

**APPROPRIATION (CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT) RECURRENT 2010–11  
(SUPPLEMENTARY) BILL 2011**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr C.C. Porter (Treasurer)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Treasurer.

*Second Reading*

**MR C.C. PORTER (Bateman — Treasurer)** [11.07 am]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill seeks to appropriate out of the consolidated account the sum of \$486 271 761 for recurrent payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2011 for the purposes and services detailed in schedule 1 of the bill. These payments, which were of an extraordinary and unforeseen nature, were made under the authority of the Financial Management Act 2006. The payments were charged to the consolidated account under the authority of section 27 of the Financial Management Act 2006, and reflect excess expenditures against appropriations and expenditures for which there were no appropriations during that year.

In 2010–11, recurrent appropriations amounted to \$17 844 700 000, a net increase of \$267 200 000 from the 2010–11 budget estimate of \$17 577 500 000. The unforeseen appropriation of \$486 300 000 sought in this bill was offset by underspending of \$251 200 000 against other votes and overspending of \$32 100 000 authorised by other statutes. As underspending against other votes cannot be netted against excesses or new items approved under the Financial Management Act, parliamentary authorisation is required for each vote in which expenditure exceeds appropriation or when there has been expenditure for a new item.

I thereby commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman**.