

## ROYAL ASSENT

Message read advising royal assent on 23 April to:

**Livestock Disease Control Amendment Bill  
Pahran Mechanics' Institute Amendment Bill  
Victims of Crime Assistance Amendment Bill.**

## APPROPRIATION MESSAGE

Message read recommending appropriation for  
**Accident Towing Services Bill.**

## APPROPRIATION (2007/2008) BILL

Message read recommending appropriation and  
transmitting estimates of revenue and expenditure  
for 2007–08).

Estimates tabled.

### *Introduction and first reading*

**Mr BRUMBY (Treasurer), pursuant to standing order 87, introduced a bill for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the government for the financial year 2007–08 and for other purposes.**

Read first time.

### *Statement of compatibility*

**Mr BRUMBY (Treasurer) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act:**

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Appropriation (2007/2008) Bill 2007.

In my opinion, Appropriation (2007/2008) Bill 2007, as introduced to the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

### **Overview of bill**

The Appropriation (2007/2008) Bill will provide appropriation 'authority' for payments from the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of government for the 2007–08 financial year.

The amounts contained in schedule 1 to the Appropriation (2007/2008) Bill provide for the ongoing operations of departments, including new output and asset investment funded through annual appropriation.

Schedules 2 and 3 of the bill contain details concerning payments from advances pursuant to section 35 of the

Financial Management Act 1994 and payments from the advance to Treasurer in 2005–06 respectively.

### **Human rights issues**

*1. Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill*

The bill does not raise any human rights issues.

*2. Consideration of reasonable limitations — section 7(2)*

As the bill does not raise any human rights issues, it does not limit any human rights and therefore it is not necessary to consider section 7(2) of the charter.

### **Conclusion**

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not raise a human rights issue.

THE HON. JOHN BRUMBY, MP  
Treasurer

### *Second reading*

14:55

**Mr BRUMBY (Treasurer) — I move:**

That this bill be now read a second time.

### **Introduction**

Five months ago, the people of Victoria returned the Bracks government to office.

We wasted no time in getting back to work.

We pushed through tax cuts and bonuses worth \$900 million — cutting stamp duty, bringing forward payroll tax reductions, abolishing business rental duty and extending the first home bonus.

We started work on the goldfields super-pipe — to bring water security and certainty to Bendigo and Ballarat.

We delivered a \$138 million bushfire recovery and response package — helping fire-affected communities in provincial Victoria to recover and rebuild.

We slashed V/Line fares by 20 per cent and abolished zone 3 from the public transport system — saving passengers up to 50 per cent of their daily fares.

We have led Australia in stem cell research — becoming the first state to introduce legislation to allow somatic cell nuclear transfer.

And we have attracted major new investment to Victoria, including filming of the world's