



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ESTIMATES 2023

Committee 'A'

**ESTIMATES OF THE
HON MICHAEL FERGUSON MP**

**Treasurer
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for Planning**



REPORT

TREASURER

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2023 DIVISION 4 FINANCE-GENERAL

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of Finance-General, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

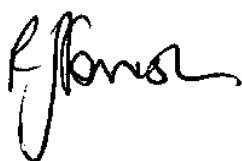
The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 1 – Debt Servicing and Management	
1.1 Debt Servicing	RECOMMENDED
1.2 Interest on Sundry Deposits	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 2 – Employee Related Costs	
2.1 Superannuation and Pensions	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 3 – Government Businesses	
3.1 Sustainable Timber Tasmania	RECOMMENDED

3.2	State Fire Commission	RECOMMENDED
3.4	Government Businesses	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 4 – Miscellaneous		
4.2	Treasurer’s Reserve	RECOMMENDED
4.3	Miscellaneous	RECOMMENDED
4.4	Payment to Australian Tax Office: GST Administration	RECOMMENDED
4.7	Property Management Services	RECOMMENDED
4.8	Infrastructure Investment Project Planning	RECOMMENDED
4.9	Ex-Gratia Assistance	RECOMMENDED
4.11	Budget Efficiency Dividend	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 89 – Public Building Maintenance Program		
89.1	Public Building Maintenance Program	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery		
90.2	Local Government \$200 million Interest Free Loans	RECOMMENDED

90.8 Tasmanian HomeBuilder Grant	RECOMMENDED
Grants and Subsidies	RECOMMENDED
Capital Investment Program	RECOMMENDED

The Committee further recommends that the Report, together with the minutes and the additional information requested by the Committee, and the transcripts be tabled.



HON RUTH FORREST MLC
Chair



REPORT

TREASURER

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2023 DIVISION 13 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE

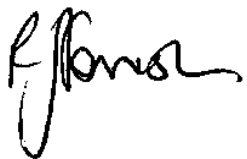
Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Treasury and Finance, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 1 – Financial and Resource Management Services	
1.1 Budget Development and Management	RECOMMENDED
1.2 Financial Management and Accounting Services	RECOMMENDED
1.3 Shareholder Advice on Government Businesses	RECOMMENDED
1.4 Government Property and Accommodation Services	RECOMMENDED
1.5 Government Procurement Services	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 2 – Economic and Fiscal Policy Advice	
2.1 Economic Policy Advice	RECOMMENDED

2.2	Regulatory Policy	RECOMMENDED
2.3	Intergovernmental Financial Matters	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 3 – Revenue, Superannuation and Regulatory Management Services		
3.1	Tax Administration and Revenue Collection	RECOMMENDED
3.2	Regulation and Administration of Liquor and Gaming	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <p>1. The new licencing arrangements for EGMs in pubs and clubs start 1st July 2023. Venues have finalised prices to acquire existing EGMs Network Gaming (Fed Hotels) and have signed contracts with MaxGaming the LMO.</p> <p>(a) How many of the existing 90+ venues with EGMs haven't applied for new licenses?</p> <p>(b) How many have officially advised they won't be doing so? What are the numbers of EGM's involved?</p> <p>(c) How many venues does the government expect to be operating under the new arrangement from 1st July? How many EGMs?</p> <p>(d) How many new venues have applied for licences? For how many EGM's? How many have been approved? (RF)</p>
3.4	Office of the Superannuation Commission	RECOMMENDED
3.5	Administration of Grants, Subsidies and Concessions	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 4 – Community Assistance		
4.1	Public Trustee Community Service Obligation	RECOMMENDED

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REPORT

TREASURER

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2023

DIVISION 8

TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Tasmanian Audit Office, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Group and makes the following recommendation:

Output Group 1 – Public Sector Performance and Accountability	
1.1 Public Sector Performance and Accountability	RECOMMENDED

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REPORT

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2023

DIVISION 11

DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of State Growth, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 2 – Infrastructure and Transport Services	
2.1 Infrastructure Tasmania	RECOMMENDED
2.2 Road User Services	RECOMMENDED
2.3 Passenger Transport	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 6 – Subsidies and Concessions	
6.1 Shipping and Ferry Subsidies	RECOMMENDED
6.2 General Access Services	RECOMMENDED
6.3 School Bus Services	FURTHER DEBATE 1. What is stopping the Government from sorting student bus services to end the discrimination in the

	<p>postcode lottery, where crossing an urban boundary triggers a fare liability? (MG)</p> <p>2. Why can't bus fares be added school fees and levies, so it's shared across the whole student cohort and no one is disadvantaged by where they live? (MG)</p> <p>3. What would be the cost per student of distributing bus fares across the levy bill of every K-12 student and thus make all student transport fare free and equitable to all students? (MG)</p> <p>4. What is the current gross fare income from student only contract bus services, and also what is that from student use of general access services to attend school? (MG)</p> <p>5. What is the percentage of K-12 students using bus services to attend their school or college that have to pay a fare? (MG)</p>
Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery	
90.16 International Air Freight Assistance	RECOMMENDED
90.23 Waratah-Wynyard Coastal Pathway	RECOMMENDED
90.28 Airport Infrastructure	RECOMMENDED
Grants and Subsidies	RECOMMENDED
Capital Investment Program	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <p>1. Please provide a breakdown the cost of the Leith Junction Overpass Design since its commencement (MG)</p>
Marine and Safety Tasmania	RECOMMENDED

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REPORT

MINISTER FOR PLANNING

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2023

DIVISION 6

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Justice, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Groups and makes the following recommendations:

Output Group 4 – Regulatory and Other Services	
4.2 Tasmanian Planning Commission	RECOMMENDED

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MINISTER FOR PLANNING

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2023

DIVISION 10

DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Hon Michael Ferguson, MP, on Monday 5 June 2023.

The Committee examined the Estimates contained in the following Output Group and makes the following recommendation:

Output Group 6 – Local Government	
6.2 State Planning Office	RECOMMENDED

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