

**APPROPRIATION (CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT) RECURRENT 2007–08 AND 2008–09
(SUPPLEMENTARY) BILL 2009**

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Helen Morton (Parliamentary Secretary)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON HELEN MORTON (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [10.01 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill seeks to appropriate out of the consolidated account the sum of \$443 208 595.98 for recurrent payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2008 for the purposes and services detailed in schedule 1 of the bill and \$1 001 747 299.89 for recurrent payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2009 for the purposes and services detailed in schedule 2 of the bill. These payments, which were of an extraordinary and unforeseen nature, were made under the authority of the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Act 2008 and the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Act 2009. The payments were charged to the consolidated account under the authority of section 28 of the Financial Management Act 2006 and reflect excess expenditures against appropriations and expenditures for which there were no appropriations during the year.

In 2007–08, recurrent appropriations amounted to \$13.337 million, a net increase of \$267.3 million from the 2007–08 budget estimate of \$13 069.7 million. The unforeseen appropriation of \$443.2 million sought in this bill was offset by underspending of \$80.6 million against other votes and underspending of \$95.3 million authorised by other statutes. In 2008–09, recurrent appropriations amounted to \$15 331.7 million, a net increase of \$679.8 million from the 2008–09 budget estimate of \$14 651.9 million.

The unforeseen appropriation of \$1 001.7 million sought in this bill was offset by underspending of \$182.6 million against other votes and underspending of \$139.3 million authorised by other statutes. As underspending against other votes cannot be netted against excesses or new items approved under the Financial Management Act 2006, parliamentary authorisation is required for each vote where expenditure exceeds appropriation or for a new item. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.