

APPROPRIATION (RECURRENT 2017–18) SUPPLEMENTARY BILL 2018

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr B.S. Wyatt (Treasurer)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Treasurer.

Second Reading

MR B.S. WYATT (Victoria Park — Treasurer) [12.26 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill seeks to charge the consolidated account the sum of \$42 662 066 for recurrent appropriation payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2018, as shown in schedule 1 of the bill. The payments were made under the authority of section 27 of the Financial Management Act 2006. They reflect above-budget excess expenditures against appropriations and expenditures for which no appropriations were budgeted for the 2017–18 financial year.

Details of the purposes and services of the funding for excesses and new items provided to agencies in 2017–18 were disclosed in the *Annual Report on State Finances* released on 26 September 2018. I am pleased to note that together with the Appropriation (Capital 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018, the total draw on the Treasurer’s advance was \$81.4 million for the year ending 30 June 2018. This represents just 12.6 per cent of the Treasurer’s advance limit for 2017–18. This compares with an average 67.6 per cent in unbudgeted appropriations over the two terms of the former Liberal–National government. This is a dramatic turnaround in expenditure management brought in by the McGowan government and highlights the increase in spending discipline since the March 2017 election. Although there is no statutory deadline for the introduction of supplementary funding bills, it is nevertheless good practice to deal with them in a timely manner.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Ms L. Mettam**.