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

**APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL
2017-2018 (No. 2)**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**Presented by
Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Treasurer**

APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2017-2018 (No. 2)

The Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2017-2018 (No. 2) is the mechanism for the appropriation of additional monies for the 2017-18 financial year for the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

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 that there must be a separate Appropriation Act for an appropriation for the Office of Legislative Assembly. The Bill satisfies the provisions of each of these Acts.

The Bill provides for additional appropriations for the Office of the Legislative Assembly in relation to capital injections.

Sections 20AA and 20AC of the FMA require the Treasurer to table a statement of reasons immediately after the introduction of the Appropriation (Office of Legislative Assembly) Bill 2017-2018 No.2 should the Government depart from the Speaker's "recommended appropriation" for the Office of the Legislative Assembly or any of the officers of the Assembly. No such statement is required in relation to the Appropriation (Office of Legislative Assembly) Bill 2017-2018 (No. 2).

Details of the Bill are set out below:

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Clause 1 cites the short title of the Act as being the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2017-2018 (No. 2) as it relates to the 2017-18 financial year.

Clause 2 provides that the Act commences on the day after its notification day.

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 \$390 000 for capital injection on behalf of the Territory to the Office of the Legislative Assembly in the 2017-18 financial year.