1. The priority of the 2011-12 Budget is on funding recovery and restoration works following the natural disasters of late 2010 and early 2011. Measures to moderate the cost of living pressures on householders and to support key sectors such as construction and tourism are also a focus.
2. Major new expenditure initiatives approved in the 2011-12 Budget include:
* funding to implement the Flying Start suite of initiatives;
* funding for upgrade and maintenance priorities in state schools;
* a temporary $10,000 grant towards the construction or purchase of a new home for six months commencing 1 August 2011 to assist recovery in the housing construction sector;
* additional funding for Smart State; and
* extension of the ClimateSmart Home Service.
1. To address cost of living pressures, the 2011-12 Budget also included:
* the abolition of the Community Ambulance Cover levy from 1 July 2011;
* increased pensioner subsidies for local government rates and electricity; and
* a direction to electricity distributors not to pass on increases in costs associated with natural disasters or additional revenues approved by the Australian Competition Tribunal.
1. The 2011-12 capital program is $14.951 billion, similar to the level of 2010-11 estimated outlays of $14.833 billion. The focus of the 2011-12 capital program is on reconstruction works following the recent natural disasters and on continuing to develop infrastructure to ensure economic growth and to meet the needs of a growing population.
2. Cabinet endorsed the 2011-12 Budget formulated by the Cabinet Budget Review Committee.
3. Cabinet noted the current fiscal and economic position of the State.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the *Appropriation Bill 2011* and the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2011* to give effect to the 2011-12 Budget and approve supplementary appropriation for 2009-10.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Community *Ambulance Cover Levy Repeal and Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011* to give effect to the 2011-12 Budget revenue and other measures.
6. *Attachments*
* [Appropriation Bill 2011](Attachments/AppropB11.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/AppropB11Exp.pdf)
* [Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2011](Attachments/AppropParlB11.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/AppropParlB11Exp.pdf)
* [Community Ambulance Cover Levy Repeal and Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/CommAmbROLAB11.pdf)
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