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Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016**

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(Finance)

**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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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) 2015-2016.*

1 **2 Commencement**

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

4 **3 Definitions**

5 In this Act:

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 for a Parliamentary Department under the heading
11 “Administered”.

12 ***current year*** means the financial year ending on 30 June 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

27 ***non-corporate entity*** means:

- 28 (a) a non-corporate Commonwealth entity within the meaning of
29 the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act*
30 2013; or
31 (b) the High Court.

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

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

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

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

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

15 ***portfolio statements*** means the Portfolio Budget Statements.

16 ***President*** means the President of the Senate.

17 ***responsible Presiding Officer*** means:

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

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

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

28 **4 Portfolio statements**

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

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

5 **5 Notional transactions between entities that are part of the**
6 **Commonwealth**

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

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

1 **Part 2—Appropriation items**
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3 **6 Summary of appropriations**

4 The total of the items specified in Schedule 1 is \$233,415,000.

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

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

9 **7 Departmental items**

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

13 **8 Administered items**

14 (1) The amount specified in an administered item for an outcome for a
15 Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for the
16 purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.

17 (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular
18 kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a
19 particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying
20 out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of
21 contributing to achieving the outcome.

22 **9 Administered assets and liabilities items**

23 (1) The amount specified in an administered assets and liabilities item
24 for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for
25 the purpose of contributing to achieving any outcome specified in
26 Schedule 1 for the Parliamentary Department.

27 (2) If the portfolio statements indicate that activities of a particular
28 kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a
29 particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying

Part 2 Appropriation items

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1 out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of
2 contributing to achieving the outcome.

3 **10 Other departmental items**

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

1 **Part 3—Advance to the responsible Presiding**
2 **Officer**
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4 **11 Advance to the responsible Presiding Officer**

- 5 (1) This section applies if the responsible Presiding Officer is satisfied
6 that there is an urgent need for expenditure in relation to a
7 Parliamentary Department, in the current year, that is not provided
8 for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 1:
9 (a) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
10 (b) because the expenditure was unforeseen until after the last
11 day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bill
12 for this Act before that Bill was introduced into the House of
13 Representatives.
- 14 (2) This Act has effect as if Schedule 1 were amended, in accordance
15 with a determination of the responsible Presiding Officer, to make
16 provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the
17 responsible Presiding Officer determines.
- 18 (3) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the
19 Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$300,000.
- 20 (4) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the
21 Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than
22 \$300,000.
- 23 (5) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the
24 Department of Parliamentary Services cannot be more than \$1
25 million.
- 26 (6) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the
27 Parliamentary Budget Office cannot be more than \$300,000.
- 28 (7) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative
29 instrument, but neither section 42 (disallowance) nor Part 6
30 (sunsetting) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* applies to the
31 determination.

1 **Part 4—Miscellaneous**
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3 **12 Crediting amounts to special accounts**

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

8 **13 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund**

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

13 **14 Repeal of this Act**

14 This Act is repealed at the start of 1 July 2018.

Schedule 1—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 13.

Abstract

Department	Total \$'000
Department of the Senate	21,503
Department of the House of Representatives	22,134
Department of Parliamentary Services	182,368
Parliamentary Budget Office	7,410
Total	233,415

APPROPRIATIONS

SUMMARY

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2015-2016
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2014-2015

Entity	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of the Senate	21,503 <i>20,627</i>	- -	- -	21,503 <i>20,627</i>
Department of the House of Representatives	21,810 <i>20,821</i>	324 <i>325</i>	- -	22,134 <i>21,146</i>
Department of Parliamentary Services	141,924 <i>144,758</i>	6,703 <i>4,400</i>	33,741 <i>122,212</i>	182,368 <i>271,370</i>
Parliamentary Budget Office	7,410 <i>7,013</i>	- -	- -	7,410 <i>7,013</i>
Total: Parliamentary Departments	192,647 <i>193,219</i>	7,027 <i>4,725</i>	33,741 <i>122,212</i>	233,415 <i>320,156</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

PARLIAMENT

Appropriation (plain figures)—2015-2016
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2014-2015

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE			
Operating			
Outcome 1-			
Advisory and administrative support services to	21,503	-	21,503
enable the Senate and Senators to fulfil their	<i>20,627</i>	-	<i>20,627</i>
representative and legislative duties			
Total: Department of the Senate	21,503	-	21,503
	<i>20,627</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>20,627</i>

PARLIAMENT

Appropriation (plain figures)—2015-2016
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2014-2015

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'000
DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
Operating			
Outcome 1-			
Advisory and administrative services support the House of Representatives to fulfil its representative and legislative role	21,810 <i>20,821</i>	324 <i>325</i>	22,134 <i>21,146</i>
Total: Department of the House of Representatives	21,810 <i>20,821</i>	324 <i>325</i>	22,134 <i>21,146</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

PARLIAMENT

Appropriation (plain figures)—2015-2016
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2014-2015

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'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	141,924 <i>144,758</i>	6,703 <i>4,400</i>	148,627 <i>149,158</i>
Total: Operating	141,924 <i>144,758</i>	6,703 <i>4,400</i>	148,627 <i>149,158</i>
Non-operating			
Administered Assets and Liabilities			33,741 <i>122,212</i>
Total: Non-operating			33,741 <i>122,212</i>
Total: Department of Parliamentary Services	141,924 <i>144,758</i>	6,703 <i>4,400</i>	182,368 <i>271,370</i>

PARLIAMENT

Appropriation (plain figures)—2015-2016
Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2014-2015

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'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	7,410 <i>7,013</i>	- -	7,410 <i>7,013</i>
Total: Parliamentary Budget Office	7,410 <i>7,013</i>	- -	7,410 <i>7,013</i>