

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

**APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL  
2020-21 - DEPARTURES FROM RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Presented by  
Mr Andrew Barr MLA  
Treasurer**

Madam Speaker, on 9 February 2021, I presented the *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2020-21* (the Bill) to the Assembly.

The Bill contained appropriations of \$21.983 million to the Office of the Legislative Assembly, \$3.546 million to the Auditor-General, \$5.227 million to the ACT Integrity Commissioner, and \$13.664 million to the Electoral Commissioner.

As the amount in the Bill appropriated to the Office of the Legislative Assembly is a departure from the amount requested by the Speaker, I provide the following statement of reasons regarding this departure as required under section 20AA of the *Financial Management Act 1996*.

The Speaker recommended recurrent funding to permanently fill the position of an Assistant Technical Officer that was established in 2019-20 on a temporary basis.

As there has not been a reduction in funding from 2019-20 to 2020-21, the Government considers it is appropriate for the Office of the Legislative Assembly to maintain the Assistant Technical Officer position from within existing resources.

I commend this Statement of Reasons to the Assembly.