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**Paper for the House Committee Meeting
of the Legislative Council
on 22 June 2001**

**Legal Service Division Report on
Supplementary Appropriation (2000-2001) Bill 2001**

Object of the Bill

To provide for the appropriation of \$1,179,790,140.27 for the service of the Government in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2001 in addition to the sum appropriated by the Appropriation Ordinance 2000 (23 of 2000).

LegCo Brief Reference

2. No LegCo Brief has been issued.

Date of First Reading

3. 20 June 2001.

Comments

4. In accordance with section 6 of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) ("the Ordinance"), an Appropriation Ordinance is enacted at the commencement of the financial year. By virtue of the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance, the estimates of expenditure for the financial year to which the Appropriation Ordinance relates are deemed to be approved.

5. However, in accordance with section 8 of the Ordinance changes may be made to the approved estimates during the course of the financial year. Such changes may include the creation of new heads and subheads of expenditure.

6. Section 9 of the Ordinance provides that if at the close of account for a financial year it is found that expenditure charged to any head is in excess of the sum appropriated for that head by the Appropriation Ordinance for that financial year, the excess shall be included in a Supplementary Appropriation Bill which shall be introduced into the Legislative Council as soon as practicable after the close of that financial year.

7. By this Bill, the Administration is seeking the approval of the Legislative Council to make supplementary provisions for the specified heads of expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2001. The heads in which there was excess and the amounts of excess are specified in the Schedule to the Bill.

8. According to the draft speech by the Secretary for the Treasury, the excess expenditure in each head reflects supplementary provision approved by the Finance Committee or under powers delegated by it. The purpose of the Bill is to seek final legislative authority for the supplementary provisions.

9. The Bill is legally in order.

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