**INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE (SUBSIDY) BILL 1942**

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Second reading

**The Hon. T. PLAYFORD (Gumeracha - Premier and Treasurer)—**I move: -

That the Speaker do now leave and the House resolve itself into a committeeof the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolution: - “That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for an Act to authorize the Treasurer to pay certain moneys into the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science Trust Fund”.

Motion carried. Resolution agreed to in Committee and adopted by the House.

Bill introduced by the Treasurer and read a first time.

Second reading.

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD—I thank hon. members for the courtesy extended in enabling me to place this short Bill before them. It contains two clauses. Clause 1 is the short title, and clause 2 states:—

The Treasurer shall in each of the five financial years commencing with the financial year 1943-44 pay into the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science Trust Fund established under the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science Act, 1937, the sum of £13,500. This Act without any further or other appropriation shall be a sufficient authority for making such payments out of the general revenue of the State.

I think members will recall the establishment of this institute, which has been subject to an annual grant from Parliament for the past five years of £10,000. The period of the Act will expire on June 30 next and it is necessary for Parliament to consider the future financing of the institute. There is no necessity for me to elaborate on its value to the State and particularly in regard to health services.

Mr. Stephens—Isn’t the sum an increase of £1,000?

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD—For the past five years the institute has received from the Government a grant of £10,000 annually. The Bill proposes to re-enact the Act for a further five years and provides that the amount to be made available to the institute shall be £13,500. The reason the Bill is introduced at this late tage of the session is that the Government has had an investigation made by an officer into the institute’s financial requirements for the next five years. Members know that all costs have risen steeply during the past year or two. The investigating officer has reported to me that the minimum on which the institute could possibly function would be £12,000 a year. That makes no provision for any extension of its research work or for unforeseen contingencies. The Government is of opinion that the institute’s work is of sufficient importance to warrant it not being tied down in its investigations, and the amount suggested is £1,500 a year more than the minimum necessary to carry on its work. If the occasion arises that money will enable it to continue with its investigations and extend research in other directions. The Attorney-General has reminded me that during the past two years the institute has had good returns from work done for the army, which has been paid for by the Commonwealth Government, but the revenue from this source is not longer available.

Mr. Thompson—What other means of revenue has the institute got?

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD – It does not work for private doctors and country hospitals, for which it receives a payment. It also does work for the Adelaide Hospital, but no payment is made, except through the medium of the grant. The main work of the institute is financed by means of the grant, although it collects a certain amount for private work on behalf of doctors. The Government’s investigations disclose that it performs a very valuable work, and if it is to function efficiently it is necessary that this sum of money should be provided. I move the second reading.

The Hon. E. S. RICHARDS secured the adjournment of the debate.