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**Appropriation (Parliamentary  
Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2013-2014**

**No.     , 2013**

*(Finance and Deregulation)*

**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) 2013-2014.*

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                  **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 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

14 **Portfolio Statements** means the Portfolio Budget Statements.

15 **President** means the President of the Senate.

16 **responsible Presiding Officer** means:

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

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

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

#### 27 **4 Portfolio Statements**

28 The Portfolio Statements are hereby declared to be relevant  
29 documents for the purposes of section 15AB of the *Acts*  
30 *Interpretation Act 1901*.

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

1 **5 Notional payments, receipts etc.**

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

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



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## 1 **Part 2—Appropriation items**

### 3 **6 Summary of appropriations**

4 The total of the items specified in Schedule 1 is \$184,775,000.

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

6 Note 2: Sections 30 to 32 of the *Financial Management and Accountability*  
7 *Act 1997* also provide for adjustments of amounts appropriated by this  
8 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 Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money  
14 through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management*  
15 *and Accountability Act 1997*.

### 16 **8 Administered items**

- 17 (1) The amount specified in an administered item for an outcome for a  
18 Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for the  
19 purpose of contributing to achieving that outcome.

20 Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money  
21 through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management*  
22 *and Accountability Act 1997*.

- 23 (2) If the Portfolio Statements indicate that activities of a particular  
24 kind were intended to be treated as activities in respect of a  
25 particular outcome, then expenditure for the purpose of carrying  
26 out those activities is taken to be expenditure for the purpose of  
27 contributing to achieving the outcome.

### 28 **9 Administered assets and liabilities items**

- 29 (1) The amount specified in an administered assets and liabilities item  
30 for a Parliamentary Department may be applied for expenditure for

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1 the purpose of contributing to achieving any outcome specified in  
2 Schedule 1 for the Parliamentary Department.

3 Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money  
4 through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management*  
5 *and Accountability Act 1997*.

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

### 11 **10 Other departmental items**

12 The amount specified in an other departmental item for a  
13 Parliamentary Department may be applied for the departmental  
14 expenditure of the Parliamentary Department.

15 Note: The Finance Minister manages the expenditure of public money  
16 through the issue of drawing rights under the *Financial Management*  
17 *and Accountability Act 1997*.

1 **Part 3—Adjusting appropriation items**  
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3 **11 Reducing departmental items, administered assets and liabilities**  
4 **items and other departmental items**

5 (1) A written request to reduce a departmental item, an administered  
6 assets and liabilities item or an other departmental item for a  
7 Parliamentary Department may be made to the Finance Minister by  
8 the responsible Presiding Officer.

9 (2) If a request is made under subsection (1), the Finance Minister  
10 may, by writing, determine that the item is to be reduced by the  
11 amount specified in the request.

12 (3) However, the determination has no effect to the extent that it would  
13 reduce the item below nil, after subtracting amounts that have been  
14 applied under Part 2 in respect of the item.

15 (4) The item is taken to be reduced in accordance with the  
16 determination.

17 (5) Despite subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the  
18 determination must not be rescinded, revoked, amended or varied,  
19 other than to correct an error.

20 (6) A request made under subsection (1) is not a legislative instrument.

21 (7) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative  
22 instrument and, despite subsection 44(2) of the *Legislative*  
23 *Instruments Act 2003*, section 42 (disallowance) of that Act applies  
24 to the determination. However, Part 6 (sunsetting) of that Act does  
25 not apply to the determination.

26 **12 Reducing administered items**

27 (1) If:  
28 (a) an annual report for a Parliamentary Department for the  
29 current year is tabled in the Parliament; and

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- 1 (b) the report specifies an amount required by the Parliamentary  
2 Department in respect of an administered item; and  
3 (c) the required amount is less than the amount of the item;  
4 the item is taken to be reduced to the required amount.
- 5 (2) The Finance Minister may, by writing:  
6 (a) determine that subsection (1):  
7 (i) does not apply in relation to the item; or  
8 (ii) applies as if the amount specified in the annual report  
9 were the amount specified in the determination; or  
10 (b) if the report does not specify the required amount—  
11 determine an amount that is taken to be the required amount  
12 for the purposes of subsection (1).
- 13 (3) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative  
14 instrument and, despite subsection 44(2) of the *Legislative*  
15 *Instruments Act 2003*, section 42 (disallowance) of that Act applies  
16 to the determination. However, Part 6 (sunsetting) of that Act does  
17 not apply to the determination.

18 **13 Advance to the responsible Presiding Officer**

- 19 (1) This section applies if the responsible Presiding Officer is satisfied  
20 that there is an urgent need for expenditure in relation to a  
21 Parliamentary Department, in the current year, that is not provided  
22 for, or is insufficiently provided for, in Schedule 1:  
23 (a) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or  
24 (b) because the expenditure was unforeseen until after the last  
25 day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bill  
26 for this Act before that Bill was introduced into the House of  
27 Representatives.
- 28 (2) This Act has effect as if Schedule 1 were amended, in accordance  
29 with a determination of the responsible Presiding Officer, to make  
30 provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the  
31 responsible Presiding Officer determines.
- 32 (3) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the  
33 Department of the Senate cannot be more than \$300,000.

- 1           (4) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the  
2           Department of the House of Representatives cannot be more than  
3           \$300,000.
- 4           (5) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the  
5           Department of Parliamentary Services cannot be more than \$1  
6           million.
- 7           (6) The total of the amounts determined under subsection (2) for the  
8           Parliamentary Budget Office cannot be more than \$300,000.
- 9           (7) A determination made under subsection (2) is a legislative  
10          instrument, but neither section 42 (disallowance) nor Part 6  
11          (sunsetting) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* applies to the  
12          determination.

1 **Part 4—Miscellaneous**  
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3 **14 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 **15 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 *Financial Management and Accountability Act*  
12 *1997*.

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## Schedule 1—Services for which money is appropriated

Note: See sections 6 and 15.

**Abstract**

Page Reference	Department	Total \$'000
14	Department of the Senate	21,905
15	Department of the House of Representatives	23,218
16	Department of Parliamentary Services	131,950
17	Parliamentary Budget Office	7,702
<b>Total</b>		<b>184,775</b>

# **APPROPRIATIONS**



**SUMMARY**

Summary of Appropriations (plain figures)—2013-2014  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2012-2013*

Entity	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Non- operating \$'000	Total \$'000
Department of the Senate	21,905 <i>21,141</i>	- -	- -	21,905 <i>21,141</i>
Department of the House of Representatives	22,893 <i>22,691</i>	325 -	- -	23,218 <i>22,691</i>
Department of Parliamentary Services	111,513 <i>110,822</i>	- -	20,437 <i>12,896</i>	131,950 <i>123,718</i>
Parliamentary Budget Office	7,702 <i>6,063</i>	- -	- -	7,702 <i>6,063</i>
<b>Total: Parliamentary Departments</b>	<b>164,013</b> <i>160,717</i>	<b>325</b> -	<b>20,437</b> <i>12,896</i>	<b>184,775</b> <i>173,613</i>

Schedule 1 Services for which money is appropriated

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**PARLIAMENT**

Appropriation (plain figures)—2013-2014  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2012-2013*

	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
<b>Outcome 1-</b>			
Advisory and administrative support services to	21,905	-	21,905
enable the Senate and Senators to fulfil their	<i>21,141</i>	-	<i>21,141</i>
representative and legislative duties			
<b>Total: Department of the Senate</b>	<b>21,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,905</b>
	<i>21,141</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>21,141</i>

**PARLIAMENT**

Appropriation (plain figures)—2013-2014  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2012-2013*

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
<b>Outcome 1-</b>			
Advisory and administrative services support the House of Representatives to fulfil its representative and legislative role	22,893 <i>22,691</i>	325 -	23,218 <i>22,691</i>
<b>Total: Department of the House of Representatives</b>	<b>22,893</b> <i>22,691</i>	<b>325</b> -	<b>23,218</b> <i>22,691</i>

**Schedule 1** Services for which money is appropriated

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**PARLIAMENT**

Appropriation (plain figures)—2013-2014  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2012-2013*

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
<b>Outcome 1-</b>			
Occupants of Parliament House are supported by integrated services and facilities, Parliament functions effectively and its work and building are accessible to the public	111,513 <i>110,822</i>	- -	111,513 <i>110,822</i>
<b>Total: Operating</b>	<b>111,513</b> <i>110,822</i>	- -	<b>111,513</b> <i>110,822</i>
<b>Non-operating</b>			
Administered Assets and Liabilities			20,437 <i>12,896</i>
<b>Total: Non-operating</b>			<b>20,437</b> <i>12,896</i>
<b>Total: Department of Parliamentary Services</b>	<b>111,513</b> <i>110,822</i>	- -	<b>131,950</b> <i>123,718</i>

**PARLIAMENT**

Appropriation (plain figures)—2013-2014  
*Actual Available Appropriation (italic figures)—2012-2013*

	Departmental \$'000	Administered \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE</b>			
<b>Operating</b>			
<b>Outcome 1-</b>			
Inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals	7,702 <i>6,063</i>	- -	7,702 <i>6,063</i>
<b>Total: Parliamentary Budget Office</b>	<b>7,702</b> <i>6,063</i>	- -	<b>7,702</b> <i>6,063</i>



