

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### **Arrangements made under Section 10(2)** *Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989*

## STAFF SALARY ALLOCATIONS

### INSTRUMENT NO. 239 OF 2000

#### Legislative Context

Section 10(2) of the Legislative Assembly (Members' Staff) Act 1989 provides for the approval by the Chief Minister of arrangements for the employment of persons as members of the staff of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

#### Outline

This arrangement provides the staff salary allocation to Members of the fourth Legislative Assembly for the first pay period of the 2000-2001 financial year until the last pay period of the 2000-2001 financial year inclusive.

This Instrument also enables Members, with the written agreement of the Chief Minister, to employ staff outside of these allocations in some circumstances. These circumstances are where the allocations are not sufficient for the Member to perform their Parliamentary duties because of the need to replace an employee who is on extended leave for reasons largely beyond the Member's control. Leave is considered to be 'extended' when it is for periods in excess of four continuous weeks during the term of the salary allocation.

The types of absences for which this arrangement might apply include:

- paid maternity leave;
- workers compensation (including graduated return to work);
- long service leave; and
- sick leave.

This arrangement will enable Members to employ replacement staff from their staff salary allocation for the extent of the absence.

The Members' staff salary allocation provides for the days 22 June 2000 to 20 June 2001 inclusive but does not provide for the days 21 June to 30 June 2001 inclusive. The last days of the 2000-2001 financial year will be provided for by arrangements made subsequently for the financial year 2001-2002.