

CONSOLIDATED FUND APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL 2011

SECOND READING SPEECH

[Mr Speaker/Madam 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. This Bill continues that commitment.

[Mr Speaker/Madam President], the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2011 appropriates twenty seven million, five hundred and eleven thousand dollars (\$27 511 000) from the Consolidated Fund in 2011-12 for the recurrent services of Parliamentary and independent 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.