

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

**APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL  
2022-23 – DEPARTURES FROM RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Presented by  
Mr Andrew Barr MLA  
Treasurer**

Madam Speaker, on 2 August 2022, I presented the *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2022-23* (the Bill) to the Assembly.

The Bill contained appropriations of \$20.882 million to the Office of the Legislative Assembly, \$4.064 million to the Auditor-General, \$7.990 million to the ACT Integrity Commissioner and \$4.890 million to the Electoral Commissioner.

The *Appropriation Bill 2022-23* also contained appropriation of \$3.925 million to the ACT Ombudsman (via the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate).

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

The Speaker recommended recurrent funding of \$21.086 million for the Office of the Legislative Assembly in 2022-23. Recurrent funding includes an additional \$794,000 to meet costs associated with the restructure of the committee support function and the permanent appointment of an Assistant Technical Officer.

There is \$538,000 difference between the Speaker's recommended recurrent funding and the 2022-23 appropriation. Of this difference, the \$290,000 requested for redundancy payments is to be funded from the whole of government Restructure Fund, and the \$105,000 requested for the permanent appointment of an Assistant Technical Officer is to be funded from within the Office of the Legislative Assembly's base funding. The remaining \$143,000 for a further new position at an ASO6 level is not supported by the Government at this time, as the Government considers a staged implementation of the Committee restructure is appropriate.

I commend this Statement of Reasons to the Assembly.