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**SUPPLY BILL 1994-95**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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This Bill makes broad based appropriations from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year ending 30 June 1995. 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 1994-95.

The Bill authorises an amount of \$515,595,800 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 August sittings of the Assembly.

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act as being the Supply Act 1994-95 as it relates to the 1994-95 financial year.

Clause 2 provides that the Act commences on 1 July 1994 being the first day of the 1994-95 financial year.

Clause 3 authorises the Treasurer to issue \$515,595,800 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the financial year 1994-95, 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 18 April 1994 and which are payable in 1994-95. 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 enables an administrative unit to expend moneys which are reserved for services provided to an administrative unit. 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 1994 for the provision of services in accordance with section 10 of the Appropriation Act 1993-94 but remaining unexpended to be available for expenditure from 1 July 1994. This allows agencies to utilise payments received in the 1993-94 financial year for services yet to be performed.

Clause 8 makes allowance for payments to the Sport and Recreation Programs and Facilities Trust Account once it has been created. This clause effectively substitutes the schedule with a replacement subdivision including the Sport and Recreation Programs and Facilities Trust Account upon creation.

Clause 9 enables the transfer of the balance of funds from the Health Transitional Operations Trust Account to the ACT Health Special Purpose Funds Trust Account. The closure of the existing Trust Account and the creation of the new Trust Account is expected to occur on or after July 1994.

### **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 differ from those identified in the 1993-94 Budget as a result of an Administrative Arrangement Order occurring due to the creation of the new Department of Public Administration and the Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing. In addition Higher Education and Training has been renamed to Training to reflect the transfer of the Higher Education component to Government Schooling. The new program structure will be as follows:

	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>
<b>Program 1</b>	ACT Legislative Assembly	ACT Legislative Assembly
<b>Program 2</b>	ACT Corporate Management	Government & Co-ordination
<b>Program 3</b>	Economic Development	Economic Development
<b>Program 4</b>	Audit Services	Public Administration
<b>Program 5</b>	ACT Financial Management	ACT Financial Management

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

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.