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

**APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL
2013-2014**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2013-2014* is the mechanism for the appropriation of monies for the 2013-14 financial year.

Under Section 58 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*, public money may not be issued or spent except as authorised by law. Under Section 6 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* (FMA), no payment of public money may be made unless it is in accordance with an appropriation. Section 8 of the FMA provides for separate appropriations to be made under an Appropriation Act in respect of each directorate. The FMA also provides for appropriation units, being a class of outputs, or a group of output classes, for which an appropriation is made by an Appropriation Act. The Bill satisfies the provisions of each of these Acts.

The Bill provides for appropriations for:

- (a) the provision of outputs by Office of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) capital injection to be provided to the Office of the Legislative Assembly; and
- (c) any payments to be made by Office of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of the Territory.

Monies are appropriated to the Office of the Legislative Assembly as established under the *Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2012*.

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act as being the *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2013-2014* as it relates to the 2013-14 financial year.

Clause 2 provides that the Act commences on 1 July 2013.

Clause 3 refers to the legislative basis for making appropriations.

Clause 4 deals with definitions for the purposes of the Bill.

Clause 5 deals with interpretation for the purposes of the Bill.

Clause 6 provides for the appropriation of \$13,479,000 for the net cost of outputs, capital injection and expenses on behalf of the Territory, in the 2013-14 financial year.

Clause 6(1)(2)(3) provides for appropriation to the Office of the Legislative Assembly for the corresponding outputs identified in Clause 7.

Table 6 details the amounts appropriated in the 2013-14 financial year for:

- (a) the net cost of outputs;
 - (b) capital injections; and
 - (c) payments on behalf of the Territory
- for the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

Section 7 identifies the Office of the Legislative Assembly as a class of outputs for the Financial Management Act listed in Table 6.