

Debate adjourned until next day.

**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT
2007/2008) BILL**

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

Estimates tabled.

Introduction and first reading

Mr BRACKS (Premier), pursuant to standing order 87, introduced a bill to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of the financial year 2007–08 and for other purposes.

Read first time.

Statement of compatibility

Mr BRACKS (Premier) 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 (Parliament 2007/2008) Bill 2007.

In my opinion, the Appropriation (Parliament 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 purpose of the Appropriation (Parliament 2007/2008) Bill 2007 is to provide appropriation authority for payments from the Consolidated Fund to the Parliament in respect of the 2007–08 financial year.

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 Act 2006 because it does not raise a human rights issue.

THE HON. JOHN BRUMBY, MP
Treasurer

Second reading

15:35

Mr BRACKS (Premier) — I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The bill provides appropriation authority for payments from the Consolidated Fund to the Parliament in respect of the 2007–08 financial year including ongoing liabilities incurred by the Parliament such as employee entitlements that may be realised in the future.

Honourable members will be aware that other funds are appropriated for parliamentary purposes by way of special appropriations contained in other legislation. In addition, unapplied appropriations under the Appropriation (Parliament 2006/2007) Act 2006 have been estimated and included in the budget papers. Prior to 30 June actual unapplied appropriation will be finalised and the 2007–08 appropriations adjusted by the approved carryover amounts pursuant to the provisions of section 32 of the Financial Management Act 1994.

In line with the wishes of the presiding officers, appropriations in the bill are made to the departments of the Parliament.

The total appropriation authority sought in this bill is \$92.1 million — in clause 3 of the bill — for Parliament in respect of the 2007–08 financial year.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr BAILLIEU (Leader of the Opposition).

Debate adjourned until Tuesday, 15 May.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Membership

Mr BATCHELOR (Minister for Victorian Communities) — By leave, I move:

That Ms Beattie, Mr Delahunty, Mr Howard, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Scott and Mr Smith (member for Bass) be members of the House Committee.

I move this motion to provide the component of Legislative Assembly members to the House Committee. We wish the members and you, Speaker, well when dealing with these members.

Motion agreed to.