- 20 (1) For an administered assets and liabilities item for a Parliamentary
21 Department, the Finance Minister may issue out of the
22 Consolidated Revenue Fund amounts that do not exceed, in total,
23 the amount specified in the item.
- 24 (2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for an
25 administered assets and liabilities item for a Parliamentary
26 Department may only be applied for expenditure for the purpose of
27 carrying out activities for the purpose of contributing to achieving
28 any outcome that is specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the
29 Parliamentary Department.

30 **10 Other departmental items—basic appropriation**

- 31 (1) For an other departmental item for a Parliamentary Department, the
32 Finance Minister may issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

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1 amounts that do not exceed, in total, the amount specified in the
2 item.

3 (2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for an
4 other departmental item for a Parliamentary Department may only
5 be applied for the departmental expenditure of the Parliamentary
6 Department.

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Part 3—Additions to basic appropriations

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11 Net appropriations

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(1) If a section 31 agreement applies to a departmental item, then the amount specified in the item is taken to be increased in accordance with the agreement, and on the conditions set out in the agreement. The increase cannot be more than the relevant receipts covered by the agreement.

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(2) For the purposes of section 31 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, each departmental item is taken to be marked “net appropriation”.

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12 Departmental items and other departmental items—adjustments and borrowings

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(1) The responsible Presiding Officer may determine that the amount specified in a departmental item or in an other departmental item is to be increased by an amount specified in the determination.

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(2) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$200,000.

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(3) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than \$200,000.

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(4) The total of the amounts determined under this section for all the other Parliamentary Departments together cannot be more than \$200,000.

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(5) The responsible Presiding Officer must give the Parliament details of amounts determined under this section.

13 Advance to the responsible Presiding Officer—unforeseen expenditure etc.

- (1) This section applies if the responsible Presiding Officer is satisfied that:
 - (a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 1; and
 - (b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 1:
 - (i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
 - (ii) because the additional 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 additional expenditure as the responsible Presiding Officer determines.
- (3) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$300,000.
- (4) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than \$300,000.
- (5) The total of the amounts determined under this section for all the other Parliamentary Departments together cannot be more than \$1 million.
- (6) The responsible Presiding Officer must give the Parliament details of amounts determined under this section.

14 Comcover receipts

- (1) This section applies whenever an amount (the *Comcover payment*) is debited from The Comcover Account in respect of a payment to a Parliamentary Department.

Note: The Comcover Account is a Special Account for the purposes of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

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- 1 (2) Amounts totalling the full amount of the Comcover payment must
2 be added to an item or items for the Parliamentary Department.
- 3 (3) The items and respective amounts are to be determined by the
4 responsible Presiding Officer. In making a determination, the
5 responsible Presiding Officer must comply with any written
6 directions given by the Finance Minister.
- 7 (4) The responsible Presiding Officer may delegate his or her powers
8 under this section to the Chief Executive of the Parliamentary
9 Department.

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Part 4—Miscellaneous

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15 Crediting amounts to Special Accounts

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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.

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16 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

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The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated as necessary for the purposes of this Act.

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Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

Schedule 1—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 16.

Abstract

Page Reference	Departments and Services	Total \$'000
15	Senate	31,586
16	House of Representatives	32,841
17	Joint House Department	44,852
18	Parliamentary Library	17,387
19	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	40,613
	Total	167,279

DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

SUMMARY

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

Agency	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Senate	30,288 <i>28,246</i>	1,298 <i>1,123</i>	- -	31,586 <i>29,369</i>
House of Representatives	31,643 <i>28,872</i>	1,198 <i>1,066</i>	- -	32,841 <i>29,938</i>
Joint House Department	34,198 <i>33,465</i>	10,654 <i>11,430</i>	- -	44,852 <i>44,895</i>
Parliamentary Library	17,387 <i>17,522</i>	- -	- -	17,387 <i>17,522</i>
Parliamentary Reporting Staff	40,613 <i>44,456</i>	- -	- -	40,613 <i>44,456</i>
Total: Parliamentary Departments	154,129 <i>152,561</i>	13,150 <i>13,619</i>	- -	167,279 <i>166,180</i>

SENATE

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
SENATE			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
Effective provision of services to support the functioning of the Senate as a House of the Commonwealth Parliament	30,288 <i>28,246</i>	1,298 <i>1,123</i>	31,586 <i>29,369</i>
Total: Senate	30,288 <i>28,246</i>	1,298 <i>1,123</i>	31,586 <i>29,369</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
The House of Representatives fulfils its role as a representative and legislative body	31,643 <i>28,872</i>	1,198 <i>1,066</i>	32,841 <i>29,938</i>
Total: House of Representatives	31,643 <i>28,872</i>	1,198 <i>1,066</i>	32,841 <i>29,938</i>

JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
An effectively functioning legislative building for the Parliament of Australia which preserves its value as a heritage complex and raises public awareness of the Australian Federal Parliamentary system and the Parliament House building	34,198 <i>33,465</i>	10,654 <i>11,430</i>	44,852 <i>44,895</i>
Total: Joint House Department	34,198 <i>33,465</i>	10,654 <i>11,430</i>	44,852 <i>44,895</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
To contribute to a more informed Parliament and, through it, to the Australian community	17,387 <i>17,522</i>	- -	17,387 <i>17,522</i>
Total: Parliamentary Library	17,387 <i>17,522</i>	- -	17,387 <i>17,522</i>

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF

Appropriation (plain figures)—2003-2004
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2002-2003

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF			
Operating			
Outcome 1 -			
The Commonwealth Parliament to have international standard broadcasting, transcription and information technology services and the Australian community to be able to see, hear and read the work of the Parliament	40,613 <i>44,456</i>	- -	40,613 <i>44,456</i>
Total: Parliamentary Reporting Staff	40,613 <i>44,456</i>	- -	40,613 <i>44,456</i>