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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**SUPPLY BILL 1995-96  
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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## **SUPPLY BILL 1995-96**

**This Bill makes broad based appropriations from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year ending 30 June 1996. 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 1995-96.**

**The Bill authorises an amount of \$658,430,000 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.**

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act as being the Supply Act 1995-96 as it relates to the 1995-96 financial year.

Clause 2 provides that the Act commences on 1 July 1995 being the first day of the 1995-96 financial year.

Clause 3 authorises the Treasurer to issue \$658,430,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the financial year 1995-96, as per the Schedule. Section 58 of the *ACT (Self Government) Act 1988* provides that no public money in the Territory shall be issued or spent except as authorised by law. Not only does clause 3 accord with the requirements of section 58 of the *ACT (Self Government) Act 1988*, in relation to issuance and spending, but it also accords with the *Audit Act 1989* provisions associated with the issuance and application of that money.

Clause 4 deems that moneys appropriated for a particular Administrative Unit or Program are also appropriated for making payments under Acts administered as part of that Administrative Unit or Program and other purposes of the Administrative Unit or 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 19 May 1995 and which are payable in 1995-96. 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 Consolidated 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 58 of the *ACT (Self Government) Act 1988*.

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 enables an Administrative Unit or Program to expend moneys which are reserved for services provided to an Administrative Unit or Program. The need for double appropriations distorting the level of expenditure required to perform services of the ACT Government is removed by this mechanism.

Clause 7 allows money credited to agency services items before 1 July 1995 for the provision of services in accordance with section 10 of the Appropriation Act 1994-95 but remaining unexpended to be available for expenditure from 1 July 1995. This allows agencies to utilise payments received in the 1994-95 financial year for services yet to be performed.

Clause 8 makes allowance for payments to the ACT Academy of Sport Trust Account once it has been established. This clause effectively substitutes the Schedule with a replacement subdivision including the ACT Academy of Sport Trust Account upon creation.

### **Schedule**

The Schedule details the various Administrative Units and Programs and the amounts which can be issued and expended for recurrent and capital purposes of those Administrative Units and Programs. In the absence of such a schedule there would be no limit on the individual Administrative Units or Programs as to the amounts which could be expended except for the total authorised in clause 3.

The Administrative Units and Programs differ from the Programs existing in the 1994-95 Budget as a result of the Administrative Arrangement Order dated 15 March 1995 and subsequent adjustments which created a new structure of seventeen Administrative Units and Programs. Funds are to be appropriated to the Administrative Unit or Program level shown in the table below. Lower level Programs and sub-programs retain importance in that they remain obligatory reporting levels. The new structure is as follows:

<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
<b>Old Programs</b>	<b>New Administrative Units or Programs</b>
1. ACT Legislative Assembly	1. ACT Legislative Assembly
2. Government & Co-ordination	2. ACT Executive
3. Economic Development	3. Auditor General
4. Public Administration	4. Chief Minister's Department
5. ACT Financial Management	5. Department of Public Administration

6. Audit Services
7. Environment & Conservation
8. Territory Planning
9. Land
10. Culture & Heritage
11. Sport & Recreation
12. Legal Services to Government
  
13. Community Legal Services
14. Administration of Justice
15. Maintenance of Law and Order
16. Housing & Community Services
17. Public Transport
18. City Services
19. Fire & Emergency Services
20. Public Works & Services
21. Corporate Development for DUS
22. Canberra Institute of Technology
23. Government Schooling
24. Non-Government Schooling
25. Training
26. Health

6. Treasury
7. Department of Health and Community Care
8. Business, Employment and Tourism Bureau
9. Department of Urban Services
10. Attorney General's Department
11. Emergency Services Bureau
12. Department of Environment, Land  
and Planning
13. Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing
14. Housing and Family Services Bureau
15. Department of Education and Training
16. Children's and Youth Services Bureau
17. Canberra Institute of Technology

The amounts specified for each Administrative Unit or 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.