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APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1976–77

Date Introduced: 21 April 1977  
House: House of Representatives  
Introduced by: Rt. Hon. Phillip Lynch, M.P.,  
Treasurer

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To appropriate moneys from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for commitments for certain capital items and transfer payments in 1976–77 additional to those provided in Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1976–77.

Background

See Digest for Appropriation Bill ( 3) 1976–77.

Provisions

Appropriation Bill (No. 4) permits the appropriation of \$78 million for the purposes specified in the Schedule to the Bill, retrospective to 1 July 1976.

The main items are summarised in the Second Reading Speech and include:

Capital Works and Services

- \$8.2m for N.C.D.C. cost increases.
- \$4.3m for Cooper Basin gas field because divestment of this asset not yet carried out.
- \$3m for concessional home loans in Darwin.

Payments to States

- \$7.4m for Aboriginal programs.
- \$3.4m for growth centres of Albury–Wodonga, Bathurst–Orange and Macarthur.
- \$10m for recent natural disasters.
- \$2.6m for Tasman Bridge cost increases.
- \$15m for new rural adjustment scheme (more than offset by savings under previous schemes).

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Other Services

- \$0.85m for community youth support scheme.
- \$3.6m for Fraser Island compensation.
- \$2m for Tasmanian south-bound freight equalisation.

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