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**SUPPLY BILL 1993-94**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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This Bill makes broad based appropriations from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending 30 June 1994. The appropriations relate to payments expected to be made for the general administration of the ACT. The Bill is an interim one which will lapse upon the passing, by the Assembly, of the Appropriation Bill 1993-94.

The Bill authorises an amount of \$643,367,300 to be issued from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. This amount is expected to cover payments necessary for the continuing operation of Government services from the commencement of the financial year until the passing of the Appropriation Bill. This is expected to occur during the November sittings of the Assembly.

Details of the Bill are set out at Attachment A.

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act as being the Supply Act 1993-94 as it relates to the 1993-94 financial year.

Clause 2 provides that the Act commences on 1 July 1993 being the first day of the 1993-94 financial year.

Clause 3 authorises the Treasurer to issue \$643,367,300 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the financial year 1993-94, as per the Schedule. Section 57 of the ACT (Self Government) Act 1989 provides that no public money in the Territory shall be issued or spent except as authorised by law.

Clause 4 deems that moneys appropriated for a particular program are also appropriated for making payments under Acts administered as part of that program and other purposes of the program. Thus, where an Act provides that moneys are payable for a specific statutory authority or purpose it does not have to be specifically cited in the Schedule in order for the payment to be lawful.

Clause 5 enables the Treasurer to issue additional funds out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for salary increases occurring after the tabling of this Bill which are payable in 1993-94. The salary increases must be in accordance with a law or award, order or determination made under a law and any funds issued under this clause can only be used for this purpose. The clause provides for the Consolidation Revenue Fund to be appropriated to the extent necessary for the purpose of this section thereby eliminating the use of the Treasurer's Advance for salary increases and satisfying Section 57 of the ACT (Self Government) Act 1989.

Clause 6 enables items annotated in the Schedule as "(net appropriations - see Section 6)" to be credited with revenue received in connection with the provision of services to the Territory or Territory Authorities. The use of these items is subject to terms and conditions agreed between the Minister responsible for the item and the Treasurer.

This clause eliminates the need for expenditure associated with recoverable works to be specifically appropriated, thus a program may expend moneys for another program

provided the program pays for the service. The need for double appropriations distorting the level of expenditure required to perform services of the ACT Government is removed.

Clause 7 allows money credited to agency services items before 1 July 1993 for the provision of services in accordance with section 8 of the Appropriation Act 1992-93 but remaining unexpended to be available for expenditure on 1 July 1993. This allows agencies to utilise credits received late in the 1992-93 financial year in return for which services are yet to be performed.

### **Schedule**

The Schedule details the programs within the various administrative units and statutory bodies as shown and the amounts which can be issued and expended for recurrent and capital purposes of those programs. In the absence of such a schedule there would be no limit on the individual programs as to the amounts which could be expended except for the total authorised in clause 3. The programs are essentially the same as those identified in the Appropriation Act 1992-93. However, a revision to division numbers has occurred within the Department of Urban Services.

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| <i>1992-93:</i> | Division 190 | Government Corporate Services                                 |
|                 | Division 200 | Public Works and Services                                     |
|                 | Division 210 | Corporate Development for the Department of<br>Urban Services |
| <i>1993-94:</i> | Division 190 | Public Works and Services                                     |
|                 | Division 200 | Corporate Development for the Department of<br>Urban Services |
|                 | Division 210 | Government Corporate Services                                 |

In addition, Division 90: The Arts has been renamed Division 90: Culture and Heritage.

The amounts specified for each program are based on providing expenditure from the commencement of the financial year until the passing of the Appropriation Bill in accordance with existing policies; that is, a continuation of 1992-93 expenditure policies.