



New South Wales

# Appropriation Bill 2024

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

The following Bills are cognate with this Bill—

*Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2024*

*Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2024*

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to appropriate from the Consolidated Fund various sums of money required for the 2024–25 financial year (the *appropriation year*) for the services of the Government, including—

- (a) departments of the Public Service, and
- (b) various special offices.

The Consolidated Fund largely comprises receipts from, and payments out of, taxes, fines, some regulatory fees, Commonwealth grants and income from Crown assets.

This Bill—

- (a) appropriates a single sum for the services of each agency, including capital works and services, recurrent services and the repayment of debt, and
- (b) contains an additional appropriation that allocates revenue raised in connection with gaming machine taxes to the Minister for Health for spending on health-related services, and
- (c) contains provision for transfer payments from the Commonwealth to non-government schools and local government, and
- (d) provides for appropriation for the whole of the appropriation year.

## Outline of provisions

### Part 1 Preliminary

**Clause 1** sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

**Clause 3** defines certain terms used in the proposed Act.

### Part 2 Appropriations—departments

**Part 2** provides for appropriations to specified Ministers for the services of the departments and other matters within the administration of the Ministers for the appropriation year.

### Part 3 Additional appropriation for health-related services

**Part 3** makes an additional appropriation to the Minister for Health, being part of the revenue raised from gaming machine taxes.

### Part 4 Appropriations—special offices

**Part 4** provides for appropriations for the services of specified offices for the appropriation year.

### Part 5 Commonwealth transfer payments

**Part 5** provides for transfer payments from the Commonwealth to non-government schools and local government.

### Part 6 General

**Part 6** contains general provisions that do the following—

- (a) enable appropriations to be transferred between Ministers to take account of machinery of government changes occurring before the appropriation year but after the Bill for the proposed Act is introduced into the Legislative Assembly,  
**Note—** The *Government Sector Finance Act 2018*, section 4.9 permits appropriations to be transferred between Ministers in relation to machinery of government changes occurring during the appropriation year.
- (b) provide that certain payments made from the Consolidated Fund during the appropriation year and before the enactment of the proposed Act are deemed to be made out of sums appropriated by the proposed Act,  
**Note—** The *Government Sector Finance Act 2018*, section 4.10 authorises payments in these circumstances.
- (c) provide for variations to authorised payments to be made in certain circumstances,
- (d) provide for the circumstances in which the Treasurer may authorise payments for contingencies in relation to integrity agencies,
- (e) require details of payments of sums from special appropriations to the Treasurer to be included in the Budget Papers for the next Budget,
- (f) enable the function of expending certain amounts appropriated to the Treasurer to be delegated,
- (g) require the Auditor-General to be notified of authorisations given under the proposed part.