



Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2000-2001

No. 83, 2000

**An Act to appropriate money out of the
Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in
relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for
related purposes**

[Assented to 30 June 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2000-2001*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

administered capital item means an amount set out in the Schedule in relation to a Parliamentary Department opposite the heading “Administered Capital”.

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

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

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

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

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

departmental capital item means an amount set out in the Schedule in relation to a Parliamentary Department:

- (a) opposite the heading “Equity Injections”; or
- (b) opposite the heading “Loans”; or
- (c) opposite the heading “Carryover from previous years”.



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

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

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

Finance Minister means the Minister administering this Act.

item means any of the following:

- (a) a departmental item;
- (b) an administered item;
- (c) a departmental capital item.
- (d) an administered capital item.

Parliamentary Department means any of the following:

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

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

President means the President of the Senate.

responsible Presiding Officer means:

- (a) in relation to the Department of the Senate—the President; or
- (b) in relation to the Department of the House of Representatives—the Speaker; or
- (c) in relation to the Department of the Parliamentary Library—the President and the Speaker together; or

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- (d) in relation to the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—the President and the Speaker together; or
- (e) in relation to the Joint House Department—the President and the Speaker together.

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

Speaker means the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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.

Part 2—Basic appropriations

6 Summary of basic appropriations

The total of the items specified in the Schedule is \$154,492,000.

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 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.

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.

- (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.

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

- (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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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 a Parliamentary Department, 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 Parliamentary Department 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 a Parliamentary Department 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.

9 Administered capital items—basic appropriation

- (1) For an administered capital 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.
- (2) An amount issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for an administered capital item for a Parliamentary Department may only be applied for expenditure for the purpose of carrying out activities for the purpose of contributing to achieving any outcome that is specified in the Schedule in relation to the Parliamentary Department.

10 Departmental capital items—basic appropriation

- (1) For a departmental capital item for a Parliamentary Department, the Finance Minister may issue out of the Consolidated Revenue

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

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

Part 3—Additions to basic appropriations

11 Net appropriations

- (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”.

12 Departmental items and departmental capital items— adjustments and borrowings

- (1) The responsible Presiding Officer may determine that the amount specified in a departmental item or departmental capital item is to be increased by an amount specified in the determination.
- (2) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$200,000.
- (3) The total of the amounts determined under this section for the Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than \$200,000.
- (4) The total of the amounts determined under this section for all the other Parliamentary Departments together cannot be more than \$200,000.
- (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 the Schedule; and
 - (b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedule:
 - (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 the Schedule 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.

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

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

Part 4—Miscellaneous

15 Crediting amounts to Special Accounts

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.

16 Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

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

Schedule – Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See Sections 6 and 16

Abstract

Page Reference	Departments and Services	Total
		\$'000
18	Senate	29185
19	House of Representatives	27165
20	Joint House Department	39245
21	Parliamentary Library	16499
22	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	42398
	Total	154492

DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

SUMMARY

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

Agency	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Equity Injections and loans \$'000	Total \$'000
Senate	28089 <i>28030</i>	983 <i>924</i>	113 <i>2517</i>	29185 <i>31471</i>
House of Representatives	26207 <i>26417</i>	958 <i>928</i>	- <i>496</i>	27165 <i>27841</i>
Joint House Department	32526 <i>32654</i>	6719 <i>6746</i>	- <i>1609</i>	39245 <i>41009</i>
Parliamentary Library	16499 <i>16463</i>	- <i>-</i>	- <i>90</i>	16499 <i>16553</i>
Parliamentary Reporting Staff	42186 <i>42022</i>	- <i>-</i>	212 <i>200</i>	42398 <i>42222</i>
Total: Parliamentary Departments	145507 <i>145586</i>	8660 <i>8598</i>	325 <i>4912</i>	154492 <i>159096</i>

Schedule

SENATE

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
SENATE			
Outcome 1 -			
Effective provision of services to support the functioning of the Senate as a House of the Commonwealth Parliament	28089 <i>28030</i>	983 <i>924</i>	29072 <i>28954</i>
Total	28089 <i>28030</i>	983 <i>924</i>	29072 <i>28954</i>
Equity injections and loans			
Carryover from previous years			8 <i>2517</i>
Administered Capital			105 <i>-</i>
Total capital			113 <i>2517</i>
Total: Senate			29185 <i>31471</i>

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
Outcome 1 -			
The House of Representatives fulfils its role as a representative and legislative body	26207	958	27165
	<i>26417</i>	<i>928</i>	<i>27345</i>
Total	26207	958	27165
	<i>26417</i>	<i>928</i>	<i>27345</i>
Equity injections and loans			
Carryover from previous years			-
			<i>496</i>
Total capital			-
			<i>496</i>
Total: House of Representatives			27165
			<i>27841</i>

JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT			
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	32526 <i>32654</i>	6719 <i>6746</i>	39245 <i>39400</i>
Total	32526 <i>32654</i>	6719 <i>6746</i>	39245 <i>39400</i>
Equity injections and loans			
Carryover from previous years			<i>1609</i>
Total capital			<i>1609</i>
Total: Joint House Department			39245 <i>41009</i>

PARLIMENTARY LIBRARY

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY			
Outcome 1 -			
To contribute to a more informed Parliament and, through it, to the Australian community	16499	-	16499
	<i>16463</i>	-	<i>16463</i>
Total	16499	-	16499
	<i>16463</i>	-	<i>16463</i>
Equity injections and loans			
Carryover from previous years			-
			<i>90</i>
Total capital			-
			<i>90</i>
Total: Parliamentary Library			16499
			<i>16553</i>

PARLIMENTARY REPORTING STAFF

Appropriation (light figures) – 2000-2001

Estimate (italic figures) – 1999-2000

	Departmental Outputs \$'000	Administered Expenses \$'000	Total \$'000
PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF			
Outcome 1 -			
The Commonwealth Parliament to have international standard broadcasting, transcription and technology services and the Australian community to see, hear and read the work of the Parliament	42186	-	42186
	<i>42022</i>	-	<i>42022</i>
Total	42186	-	42186
	<i>42022</i>	-	<i>42022</i>
Equity injections and loans			
Carryover from previous years			212
			<i>200</i>
Total capital			212
			<i>200</i>
Total: Parliament Reporting Staff			42398
			<i>42222</i>

[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 9 May 2000
Senate on 22 June 2000]

