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(Finance and Administration)

**A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the
Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary
annual services of the Government, 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 the ordinary**
3 **annual services of the Government, and for related**
4 **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 Act (No. 1) 2000-2001*.

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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 item** means an amount set out in the Schedule
7 opposite an outcome of an entity under the heading “Administered
8 Expenses”.

9 **Agency** has the same meaning as in the *Financial Management and*
10 *Accountability Act 1997*.

11 **Agency Minister**, in relation to an Agency, means the Minister
12 responsible for the Agency.

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

15 **Commonwealth authority** has the same meaning as in the
16 *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

17 **Commonwealth company** has the same meaning as in the
18 *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

19 **current year** means the financial year ending on 30 June 2001.

20 **departmental item** means the total amount set out in the Schedule
21 in relation to an entity under the heading “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 **entity** means any of the following:

- 27 (a) an Agency;
28 (b) a Commonwealth authority;
29 (c) a Commonwealth company.

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

Finance Minister means the Minister administering this Act.

item means an administered item or a departmental item.

Portfolio Budget Statements means the Portfolio Budget Statements that were tabled in the House of Representatives in relation to the Bill for this Act.

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

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

4 Portfolio Budget Statements

- (1) The Portfolio Budget Statements are hereby declared to be a relevant document for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

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

- (2) If the Portfolio Budget 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.

5 Notional payments, receipts etc.

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

Note: This section applies, for example, to a “payment” between Agencies 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 Agency, even though no payment is actually made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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Part 2—Basic appropriations

6 Summary of basic appropriations

The total of the items specified in the Schedule is \$38,530,846,000.

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

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.

7 Departmental items—basic appropriation

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

Note: Generally, the Finance Minister is permitted, but not obliged, to issue the amounts out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. However, subsections (3) and (4) impose an obligation on the Finance Minister to issue the amounts in certain circumstances.

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

Note: The acquisition of *new* departmental assets will usually be funded from a departmental *capital* item (in another Appropriation Act).

- (3) If:

- (a) an Act provides that an entity must be paid amounts that are appropriated by the Parliament for the purposes of the entity; and

(b) the Schedule contains a departmental item for that entity; then the Finance Minister, under subsection (1), must issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the full amount specified in the item.

- (4) If a departmental item for an Agency includes provision for payment of remuneration and allowances to the holder of:

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

8 Administered items—basic appropriation

(1) For an administered item for an outcome of an entity, the Finance Minister may issue out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund amounts that do not exceed, in total, the lesser of:

(a) the amount specified in the item; and

(b) the amount determined by the Finance Minister in relation to the item, having regard to the expenses incurred by the entity in the current year in relation to the item.

(2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for an administered item for an outcome of an entity may only be applied for expenditure for the purpose of carrying out activities for the purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.

Note: The acquisition of *new* administered assets will usually be funded from an administered *capital* item (in another Appropriation Act).

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Part 3—Additions to basic appropriations

9 Net appropriations

Departmental items

- (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.
- (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”.

Administered items

- (3) If a section 31 agreement applies to an administered 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.
- (4) For the purposes of section 31 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, the following administered items are taken to be marked “net appropriation”:
 - (a) the administered items for outcomes 2 and 3 of the Department of Finance and Administration; and
 - (b) the administered item for outcome 2 of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

10 Departmental items—adjustments

- (1) The Finance Minister may determine that the amount specified in a departmental item is to be increased by an amount specified in the determination.

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- 1 (2) The total of the amounts determined by the Finance Minister under
2 this section for all departmental items cannot be more than \$20
3 million.
- 4 (3) The Finance Minister must give the Parliament details of increases
5 made under this section.

6 **11 Advance to the Finance Minister—unforeseen expenditure etc.**

- 7 (1) This section applies if the Finance Minister is satisfied that:
8 (a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided
9 for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedule; and
10 (b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is
11 insufficiently provided for, in the Schedule:
12 (i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
13 (ii) because the additional expenditure was unforeseen until
14 after the last day on which it was practicable to provide
15 for it in the Bill for this Act before that Bill was
16 introduced into the House of Representatives.
- 17 (2) This Act has effect as if the Schedule were amended, in accordance
18 with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for
19 so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the Finance
20 Minister determines.
- 21 (3) The total of the amounts determined under this section cannot be
22 more than \$175 million.
- 23 (4) The Finance Minister must give the Parliament details of amounts
24 determined under this section.

25 **12 Comcover receipts**

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

29 Note: The Comcover Account is a Special Account for the purposes of the
30 *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 available item or items for the Agency. For this
3 purpose, **available item** means an item in the Schedule to this Act
4 or in a Schedule to the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2000-2001*.
- 5 (3) The items and respective amounts are to be determined by the
6 Agency Minister. In making a determination, the Agency Minister
7 must comply with any written directions given by the Finance
8 Minister.
- 9 (4) The Agency Minister may delegate his or her powers under this
10 section to the Chief Executive of the Agency.

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3**Part 4—Miscellaneous**

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13 Crediting amounts to Special Accounts5
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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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14 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund10
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The Consolidated Revenue Fund is appropriated as necessary for the purposes of this Act.