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Membership of Committee — 47th Parliament

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Standing Order 222A

- (a) A House Appropriations and Administration Committee shall be appointed to:
 - (i) consider estimates of the funding required for the operation of the Department of the House of Representatives each year;
 - (ii) provide to the Speaker for presentation to the House and transmission to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, the committee's estimates of amounts for inclusion in appropriation and supply bills for the Department of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) consider proposals for changes to the administration of the Department of the House of Representatives or variations to services provided by the Department;
 - (iv) consider and report to the Speaker on any other matters of finance or services as may be referred to it by the Speaker;
 - (v) consider and report to the House on any other matters of finance or services as may be referred to it by the House;
 - (vi) consider and report to the Speaker on matters relating to the provision of facilities in Parliament House affecting the House, its committees or its Members;
 - (vii) make an annual report to the House on its operations;
 - (viii) consider the administration and funding of security measures affecting the House and advise the Speaker and the House as appropriate; and
 - (ix) consider any proposals for works in the parliamentary precincts that are subject to parliamentary approval and report to the House on them as appropriate.
- (b) When conferring with the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing, the House Appropriations and Administration Committee may:
 - (i) consider estimates of the funding required for the operation of the Department of Parliamentary Services each year; and

- (ii) provide to the Speaker for presentation to the House and transmission to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, estimates of amounts for inclusion in appropriation and supply bills for the Department of Parliamentary Services.
- (c) The committee shall consist of nine members: the Speaker as Chair, four government Members and four non-government/non-aligned Members. A quorum shall be three members of the committee.
- (d) The committee shall be assisted by the Clerk, Serjeant-at-Arms, and officers of the Department of the House of Representatives appropriate to any matters under consideration.



Additional Estimates 2023–24

Role of the Committee

- 1.1 Pursuant to Standing Order 222A(a)(ii), the committee is required to ‘provide to the Speaker for presentation to the House and transmission to the Minister for Finance, the committee’s estimates of amounts for inclusion in appropriation and supply bills for the Department of the House of Representatives’ (the department).

Proposed Additional Estimates 2023–24

- 1.1 Additional funding totalling \$1.930m has been sought over the four-year period commencing in 2023-24. \$0.273m of this relates to 2023-24. The funding will provide two staff to coordinate parliamentary engagement activities between Pacific and Australian parliaments as well as support additional Guest of Parliament visits from Pacific Parliaments to the Australian Parliament. The additional visits will add to delegation exchanges and capacity building activities already funded through the department’s current appropriation and complement other initiatives by the Australian government in the Pacific.

Proposed Appropriation for 2023–24

Departmental Annual Appropriation

- 1.2 The appropriation for the department (as included in the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2023–2024*) is calculated in accordance with Commonwealth funding policy. Under this policy, the prior year’s departmental appropriation is adjusted for the efficiency dividend, any wages and prices indices, and any applicable Budget measures. This

was presented to the committee in May 2023, and reported in report 26.

- 1.3 The table below indicates the movement in the department's appropriation since the May 2023–24 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS).

Item	Departmental	Administered	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Estimated appropriation 2023–24 as reported in the May 2023–24 PBS	26,929	347	27,276
Expense Measures			
Guest of Parliament (GoP) Pacific Delegation	273	-	273
Total available appropriation for 2023–24	27,202	347	27,549
<i>Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2023–2024</i>	26,929	347	27,276
<i>Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2023–2024</i>	27,202	-	273

Conclusion

- 1.4 The **total additional appropriation** to be approved by the Parliament for the department, as set out in the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2023–2024, will be **\$0.273m**.
- 1.5 The Committee will continue to monitor the department's financial position into the future and will report to the House accordingly.

Hon Milton Dick MP
 Chair
 12 February 2024