

**2024**

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

**APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2023-2024  
(No 2)**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
and  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPATIBILITY STATEMENT  
(*Human Rights Act 2004, s 37*)**

**Presented by  
Mr Andrew Barr MLA  
Treasurer**

## **APPROPRIATION (OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) BILL 2023-2024 (No 2)**

The Bill **is not** a Significant Bill. Significant Bills are bills that have been assessed as likely to have significant engagement of human rights and require more detailed reasoning in relation to compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE BILL**

The *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2023-2024 (No 2)* is the mechanism for the appropriation of additional money for the 2023-24 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 the Legislative Assembly. The Bill satisfies the provisions of each of these Acts.

The Bill provides for appropriations for the Office of the Legislative Assembly in relation to payments to be made on behalf of the Territory.

### **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED APPROACH**

Nil

### **CONSISTENCY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS**

There are no rights engaged under the *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2023-2024 (No 2)*.

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*Human Rights Act 2004 - Compatibility Statement*

In accordance with section 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2004* I have examined *the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2023-2024 (No 2)*. In my opinion, having regard to the Bill and the outline of the policy considerations and justification of any limitations on rights outlined in this explanatory statement, the Bill as presented to the Legislative Assembly is consistent with the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

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Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Attorney-General

## CLAUSE NOTES

**Clause 1** cites the short title of the Act as being the *Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2023-2024 (No 2)* as it relates to the 2023-2024 financial year.

**Clause 2** provides that the Act is taken to have commenced on the day after the notification date.

**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 additional appropriation of \$94,000 for payments on behalf of the Territory to the Office of the Legislative Assembly in the 2023-2024 financial year.