

FACT SHEET

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT AMENDMENT BILL 2010

- The 2006 *State of the State* address announced a series of budgeting and financial reform initiatives, including separate Budget appropriations for the 'independent' agencies of the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General and the Parliamentary agencies.
- It is now proposed that a separate Budget appropriation be provided to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), commencing from the 2010-11 Budget.
- The *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990* provides for the management of public finances in Tasmania, including the process for authorising and applying appropriations from the Consolidated Fund to agencies.
- Under the Act, for an appropriation to be made to an agency, that agency must have a responsible Minister and Head of Agency.
- Under the proposed amendment, the Attorney General will be deemed responsible Minister for the purposes of the Act. Additionally, the DPP will be deemed the responsible Head of Agency for the purposes of the Act.
- This is the same arrangement that is currently in place for the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General, and the Parliamentary agencies.
- Consistent with the provision of a separate Budget appropriation, the Office of the DPP will have a separate chapter in Budget Paper No 2 *Government Services*, commencing from the 2010-11 Budget.