

**APPROPRIATION (RECURRENT 2016–17) SUPPLEMENTARY BILL 2017**

*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)** [1.28 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill seeks to charge to the consolidated account the sum of \$297 032 405 for recurrent appropriation payments made during the financial year ended 30 June 2017, 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 2016–17 financial year. Details of the purposes and services of the funding for excesses and new items provided to agencies in 2016–17 were disclosed in the *Annual Report on State Finances*, released on 22 September 2017.

I note for the house's information that this is the last of the housekeeping bills required to bring appropriation approvals up to date for the period under the last government. Recent debate on similar bills for the years 2010–11 to 2015–16 highlight the disdain that members opposite had for the state's legislation. 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 this bill to the house.

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