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AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1992-93

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

## (Circulated by authority of the Minister for Finance. the Honourable Ralph Willis. MP)

### OUTLINE

#### Amendments to Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1992-93

The purpose of Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1992-93 is to provide authority for expenditure on other than the ordinary annual services of Government. The appropriation provisions in the Bill subsume those interim provisions approved by the Parliament for that purpose in the Supply Acts.

The Bill contains a provision (clause 3) which limits the amounts which may be issued from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the net difference between the total appropriation in that Bill and the amounts previously authorised to be issued from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the same purposes by Supply Acts.

In drafting Appropriation Bill (No. 2), the amount to be authorised to be issued under authority of Supply Bill (No. 2), the amount to be authorise to be issued under authority of Supply Bill (No. 3) 1992-93 (\$65 million) was inadvertently inserted instead of the amount to be issued under Supply Bill (No. 4) 1992-93 (\$105 million). This resulted in the aggregate amount authorised to be issued from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes of Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1992-93 (\$105 million) and Supply (No. 2) 1992-93 being \$40 million more than the amount to be appropriated for those purposes.

The amendments correct this error.

#### Financial Impact

The amendments correct an error in Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1992-93 to limit the level of funds which may be issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the amount appropriated.

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