



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ESTIMATES 2021

Committee 'A'

**ESTIMATES OF THE
HON MICHAEL FERGUSON MP**

**Minister for Finance
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Minister for State Development,
Construction & Housing
Minister for Science and Technology**



REPORT

MINISTER FOR FINANCE

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2021

DIVISION 4

Finance-General

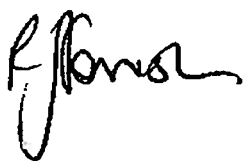
Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of Finance-General, the Hon Michael Ferguson MP on Monday, 6 September 2021.

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

Output Group 2 – Employee Related Costs	
2.1 Superannuation and Pensions	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 4 – Miscellaneous	
4.1 Information and Communication Technology	RECOMMENDED
4.7 Property Management Services	RECOMMENDED
4.8 Infrastructure Investment Project Planning	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 89 – Public Building Maintenance Program	

89.1 Public Building Maintenance Program	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery	
90.1 Youth Employment Scheme	<p>FURTHER DEBATE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the \$280 000 allocated in 2020-21 for the Youth Employment Scheme: Was the allocation in the last budget fully subscribed? (MW) 2. How many existing jobs did it support and how many new jobs has it created? (MW) 3. Last year, it was suggested that this scheme would support the jobs of around 2000 young people and 250 employers – how many young people were supported through this allocation in 2020-21, and how many employers were supported? (MW)
Capital Investment Program	RECOMMENDED

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MINISTER FOR FINANCE

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DIVISION 13

Department of Treasury and Finance

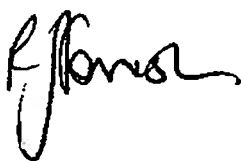
Legislative Council Estimates Committee 'A' examined the Estimates of Department of Treasury and Finance, the Hon Michael Ferguson MP on Monday, 6 September 2021.

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Output Group 1 – Financial and Resource Management Services		
1.4	Government Property and Accommodation Services	RECOMMENDED
1.5	Government Procurement Services	FURTHER DEBATE 1. Under the Tasmanian Government's Buy Local Policy, it is mandatory for all procurements with a value of more than \$5 million to have a TIPP. For procurements with a value greater than \$2 million, a TIPP may be required at the discretion of the procuring agency. Is there any mechanism to track which procurements between \$2-5 million required/produced a TIPP? What percentage of projects in this category were required to have a TIPP? (SL)

Output Group 2 – Economic and Fiscal Policy Advice	
2.2 Regulatory Policy	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 3 – Revenue, Superannuation and Regulatory Management Services	
3.1 Tax Administration and Revenue Collection	FURTHER DEBATE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please confirm the current state tax rate, exclusive of GST, that applies to the casinos in Townsville and Cairns in north Queensland which is being used as a benchmark for the future gaming markets model (MW). 2. Please provide the modelling which has been done by the Department in regards to the taxation revenue expected to be collected under the FGM reforms. (MW) 3. Please provide a list of the groups that have been involved in targeted consultation process in relation to the CSL distribution under the FGM reforms and the criteria on which they were selected. (MW) 4. Please confirm if there will there be an opportunity for a broader consultation process to inform the new CSL distribution. (MW)
3.2 Regulation and Administration of Liquor and Gaming	RECOMMENDED
3.4 Office of the Superannuation Commission	RECOMMENDED

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MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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DIVISION 11

Department of State Growth

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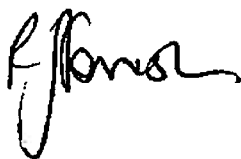
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Output Group 2 - Infrastructure and Transport Services	
2.1 Infrastructure Tasmania	RECOMMENDED
2.2 Road User Services	RECOMMENDED
2.3 Passenger Transport	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 6 - Subsidies and Concessions	
6.1 Shipping and Ferry Subsidies	RECOMMENDED
6.2 General Access Services	RECOMMENDED
6.3 School Bus Services	RECOMMENDED

Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery	
90.15 Essential Air Freight Services Bass Strait	RECOMMENDED
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the Leith overpass, the designs for the overpass and the acquiring of residential properties had already been discussed by the Government well before the residents had even heard about the overpass. The consultation for this project has upset and rightly so many of the Leith residents. Who is responsible for this situation? (MG) 2. Given there are far cheaper options the Government can easily implement instead of an overpass at Leith, why are these options not being used so taxpayer funds saved can be used on new COVID highway projects where they are needed 3. The budget of \$15Million for an overpass at Leith was calculated prior to 18 August 2020, given the significant cost increases for materials and labour since 2020 and fact any overpass at Leith will not be completed/operative for some 2 years after construction, the costs for this proposed overpass appear likely to exceed \$20Million, thus what is the Governments current estimated cost and when was the cost calculated? 4. Was the concept design for an overpass with slip lanes which was presented for display/comment at Turners Beach on 23/24 July 2021

	<p>the concept design used to determine the \$15Million cost and if so what date was it used to determine the \$15Million cost?</p> <p>5. If the concept design for an overpass with slip lanes which was presented for display/comment at Turners Beach on 23/24 July 2021 was not the concept design used to determine the \$15Million cost what concept design was and will the new concept design for an overpass with slip lanes which was presented for display/comment at Turners Beach on 23/24 July 2021 exceed \$15Million?</p> <p>6. What is the total cost the Government has incurred from 16 September 2017 until this current date, including the cost of consultants, design staff, surveyors engineers, consultations, public displays etc to produce a concept design or designs on which the \$15Million cost is based?</p> <p>7. Is the Leith overpass a done deal, or is there still a chance for this project to be reassessed with smarter and better outcomes for both residents and highway users?</p> <p>8. Is the proposed Leith overpass influenced by or part of the Government's Freight Transport Strategy? (MG)</p>
Marine and Safety Tasmania	RECOMMENDED

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REPORT

MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2021 DIVISION 2 Department of Communities Tasmania


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

Output Group 1 – Minister for State Growth Output Group 1 – Industry, Skills Development and Business Growth 1.2 Industry and Business Development	FURTHER DEBATE 1. Please provide a full breakdown of expenses related to operating the Macquarie Point Corporation. (RF)
Output Group 3 – Housing Services	
3.1 Housing Services	RECOMMENDED
Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery	
90.1 Private Rental Incentive Scheme	RECOMMENDED
90.10 Statewide Safe Spaces	RECOMMENDED

Capital Investment Program	RECOMMENDED
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REPORT

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2021

DIVISION 9

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, 6 September 2021.

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

Output Group 3 – Electronic Services for Government Agencies and the Community	
3.1 Information, Technology and Digital Services Strategy and Policy Development	RECOMMENDED
Capital Investment Program	RECOMMENDED

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