

Second Reading Speech

Supply Bill (No. 1) 2025

Speaker

As is standard practice, when Appropriation Acts for the forthcoming Budget year will not be in place at the commencement of the Budget year, a Supply Bill is required to make interim provision for the appropriation of funding from the Public Account for the continuation of normal Government services until the Budget Appropriation Bills are enacted.

Supply Bills are a contingency measure, consistent with long-standing constitutional and fiscal conventions. The Supply Bills support the continued delivery of existing services on a same-policy basis as the 2024-25 Appropriation Acts (2024-25 Budget and Supplementary appropriations). As such, no new initiatives, capital projects or equity contributions (2025-26 policy decisions) are provided for by the Supply Bill.

The draft 2025 Supply Bills seek Parliament's approval for interim appropriations to ensure the continued operation of Government services from 1 July 2025 until the enactment of the annual Appropriation Bills.

Treasury estimates that an appropriation totalling \$4 613 million is required to enable the continuation of the normal services of Government, including services in respect of Parliamentary and Statutory Offices, for a period of up to six months, from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

This amount has been determined with reference to actual agency expenditure for the first six months of 2024-25, and the 2025-26 Budget estimates.

Speaker

In accordance with current appropriation conventions, two Supply Bills have been prepared. The Bills reflect the allocation of Agency Outputs to Ministerial Portfolios detailed in the 2025-26 Budget Papers and as such are consistent with the 2025 Appropriation Bills.

Supply Bill (No. 1) 2025 makes an interim provision for the appropriation of \$4 583.4 million for the services of the Government. This includes \$4 273.7 million for expenditure on Operating Services. A further \$309.7 million is provided for expenditure for Capital Services to allow the Government's Infrastructure Program to continue to be delivered in the new Budget year.

Supply Bill (No. 2) 2025 makes an interim provision for the appropriation of \$27.7 million for the services of the Government in respect of Parliamentary and Statutory Offices for Operating Services expenditure. A further \$1.9 million is provided for Capital Services for infrastructure expenditure.

Speaker

These Supply Bills are administrative in nature as they provide for the continued provision of existing Government services and capital expenditure pending Parliament's consideration of the Budget for the 2025-26 financial year.

I commend the Bill to the House.