

**APPROPRIATION (CONSOLIDATED FUND) BILL (NO. 6) 2006**

*Introduction and First Reading*

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

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Treasurer.

*Second Reading*

**MR E.S. RIPPER (Belmont - Treasurer)** [10.11 am]: I move -

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill seeks to appropriate out of the consolidated fund the sum of \$84 972 000 for capital payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2006 for the purposes detailed in schedule 1 of the bill. The payments, which were of an extraordinary and unforeseen nature, were made under authority of the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Act 2005. These payments were charged to the consolidated fund under authority of section 28 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985, and reflect excess expenditures against appropriations and expenditures for which there were no appropriations during the year. In 2005-06, capital expenditure transactions amounted to \$1 442.1 million, a net increase of \$177.6 million from the 2005-06 budget estimate of \$1 264.5 million. The unforeseen expenditure appropriation of \$85.0 million sought in this bill was offset by underspendings of \$183.5 million against other votes and increased expenditure of \$276.1 million authorised by other statutes.

As underspendings against other votes cannot be netted against excesses or new items approved under the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Act, parliamentary authorisation is required for each vote for which expenditure exceeds appropriation or for a new item. I commend the bill to the house and table additional information that will assist members in this debate.

[See paper 2172.]

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr G.M. Castrilli**.