

# CONSOLIDATED FUND APPROPRIATION (NO 2) BILL 2009

## SECOND READING SPEECH

[Mr Speaker/Mr President]

The Government gave a commitment in the 2006 *State of the State* address that separate Budget appropriations would be made to the Parliamentary and independent agencies. As a result of this commitment, appropriations to the House of Assembly, Legislative Council, Legislature-General, Office of the Governor and Office of the Ombudsman were provided in a separate Appropriation Bill for the first time in 2007-08. In 2008-09, to fully implement the Government's commitment, the appropriation to the Tasmanian Audit Office was also included in this Bill.

[Mr Speaker/Mr President], these agencies will continue to receive appropriations in a separate Appropriation Bill in 2009-10, the *Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2009*.

[Mr Speaker/Mr President], the *Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2009* appropriates fifteen million, seven hundred and thirty seven thousand dollars (\$15 737 000) from the Consolidated Fund in 2009-10 for the recurrent services and capital works of these important agencies. The Bill recognises the unique role of these agencies in Tasmania's parliamentary and democratic systems and makes the independence of these agencies crystal clear.

I commend the Bill to the House.