

AUDIT.

No. 17 of 1978.

AN ACT to amend the Audit Act, 1904-1966.

[Assented to 18th May, 1978.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Audit Act Amendment Act, 1978*.

Short title
and
citation.

(2) In this Act the Audit Act, 1904-1966, is referred to as the principal Act.

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December,
1969.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Audit Act, 1904-1978.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

Commence-
ment.

New section
added.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting a new section, to stand as section 31A, as follows—

Authorisa-
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ation.

31A. (1) Where before the close of any financial year no appropriation is made by law in respect of moneys to be drawn from the Public Account to meet the requirements of the next succeeding financial year the Treasurer may make such payments and advances to meet those requirements at the commencement of the financial year as do not exceed in the aggregate an amount equivalent to one-fifth of the expenditure authorised by the Appropriation Act for the then immediately preceding financial year, but the authority conferred on the Treasurer by this section—

- (a) does not extend beyond the period of the first two months of the financial year; and
- (b) ceases upon the enactment of an Appropriation Act for the financial year,

and upon the Appropriation Act for the financial year coming into operation all payments and advances made under the authority conferred on the Treasurer by this section shall be regarded and treated for all purposes as payments or advances made out of the Supply appropriated by that Act to the relevant divisions and heads of service for that financial year. .
