



LEGISLATIVE
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Annual Report

2020–2021

Acknowledgement of Country

The Parliament of NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where the parliament is located, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that contributed to the development of this annual report.

We advise this publication may contain images or names of deceased persons in photographs or written content.

📍 Blue Mountains electorate

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Office of the Clerk

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Speaker,

I am pleased to submit to you for tabling the annual report for the Department of the Legislative Assembly for the reporting year ended 30 June 2021. While the Legislative Assembly is not legislatively required to table an annual report, I welcome the opportunity to provide information on the performance of the Department. The content of the report incorporates the requirements of the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, especially in regard to the Department's operations and financial performance.

I commend this report to you and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Minnican

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Speaker's Foreword



I am pleased to accept the annual report for the Department of the Legislative Assembly for the year ending 30 June 2021.

This is the third annual report presented during the 57th Parliament, with the past year characterised by the continuing effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the Department has adapted in difficult times to ensure the smooth operation of the Chamber, support the Members of the Legislative Assembly and drive the public's engagement with the democratic process.

Regarding the operation of the Chamber, physical distancing restrictions continued to apply, in accordance with COVID-19 Health Orders, and sessional orders were refined to allow the House to sit, guided by COVID-safe practices.

The Department's commitment to modernising procedures and practices across all areas has led to the deployment of several new services for Members and the citizens of NSW. For example, we introduced electronic petitions (ePetitions) in August 2020, which were positively embraced. There were more than 270,000 signatories to 61 ePetitions in the past year alone.

As well as the livestreaming of parliamentary proceedings for the public, Parliament introduced a video on demand service to provide authorised users direct access to recordings of Chamber proceedings. Committees administered by the Legislative Assembly also experienced significant achievements such as enabling hybrid public hearings, online committee deliberative meetings and the tabling of out-of-session committee reports electronically. Other projects were also pursued collaboratively with the rest of Parliament, enabled by additional Treasury funding.

These new ways of working are delivering efficiencies across the Department and helping to ensure that staff are able to work in an agile and responsive manner in a very demanding environment.

On behalf of all Members, I thank the Clerk and all staff for their support and service to Members, the Legislative Assembly and the public.

The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Clerk's Review



This reporting period has been a time of adaptation and achievement for the Department of the Legislative Assembly. The various challenges and natural disasters experienced throughout the State during this time included: the 2021 floods, compounding the previous year's Black Summer of bushfires, the mouse plague and the Delta strain of COVID-19.

The impact of this period on the Members, their staff and the communities they represent highlighted the importance of both the representative and scrutiny functions performed by the Legislative Assembly. It also placed considerable demands upon the Department's workforce and its role in supporting Assembly operations.

The staff of the Department under the leadership of its senior officers not only delivered on core business but also were able to meet milestones on key initiatives aligned to the Department's strategic objectives. The Department's performance can be seen in our new approach to corporate reporting. The transition of all Parliamentary papers, remote hearings, building an online Portal for all processes in the House are just a few of the changes that are being implemented. While all the projects have not yet been fully realised, they have started to deliver. For example, e-petitions have now received more than 270,000 signatures at a time when paper petitions were unable to be used.

The experience of working through the pandemic during the 2019-2020 reporting period increased our preparedness to move to remote working during the various stages of restricted movement across Greater Sydney and the subsequent lockdown in June 2021.

Delivering services and outcomes using new technologies in such circumstances requires resilience, cooperation and flexibility. I am very proud of the dedication and commitment shown by the staff to the Legislative Assembly and its Members, and of their determination to work as a team to add value to the institution.

These achievements are also testimony to the focus and commitment of senior management in articulating and communicating a shared vision for the Department, and aligning resources to key initiatives. We have reviewed the Department's senior management structure, our functioning as a changed leadership team, and our ongoing communication with and development of staff. Important sources of performance feedback included the People Matter Survey of our staff and an external review of our key stakeholders. The review covered Members, Committee Chairs, witnesses, Ministerial and Members' staff, and staff of other bodies and departments with which we deal. This was our first formal stakeholders' survey in 10 years. It showed an overall satisfaction rating of 85% among Members. Formulating an action plan in response to the feedback received, conducting workshops with staff and regularly monitoring our progress to meet strategic objectives, has been a positive and worthwhile experience.



We also have worked hard to develop and maintain a corporate culture that supports our organisation to perform to the highest standards, to meet current challenges and ensure the foundations are in place to guarantee future success. That success will depend on the continued investment made in our people, and anticipating and planning to meet the needs of a contemporary Parliament.

At the half-way point in the standard electoral cycle, the rest of this Parliamentary term will be focussed on delivering on our remaining corporate initiatives while also undertaking the preparations needed for a new Parliament in 2023. Key to those preparations will be updating our procedural authorities and publications,

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and our induction materials for new Members and staff, particularly in light of recent procedural changes due to COVID and the modernisation review being undertaken by the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee.

I would like to thank my colleagues the Clerk of the Legislative Council, David Blunt, and the Chief Executive of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Mark Webb, for their support and collaboration on a strategic direction for the Parliament's administration. Given the challenges of the pandemic, I would particularly like to acknowledge Mark and the DPS team for the assistance they provide to all Members and their staff, and to the Department. My thanks too to the Speaker and his office, the Assembly's officeholders, and the Members and their staff for their cooperation and ongoing support.

It has been a very challenging year for the Department and I greatly value the assistance of my colleagues and the many kindnesses they show each other. The Assembly is well-served by the staff of the Department and I thank them for their professionalism, drive and dedication.

Helen Minnican
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

About Us

The Department

The Department of the Legislative Assembly demonstrates a strong, ongoing professional commitment to upholding parliamentary democracy and safeguarding the institution to meet the high level of trust and expectations placed on us by the members.

The Parliament

The Department of the Legislative Assembly is one of three departments responsible for supporting the two Houses of the Parliament and the Parliament as a whole.

The Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is one of two Houses of the Parliament of NSW, along with the Legislative Council. The Legislative Assembly is made up of 93 Members, each representing an individual electorate in NSW. It is the party or coalition of parties, which can command the support of the majority of Members in the Legislative Assembly that forms the Government of NSW. While both Houses have the power to make laws 'for the peace, welfare, and good government' of NSW, all bills appropriating any part of the public revenue, or imposing any new rate, tax or impost must be initiated in the Legislative Assembly. The legislative powers of both Houses are set out in the *Constitution Act 1902*, which also contains general and specific provisions relating to each House.

What we do

We diligently and apolitically serve the House, its committees and Members, provide accurate information to the public, and facilitate community engagement.

The ongoing core business of the Department of the Legislative Assembly is to:

- support the sittings of the House
- support parliamentary committees
- provide advice on parliamentary law, practice and procedure
- produce, publish and maintain the records of the House and its committees
- promote and publish public information on the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary procedure
- promote the work of parliamentary committees
- engage with the community
- manage inter-parliamentary relations
- facilitate meetings and events held in the parliamentary precincts.

Vision

To be leaders in the delivery of parliamentary democracy and community engagement.

Purpose

Working for the people of NSW by providing:

- impartial advice, support and information to the House and its committees, and to Members so they can perform their representative and parliamentary duties
- community access to the Legislative Assembly and its proceedings so the people of NSW can fully participate in Parliament.

Values

Integrity

We are honest and ethical.
We are impartial and apolitical.

Excellence

We are professional and work efficiently and effectively to deliver results.

We are always looking to add value, improve and innovate.

Respect

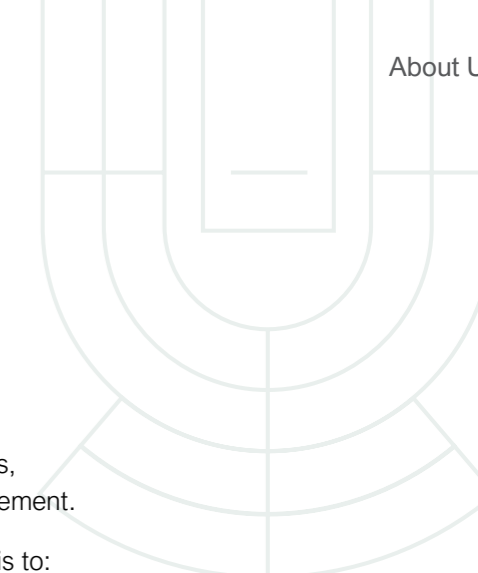
We are respectful to one another, to Members, and to our stakeholders.

We respect the institution of Parliament, which we act to preserve and progress for the lasting benefit of the people of NSW.

Our stakeholders

Our primary stakeholders are:

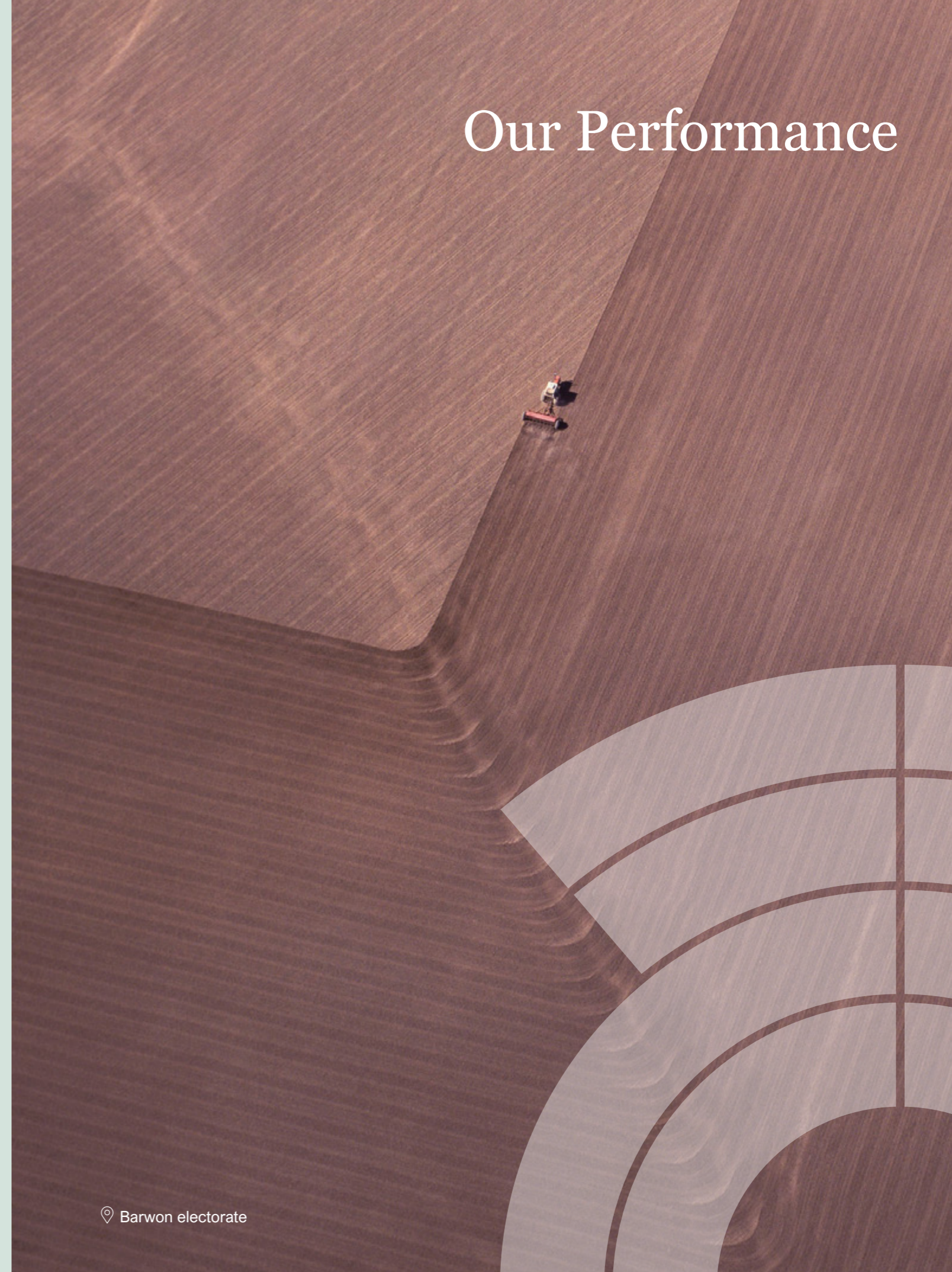
- the Members and the people of NSW
- the executive and public sector agencies that are subject to scrutiny by the House and its committees
- individuals and organisations that need to engage with the Assembly and its committees, who rely on impartial advice and accurate information.




Our corporate objectives

Parliament's Strategic Priorities	The Department of Legislative Assembly's Corporate Objectives	
Modernisation of the Parliament	 Modernising Our Processes	We are leaders in integrated, cost effective and efficient parliamentary systems. We deliver high-quality and customised services.
Strengthening engagement with the public and enhanced trust in Parliament as an institution	 Strengthening Engagement	The community is better informed and involved, and can easily recognise the role we play.
Safeguarding the independence of a strong Parliament	 Managing Our Finances and Measuring Performance	We are fiscally responsible and sustainable. We are accountable and measure our performance to ensure we are efficient and effective.
Support Members in their evolving role as elected representatives	 Supporting Our Members	Our services are valued and respected by Members.
Develop the capabilities of the Parliament's workforce	 Supporting Our People	Our people are seen by the community, Members and their staff as helpful experts in their field. They are motivated and inspired to achieve their best.

Our Performance



 Barwon electorate

Highlights 2020/21



219

Tour groups

6,829

Tour attendees

32

Public interest
debates

15

Petition
debates



41

Paper
petitions

61

ePetitions



137

Committee
meetings

962

Submissions

504

Witnesses

23

Hybrid
public hearings
conducted online

270,000

e-signatories

438

Regulations
reviewed

55

Bills passed

1,061

Tabled papers
registered

📍 Heathcote electorate

Response to the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to pose significant challenges to the operation of the NSW Parliament.

The NSW Government, along with all other State and Territory Governments in Australia, introduced strict lockdown and social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These extraordinary measures affected every person and every institution, including the NSW Parliament.

The Legislative Assembly responded to this challenge to the continuity of democratic processes in a number of ways. Special arrangements were put in place for the operation of the Chamber and to hold committee hearings, with agreements made between the Government, the Opposition and the Cross bench.

The Department was agile in responding to the need to work remotely at various times, then transitioning back to normal operations as required. Throughout this period, the Department supported Members, their staff and people from across NSW impacted by the Public Health Orders issued and the changing landscape as lockdowns affected different parts of the State. This chapter highlights the key changes by the Department and the impact of the pandemic on the Legislative Assembly.



Procedural responses to COVID-19 in the House – new and continuing from 19/20

A number of sessional orders and COVID-safe measures first adopted by the House in 2020 remained in place during the reporting period to provide for the COVID-safe conduct of proceedings. A snapshot of key measures is set out below.

Seating in the Galleries

Members continued to adhere to social distancing guidelines while in the Chamber. The Speaker's, Cooper and Northern Galleries were used as an extension of the Chamber to provide for as many Members as possible to be present at one time. Initially 52 Members were able to be seated on the floor of the Chamber and in the galleries. In May 2021, following an inspection of the Chamber by NSW Health, the House agreed to an altered seating plan which allowed all 93 Members to sit across the Chamber and galleries during Question Time, but later that same month reverted to previous arrangements in response to cases of locally acquired COVID-19 infections.

The use of the Speaker's Gallery by Members was suspended briefly on one occasion so that family and friends could be seated to observe a condolence motion for former Member and Premier the Hon. John Fahey AC.

Question Time

From July 2020 the House agreed to a limit of five questions asked during Question Time, with the Opposition asking four of the five questions and a cross-bench Member asking the fifth question. By November 2020 Question Time returned to its usual format of ten questions, with five questions allocated to Government Members, four to Opposition Members and one to a cross-bench Member.

Amended sessional orders

Some sessional orders were refined in early 2021 to allow the House to continue COVID-safe practices adopted in 2020:

1. Community Recognition Statements – Sessional Order 108A was amended to permit Members to continue to submit two written Community Recognition Statements each sitting day (rather than one).

2. Removal of a Member on grounds other than disorder – Sessional Order 249B was amended to continue to allow the Speaker to direct a Member to leave the Chamber if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or cannot demonstrate they have cleared temperature screening, until the end of 2021.
3. The procedure for establishing quorums – Standing Order 41 was amended by resolution in October 2020, and then by a sessional order in February 2021, to ensure social distancing is observed while still ensuring that a quorum can be established in accordance with the Constitution Act.

Tabling during the pandemic

The 2020-21 financial year saw the physical tabling of papers in the House declining and electronic tabling becoming much more common.

Three sessional orders adopted earlier in 2020 adjusted the Assembly's tabling processes, permitting Ministers either to submit documents electronically or to physically present documents to the Table Office before noon and announce the documents' tabling to the House during the Routine of Business. Additionally, these sessional orders provided a mechanism for reports to be presented to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly out of session.

These new sessional orders assisted all stakeholders to submit documents for tabling during the pandemic. The COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures–Treasurer) Act 2020, which extended the standard timeframe for the presentation of annual reports by departments, resulted in 182 annual reports being presented to the Speaker and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly towards the end of 2020, instead of during the November sittings, as they would usually have been.

Electronic transmission is now the primary way documents are presented to the House.

Case study: Passing of the 2021-22 Budget – 24 June 2021

The June sitting weeks are traditionally a significant period in the NSW Parliament's annual sitting calendar, as they are generally the weeks in which the Appropriation Bills are presented by the Treasurer.



The Appropriation Bills are critically important pieces of legislation which appropriate the money required for government expenditure in the coming financial year. In June 2021 the Budget week faced significant COVID-19 related challenges.

On Tuesday 22 June 2021 the Treasurer, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, introduced the Appropriation Bill 2021, together with the following cognate bills: the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021, the Electric Vehicles (Revenue Arrangements) Bill 2021, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 and the NSW Generations Funds Amendment Bill 2021. At the conclusion of the Treasurer's budget speech, debate on the bills was adjourned until Thursday 24 June, and the Treasurer tabled the Budget Papers for 2021-22. The House resolved that on Thursday 24 June the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Chris Minns MP, would give his speech in reply, and it was anticipated that the Appropriation Bills would then be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

However, on the morning of Thursday 24 June the Assembly was advised that a Minister, who had been in Parliament House on Tuesday 22 June, had tested positive for COVID-19. Arrangements for the passage of the Appropriation Bills were altered as a consequence of the possible COVID-19 exposure at Parliament House. The Assembly made special arrangements

for the operation of the Chamber and for the urgent consideration of the Appropriation Bills and other business before the House. The start of the 24 June sitting was delayed while Members and parliamentary staff underwent testing for COVID-19. The House met at 4.00pm, postponed from the usual 9.30am starting time, with just 20 Members (excluding the Speaker presiding) present in the Chamber in order to satisfy quorum requirements. The House also agreed to a motion of the Leader of the House that the remainder of the sitting would be largely devoted to the passage through all the remaining stages of the Appropriation Bill 2021 and the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021. The House also agreed that the Leader of the Opposition's speech in reply would be postponed until Thursday 5 August 2021.

The second and third readings of the Appropriation Bill 2021 and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021 were agreed to 'on the voices', without a division called for votes to be counted, and the Bills were forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence. Standing and sessional orders also were suspended so that the Appropriation Bill 2021 and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021, once passed in the same form by both Houses, could be presented to the Governor for assent. The Treasurer then moved that the House take note of the Budget Estimates and related papers for 2021-22.

Later that day, after resuming the Chair on the 'ringing of a long bell' (a process that allows a break in proceedings), the Speaker reported a message from the Legislative Council returning the two Appropriation Bills without amendment. The House then rose. In total, the proceedings in the House on 24 June were completed in less than 20 minutes.

The Appropriation Bill 2021 and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021 were assented to on Monday 28 June 2021. At the end of the reporting period, the remaining three cognate bills were still before the Assembly for consideration.



Supporting committees during the pandemic

During the reporting period the Legislative Assembly continued to provide high-level support to the work of committees even when presented with the challenges associated with working in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Scrutiny and Engagement business unit successfully modified some of its activities and processes to enable it to continue to support our committees and deliver outcomes for the people of NSW.

Key changes included:

- facilitating the conduct of 'hybrid' public hearings, those being public hearings in which committee members and witnesses had the option of appearing in-person, or remotely via the Webex platform.
- adhering to COVID-safe protocols for public hearings and deliberative meetings (e.g. social distancing in venues, limits on the numbers of people allowed in the public galleries, and wiping down tables and chairs in-between witness appearances).
- enabling the tabling of out-of-session committee reports electronically.
- deferring or cancelling site visits in circumstances when it was not safe for committee members and staff to travel or it was contrary to public health advice.



Achievements Against Corporate Objectives

Corporate Objective 1:

Modernising Our Processes



We are leaders in integrated, cost effective and efficient parliamentary systems. We deliver high-quality and customised services.

The digital transformation of the Parliament is a key strategic priority for all three Departments and over the past year has led to significant achievements. We work in a complex, unique environment and the investment made over the past two years has proved fortuitous during the pandemic. The overall aim is to move to paperless business systems, with end-to-end digital transactions and record keeping. Additionally, the transformation will deliver more opportunities for our teams to increase our capacity and enhance our reporting across all areas, both publicly and as part of internal governance. The modernisation of Parliament will deliver efficiencies and improved broadcasting capabilities, governance, service delivery, processes and increased opportunities for engagement with all stakeholders.

Building an agile project management and reporting tool for committees

The Scrutiny and Engagement team have upgraded the project management of committee inquiries with the development of a bespoke Smartsheet collaboration and management application, building on previous software in Lotus Notes.

The team, in conjunction with the Department of Parliamentary Services Digital Transformation Branch, commenced work in late 2020 to replace the existing ageing Lotus Notes database with a fit-for-purpose tool to enable inquiry and workforce planning and reporting on inquiry work.

Smartsheet is now used to record and track the myriad tasks associated with supporting committees administered by the Legislative Assembly. Additionally, Scrutiny and Engagement use Smartsheet to report on key performance metrics to Senior Management and the Office of the Speaker.

The Smartsheet application allows for:

- high-level 'dashboard' reporting on the progress and status of inquiries
- reporting on inquiry stage progress and the overall status of committee inquiries
- progress tracking of tasks within inquiries
- the identification of outstanding work assigned to staff
- reporting on the allocation of staff resources across active inquiries.

The Lotus Notes database has now been decommissioned and it is anticipated that the project will be officially finalised early in the next reporting period.

Using online questionnaires to encourage community participation

In 2020 the Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020 created an online questionnaire to ask individuals whether they supported or opposed the Bill. More than 19,000 people responded to the questionnaire.

The Joint Select Committee was established in June 2020 to inquire into and report on the Anti-discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020. (Support for the Committee is detailed in page 56 of this report). Due to the controversial nature of the Bill, the Committee anticipated there would be a high level of public interest in its inquiry. The Committee was keen to engage with the public and represent the views of stakeholders on all sides of the debate, and it was anticipated that a large number of submissions would be received.

Therefore the Committee did not follow the usual process of an open call for public submissions. Instead, the Committee created an online questionnaire, using the SurveyMonkey platform, which enabled individuals to inform the Committee as to whether they supported or opposed the Bill and articulate the reasons for their position. This online questionnaire style of comment from individuals had been successfully used by Legislative Council Committees during similar types of inquiries.

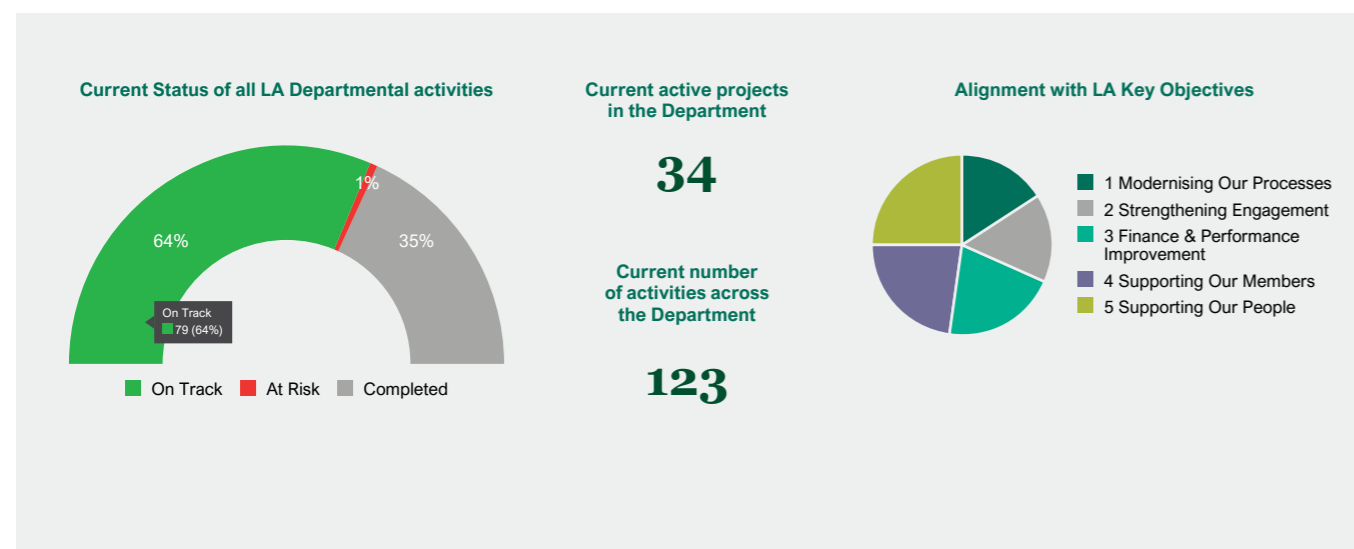
The online questionnaire received 19,502 responses and the average duration for submitters to complete their response was approximately 17 minutes.

Once the questionnaire closed, the Committee secretariat prepared a summary report, which was published on the Committee's webpage and referred to in the report of the inquiry.

Improving governance and reporting for Departmental business units

In June 2020 the Department rolled out the implementation of a new online reporting dashboard and project management tool. LAView is based on the Smartsheet reporting platform, and is an online tool which can be accessed by every staff member. Across the Department, staff are able to record, track and report on corporate and other projects.

LAView additionally provides oversight to the Department's executive on such projects, their status and alignment with our strategic objectives. This reporting tool has become a useful way for the Office of the Clerk and the Department's executive team to manage operations, resources and risk. It now also provides the basis for monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Speaker and several of the Parliament's cross-departmental project boards.



ePetitions helping to boost engagement

In August 2020 the Legislative Assembly introduced electronic petitions (ePetitions) – a major advance in modernising the Assembly's processes and meeting community expectations for a modern Parliament. While paper petitions continue to play an important part in the democratic process, ePetitions have been enthusiastically embraced by the NSW community. In 2020-21, there were already 61 ePetitions tabled compared to 41 paper petitions, and that trend seems likely to continue into the future. Of course, COVID-19 has clearly had an impact on paper petitions – restrictions on movement and interaction have made it difficult for people to collect physical signatures. The four reporting years before 2019-20 saw between 208 and 407 paper petitions tabled, which highlights the very low number of paper petitions tabled in 2019-20 (100) and 2020-21 (41).

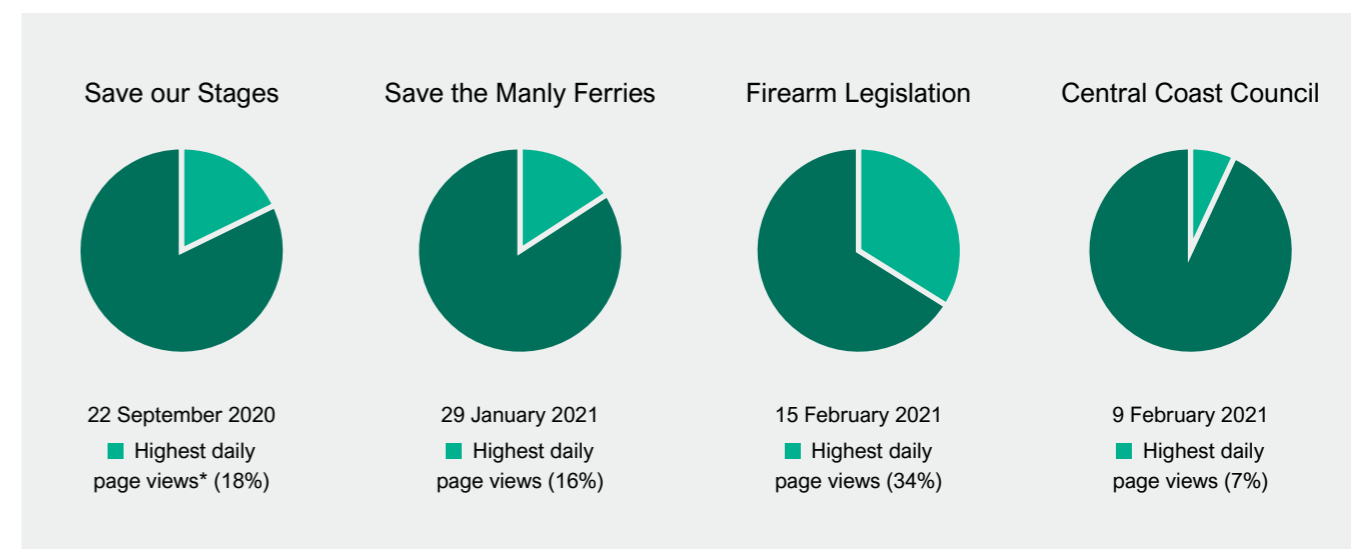
In the reporting year, there were nearly 270,000 signatories to 61 ePetitions. Five of those ePetitions had more than 20,000 signatories, 46 had between 500 and 20,000 signatories, and ten had less than 500 signatories.

In the same period there were 41 paper petitions tabled, less than half the quantity received in 2019-20. Ten of those paper petitions had more than 10,000 signatories, 25 had between 500 and 10,000 signatories, and six had less than 500 signatories. The new, fully electronic process – especially advantageous during the COVID-19 lockdown – allows NSW residents to mobilise their networks and bring issues to the Parliament's

attention with greater speed and ease. The ePetitions system also enables the Parliament to engage more effectively with signatories by keeping them informed of their ePetition's status. The Legislative Assembly is unique among Australian parliaments in providing for a petition debate if a threshold number of signatures is reached – 10,000 for paper petitions and 20,000 for ePetitions. The first ePetition to receive 20,000 signatures was 'Save Our Stages NSW', a petition calling for immediate funding for the live music industry in Sydney, under threat from COVID-related restrictions. It was tabled in the House on 13 October 2020 and was debated on 18 February 2021.

Other ePetitions that received more than 20,000 signatures and attracted considerable public interest covered a variety of issues, including Freshwater Manly Ferries, Central Coast Council, Firearms Legislation, and Consent Education.

ePetitions presented by Members of the Legislative Assembly are attracting a large number of people to the Parliament's website. On 15 February 2021, for example, there were 63,659 website views for the NSW Parliament and 21,877 of those views were for the Firearms Legislation ePetition site – 34% of the total website traffic.



*Denotes visits to the petition page as a proportion of total daily website traffic.

ePetitions are helping people engage with parliamentary processes

An exciting feature of the Assembly’s ePetitions process is that petitioners receive email updates on the progress of the petition they have signed – something that is not practically possible for paper petitions. Petitioners must opt-in to receive updates, approximately 42% of petitioners have elected to take up this feature. They are notified when the petition closes for signatures and is received by the Assembly, and they are notified when a Government response is provided (a requirement for any petition with more than 500 signatures). Where an ePetition reached the 20,000 signature threshold required for a debate, the Department directly contacted thousands of signatories to provide a link to

the webcast of the debate in the House on the day, and a link to the Parliament’s YouTube channel to view the debate after the event.

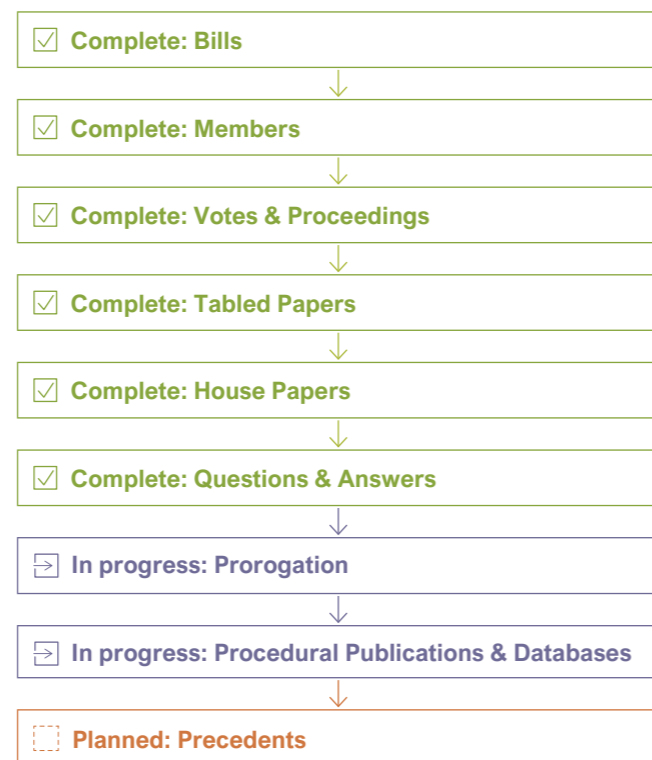
The Standing Orders and Procedure Committee also resolved to undertake a review of the operation of ePetitions within 12 months of the Assembly commencing this initiative. The Department assisted the Committee with the review by providing qualitative and quantitative data regarding the operation of ePetitions. The outcomes of the review were not yet tabled at the end of the reporting period.



Upgrading our parliamentary business systems

The Department is drawing close to its goal of transitioning all systems and processes to the Parliamentary Information Management System (PIMS). During the reporting period extensive work was done refining the modules developed during the PIMS project to ensure the system will continue to meet the needs and requirements of the Department well into the future. This important and significant digital transformation project has been implemented in partnership with our colleagues in the Legislative Council and the Department of Parliamentary Services.

Preparation to transfer the Legislative Assembly’s Procedural Precedents and Procedural Statistics databases to PIMS is underway. Once the migration of these final two databases is complete, the ageing Lotus Notes system will be decommissioned.



Corporate Objective 2:

Strengthening Our Engagement



The community is better informed and involved, and can easily recognise the role we play.

The work of the Assembly and the Parliament of NSW affects the lives of every person in the State on a daily basis. We have a duty to engage with the public to ensure that they are aware of and understand the Assembly’s role and work and, just as importantly, are encouraged to get involved and directly participate in the Assembly’s work if they wish.

It is only through promoting the work of the Assembly, building awareness of parliamentary processes and providing real opportunities for engagement, that trust and confidence in democratic processes and the Parliament of NSW can be maintained.

We undertake a variety of engagement activities, including delivering public sector seminars and procedural training; conducting tours for the public, Members’ guests and primary, secondary and tertiary student groups; and hosting delegations. Committees enable community engagement with, and direct participation in, inquiries involving and impacting the community and specific groups.

Tours and visitors to the Legislative Assembly

During the reporting period, the Parliament was closed to the public for a significant period of time, and even when open, the usual school and public tours program was undersubscribed as schools and the public responded cautiously to the gradual lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Over the reporting period a total of 6,829 visitors (in 219 groups) were provided with tours of the precinct. In addition, the Parliament’s YouTube channel continued to host virtual tours which replicated the experience of undertaking a tour of the precinct.

Group Type	No. of Tour Groups	No. of Visitors
Primary Schools	76	3792
Secondary Schools	41	1394
TAFE Colleges	1	13
ESL Colleges	1	26
Universities	6	109
Business Colleges	1	27
Probus Clubs/Seniors	14	251
Education	13	589
Public	51	280
Delegations	1	2
Members’ Guests	5	152
Other Groups	7	156
Unbooked Groups	2	38
Total	219	6829

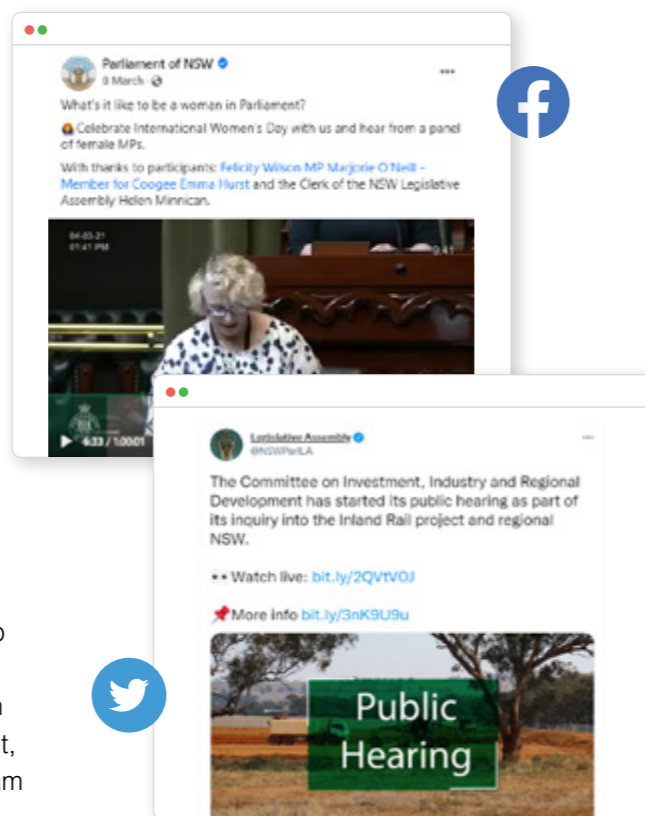
Growing our digital engagement

Increasingly our social media channels are becoming a key tool to connect with the public and inform them of proceedings in the House and committees.

Working in a collaborative way with DPS and the Legislative Council, the Communications team has been building its profile across LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter to inform our stakeholders, schools and members of the public. Our digital engagement capacity was boosted in the reporting period through the creation of a new position and delivery of digital training for our Communications team.

The Assembly's new Engagement Manager is responsible for day to day communications and engagement work, from developing social media and digital platform campaigns, to liaising with Committee Managers about how best to optimise communications in order to increase engagement with their inquiries.

The Assembly's Communications team is made up of a group of staff from across business units who provide support on communications and engagement-related projects. The team undertook training in script-writing, social media management, digital media marketing and filming. The Communications team produced 20 videos for the Scrutiny and Engagement unit, aimed at increasing public engagement with committee inquiries.



Twitter performance

The Department has 2,586 followers, an increase of 402 followers (or 18.4%) since June 2020. There were a total of 608 tweets published during the reporting period, which was an increase of 120 tweets (or 24.6%) since June 2020.

Facebook performance

Since June 2019, our Facebook audience has grown to approximately 16,100 followers, an increase of more than 2,500 followers since June 2020¹. Our Facebook reach is estimated at 2.9 million at July 2021, an increase of 8.5% from June 2019. There were a total of 106 posts published during the reporting period².

Live streaming our proceedings on social channels

In 2020 the Assembly began a trial of streaming select proceedings to Facebook via the Parliament's Facebook page. The first occasion was in February 2020, with the livestreaming of a condolence motion for the victims of the 2019-20 NSW bushfires. The Assembly has authorised the livestreaming of proceedings on a number of other special occasions during the reporting period, including the livestreaming of the passage of legislation relating to COVID-19, and the Treasurer's Budget Speech and Leader of the Opposition's speech in reply.

In 2021 Parliament introduced a video on demand service to provide authorised users with direct access to recordings of Chamber proceedings via a portal on the intranet.

Driving increased engagement with committee inquiries

Scrutiny and Engagement developed an Inquiry Engagement Program to identify key promotion opportunities throughout the course of a typical committee inquiry, and to establish a streamlined and consistent engagement strategy across committees. The points of engagement identify optimal times to create and share content across our digital channels to educate and encourage public engagement with committee inquiries. This roadmap for each inquiry is outlined in the table below.

Inquiry stage	Engagement opportunity
Inquiry commencement	An introduction to the inquiry and a 'call-to-action' to make a submission
Submissions closing	A reminder of submissions deadline and information about how to make a submission
Site visits or roundtable	Opportunity to collect media which can be used at later stages of engagement
Public hearings	Information about public hearings and how to observe or attend in-person or virtually
Inquiry update	Summary of inquiry to date
Final Report	Summary of key recommendations and findings in report
Government response	Notification of Government response to committee's report

The roadmap can be varied according to the particular needs of an inquiry, and individual committee members also undertake their own engagement activities.

Case Study: Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

The Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development developed a targeted social media campaign for its inquiry examining the Inland Rail project and regional NSW. The campaign featured a boosted Facebook video reminding the public of the 'submissions open' period.

The video reached approximately 22,759 Facebook users with 72 comments, and multiple shares of this post by regional community groups.



Case Study: Public Accounts Committee

The Public Accounts Committee reached over 8,000 people by using a boosted post on Facebook to announce its new inquiry: a follow-up review of the management of NSW public housing maintenance contracts. The post was a call-to-action to members of the public, encouraging them to make a submission.

The target audience was kept intentionally broad to ensure that as many people as possible would see the boosted post, as public housing maintenance impacts not only those living in public housing but also contractors, NGOs, service providers, neighbours, government agencies, etc.

Building awareness is a key pillar of the Legislative Assembly's Engagement and Education Strategy, and this is exemplified by the number of comments and interactions generated by the boosted Facebook post.

¹ Facebook changed its metrics and reporting when Facebook Analytics transitioned to Facebook Business Suite in June 2021, and as a result Facebook page followers are no longer reported in precise numbers.

² The Facebook page is shared by the Department of the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Parliamentary Services. Therefore, the number of posts for the financial year is indicative of the total number of posts produced by both Departments.

Enhancing regional engagement with committee site visits

In April 2021 a number of committees administered by the Legislative Assembly conducted site visits as part of their inquiries. Most of these visits were to regional communities and were conducted over multiple days to enable committee members to speak to people from across NSW and gain unique insights into complex issues.

Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control

Five members of the Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control took part in a site visit to Narrandera on 21 and 22 April, for the Committee's inquiry into coercive control in domestic relationships. The Committee held private meetings in Narrandera with indigenous service providers, domestic violence and family support service providers, housing groups and shelters, and domestic violence victim-survivors. The visit allowed Committee members to hear, in person, about the experiences of organisations and victim-survivors located in a regional area of NSW.

Committee on Children and Young People

Over the course of four days in April, members of the Committee on Children and Young People made a number of site visits to correctional centres as part of the Committee's inquiry into support for children of imprisoned parents in NSW. Correctional Centres the Committee visited included:

- Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre
- Long Bay Correctional Complex
- Macquarie Correctional Centre
- Goulburn Correctional Centre
- Emu Plains Correctional Centre
- Dillwynia Correctional Centre
- Francis Greenway Correctional Complex.

The visits gave members insight into of some of the issues being considered in the inquiry, including looking at visiting facilities for families, talking to inmates about their experiences of being an imprisoned parent and talking to correctional officers about the work they do in this area. This greatly improved the Committee's understanding of the issues and identified areas for further investigation in the public hearings that followed.



Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

Over the course of three days in April, the Legislative Assembly's Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development travelled to a number of regional areas as part of its inquiry into the Inland Rail project and regional NSW. The Committee travelled to Gilgandra, Narromine, Parkes and Wagga Wagga and held private meetings with council representatives, landowners, and inquiry stakeholders. The Committee also toured the Special Activation Precincts in Parkes and Wagga Wagga. The visit enabled the Committee to visit areas along the Inland Rail corridor and meet with stakeholders in person to gain further information about issues relevant to the inquiry.

Public Accounts Committee

As part of its review of public housing maintenance contracts, the Public Accounts Committee visited a range of public housing properties in and around Wollongong and metropolitan Sydney. The inspections over two days in April enabled the Committee to gain a better appreciation of the current status and condition of the public housing stock. It also allowed Members to test the evidence gathered in submissions and public hearings against the lived experience of tenants, and to observe the extent of maintenance issues confronting service providers. Such visits provide an invaluable opportunity to supplement evidence taken and to assist in formulating better targeted and practical recommendations for service and policy improvements.

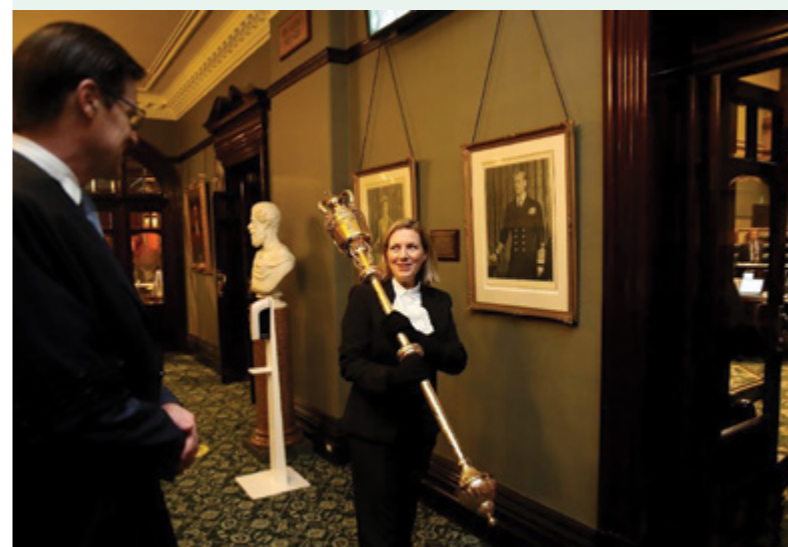
Promoting the role, functions and activities of the Legislative Assembly

Presentation on the work of the Committee on the Ombudsman, Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission to the NSW Ombudsman's Office

In June 2021 staff supporting the Committee on the Ombudsman, Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission attended a Team Building Day for the NSW Ombudsman's Complaints and Investigations Branch. Staff delivered a presentation on the functions and work of the Committee, focusing on the oversight role the Committee exercises in relation to the NSW Ombudsman. The day was an opportunity for Legislative Assembly staff to develop relationships with key staff of the NSW Ombudsman's Office and to profile the functions and work of the Committee.

Presentations to high school legal studies students

Scrutiny and Engagement Directors presented to NSW high school legal studies students throughout the reporting period on how the activities of parliamentary committee inquiries can directly influence substantive legislative and policy change. The presentations were part of a regular program for legal studies students that is coordinated by the Department of Parliamentary Services Communications, Engagement and Education team.



Responding to enquiries

The Department responds to enquiries from the public received in various ways – from members of the public visiting the Parliament and asking questions of Assembly front of house staff, to phone calls and email inquiries. Enquiries range from routine questions about where information can be found on the Parliament's website, to specific questions about current committee inquiries or upcoming items of business in the Assembly. The Assembly's House and Procedure unit provides expert guidance for Government departments meeting statutory obligations to table reports, or preparing answers to questions asked by Members to Ministers. Members of the public are given guidance on how to contact their local Member, or how to prepare a paper petition or ePetition.

Responding to enquiries from other Parliaments

Throughout the reporting period the Department maintained strong ties with other jurisdictions through the sharing of knowledge and experience – particularly as jurisdictions responded to the challenges of COVID-19.

Most requests from other Parliaments come via the Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table (ANZACATT) List Server, an online facility that enables Australian and New Zealand Parliaments to ask questions and share information with one another. During the reporting period, the Department initiated or responded to 26 queries covering topics ranging from responses to COVID-19 through to administrative arrangements in place to support parliamentary committees.

This network of parliamentary officers and the list server were valuable sources of information for the Clerks on procedural innovations and risk management strategies adopted across Australian jurisdictions to meet the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Delivering public sector seminars

The Public Sector Seminar program returned in 2021, following cancellations of scheduled seminars in late 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two seminars were conducted in the reporting period, on 5 May 2021 and 9 June 2021.

The one-day Public Sector Seminar introduces public sector officers to the work of the Legislative Assembly, and focuses on the interaction between the Executive Government and the Legislative Assembly.

The structure of the May and June 2021 seminars was adjusted to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. Seminars were still conducted on sitting days, allowing participants to hear directly from Members of Parliament and senior officers. However, the usual scheduled viewing of Question Time from the public gallery was replaced with a live broadcast of Question Time in the Jubilee Room, due to capacity restrictions in the Chamber. This provided an opportunity for senior

Legislative Assembly staff to discuss Question Time proceedings to attendees as they occurred, along with key procedural events.

The seminars continue to be popular and well attended, with consistently good feedback from participants. The new format for viewing Question Time received particularly positive feedback.

With the assistance of external consultants with experience in training delivery, the Department has commenced a review of the Public Sector Seminar training program to improve engagement and incorporate the use of pre-learning modules. The results of the review of the program will be implemented in the next reporting period.

Three seminars scheduled during the reporting period for 5 August 2020, 23 September 2020 and 21 October 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Public Sector Seminar attendees (total)	209	225	151	134	52

Parliamentary relations

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) NSW

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is one of the oldest established organisations in the Commonwealth. Founded in 1911, the Association's membership spans 180 legislatures and offers opportunities for Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to collaborate on issues of mutual interest and to share good practice.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (NSW Branch) supports initiatives including the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and twinning relationships with Pacific Parliaments, as well as conducting and participating in conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, study tours and inter-parliamentary visits. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Ms Helen Minnican, was the Honorary Secretary Treasurer for 2020/21.

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly elected to Executive Committee

The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held on 15 October 2020 and the Executive Committee of the NSW Branch met to transact business on 10 June 2021. At that meeting, the Executive Committee was required to elect an Australian Regional Representative as a consequence of the resignation of the Hon. John Ajaka. The Executive Committee endorsed the nomination of the Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to the position of Australian Regional Representative for the remainder of the term of Mr Ajaka's vacancy, which would cease at the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in August 2022.

International Virtual Conference on Assisting and Protecting Survivors of Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Forced Labour

The NSW Branch was invited to nominate up to four Members to participate in the International Virtual Conference on Assisting and Protecting Survivors of Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Forced Labour. This was a virtual conference, hosted online from 15 to 16 September 2020, and was attended by the Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, Dr Hugh McDermott MP and Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP.

2020 Westminster Seminar

The CPA UK Branch hosted the 2020 Westminster Seminar on a virtual platform from 23 to 27 November 2020. The theme for this Seminar was "Preparing Parliamentarians for a Changing World." The Australian Region received an invitation for 18 Members and 5 Clerks from across the Region to participate. Following a call for expressions of interest, Ms Anna Watson MP and Ms Jenny Leong MP participated in the event.

Commonwealth Day

The Commonwealth Day Council held their Commonwealth Day luncheon on 8 March 2021. The CPA NSW Branch table included: The Hon. Rod Roberts MLC, Mr Mark Coure MP, Ms Felicity Wilson MP, Ms Robyn Preston MP, Mr Ron Hoenig MP, Mr Edmond Atalla MP, Mr Leslie Gonye, Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and Mr Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change – Preparing for Glasgow COP26

Ahead of the UK hosting the 26th UN Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP26), the CPA UK Branch partnered with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to deliver the CPA UK Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change in early 2021. The program was split into two virtual events: the Asia Pacific Forum on 15 and 16 March 2021 and the Pan-Commonwealth Forum from 22 to 24 March 2021. The NSW Branch received an invitation to nominate up to 8 Members and 2 Clerks to participate. Following a call to all Members for expressions of interest to participate in this event, the NSW Branch was represented by Ms Jodie Harrison MP. The following parliamentary staff were also selected to attend: Ms Frances Arguelles (LA Scrutiny & Engagement), Ms Shu-Fang Wei (LC Committees) and Mr Tom Gotsis (Parliamentary Research Service).

Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) NSW

The Legislative Assembly provided administrative support to Ms Sonia Hornery MP as the NSW Representative on the Australia Region CWP Steering Committee with the following CWP activities and events.

CWP NSW Branch

- Ms Sonia Hornery MP, hosted a CWP NSW Branch breakfast meeting on 17 March 2021. The meeting was well attended by Members of both Houses, and discussions included training available for MPs and the safety of women volunteers working at polling booths.



CWP Australia

- CWP Australia Region Steering Committee meeting held 7 September 2020 (teleconference)
- CWP Australia Region Steering Committee meeting held 12 February 2021 (teleconference)
- CWP Australia Region Steering Committee meeting held 7 May 2021 (teleconference)
- In November 2020 nominations were sought for the election of a new Chair of the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP), Australia Region, to replace outgoing Chair, The Hon. Michelle O'Byrne MP. A ballot was held and Senator Nita Green, from the Commonwealth of Australia Branch, was elected to the position.
- The Tasmanian CWP Branch invited Australian branch members to an online event with Bri Lee (renowned author and legal academic), held on 24 March 2021. The event was live streamed on the CWP Facebook page.
- The CWP Australia Region continues to promote its suite of social media tools to enhance engagement with a range of stakeholders and, most importantly, the CWP Australia Region membership.
 - CWP Australia Facebook page

- CWP Twitter
- CWP Australia Region Website
- CWP International Facebook page.

CWP International

- In August 2020 the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) network officially published the CWP Strategic Plan 2020-22 which sets out its core priority to encourage women Parliamentarians and Commonwealth Parliaments to advance issues around gender equality and to advocate for greater representation of women in Parliaments across the Commonwealth.
- In February 2021 the Women in Parliament branch of CPA UK, as part of a wider project funded by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), circulated a survey to all CPA branches seeking the views of Commonwealth Parliamentarians to inform their research on how effectively women across the Commonwealth are protected by legislation in their jurisdictions from all forms of violence, including online harms.
- International Women's Day 2021 was celebrated on 8 March 2021, with the theme #ChoosetoChallenge. The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) network joined the global campaign to challenge gender bias and inequality, to celebrate women's achievements and to help create an inclusive world.
- CPA Branches within the Australia Region were invited to participate in a CWP Roundtable virtual event on 27 May 2021, hosted by CPA HQ and the fifth in a series of virtual roundtables on gender sensitive Parliaments today. Attended by both male and female Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff, discussions highlighted the need for Commonwealth Parliaments to establish effective practices that are both gender sensitive and inclusive. Discussions also addressed how Parliaments can translate the CWP Guidelines into practical practices necessary for change.
- CWP Gender Sensitising Parliaments Guidelines: Standards and a Checklist for Parliamentary Change: Ms Sonia Hornery MP and Mr Geoff Provest MP represented the CPA NSW Branch at this event. Ms Carly Maxwell, Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly attended as an observer. The recording of the event can be found here: <https://youtu.be/FFORdM2mKk8>.

Twinning Program

The NSW Parliament has a partnership arrangement with the Parliaments of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (the Bougainville House of Representatives) and the Solomon Islands (the National Parliament of Solomon Islands) under the auspices of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Twinning Program.

The CPA Twinning Program links Australian State and Territory Parliaments with one or more Parliaments in the Pacific. Within the NSW Parliament, a Twinning Steering Committee comprising staff from all three Parliamentary Departments provides strategic direction and oversight of the Twinning partnership arrangements.

Twinning activities between the NSW Parliament, the National Parliament of Solomon Islands and the Bougainville House of Representatives 2020/21

Keeping connected has been a challenge for our twinning program over the past year, because like us, Bougainville and Solomon Islands have been very focused on dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In **August 2020** the Twinning Steering Committee supported applications from both twinned parliaments to the Pacific Parliamentary Partnerships Fund.

In **September 2020** two large twinning panels were hung in the Fountain Court. The panels explain the twinning partnership between NSW, Solomon Islands and Bougainville and highlight key twinning activities undertaken by Members and staff in the 2019 calendar year.

In **October 2020** a welcome video from the NSW Presiding Officers was sent to members of the newly elected fourth Bougainville House of Representatives, along with a letter to Speaker Pentanu, congratulating him on his re-election as Speaker of the BHOR.

Several other twinning activities planned for 2020 were affected by the pandemic. This includes a delegation to Bougainville to be led by the Speaker and a delegation to Solomon Islands to be led by the President. The delegations have been postponed until border restrictions are lifted.



Our last 'formal' twinning activities occurred in October 2020 when we held an online workshop with committee colleagues from the National Parliament of Solomon Islands, and in March 2021 when the Twinning Steering Committee 'met' with the Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives to discuss the consultation process with PNG to implement the results of the 2019 independence referendum.

While we are fortunate to have online access to our twinned parliaments, it is no substitute for the face-to-face communication that we value from our ongoing relationship. Under the circumstances, and because we are very keen to maintain our connection, the NSW Parliament Twinning Steering Committee has decided to place a greater focus on our social media channels over coming months, as a means of staying in touch.

Parliamentary Friendship Groups

Parliamentary Friendship Groups are groups of Members who meet to raise awareness of and promote particular issues or stakeholder groups. Parliamentary Friendship Groups are formally recognised by the Presiding Officers and renewed each Parliament.

As at 30 June there were 64 approved Friendship Groups (see Appendix B). Of these Friendship Groups 10 were newly established in the 2020/21 reporting period.

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Corporate Objective 3:

Supporting Our Members



Support Members in their evolving role as elected representatives and ensure our services are valued and respected by Members.

Supporting the House and Members

We directly support the sittings of the House by preparing the information needed by Members and office holders to participate in proceedings and manage the business of the House. We provide advice to Members of all parties in accordance with Parliamentary procedure, custom and practice. Our House and Procedure team produce the official records of the House, including the Votes and Proceedings and the Questions and Answers Paper, and record and maintain custody of all documents tabled in the House. During sittings Clerks-at-the-Table are on hand to support the orderly conduct of business, and to advise and assist the Speaker and other Members on matters of procedure and practice. Our Chamber Support Services staff attend to sittings in the House and provide front of house services for the Legislative Assembly.

Register of Pecuniary and Other Interests

Members are required to declare pecuniary interests and other matters in accordance with the Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is the Registrar of the Register of Members Pecuniary and Other Interests.

This function was supported by the Office of the Clerk with the provision of high-level advice to Members and the accurate collation and preparation of Members' Returns for tabling in the House in accordance with the Regulation. The Office of the Clerk also provided assistance to Members, staff, media and the public with access to the Register online and in-person, as well as assisting with enquiries as to the requirements of the purpose and requirements of the Regulation.

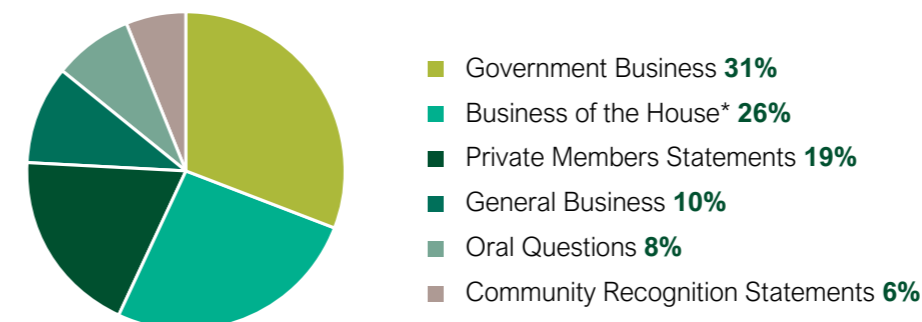
Supporting committees

We directly support the operations of the Legislative Assembly administered committees. We provide support to enable the committees to meet their accountabilities of fiscal, legislative and policy scrutiny, and to provide oversight of independent statutory bodies. We provide authoritative procedural and operational advice, liaising with Chairs and members, witnesses, and the media, to ensure that committees operate according to standing orders, relevant statutes, and terms of reference. We ensure the production and maintenance of committee records and information, including committee submissions, high quality reports, transcripts of evidence, correspondence and related documents. An important aspect of our role is identifying and facilitating opportunities for public participation in the inquiry process.

Snapshot of activities

House activities – by type in 2020/21

Sittings of the House



* Business of the House includes types of business not otherwise referenced, including Public Interest Debates, Committee Report Take Note debates, personal explanations, tabling of papers, and petition debates.

House activities – five year comparison

House activities	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*	2019/20	2020/21
Sitting days	57	54	36	44	48
Hours of sitting	480.90	486.23	343.20	441.25	455.35
Average hours per sitting	8.4	9.0	9.5	10.0	9.5
Bills introduced	77	96	68	59	75
Bills passed	64	79	57	37	55
Bills lapsed/disposed of	16	16	7	9	16
Entries in Votes and Proceedings	1,339	1,401	1,038	981	1,197
Written Questions on Notice (QON)	2,568	2,695	1,973	2,845	2,703
Answers to QON	2,466	2,726	1,415	2,690	2,838
Oral Questions	571	540	350	392	370
Paper Petitions (<500)	407	208	259	100	6
Paper Petitions (500+)	32	54	59	18	25
Paper Petitions (10,000+)	17	13	18	13	10
ePetitions (<500)					10
ePetitions (500+)					46
ePetitions (20,000+)					5
Tabled papers registered and archived	1,449**	1,298**	1,355**	1,020	1,061
General Notices of Motions (General Notices)	1,051	1,031	663	1,027	1,169
General Notices of Motions for Bills	14	19**	19	18	15

* Election year

** As a result of a review of the records database this figure varies slightly to that given in previous annual reports.

Number of committees – five year comparison

Activity	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*	2019/20	2020/21
Number of LA committees	18	16	16	16/17*	18

* Election year

Committee activity – five year comparison

Activity	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*	2019/20	2020/21
Reports	30	34	24	27	16
Meetings	108	104	49	118	137
Hearings	20	26	5	21	36
Submissions	247	457	490	967	962
Witnesses	205	301	61	250	504
Hearings (duration in hours)	75:53	116:08	19:58	67:09	178:28

* Election year

Key Legislation Review Committee statistics for the 2020/21 reporting period

Digests tabled	Bills reviewed	Regulations reviewed
15	98	438

Procedural training sessions – five year comparison

Activity	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*	2019/20	2020/21
Procedural training sessions	14	29	4	15	**

* Election year

**As a consequence of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, procedural training was delivered on a more personalised, individual basis to Members and staff during the reporting period, often regarding significant procedural occurrences in the Chamber. Unlike previous reporting periods, lunchtime procedure drop-in sessions were not able to be held. House and Procedure staff contributed procedural knowledge and support to the professional development training program for Members coordinated by the Office of the Speaker, using EdApp. Following the Upper Hunter by-election in May 2021, House and Procedure staff also provided new Member procedural training and support for the incoming Member for Upper Hunter.

**Procedural Digests – five year comparison**

Activity	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*	2019/20	2020/21
Procedural Digests published	11	11	6	10	8

* Election year

Eight Procedural Digests were published during the reporting period. Procedural Digests are produced at the end of each sitting period and published on the Parliament's website as well as sent directly to a mailing list that includes Members, Members' staff, the Clerks-at-the-Table and other Chamber staff. The Digests provide a summary of significant procedural events that have taken place in the Legislative Assembly during the period covered. The Procedural Digests aim to inform readers about what is going on in the House and give them a better understanding of House practice and procedures.

Research survey of Members

In March 2021 the Legislative Assembly commissioned ORIMA Research to obtain feedback from Members about its performance. The project incorporated both qualitative and quantitative data collection. Overall feedback showed that Members are satisfied with the services of the Department of the Legislative Assembly:

- An overall satisfaction rating of 85%
- Services to support parliamentary committees was rated at 92.9% positive
- 100% of all Members agreed that the DLA delivers services impartially, and that the DLA is responsive to requests for assistance
- 100% of all Members considered the timeliness and quality of advice to committees as either 'very good' or 'good'.

The survey revealed concerns from Members who had identified the risks associated with staff underresourcing, succession planning and key person risk. These issues are being addressed as part of the corporate plan and overall organisational transformation. Specific actions were taken in response to particular Member needs.

Supporting joint select committees

The Scrutiny and Engagement business unit places a high importance on supporting committee members throughout the inquiry process. This is particularly so where inquiries may be complex, time sensitive and have a strong media interest, such as those conducted by joint select committees.

During the reporting period the NSW Parliament established two joint select committees to inquire into matters that attracted a high level of public interest.

The Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill consisted of 14 members, the largest size of any current NSW Parliament committee, and was chaired by the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP. The challenges of such a complex inquiry were evident in the nature of the procedural issues that arose during deliberations and in the course of taking evidence, for example, the procedural issues arising from the Committee's use of an online survey and the publication of Committee material. The Scrutiny and Engagement business unit ensured that it provided thorough procedural and secretariat support throughout the inquiry. This included Clerk's advice on procedural questions, and secretariat support for large hearings and deliberative meetings that met COVID-safe requirements.

The Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control similarly contained a large membership, consisting of 8 Members across different political parties and Independent Members. As with the Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill, committee staff provided high-level procedural research and administrative support to the Chair, the Hon. Natalie Ward MLC, and the committee members to facilitate public hearings, deliberative meetings and regional site visits. Among the inquiry activities supported by committee staff was a site visit to Narrandera for regional hearings and meetings with frontline service providers, indigenous organisations and domestic violence survivors.



Public Accounts Committee – Specialist engagement

Public accounts committees play a crucial role in holding the Executive to account for public spending. The NSW Public Accounts Committee is the main Legislative Assembly committee responsible for scrutinising Government expenditure and budgetary management.

Established under the Government Sector Finance Act 1983, the Committee conducts regular reviews of reports issued by the Auditor-General, focusing primarily on performance audits of Government agencies. As part of its legislative powers, the Committee can also examine financial reports tabled by the Auditor-General or referred by the Legislative Assembly or a Minister of the Crown (ss57(1)(c1) and (f) of the Act).

To help it carry out these important financial examinations, the Committee received funding for a dedicated financial specialist position. This financial analyst worked with the secretariat and provided specialised advice. This position was filled by an Audit Office staff member working in Parliament under a secondment arrangement.

Having a financial specialist providing support to the Committee brings it into line with public accounts committees in other Australian jurisdictions.

Supporting the appropriation process and the financial primacy of the Assembly

The reporting period was notable for having two budgets handed down in the same period, including in the first instance a budget bill being sent for assent without the agreement of the Legislative Council.

The NSW Budget for the 2020-21 financial year was considered by the Legislative Assembly during the 17-19 November 2020 sitting week. Under usual circumstances, the Treasurer would have been required to present the 2020-21 Budget to Parliament by June 2020, pursuant to section 4.4 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018. However, these timeframes were extended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Government advised that this was to allow the allocation of resources when a more complete picture of the economic impact of the pandemic was possible.

On Tuesday 17 November the Treasurer, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, introduced the Appropriation Bill 2020, with the cognate Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2020 and the Payroll Tax Amendment Bill 2020.

On Thursday 19 November the Leader of the Opposition, Ms Jodi McKay MP, gave her speech in reply, after which the Appropriation Bills were passed by the Legislative Assembly and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

On Friday 27 November the Speaker, reported messages from the Legislative Council returning the Appropriation Bill and Payroll Tax Amendment Bill without amendment and the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill with amendments. The amendments sought to provide an additional appropriation to the Independent Commission Against Corruption and new funding arrangements for the Legislative Council.

The Treasurer moved that the Legislative Council amendments to the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill be disagreed to, and that – pursuant to section 5A of the Constitution Act 1902 – the Bill be presented to the Governor for assent without the amendments being made, notwithstanding that the Legislative Council had not consented to the Bill. During debate, the Treasurer tabled an opinion dated 7 May 1992 of the then NSW Solicitor General, Keith Mason QC, and an opinion dated 20 November 2020 of the NSW Solicitor General, Michael Sexton SC, on the applicability of section 5A to a Bill appropriating a sum for the services of Legislature.



Following debate, the Treasurer's motion was agreed to on division. The Legislative Assembly then agreed to a motion that a message be sent advising the Legislative Council that its amendments had been disagreed to and that the Bill, together with the Appropriation Bill and Payroll Tax Bill, would be sent to the Governor for assent. The Budget Bills received the Governor's assent on the same day, 27 November 2020.

The exercise of section 5A of the Constitution Act 1902 in this instance was only the second time section 5A has been used in this way, with the last occasion being in 1996, which was also in relation to Legislative Council suggested amendments to an Appropriation (Parliament) Bill.

Increasing opportunities for Members to recognise their communities

In the reporting period the Assembly processed 3,072 written Community Recognition Statements from Members, representing an increase of 107 per cent compared to the previous reporting period (1,485 written statements).

Written Community Recognition Statements were introduced in August 2019 on the recommendation of the Standing Orders and Procedure Committee. Written Community Recognition Statements supplement the Community Recognition Statements delivered in the House and are published in Hansard.

On 2 June 2020 the House agreed to amendments to the Community Recognition Statements sessional order to permit Members to submit two written statements per sitting day, an increase from the previous allowance of one per sitting day.



The Speaker signing the writ for the by-election.

Supporting the by-election in the Upper Hunter

One by-election was held during the reporting period – the first for the 57th Parliament. On 31 March 2021 Mr Michael Johnsen resigned from the seat of Upper Hunter. A by-election was held on 22 May 2021 and Mr Dave Layzell was elected as the new Member for Upper Hunter. He was sworn in and took his seat in the Legislative Assembly on 8 June 2021.

In accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 2017 governing the conduct of elections in special circumstances (section 76), the Speaker may issue the writs for a by-election. The management of the parliamentary aspects of the by-election process is undertaken by the Clerk, on the Speaker's direction. Liaison with the Electoral Commissioner occurs to ensure that the required documentation is issued in accordance with established practice and legislative requirements.

Once the by-election result is declared an induction program is arranged for the new Member to assist them with their entry into the Assembly and the taking of their seat. Support is also given on participation in Chamber and parliamentary committee proceedings. It is critical at this time for the new Member of the Legislative Assembly to receive and understand information on their obligations under the Members Code of Conduct, parliamentary guidelines and the Register of Pecuniary and Other Interests. The Department coordinates the Member's induction with the Department of Parliamentary Services.



Parliamentary Committees: An Overview

The information in this section provides an overview of the membership and work of all the Parliamentary Committees administered by the Legislative Assembly.

Please note this is presented in alphabetical order.

Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill

Meetings	10
Hearings	4
Witnesses	56
Submissions	192
Inquiries	1
Reports	1
Government Responses	0

Membership

The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP (Chair)
 Mr Paul Lynch MP (Deputy Chair)
 The Hon. Catherine Cusack MLC
 Mr Jihad Dib MP (from 5 August 2020)
 The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC
 The Hon. Scott Farlow MLC
 The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC
 Mr Alex Greenwich MP
 The Hon. Mark Latham MLC
 Ms Jenny Leong MP
 Dr Joe McGirr MP
 Ms Tania Mihailuk MP
 The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
 (from 18 June 2020 – 5 August 2020)
 Ms Robyn Preston MP
 Mr Gurmeh Singh MP



Highlights

The Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill was established on 18 June 2020 by resolution of both Houses to inquire into and report on a Private Member's Bill. In particular, it was required to look at whether the objectives of the Bill were valid and, if so, whether the terms of the Bill were appropriate for securing its objectives.

In conducting this inquiry, the Committee considered the existing legal protections contained in the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, the Commonwealth draft Religious Discrimination Bill released for public consultation, and the relevant recommendations of the 'Expert Panel Report: Religious Freedoms Review (2018)'.

The Committee received over 190 submissions from legal experts, religious leaders, health professionals, LGBTQIA+ and women's advocacy groups, NSW Government agencies and members of the public. The Committee also received over 19,000 submissions to an online survey on the bill, used to encourage public participation in the inquiry process in an efficient and accessible manner.

The Committee held 4 days of hearings in October and November 2020 at Parliament House, hearing from over 56 witnesses appearing in person and via video link. Witnesses included representatives from legal experts and academics, religious leaders and community groups, LGBTQIA+ and women's advocacy groups, health and medical bodies, and NSW Government agencies, including the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and NSW Anti-Discrimination.

The Committee tabled its report on 30 March 2021 which contained 9 findings and 4 recommendations.

The Committee found that there is a need to protect individuals from discrimination on the grounds of religious beliefs or activities as those terms are defined in the Bill and where those activities are lawful.

The Committee recommended that the NSW Government introduce a Government Bill inserting discrimination on the grounds of religious belief or activity, where that activity is lawful, as a protected attribute in the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) by the end of 2021. The Committee's recommendations focused on aspects that the proposed Government Bill should include.

The Committee also recommended that the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board be sufficiently resourced to discharge its functions resulting from these recommendations, and that there be a broad based review to update the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) to assess whether religious vilification protections are also required in the Act.

Committee on Children and Young People

Meetings	8
Hearings	3
Witnesses	45
Submissions	66
Inquiries	4
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox MLC (Chair and member of the Committee until 13 May 2021)
 The Hon. Peter Poulos MLC (Chair from 8 June 2021) (member of the Committee from 13 May 2021)
 Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP (Deputy Chair)
 Ms Abigail Boyd MLC (until 23 September 2020)
 The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC
 Ms Jodie Harrison MP
 Ms Robyn Preston MP
 Mr Dugald Saunders MP
 Mr David Shoebridge MLC (from 23 September 2020)

Highlights

As part of its oversight role, the Committee finalised its review of the annual reports and other matters of the Office of the Children's Guardian, and tabled its report in September.

The Committee also resolved to conduct a review of the 2019–20 annual reports and other matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People and the Office of the Children's Guardian.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee held a public hearing where it heard from witnesses representing the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People, the Youth Advisory Council and the Office of the Children's Guardian.

The Committee also received a Government response to the recommendations it made in its report of the annual review and other matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People. The response supported the two recommendations made by the Committee.

The Committee continued its inquiry into the support for children of imprisoned parents in NSW. The Committee received 2 submissions and conducted two public hearings in April and May, hearing from academics and witnesses representing correctional facilities, legal organisations, non-government organisations and government departments. The Committee also made visits of inspection to seven correctional centres across NSW giving members an opportunity to get a first-hand experience of some of the issues being considered in the inquiry. The inquiry is ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

The Committee also resolved to conduct an inquiry into the child protection and social services system. As part of this inquiry, the Committee received 64 submissions. The inquiry is ongoing as at the end of the reporting period.

On 13 May 2021, the Hon. Peter Poulos MLC was appointed to the Committee in place of the Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox MLC. This change in membership led to a vacancy in the office of Chair, and Mr Poulos was elected as the new Chair at a meeting on 8 June. On 23 September 2020 Mr David Shoebridge MLC was appointed to the Committee in place of Ms Abigail Boyd MLC.

Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control

Meetings	10
Hearings	5
Witnesses	101
Submissions	156
Inquiries	1
Reports	1
Government Responses	0

Membership

The Hon. Natalie Ward MLC (Chair)
 Ms Trish Doyle MP (Deputy Chair)
 Ms Abigail Boyd MLC
 Mr Justin Clancy MP
 Ms Steph Cooke MP
 The Hon. Rod Roberts MLC
 Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP
 Ms Anna Watson MP



Highlights

The Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control was established on 21 October 2020 by resolution of both Houses to inquire into and report on coercive control in domestic relationships. In conducting its inquiry the Committee considered the NSW Government's discussion paper on coercive control and answered the questions posed in the paper.

The Committee received over 150 submissions from victim-survivors, advocacy groups, medical professionals, academics and legal experts, domestic violence service providers, and members of the public.

The Committee held five days of hearings in February and March 2021 at Parliament House, hearing from over 100 witnesses appearing in person and via videoconference. Witnesses included representatives of advocacy groups, service providers, medical professionals, academics and legal experts, including from other jurisdictions.

In April 2021, the Committee travelled to Narrandera to meet in person with staff from frontline service providers and indigenous organisations, as well as domestic violence victim-survivors.

During the inquiry the Committee also held private briefings with representatives of the Department of Communities and Justice, the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, and the Domestic Violence Death Review Team.

The Committee tabled its report on 30 June 2021, unanimously agreeing that coercive control should be criminalised in NSW. The Committee's 23 recommendations aimed to ensure that legal and non-legal systems better respond to coercive control.

The Committee found that a coercive control offence would not be effective without a long lead time and consultation, wide public education, training for first responders, judges and prosecutors, and wraparound support for victims. The Committee's recommendations for wider reform focussed on improving services for victims and addressing the possible challenges of a coercive control offence.

Committee on Community Services

Meetings	6
Hearings	2
Witnesses	35
Submissions	1
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Ms Wendy Lindsay MP (Chair)
 Mr Dugald Saunders MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Justin Clancy MP
 Ms Trish Doyle MP
 Ms Melanie Gibbons MP
 Mr David Harris MP
 Ms Jenny Leong MP

Highlights

As part of its inquiry into the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places, the Committee on Community Services held two public hearings in August 2020. The Committee heard from 35 witnesses representing a variety of service providers, local councils and the NSW Government.

In November 2020 the Committee tabled its report of the inquiry. The report made 23 recommendations aimed at enhancing the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places and making it fit-for-purpose to meet the contemporary needs of people sleeping rough and the agencies and organisations that use it.

In May 2021, the Committee received a Government response to the report. The Government supported 11 of the recommendations and supported in principle another five. The remaining recommendations were noted.

In June 2021, the Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation to address the social housing shortage. The inquiry will examine options to make it easier to support 'meanwhile use' of existing buildings and new models for the provision of short-term accommodation. The inquiry is ongoing as at the end of the reporting period.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Meetings	2
Hearings	0
Witnesses	0
Submissions	0
Inquiries	0
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mr Lee Evans MP (Chair)
 Ms Felicity Wilson MP (Deputy Chair)
 The Hon. Robert Borsak MLC
 The Hon. Catherine Cusack MLC
 The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC
 Mr Christopher Gulaptis MP
 The Hon. Courtney Houssos MLC
 The Hon. Peter Primrose MLC
 Mr Paul Scully MP
 Mr Nathaniel Smith MP

Highlights

During the reporting period the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concluded its inquiry into the administration of the 2019 NSW State Election, commenced in June 2019, and tabled the report of the inquiry in both Houses on 28 October 2020.

In its report the Committee made recommendations about election timeframes and the campaign period, the electoral roll and the ballot paper, early voting, election day, technology-assisted voting, and compliance with, and enforcement of the electoral legislation.

In April 2021 the Committee received a Government response to the report. The Government accepted, accepted in part or accepted in-principle, 44 of the 54 recommendations made by the Committee. The Government did not accept one of the Committee's recommendations and noted the remaining nine.

Committee on Environment and Planning

Meetings	7
Hearings	4
Witnesses	59
Submissions	4
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mr Alex Greenwich MP (Chair)
 Ms Felicity Wilson MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Anoulack Chanthivong MP
 Mr James Griffin MP
 Mr Nathaniel Smith MP

Highlights

The Committee tabled its report on the Professional Engineers Registration Bill in July 2020. The report looked at how the registration of engineers could work with broader Government reforms to regulate the building industry.

The Committee noted that the Government's reforms to the building and construction sector, which passed Parliament in June 2020, should improve residential construction standards. The Government's reforms had provided for the registration of engineers. The Committee's report made eight recommendations, which aimed to refine elements of the Government's registration model.

The Government's response to the Committee's report was received in January 2021. Of the Committee's eight recommendations, four were supported by the Government, three were completed (implemented through the Design and Building Practitioners Act), and one was supported in principle.

The Committee continued its inquiry into the sustainability of energy supply and resources in NSW. The inquiry is looking at the capacity and economic opportunities of renewable energy, including for workforces, industries and the wider economy impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It also covers trends in energy supply and exports, including investment and other financial arrangements, and effects on regional communities, water security, the environment and public health.

The Committee held four hearings for the inquiry at Parliament House in August and September 2020. At these hearings the Committee heard from 59 witnesses who appeared in person and via videoconference. Witnesses included representatives of government agencies, research and policy bodies, unions, peak industry bodies, energy companies, community groups and academics.

Due to COVID-19, the Committee wasn't able to undertake further site visits or hold regional hearings.

Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission

Meetings	4
Hearings	2
Witnesses	4
Submissions	0
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	0

Membership

Mr Gurmeh Singh MP (Chair)
 Dr Joe McGirr MP (Deputy Chair)
 Ms Kate Washington MP
 The Hon. Leslie Williams MP
 The Hon. Lou Amato MLC
 The Hon. Walt Secord MLC (until 23 June 2021)
 The Hon. Mark Pearson MLC
 The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC (from 23 June 2021)

Highlights

The Committee concluded its review of the Health Care Complaints Commission's (HCCC) 2017-18 and 2018-19 annual reports during the reporting period. As COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were eased, the Committee held a public hearing at Parliament House in July 2020, with two witnesses from the HCCC appearing. The Committee tabled its report in November 2020, which made one finding. The Committee found that the HCCC's response to COVID-19 limited the pandemic's impact on its complaint handling performance.

In February 2021 the Committee commenced its review of the HCCC's 2019-20 annual report. A public hearing was held at Parliament House on 19 March with two witnesses from the HCCC appearing. The Committee's review was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

The Committee also wrote to the HCCC during the reporting period to seek additional information on issues of ongoing interest to members.

Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption

Meetings	10
Hearings	4
Witnesses	34
Submissions	41
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	0

Membership

Mrs Tanya Davies MP (Chair)
 Mrs Wendy Tuckerman MP (Deputy Chair from 25 February 2021)
 Mr Justin Clancy MP
 Mr Mark Coure MP
 Mr Ron Hoenig MP
 The Hon. Trevor Khan MLC (from 25 February 2021)
 The Hon. Taylor Martin MLC (Deputy Chair and member of the Committee until 16 February 2021)
 Ms Tania Mihailuk MP
 Mr Jamie Parker MP
 The Hon. Rod Roberts MLC
 Mr Dugald Saunders MP
 The Hon. Adam Searle MLC

Highlights

The Committee on the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) performed its key oversight function in reviewing the 2018-2019 annual reports of the ICAC and the Inspector. In its public hearing, the Committee heard from the ICAC, including the Chief Commissioner and the Inspector. The Committee tabled its report in August.

The public hearing marked the first appearance of the ICAC's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer. As part of the annual review, the Committee found that the Chief Executive Officer role within the ICAC was beneficial to its operations. The Committee also heard about the ICAC's ongoing funding concerns and found that an independent funding model has merit. The Committee continued to monitor developments in this space throughout the reporting period.

In November the Committee commenced its review of the 2019-2020 annual reports of the ICAC and the Inspector. A public hearing was held in May and it is anticipated that the review will be completed in the next reporting period.

Concurrently, the Committee continued to progress its inquiry into the reputational impact on an individual being adversely named in the ICAC's investigations. The Committee processed 41 submissions and held three public hearings, during which it heard evidence from 19 witnesses. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

Meetings	8
Hearings	1
Witnesses	13
Submissions	46
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mr Justin Clancy MP (Chair)
 Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Clayton Barr MP
 Ms Steph Cooke MP
 Mr Phil Donato MP
 Mr David Harris MP
 Mr Geoffrey Provest MP



Highlights

In November 2020, the Committee commenced an inquiry into the Inland Rail project and regional NSW. The Committee received 46 submissions to the inquiry from a range of stakeholders. In April 2021 the Committee travelled to Gilgandra, Narromine, Parkes and Wagga Wagga to meet with inquiry stakeholders. Following the regional visit of inspection, the Committee held a public hearing in May to gain further information on issues relevant to the inquiry. The inquiry is ongoing at the time of reporting.

Also during the reporting period, the Committee completed its inquiry into support for drought affected communities. After tabling an interim report in June 2020, the Committee continued the inquiry by examining two issues, namely, the sustainability of town water supplies and the detrimental impact drought can have on mental health. In March 2021 the Committee tabled its final report making further recommendations, adding to the 10 recommendations in the Committee's interim report.

In December 2020, the Government provided a response to the Committee's interim report. All 10 recommendations were either supported or supported in principle.

Committee on Law and Safety

Meetings	8
Hearings	3
Witnesses	34
Submissions	33
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mrs Wendy Tuckerman MP (Chair)
 Mr Mark Taylor MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Edmond Atalla MP
 Ms Steph Cooke MP
 Ms Tamara Smith MP

Highlights

At the end of the last reporting period the Committee received a letter from the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. David Elliott MP, requesting that it conduct an inquiry into assaults on members of the NSW Police Force. On 23 July the Committee resolved to commence the inquiry. As a consequence, the Committee put its inquiry into the physical health of police and emergency service works in NSW on hold.

The Committee received 23 submissions to the new inquiry from a range of stakeholders, including the NSW Police Force, the NSW Police Association, university and research academics, community legal centres and advocacy organisations. The Committee also held two public hearings.

In its final report the Committee made 15 recommendations aimed at reducing the incidents of assault on police and minimising the potential for harm experienced by police in the course of their duties. In February the Committee received the Government's response to the report, in which it supported six of the Committee's recommendations, noted seven and did not support two.

In March the Committee re-commenced its inquiry into the physical health of police and emergency service works in NSW. The Committee held a public hearing in May, during which it heard from stakeholders such as the Health Services Union, the Police Association of NSW, the Public Service Association of NSW and the NSW Government. It is anticipated that the inquiry will be concluded in the next reporting period.

Legislation Review Committee

Meetings	14
Bills Reviewed	98
Regulations Reviewed	438
Digests Tabled	15

Membership

Mr Dave Layzell MP (Chair from 22 June 2021 and member of the Committee from 8 June 2021)
 Mr Lee Evans MP (Deputy Chair from 22 June 2021)
 Ms Abigail Boyd MLC (from 23 September 2020)
 The Hon. Anthony D'Adam MLC (from 5 August 2020 until 18 November 2020)
 The Hon. Wes Fang MLC (from 23 June 2021)
 The Hon. Sam Faraway MLC (from 9 June 2021 until 23 June 2021)
 The Hon. Trevor Khan (Deputy Chair and member of the Committee until 9 June 2021)
 Ms Wendy Lindsay MP (until 8 June 2021)
 Mr David Mehan MP
 The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MP (until 5 August 2020, from 18 November 2020)
 Ms Robyn Preston MP (from 22 June 2021)
 Mr David Shoebridge MLC (until 23 September 2020)
 The Hon. Leslie Williams MP
 Ms Felicity Wilson MP (Chair and member of the Committee until 9 June 2021)

Highlights

The Legislation Review Committee is responsible for reviewing each bill introduced into Parliament and each regulation subject to disallowance as set out in the Legislation Review Act 1987.

During the reporting period the Committee reviewed 98 bills and a total of 438 regulations, published across 15 Legislation Review Digests.

During the 57th Parliament the Committee resolved to publish the correspondence it receives in relation to its digest comments bi-annually as an appendix to the digests immediately before the winter and summer Parliament recess.

In November the Committee resolved to publish these responses on the Committee's website.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee has continued to review bills and subordinate legislation made in response to the varying health and economic impacts. As this type of legislation is particularly focused on restricting movement and gatherings to promote a COVID-safe environment, the Committee scrutinised each of these bills and regulations for their impact on personal rights and liberties. In most cases the Committee found that the provisions, while extraordinary, were time-limited and a reasonable response to the health emergency.

As the Committee's reports on COVID-19 legislation are spread across multiple digests, the Committee has compiled these reports into one document on its website, entitled *Compilation of Reports Related to COVID-19*. This practice began in 2020 and has continued through 2021.

Joint Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission

Meetings	6
Hearings	1
Witnesses	19
Submissions	0
Inquiries	2
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mr Dugald Saunders MP (Chair)
 The Hon. Trevor Khan MLC (Deputy Chair and member of the Committee until 9 June 2021)
 The Hon. Lou Amato MLC
 Mr Mark Coure MP
 Mr Paul Lynch MP
 Dr Hugh McDermott MP
 The Hon. Peter Poulos MLC (from 9 June 2021)
 The Hon. Adam Searle MLC

Highlights

In August the Committee completed its 2020 review into the annual and other reports of oversight agencies. The report provided an update on the work of all the agencies the Committee oversees. The report also made five recommendations in relation to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, the Crime Commission and the Information and Privacy Commission.

In March the Committee commenced its 2021 review into the annual and other reports of oversight agencies. As part of its review the Committee held a public hearing in May, where it examined each of the agencies it oversees.

Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics

Meetings	12
Hearings	0
Witnesses	0
Submissions	0
Inquiries	2
Reports	0
Government Responses	0

Membership

Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP (Chair)
 Mr Adam Crouch MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Kevin Conolly MP
 Ms Melanie Gibbons MP (from 25 March 2021)
 Mr Ron Hoenig MP
 Mr Michael Johnsen MP (until 25 March 2021)
 Mrs Wendy Tuckerman MP

Highlights

On 12 November 2020, the Legislative Assembly resolved that the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics review a proposed resolution for the establishment of a Parliamentary Compliance Officer, as brought forward by the Speaker, in the same terms as a proposal brought forward by the President of the Legislative Council.

The Committee therefore commenced an inquiry to review the proposed resolution and sought and received written comment from five targeted stakeholders: the United Kingdom House of Commons Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption; the NSW Parliamentary Ethics Adviser; the Chief Executive of the NSW Department of Parliamentary Services; and the Secondary Compliance Officer – Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period, with the Committee expected to table its report early in the next reporting period.

On 19 November 2020, the Legislative Assembly also resolved that the Committee conduct an inquiry into the adequacy of current procedures to protect parliamentary privilege in circumstances where law enforcement and investigative bodies seek to use coercive, intrusive and covert investigatory powers. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

Public Accounts Committee

Meetings	14
Hearings	4
Witnesses	70
Submissions	55
Inquiries	4
Reports	2
Government Responses	2

Membership

Mr Greg Piper MP (Chair)
 Mrs Tanya Davies MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Justin Clancy MP (from 6 February 2020)
 Mr Adam Crouch MP (until 6 February 2020)
 Mr Lee Evans MP
 Mr Ryan Park MP
 Mr Gurmesh Singh (from 22 June 2021)
 Ms Felicity Wilson MP (until 22 June 2021)



Highlights

During the reporting period the Committee continued its detailed scrutiny of performance audits conducted by the Audit Office by reporting on a series of 20 such audits covering a diverse group of Government agencies.

In its reports, the Committee made 10 recommendations across a range of portfolio program areas to: improve the transparency and monitoring of the unsolicited proposals process; optimise land management and improve the functionality of the Government Property Register; address deficiencies in the NSW Firearms Registry; improve correctional centre operations; and enhance native vegetation management and reporting. Work has also commenced on a further 10 performance audits, which will be reported on in the next reporting period.

The Committee has also undertaken a follow up review of the management of NSW public housing maintenance contracts. This inquiry revisits a previous inquiry completed in 2015 and will document recurrent issues and make additional recommendations to address persistent shortcomings in the provision of maintenance services to public housing tenants. Public hearings have concluded and were supplemented by a series of inspections of properties in regional NSW and metropolitan Sydney.

As part of its role in scrutinising public expenditure, the Committee has also commenced a review of financial audits presented to Parliament. The Committee will undertake a detailed examination of audit findings where the Auditor-General has identified repeat cases of non-compliance in the issuing of financial statements by NSW State agencies, local government and university entities. The first such review will be conducted in the next reporting period.

Standing Orders and Procedure Committee

Meetings	6
Hearings	0
Witnesses	0
Submissions	7
Inquiries	2
Reports	0
Government Responses	0

Membership

The Hon. Jonathan O’Dea MP (Chair)
 The Hon. Mark Speakman MP
 Ms Steph Cooke MP
 Mr Mark Coure MP
 Mr Adam Crouch MP
 Mr Michael Daley MP
 Mr Lee Evans MP
 Mr Ron Hoenig MP (from 23 June 2021)
 Mr Ryan Park MP (30 July 2019 – 23 June 2021)
 Mr Greg Piper MP
 Ms Anna Watson MP
 The Hon. Leslie Williams MP

Highlights

In 2020/2021 the Committee continued its ongoing work on the inquiry into the modernisation and reform of Legislative Assembly practices and procedures.

In July 2020 the Committee agreed to complete a review of the operation of ePetitions within twelve months of the Assembly’s adoption of the relevant sessional orders that enabled ePetitions to proceed. As part of the review, the Committee agreed to particularly consider the threshold number of electronic signatures required for a debate in the House, the adequacy of requirements to identify signatories as NSW residents and issues relating to privacy, and resource implications for the Department of the Legislative Assembly. The report of the review had not been tabled at the end of the reporting period.

In July 2020 the Committee also commenced an inquiry into a broadcasting resolution for the Legislative Assembly. Seven submissions to the inquiry were received, all from houses of parliament in other Australian jurisdictions. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

Staysafe (Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety)

Meetings	6
Hearings	2
Witnesses	30
Submissions	344
Inquiries	3
Reports	0
Government Responses	0

Membership

The Hon. Lou Amato MLC (Chair)
 Ms Robyn Preston MP (Deputy Chair)
 Mr Stephen Bromhead MP
 Mr Roy Butler MP
 Mr Christopher Gulaptis MP
 Mr Nick Lulich MP
 Ms Wendy Lindsay MP
 The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC
 (until 18 November 2020)
 The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
 (from 18 November 2020)
 Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC

Highlights

The Committee held an informal roundtable in July with road safety officers from a number of local councils as part of its inquiry into reducing trauma on local roads. Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions the safety officers participated via videoconference. In August the Committee also held two public hearings as part of the same inquiry. The hearings were held at Parliament House, with most of the 30 witnesses appearing by videoconference. Evidence was taken from a range of stakeholders including local councils, representative organisations for various road users, researchers, and individuals. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

In March the Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into support for rural and regional learner drivers. This inquiry is looking at the challenges that learner drivers in these areas face when trying to meet the requirements to get a driver licence, and how best to provide them with the support and training they need. This includes looking at how driver simulators and other technology could help learners. The Committee received 42 submissions from local councils, road and vehicle safety groups, academics, and individuals. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

In May the Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into mobile speed camera enforcement programs. This inquiry follows recent changes to the mobile speed camera program, including increased enforcement hours, reduced high visibility livery on vehicles and the removal of warning signs. The inquiry is looking at the nature and timing of these changes. Other issues to be considered include the impact of the changes on people from low socio-economic backgrounds and Indigenous people, and people living in regional and rural areas. The inquiry will look at the nature of the contracts between the Government and private camera operators. How revenue from speeding fines is spent as part of funding road safety initiatives, and the balance between using mobile speed cameras and direct enforcement by police will also be considered. The inquiry was ongoing at the end of the reporting period.

Committee on Transport and Infrastructure

Meetings	3
Hearings	0
Witnesses	0
Submissions	16
Inquiries	1
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Ms Robyn Preston MP (Chair)
Mr Gurmeh Singh MP (Deputy Chair)
Mr Chris Minns MP
Ms Marjorie O'Neill MP
Ms Eleni Petinos MP

Highlights

The Committee tabled the report of its inquiry into electric buses in September. The report examined the benefits of electric buses in regional and metropolitan public transport networks, and barriers to their wider use on city and country public transport fleets. The report contained 6 findings and 12 recommendations.

The Committee noted that electric buses had certain benefits, including reduced air and noise pollution, and that they were economical to maintain and operate. The Committee recommended that Transport for NSW develop a plan to transition its public transport bus fleet to electric that included length of contracts, funding of infrastructure upgrades and bus procurement, and training for bus drivers.

The Committee found that a mix of hybrid and battery electric buses may be most suitable for Sydney's bus network, and that hydrogen is an option to power long distance heavy vehicles. The Committee made further recommendations that Transport for NSW consider requiring universal chargers for flexible, standard charging across the State, that it identify opportunities for renewable energy sources to power the electric bus fleet, and that it considers what charging infrastructure would be suitable for travel between regional areas and within regional centres.

The Committee also recommended safety features for electric buses, such as alerts and a safety campaign, to ensure that the quiet operation of electric buses does not result in injuries for passengers, pedestrians and people with disability.

In April the Committee commenced an inquiry into the transport technology sector, focussing on how transport technology could be used to provide Mobility as a Service (MaaS), real time public transport journey information, and first and last mile transport services. The inquiry is also at how data might be used to improve access and safety for travellers, especially women, and the ethical considerations and regulations in the development of connected and automated vehicles (CAVs).

The Committee received 16 submissions and will progress the inquiry in the next reporting period.

Committee on the Office of the Valuer General

Meetings	3
Hearings	1
Witnesses	4
Submissions	1
Inquiries	1
Reports	1
Government Responses	1

Membership

Mr Nathaniel Smith MP (Chair)
The Hon. Scott Farlow MLC (Deputy Chair)
Mr Stephen Kamper MP
The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC
(from 5 August 2020 until 23 June 2021)
The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
(until 5 August 2020)
Mr Geoff Provest MP
The Hon. Adam Searle MLC (from 23 June 2021)

Highlights

During the reporting period the Committee conducted its annual review of the Valuer General's Office and tabled a report on the Thirteenth General Meeting with the Valuer General, which covered the operations of the Valuer General's Office from 2017 to 2019. Due to the significant transformation of the valuation system, combined with disruptions occasioned by the bushfire crisis of 2019 and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee did not make any recommendations in its report, but agreed to defer any policy recommendations until its subsequent review.

The Fourteenth General Meeting, reviewing the 2019-2020 reporting period, was conducted at a public hearing on 11 June. The examination was preceded by a detailed briefing earlier in the year, following the appointment of a new Valuer General and the implementation of legislative and regulatory changes in the policy environment governing the work of the Office of the Valuer General. It provided the first opportunity to assess the changed operational environment after the merger of Valuation Services with the Office of the Valuer General to form a new entity, Valuer General NSW (VGNSW).

The Fourteenth General Meeting provided an opportunity to assess progress and improvements in the determination of land values and the operation of VGNSW against key performance strategies and targets outlined in its 2019-2020 annual report. The Committee's report will be tabled in the next reporting period.

Corporate Objective 4:

Supporting our People



Our people are seen by the community, Members and their staff as dedicated experts in their field. They are motivated and inspired to achieve their best.

The Legislative Assembly has a positive, supportive work culture and an executive that is committed to enabling the provision of excellent advice and service to all Members of Parliament.

In 2020-21 the COVID-19 pandemic presented significant challenges. Our staff were able to work in an agile, flexible way to meet the demands of Parliamentary sitting sessions.



Leading an organisational transformation

In 2019 the Legislative Assembly initiated an organisational review in order to align the Department with the Parliament's strategic direction and to prepare for future challenges and innovations. The Department also undertook an examination of its culture, technology and processes. The findings from that process informed a staged transformation across the organisation.



The objectives of the organisational review were to ensure:

- The senior management structure and leadership team are able to deliver strategic objectives and governance requirements.
- Workforce planning and roles are designed to maximise effectiveness, engagement and flexibility.
- Learning opportunities and succession planning support retention of knowledge, career progression and continuity of performance.
- Improved engagement with the community, our members and other key external stakeholders.
- A culture of continuous improvement to support the modernisation of our processes.

For our staff, the organisational review resulted in:

- More clarity around their roles and how they contribute to the Department's priorities.
- Improved opportunities to develop capabilities and experience for current and future roles.
- Better workflows and processes to help them in all facets of their work.

Key outcomes from the organisational review included:

- A new leadership structure
- A new corporate governance function for the Deputy Clerk and Office of the Clerk
- An update of all role descriptions to clarify profession specific capabilities for Clerks and parliamentary officers, and to align descriptions with the Public Sector Commission's capability framework.
- Increased resourcing across the Department for core functions to bolster service delivery and ensure continuity of service.

Planning for our future needs

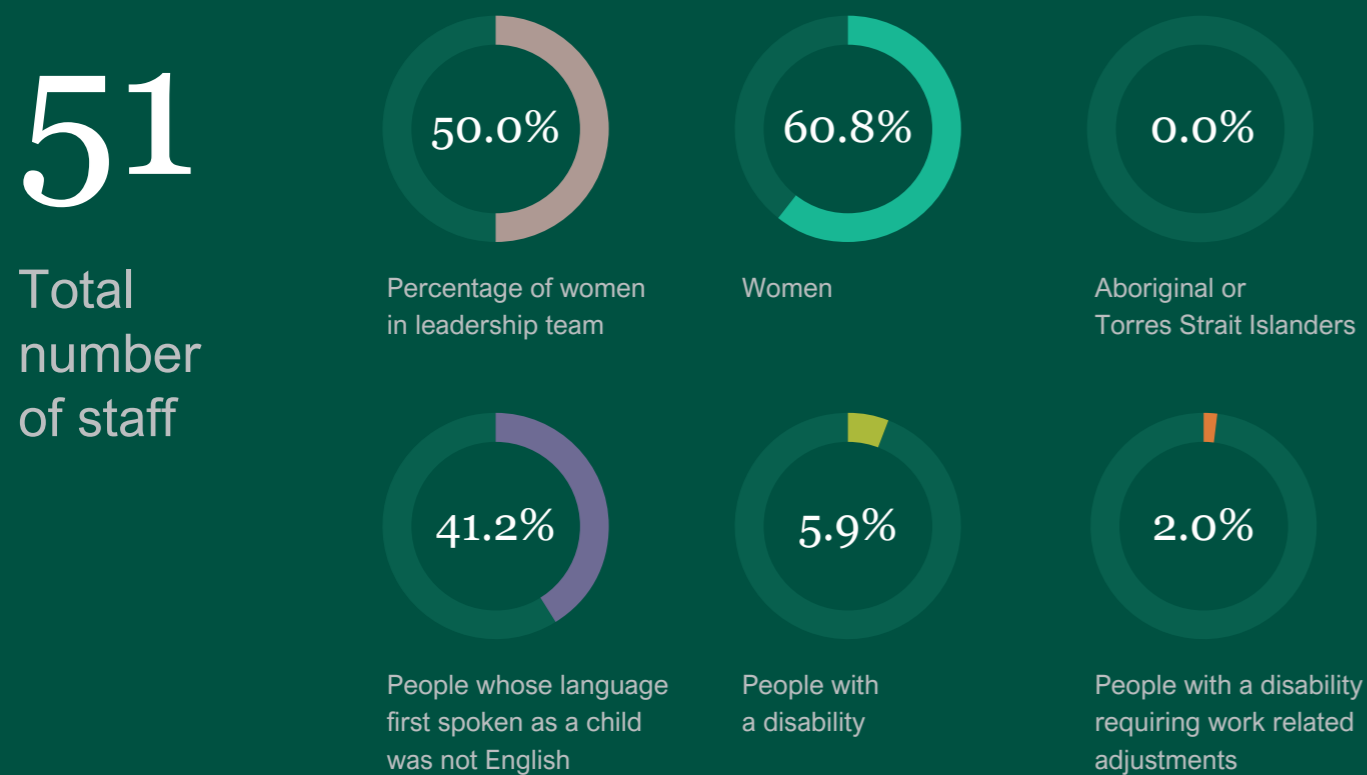
In early 2021 the Legislative Assembly developed a Strategic Workforce Plan and Resourcing Strategy, with the core aim of developing our workforce's capacity to meet the Department of the Legislative Assembly's evolving business needs.



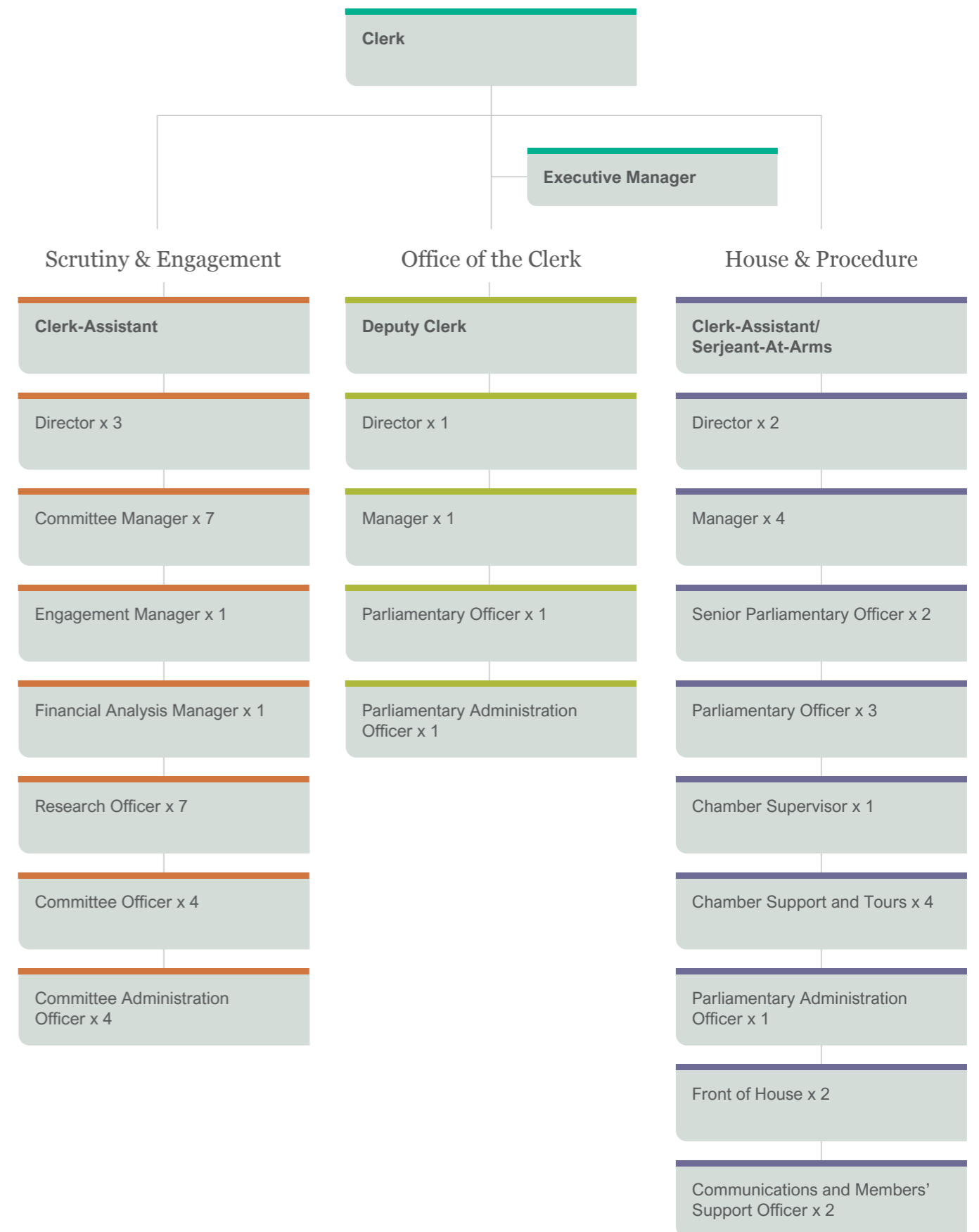
Legislative Assembly Executive as at 30 June 2021



About the Legislative Assembly as at 30 June 2021



Organisation Structure as at 30 June 2021



Farewell to a long-serving Deputy Clerk

After 43 years of dedicated service to the Legislative Assembly, Leslie Gonye retired from his role as Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in May 2021. At the time he was the longest serving member of staff of the NSW Parliament.

Les commenced with the Legislative Assembly on 10 February 1978 in what was then the Bills and Papers Office. He held a number of Parliamentary Officer roles and commenced Chamber duty as a Clerk-at-the-Table in 1987. Since then, Les held the positions of Clerk-Assistant, Table and Clerk-Assistant, Committees before becoming Deputy Clerk in 2017. He was also the Serjeant-at-Arms from 2011 to 2020. In 2020 Les was recognised by his peers with his election as President of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table.

Les worked with six Clerks of the Legislative Assembly, seven Speakers, 11 Premiers, 15 Leaders of the Opposition and 13 Leaders of the House. During those 43 years there were only three changes of parties constituting Government.

Les left after more than 33 years as a Clerk-at-the-Table, which also made him the longest serving Clerk-at-the-Table of the parliamentary jurisdictions across Australia. Les made an immense contribution to the Legislative Assembly, serving the House and its Members with distinction.



Left: The Department of the Legislative Assembly in 1979 (Les is in the back row, three from the right)

Right: Leslie Gonye on the opening day of the 57th Parliament, 7 May 2019



Responding to the People Matter Survey

The NSW People Matter Employee Survey is open to all NSW public sector employees and provides key insights into an organisation. The survey, coordinated by the Public Service Commission, asks employees about their experiences with their work, workgroup, managers, and within the organisation generally.

The Department of the Legislative Assembly reviews each year's results, compares them with previous years and takes action to address areas of concern.

In 2020 there was a dramatic increase in our completion rates, up from 35 per cent to 96 per cent. The survey revealed a high level of engagement with work (80 per cent) and satisfaction with flexible work arrangements was also very high at 94 per cent. The People Matter Survey results also showed that staff would like more access to learning and development opportunities as well as more clarity around their roles.

The executive team responded to the feedback by running a series of workshops to review every role description across the organisation, developing a capability framework for all roles and improving opportunities for training at every level of the Department.

Flexible working arrangements for our staff

The Legislative Assembly established formal, ongoing flexible working arrangements for staff in accordance with the Parliament's Flexible Work Policy.

The arrangements have allowed staff to continue working effectively to support the Department, while maintaining a healthy work/life balance.

When Sydney went into lockdown in late June 2021 all staff were again required to work from home. Notwithstanding the sudden change, the experience of, and learnings from, the 2020 lockdown enabled employees to easily adjust to the transition and to continue to deliver.

Additional staffing resources to meet expectations and service delivery

One of the key findings of the organisational review was that the committees administered by the Legislative Assembly required more staff to ensure that expectations could be met. The Scrutiny and Engagement business unit established two new positions to support the strategic objectives and requirements of a modern committee system (discussed further below). Funding was also secured to appoint an additional Director to accommodate the increased committee workload and allow more opportunities for Directors to contribute to our corporate objectives. The House and Procedure business unit were also able to secure funding for an extra manager to increase organisational capacity for procedural research and the modernisation program.

We formalised the position of an Engagement Manager, whose role supports engagement initiatives across the Department and is in the Scrutiny and Engagement team. This position is invaluable to the Legislative Assembly as it drives the implementation of the formal Engagement Strategy across the Department. The role has a particular focus on promoting the work of committees in order to raise awareness and increase direct participation in the committee process. This work aims to support the Legislative Assembly to develop stronger connections with the people of NSW, to improve democratic participation and enhance trust and confidence in Parliament.

We seconded a Financial Analyst from the Audit Office to assist with our financial scrutiny functions. This role has been extremely beneficial to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The position has enabled greater forensic financial scrutiny to assist in formulating fiscal and budgetary related technical questions. It has also led to detailed analysis of a range of issues considered by the PAC in the course of its other inquiries, leading to the formulation of feasible recommendations. Having secured ongoing funding, this position will now be filled on a permanent basis, providing a valuable ongoing resource for the PAC, as well as assisting other committees with financial advice.

Building a safe and respectful workplace

The Legislative Assembly's Director in the Scrutiny and Engagement team, Clara Hawker, participated in a two-day course on Bullying and Harassment. The course was run online and hosted speakers on a variety of topics around how to ensure a safe and respectful workplace. Attendees heard from academics, Members of Parliament and legal professionals about the challenges associated with handling allegations of workplace harassment and bullying. Participants heard case studies and examples of the increased challenges posed when technology is used to facilitate the harassment. The course increased participants' awareness of the importance of treating workplace bullying and harassment as a safety issue.

Clara and representatives from across Parliament have since been supporting the work of the NSW Parliament's Advisory Group on Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Serious Misconduct. The Group's overall aim is to establish best-practice in terms of the legal frameworks, policies, administrative practices and workplace cultures relating to the prevention of, and responses to, bullying, sexual harassment and serious misconduct. The Advisory Group will provide recommendations for improvement and determining a roadmap of possible reform and action, to be considered by the Presiding Officers and the parliamentary leadership.



Great Managers Academy participants

Training and capacity building of our staff

The Legislative Assembly has strengthened its focus on training, developing and building the capacity of its staff. To this effect, our staff participated in a wide range of training initiatives to enhance their skills and their ability to perform effectively in their roles. Training activities during the year included:

- The Great Managers Academy Course
- The Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure Course
- The 'Practical Resilience in the Workplace' workshop
- The 'Dealing with Potentially Distressing/Traumatic Content' workshop
- The 'Appreciating and Deploying our Character Strengths' workshop
- Training in cinematography and script writing (to support our engagement activities)
- The Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia (APLA) Reference and Research Symposium.
- Leadership in the House program.

Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure Course

"The Parliamentary Law Practice and Procedure course is one I've been keen to do since starting at NSW Parliament. Although the course, offered by the University of Tasmania, usually involves a week long on-campus session in beautiful Hobart, the class of 2020 had a *slight* change of plans with a COVID-safe online version.

"Hayley and I participated in classes and seminars held online with participants from the Federal, State and Territory parliaments around Australia, as well as three participants from the New Zealand Parliament.

"In writing our papers we both drew on our experience and interests. Hayley's paper focussed on the role of Question Time. Given the unique parliamentary and legislative landscape during the pandemic, I decided to write my paper on the role of legislative scrutiny in parliaments during a crisis. We had a great experience and are grateful for the opportunity to further develop our parliamentary knowledge."

Caroline Hopley

"I really enjoyed the PLPP course and the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of the Westminster system. I have already made good use of my new knowledge for some of the trickier questions I get asked by the public. One of the more interesting aspects of the course was to learn how different jurisdictions operate in everything from standing orders to staffing to social media."

Hayley Jarrett



Both Hayley and Caroline excelled in their studies and completed the course with distinction.



1. Helen Minnican 2. Danny Heldal 3. Simon Johnston 4. Dora Oravec*

Developing expertise in parliamentary practice and procedure

The Legislative Assembly is deeply committed to developing exceptional parliamentary practitioners with expert knowledge and experience. In 2019, we re-launched and revised our regular presentations on parliamentary proceedings for all Assembly staff. After each defined block of sittings, directors and leaders from across the Department present and discuss the significant and topical proceedings that occurred in the Legislative Assembly and, where of particular interest, the Legislative Council. The aim is to broaden the general understanding among all Assembly staff of the rules, procedures and practice that govern the manner in which the Assembly conducts its proceedings.

The presentations make extensive use of Chamber footage and presenters explain interesting or unusual proceedings. They also discuss the support provided by the clerks and staff to assist members in achieving their aims. The sessions also provide an opportunity for staff to develop their presentation skills.

Parliamentary Service Awards

We greatly value our staff and recognise their service and dedication to the profession. In 2020, the following staff were recognised for their long service to the Legislative Assembly and the NSW Parliament:

- Helen Minnican, Clerk, 30 years of service
- Danny Heldal, Chamber Support and Tours, 20 years of service
- Mohini Mehta, Committee Administration Officer, 20 years of service
- Simon Johnston, Clerk-Assistant, House and Procedure and Serjeant-at-Arms, 15 years of service
- Dora Oravec, Committee Manager, 15 years of service.

* Please note there is no photo of Mohini Mehta as she was not in attendance on the day.

Corporate Objective 5:

Managing Our Finances and Measuring Performance



Financial Summary

Department of the Legislative Assembly

The net cost of services of the Legislative Assembly, including members' programs, was \$107.373 million reflecting a favourable variance against budget of \$3.566 million or 3.2%.

The main components of this variation include:

- Employee related costs being favourable against budget by \$1.839 million primarily due to: \$249,000 savings due to temporary vacancies in Operations, carry forward of \$600,000 to 2021-22; \$468,000 lower non-cash Crown assumed expenses for members and operational staff.
- Operating expenses being lower than budget by \$2.173 million due to: carry forward of \$1.286 million to 2021-22 for members entitlements; lower Electorate to Sydney Allowance of \$137,000; lower Skills Development Allowance of \$140,000; lower General Travel Allowance of \$116,000 and lower other operating expenses of \$494,000.
- Grants and subsidies being over the budget by \$134,000 arising from an unbudgeted annual grant to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
- Members remuneration being \$114,000 higher than budget from Members and Ministers salaries and allowances costs.

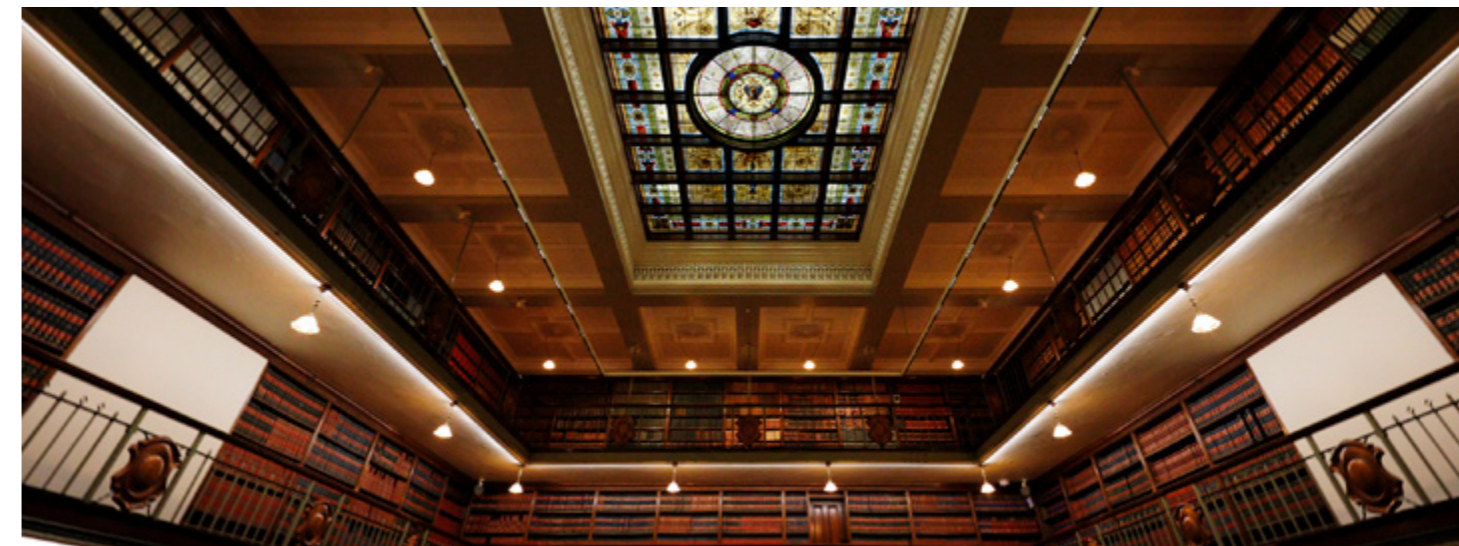
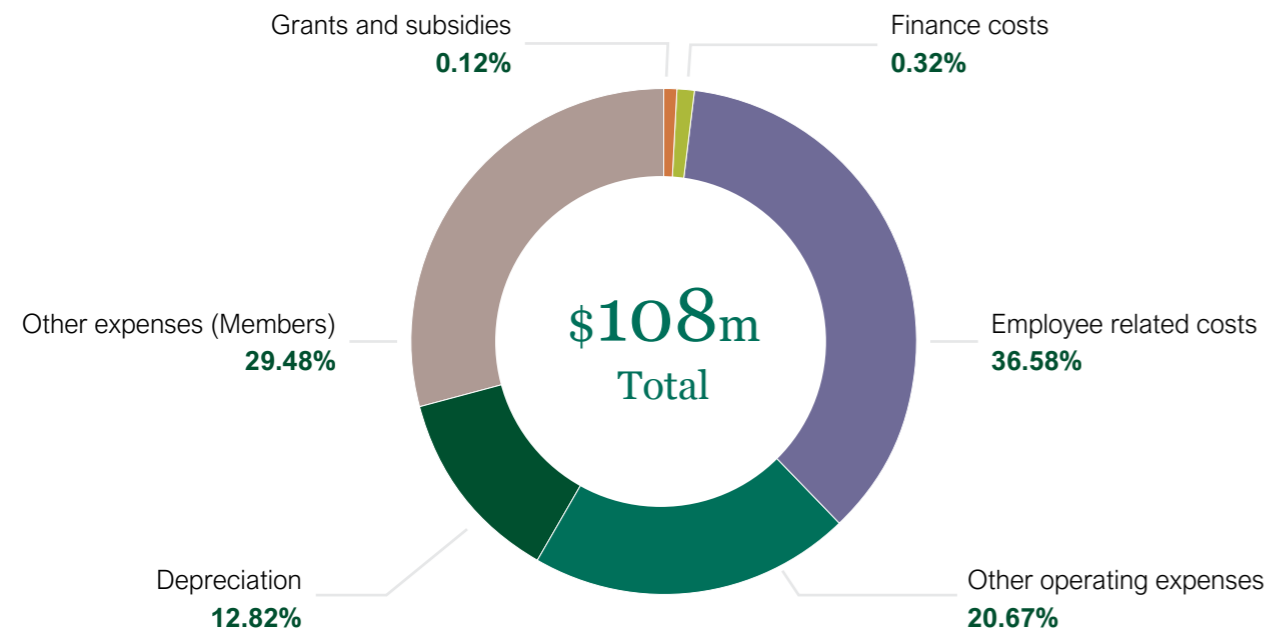
The Assembly's net cost of services of \$107.373 million represents 61.7% of the Parliament's total for the 2020-21 financial year. Members related costs for the Legislative Assembly represented 56.3% of the Parliament's total.

The net cost of services for the Department is broken down as follows:

- Parliamentary Representation \$97.955 million or 91.2%
- Operations \$9.418 million or 8.8%.

The costs represented in this financial report are unaudited and represent the best known cost distribution for both cash and non-cash items attributable to the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Expenses



Legislative Assembly Consolidated

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2021 \$'000	Actual 2020 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	39,590	41,429	39,342
Operating expenses	22,371	24,544	15,535
Depreciation and amortisation	13,872	13,496	13,220
Grants and subsidies	134	-	134
Finance costs	345	406	392
Other expenses - Members' remuneration	31,913	31,799	31,946
Total Expenses excluding losses	108,225	111,674	100,569
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	696	696	699
Grants and other contributions	-	-	-
Other income	292	39	86
Total Revenue	988	735	785
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	(136)	-	(789)
Net Cost of Services	107,373	110,939	100,573

Legislative Assembly Parliamentary Representation

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2021 \$'000	Actual 2020 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	33,266	34,167	32,772
Operating expenses	21,332	23,457	14,989
Depreciation and amortisation	11,799	11,479	11,426
Grants and subsidies	134	-	134
Finance costs	345	406	392
Other expenses - Members' remuneration	31,913	31,799	31,946
Total Expenses excluding losses	98,789	101,308	91,659
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	696	696	696
Grants and other contributions	-	-	-
Other income	274	-	60
Total Revenue	970	696	756
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	(136)	-	(789)
Net Cost of Services	97,955	100,612	91,692

Legislative Assembly Operations

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2021 \$'000	Actual 2020 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	6,324	7,262	6,570
Operating expenses	1,039	1,087	546
Depreciation and amortisation	2,073	2,017	1,794
Grants and subsidies	-	-	-
Finance costs	-	-	-
Other expenses - Members' remuneration	-	-	-
Total Expenses excluding losses	9,436	10,366	8,910
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	-	-	3
Grants and other contributions	-	-	-
Other income	18	39	26
Total Revenue	18	39	29
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	-	-	-
Net Cost of Services	9,418	10,327	8,881

Corporate Governance

The Department of the Legislative Assembly works collaboratively with the Department of the Legislative Council and the Department of Parliamentary to ensure that the Parliament of New South Wales is supported by a strong governance framework.

Governance Leadership Framework

As the Assembly's Chief Executive Officer, the Clerk has overall responsibility to the Speaker for procedural advice, Assembly operations, administration of the House and management of the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

The Parliament's governance framework comprises two cross-parliamentary groups that draw representatives from each Parliamentary department who meet regularly to discuss issues of governance and ensure that Parliament is meeting its strategic objectives. The Department also has its own internal leadership, strategy and governance group, the Legislative Assembly Executive (LA Ex).

Parliamentary Executive Group (PEG)

Comprising the Presiding Officers, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, the Clerk of the Legislative Council and the Chief Executive of the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS).

Senior Management Group (SMG)

Comprising the Clerks and the Chief Executive of DPS.

Legislative Assembly Executive (LA Ex)

Comprising the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Clerk-Assistants and Directors provide leadership for the Department.

Governance Compliance Framework

Our governance framework ensures the department achieves its objectives while complying with all relevant laws, meeting community expectations and complying with standards and codes in respect to probity, accountability and transparency.

Under the Department's policy framework, we continued to review and update departmental policies and procedures to meet legislative requirements.

Our staff are required to complete a suite of mandatory governance e-learning modules on the Code of Conduct, fraud and corruption and risk management. We continue to run training and information sessions on key corporate governance functions to educate and engage staff on their ongoing responsibilities.

The Department is supported in meeting its governance obligations through cross-departmental steering committees and working groups established for areas requiring interdepartmental collaboration.



NSW Parliament's Governance Framework

Governance	Risk Management	Operational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Consultative Committee Masterplan Co-ordination Group Workplace Health and Safety Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit and Risk Committee Business Continuity Governance Group Emergency Planning Committee Fraud and Corruption Control Committee Security Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Works Strategy and Delivery Board PIMS Project Board Digital Parliament Project Boards – Applications; Cloud, ERP Asset Replacement; and Audio Visual Engagement Board Policy Review Steering Committee Records, Archiving and Digitisation Steering Group Training Steering Committee Twinning Steering Committee

Legislative Framework

The principal legislation that governs the operations of the Legislative Assembly are the Constitution Act 1902; Defamation Act 2005; Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912; Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901; Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions Act 1989; Members of Parliament Staff Act; Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988; Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994, and the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Parliament's Audit and Risk Committee operates in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy Paper 'Internal Audit and Risk Management Policy for the General Government Sector' (TPP20-08). The Committee's Charter states that the objective of the Committee is "to provide independent assistance to the Clerks and the Chief Executive by monitoring, reviewing and providing advice about the Legislature's governance processes, risk management and control frameworks, and its external accountability obligations."

The current members of the Audit and Risk Committee are Mr Alex Smith (Chair), Ms Carol Holley, Mr Ian Gillespie and Ms Christine Hawkins. Ms Hawkins and Mr Gillespie were appointed to the Committee on 1 June 2021. Mr David Antaw served on the Committee until the conclusion of his term of appointment on 31 May 2021. All Members are independent.

The Committee met six times during 2020-21. Members' attendance is shown in the table below.

Audit and Risk Committee Members	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr Alex Smith (Chair)	6	6
Ms Carol Holley	6	3
Mr David Antaw (term concluded 31 May 2021)	5	5
Mr Ian Gillespie (appointed 1 June 2021)	1	1
Ms Christine Hawkins (appointed 1 June 2021)	1	1

The Committee oversaw and monitored the following activities in 2020-21:

- Risk assessments including updates to the Parliament's Corporate Risk Register
- Endorsement of the Parliament's Strategic (three year) and Annual Internal Audit Plan
- Progress against the Internal Audit Plan
- Final internal audit reports
- Status reports on the implementation of internal audit and external audit recommendations
- Internal Audit Internal Quality Assessment
- Draft and Final Legislature Annual Financial Statements
- Internal financial performance reports
- The Parliament's early close procedures
- The Audit Office of NSW's Client Services Report and Management Letter
- Management's representation letter to the Audit Office of NSW
- Annual attestation against the Parliament's Legislative Compliance Register
- Updates from Department Heads on key issues
- Reports on Work Health and Safety
- Business Continuity Management implementation
- Reports on Fraud and Corruption Control.

The Parliament voluntarily complies with the Internal Audit and Risk Management Policy for the General Government Sector (TPP20-08). It was agreed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its March 2021 meeting that an internal attestation should be made to the Audit and Risk Committee. The attestation has been completed and provided to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June meeting.

Internal Audits

The Parliament's Internal Audit function is an independent review activity headed by the Chief Audit Executive. The Internal Audit Function, through the Chief Audit Executive, reports functionally to the Audit and Risk Committee on the results of completed audits, and for strategic direction and accountability purposes; and reports administratively to the Clerks and Chief Executive DPS, to facilitate day-to-day operations.

The Chief Audit Executive manages, through an outsourced audit service provider, an annual plan of risk-based audits. The annual audit plan for 2020-21 was endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee in July 2020. During 2020-21, the following final audit reports were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee:

- Members' Entitlements 2018-19
- Recruitment
- IT Security
- Work From Home Control Environment
- Members Entitlements FY 2019-20.

In addition to the above, a draft report issued relating to physical security prior to 30 June 2021 and fieldwork was substantially progressed on internal audit of procurement and contract management, both of which formed part of the 2020-21 audit plan. Final reports are to be issued in early 2021-22.

Reflecting the agile approach taken to internal audit, an additional engagement to review project assurance was brought into the program during the year, with fieldwork completed in 2020-21 and the final report due early in 2021-22.

An updated Audit Universe, Strategic (three year) internal audit program, and annual audit plan for 2021-22 was prepared in consultation with senior management and endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2021.

Fraud and Corruption Prevention

The Parliament’s Fraud and Corruption Control Committee met three times in 2020-21 to consider matters such as ICAC guidance on managing corruption risk during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Committee oversighted activities from the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, key of which was the Fraud Health Check Survey released in January 2021. The survey revealed results in the 96-100% range across fundamental areas of importance to fraud control and corruption prevention, including: awareness of the code of conduct; awareness of what to do if offered a bribe or gift; awareness of conflicts of interest and awareness of ethical behaviour policies. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive.

Code of Conduct

The NSW Parliament has a strong ethical framework which includes separate Codes of Conduct for Members, Departmental staff and Members’ staff.

Each code, while different, incorporates the common principles of honesty, integrity, confidentiality and requires the appropriate use of public resources. All new members and staff are provided with copies of the relevant Code of Conduct. In addition, all staff are required to complete the online training module.

Business continuity management

The Parliament has continued to implement and maintain its Business Continuity Management System (BCM) to support operations through business interruption events. The Business Continuity Governance Group met twice in 2020-21, with representation from all three Parliamentary Departments. A key item of business was the structure and effectiveness of the BCM through the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was an ongoing business interruption event for the Parliament during the year. The system was considered to have operated effectively, particularly in the transition to remote work arrangements. The Department anticipates further gains in business continuity from the digital transformation work currently underway.

Late in June 2021 the precinct was attended by a COVID-19 infected person and measures were rapidly put in place to ensure safety and continuity of essential parliamentary business. Recommendations arising from a review of the response to that incident will drive actions for business continuity in 2021-22.

Public Interest Disclosures

As per Section 31 of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994, all agencies, including Parliament, are required to report on their Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs).

The Department has a Public Interest Disclosure Policy, which is accessible via the intranet, and ensures that staff are aware of this policy. The Department reviewed and updated its Public Interest Disclosure Policy during 2019-20. The Human Services team delivers a session on PIDs at the induction program for new staff.

No public officials made a PID to the department during this reporting period. No PIDs were received and no PIDs were finalised in the reporting period.

Enterprise Risk Management

The Parliament’s Enterprise Risk Management Framework incorporates all of the Parliament’s policies, processes, and methodologies for identifying and managing risk, and sets out how risk management is embedded in key business processes. The framework was reviewed and updated in 2019-20.

The Parliament maintains a corporate risk register which is subject to quarterly review by the Parliament’s Senior Management Group (SMG) and the Audit and Risk Committee.

Departments/Branches maintain operational risk registers which are also reviewed on a quarterly basis. A network of “risk champions” was established in 2019-20 to promote better practice in risk management across the Parliament, to embed risk management in business processes and to coordinate on cross-departmental risks. The network met twice in 2020-21.

Legislative Assembly Risk Register

The Legislative Assembly’s risk register is updated every quarter, and was last updated for the quarter ending 30 June 2021. The following table provides an overview of the initiatives undertaken to minimise risk in response to the pandemic and the challenges posed to operations across the department.

COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External factors such as changing Public Health Orders, elevated risks, increased vaccination rates and a COVID-19 exposure event in the Parliament (during Budget week in June 2021), required a re-assessment of the risks and practices associated with the Legislative Assembly sittings, and the operation of the Parliament more generally. Following the COVID-19 exposure event, the Legislative Assembly’s COVID response plan for the Chamber was provided to risk management consultants who provided a plan of specific risk mitigation measures including: vaccination for all Members and Chamber staff; flexibility for regional Members to participate in proceedings remotely; daily health screening; increased hygiene measures; additional Chamber ventilation; staging and physical distancing measures.
Technology and business systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our business systems are end-of-life and inefficient. We are contributing to a number of parliament-wide digital transformation projects to migrate to more contemporary systems and create digital end-to-end processes. The senior leadership team has been working on cross-Parliament project boards to provide oversight and assist with the management of risk.
Workforce planning and staff development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to continue to provide high-level service to Members and ensure the long-term sustainability of the department, we have invested significantly in workforce planning. We have made significant progress in Department Organisational and Capability Review – including a re-alignment of functions and roles to support the delivery of strategic objectives, ensure operational effectiveness, and build capability to meet current and future needs. In early 2021 we developed a future focused Strategic Workforce Plan and Resourcing Strategy.
Sexual harassment, bullying and serious misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In recent times, issues of sexual harassment, bullying and serious misconduct in parliaments have received significant attention. In response to this, the Parliament has established the Advisory Group of representatives across the parliament and appointed former sex discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick to review our operations. These initiatives are in place to reduce the risk of harm associated with sexual harassment, bullying and serious misconduct, particularly whether our policies and procedures are adequate to address cultural issues and entrenched behaviours. The Department of the Legislative Assembly has a representative on the Advisory Group and the Deputy Clerk and other staff provide secretariat services to the group (alongside colleagues from the Department of Parliamentary Services and the Legislative Council).



Insurance

The Parliament’s insurance requirements are managed as part of the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) portfolio. Under the TMF management arrangements, the Parliament’s business insurer is Gallagher Bassett for all insurance lines except for workers’ compensation

insurance, which is provided by Employers Mutual. Deposit premiums paid to the Treasury Managed Fund for all lines of insurance over the past five years are shown in the table below.

	2020-21 (\$)	2019-20 (\$)	2018-19 (\$)	2017-18 (\$)	2016-17 (\$)
Property	320,971	229,780	203,150	173,230	179,100
Workers’ Compensation	538,455	340,804	402,790	483,882	371,277
Motor	935	540	580	750	750
Liability	98,735	52,990	51,090	49,740	52,420
Miscellaneous	25,455	7,060	5,230	5,930	9,030
Total	984,542	631,174	662,840	713,532	612,577

Work Health and Safety (WHS) for staff and visitors

We are committed to ensuring a safe work environment for staff and visitors by:

- Contributing to the development and review of Parliament’s WHS policies
- Ensuring staff are provided with training that includes the responsibilities for workplace health and safety
- Participating in Parliament’s Work Health & Safety Committee
- Ensuring staff attend WHS induction courses for new staff which is facilitated by the Department of Parliamentary Services
- Assisting in WHS inspections of Parliament, which are facilitated by the Department of Parliamentary Services
- Continuing to work to offer a number of measures, including ergonomic assessments to minimise the risk of injury.

Additional WHS measures were taken by the Department due to the pandemic to maintain a safe working environment for staff by providing input and adopting the Parliament of NSW Pandemic Plan (the Plan) and the operational guidelines supporting the Plan entitled Safe Working in the Parliamentary Precinct and Safe Working from Home. Through these initiatives, Parliament was accredited as a COVID-Safe workplace.

“All staff are encouraged to report incidents, hazards and near misses as a way to manage risks proactively and to enhance work health and safety outcomes.”



The Plan details Parliament’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Classified as a critical incident, it forms part of the Parliament-wide Business Continuity Program that prepares the Parliament for such an event. It was invoked on 13 March 2020 and revised on 1 June 2020. The Plan and guidelines include a combination of existing and additional measures including:

- Employee leave
- Social distancing and travel guidance
- Assessing staff requirements for working from home
- Flexible working arrangements and rotational rosters
- Access to annual influenza vaccinations as per government health recommendations
- Health check stations when Parliament is sitting
- Providing personal protective equipment such as face masks, hand wash and sanitiser and visible signage in all public areas on safe COVID-19 practise – that is observing symptom, good hygiene, physical distancing and testing
- Room capacity specifications
- Increased cleaning services
- Webinars and in-house support
- Access to the Employee Assistance Program as well as advice from NSW Health and other health providers on the prevention of transmission.

WHS incidents

For the reporting period there were four relatively minor work related incidents, two non-work related injuries, one near miss/hazard, and two worker’s compensation claims compared to a total of four incidents in the previous reporting period. Slips, trips and falls are the most common causes of injury in workplaces, pleasingly no major injuries were sustained from the reported incidents. All staff are encouraged to report incidents, hazards and near misses as a way to manage risks proactively and to enhance work health and safety outcomes.

Type of incident	No. of incidents
Near miss/hazards	1
Strains and overuse	0
Slips, trips and falls	4
Psychological	0
Injury incidents	0
Claims (LTI)	2
Non-work related injury	2

Please note this information pertains to the three NSW Parliament departments.

Appendix A: Bills Introduced

Government Bills	Date Introduced LA
Adoption Legislation Amendment (Integrated Birth Certificates) Bill 2020	05/08/2020
Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2020	17/11/2020
Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2021	22/06/2021
Appropriation Bill 2020	17/11/2020
Appropriation Bill 2021	22/06/2021
Better Regulation Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2021	12/05/2021
Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2021	12/05/2021
Bushfires Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	10/11/2020
Children's Guardian Amendment (Child Safe Scheme) Bill 2021	12/05/2021
Civil Liability Amendment (Child Abuse) Bill 2021	17/03/2021
Community Land Development Bill 2020	23/09/2020
Community Land Management Bill 2020	23/09/2020
COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities and Health) Bill 2021	18/02/2021
COVID-19 Recovery Bill 2021	17/03/2021
Defamation Amendment Bill 2020	29/07/2020
Drug Supply Prohibition Order Pilot Scheme Bill 2020*	18/11/2020
Electoral Legislation Amendment (Local Government Elections) Bill 2021*	23/06/2021
Electric Vehicles (Revenue Arrangements) Bill 2021	22/06/2021
Electricity Infrastructure Investment Bill 2020	10/11/2020
Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021	22/06/2021
Families, Communities and Disability Services Miscellaneous Amendment Bill 2021	09/06/2021
Gas Legislation Amendment (Medical Gas Systems) Bill 2020	04/08/2020
Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2020	23/09/2020
Heavy Vehicle Legislation Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2021	24/03/2021
Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Amendment (Commissioners) Bill 2021*	09/06/2021
Liquor Amendment (24-hour Economy) Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Local Government Amendment Bill 2021	17/03/2021
Local Land Services Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2020	14/10/2020
Mandatory Disease Testing Bill 2020	11/11/2020
Marine Pollution Amendment (Review) Bill 2020	15/10/2020
Motor Accidents and Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2021	09/06/2021
Mutual Recognition (New South Wales) Amendment Bill 2021	17/03/2021
National Parks and Wildlife Legislation Amendment (Reservations) Bill 2020*	12/11/2020
NSW Generations Funds Amendment Bill 2021	22/06/2021
Payroll Tax Amendment (Jobs Plus) Bill 2021	05/05/2021

Government Bills	Date Introduced LA
Payroll Tax Amendment Bill 2020	17/11/2020
Police Amendment (Promotions) Bill 2020	06/08/2020
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021	09/02/2021
Real Property Amendment (Certificates of Title) Bill 2021	17/03/2021
Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2020*	11/11/2020
Road Transport Amendment (Digital Licensing) Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Road Transport Legislation Amendment (Drink and Drug Driving Offence) Bill 2021	10/02/2021
Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	15/10/2020
Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2021	10/06/2021
Sporting Venues Authorities Amendment (Venues NSW) Bill 2020	17/09/2020
State Revenue Legislation Amendment (COVID-19 Housing Response) Bill 2020	29/07/2020
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020	23/09/2020
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021	05/05/2021
Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Courts and Civil) Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Crimes) Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill 2020	22/10/2020
Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2020	14/10/2020
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Transport Administration Amendment (Closures of Railway Lines in Northern Rivers) Bill 2020	16/09/2020
Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Repeal Bill 2020	24/09/2020

Private Members Bills	Date Introduced LA
Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Vilification) Bill 2021	10/06/2021
Canterbury Park Racecourse (Sale and Redevelopment Moratorium) Bill 2021	25/03/2021
Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment (Coercive Control—Preethi's Law) Bill 2020	24/09/2020
Government Information (Public Access) Amendment (Recklessly Destroying Government Records) Bill 2021	11/02/2021
Government Sector Employment Amendment (Teleworking) Bill 2020	24/09/2020
Government Sector Finance Amendment (Government Grants) Bill 2021*	23/03/2021
ICAC and Other Independent Commissions Legislation Amendment (Independent Funding) Bill 2020*	19/11/2020
Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Ministerial Code of Conduct—Property Developers) Bill 2021	18/02/2021
Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Property Developer Commissions to MPs) Bill 2020	12/11/2020
Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Publication of Ministerial Register of Interests) Bill 2021	18/03/2021
Liquor Amendment (Right to Play Music) Bill 2020*	15/10/2020
Local Government Amendment (Pecuniary Interests Disclosures) Bill 2020	15/10/2020
NSW Jobs First Bill 2020	22/10/2020
NSW Jobs First Bill 2021	25/03/2021
Property Services Council Bill 2021*	23/03/2021
Public Works and Procurement Amendment (Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer) Bill 2020*	24/09/2020
Residential Tenancies Amendment (Reasons for Termination) Bill 2021	06/05/2021
Roads Amendment (Toll-free Period) Bill 2020*	15/09/2020
State Insurance and Care Governance Amendment (Employees) Bill 2020*	20/10/2020
Water Management Amendment (Transparency of Water Rights) Bill 2020*	06/08/2020

*Bill Originated in the Legislative Council

Appendix B: Members' Entitlements

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Description	Communications Allowance	Committee Allowance	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel	Members' GTA Travel	Spouse/ approved relative GTA travel	Members' Staff GTA Travel	General Travel Allowance (GTA) Total	Skills Development Allowance (SDA)
Albury Justin Clancy								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,892.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,159.49	n/a
Total available 2020/21	126,332.00						18,744.49	3,000.00
Expended claimed	101,039.92		11,172.36	7,144.03		6,119.77	13,263.80	0.00
Funds Remaining	25,292.08						5,480.69	3,000.00
Auburn Lynda Voltz								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,170.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	7,978.34						4,909.84	n/a
Total available 2020/21	113,148.34						11,174.84	3,000.00
Expended claimed	112,880.06			2,332.43			2,332.43	1,500.00
Funds Remaining	268.28						8,842.41	1,500.00
Ballina Tamara Smith								
Allocation for 2020/21	109,959.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,006.77						2,530.83	n/a
Total available 2020/21	127,965.77						15,115.83	3,000.00
Expended claimed	120,646.62		2,861.23	2,152.09		8,668.83	10,820.92	1,645.47
Funds Remaining	7,319.15						4,294.91	1,354.53
Balmain Jamie Parker								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,455.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	3,173.79						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	110,628.79						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	100,801.34					24.08	24.08	1,290.00
Funds Remaining	9,827.45						12,505.92	1,710.00
Bankstown Tania Mihailuk								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,946.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	12,269.98						4,358.71	n/a
Total available 2020/21	115,215.98						10,623.71	3,000.00
Expended claimed	108,638.04			2,410.49		71.14	2,481.63	750.00
Funds Remaining	6,577.94						8,142.08	2,250.00
Barwon Roy Butler								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,943.00						99,720.00	6,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	119.06						8,344.66	n/a
Total available 2020/21	102,062.06						108,064.66	6,000.00
Expended claimed	92,219.78		8,837.28	46,333.14	2,350.32	58,470.56	107,154.02	412.74
Funds Remaining	9,842.28						910.64	5,587.26

Description	Communications Allowance	Committee Allowance	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel	Members' GTA Travel	Spouse/ approved relative GTA travel	Members' Staff GTA Travel	General Travel Allowance (GTA) Total	Skills Development Allowance (SDA)
Bathurst Paul Toole								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,295.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						12,585.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,735.00						25,170.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	90,024.90					602.31	602.31	0.00
Funds Remaining	34,710.10						24,567.69	3,000.00
Baulkham Hills David Elliott								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,196.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,636.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	87,071.55						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	36,564.45						12,530.00	3,000.00
Bega Andrew Constance								
Allocation for 2020/21	108,636.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						3,835.30	n/a
Total available 2020/21	127,076.00						16,420.30	3,000.00
Expended claimed	23,882.11		5,805.38	1,111.46		1,271.98	2,383.44	0.00
Funds Remaining	103,193.89						14,036.86	3,000.00
Blacktown Stephen Bali								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,844.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,284.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	75,637.14						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	46,646.86						12,530.00	3,000.00
Blue Mountains Trish Doyle								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,305.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						7,866.59	n/a
Total available 2020/21	120,745.00						17,281.59	3,000.00
Expended claimed	27,321.30					6,530.45	6,530.45	0.00
Funds Remaining	93,423.70						10,751.14	3,000.00
Cabramatta Nick Lalich								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,457.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	121,897.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	53,020.76						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	68,876.24						12,530.00	3,000.00
Camden Peter Sidgreaves								
Allocation for 2020/21	134,316.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						5,895.57	n/a
Total available 2020/21	152,756.00						12,160.57	3,000.00
Expended claimed	134,571.67						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	18,184.33						12,160.57	3,000.00

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Campbelltown Greg Warren								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,783.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	16,381.04						94.26	n/a
Total available 2020/21	119,164.04						6,359.26	3,000.00
Expended claimed	99,764.25			5,799.23	58.64	111.64	5,969.51	992.00
Funds Remaining	19,399.79						389.75	2,008.00
Canterbury Sophie Cotsis								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,024.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	483.97						4,547.90	n/a
Total available 2020/21	107,507.97						10,812.90	3,000.00
Expended claimed	87,473.24			2,605.31			2,605.31	1,818.18
Funds Remaining	20,034.73						8,207.59	1,181.82
Castle Hill Ray Williams								
Allocation for 2020/21	112,298.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	130,738.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	112,283.81					93.60	93.60	0.00
Funds Remaining	18,454.19						12,436.40	3,000.00
Cessnock Clayton Barr								
Allocation for 2020/21	109,996.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	4,742.95						679.42	n/a
Total available 2020/21	114,738.95						13,264.42	3,000.00
Expended claimed	105,628.18		5,472.00	1,288.00		363.64	1,651.64	2,181.82
Funds Remaining	9,110.77						11,612.78	818.18
Charlestown Jodie Harrison								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,206.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						1,124.66	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,646.00						10,539.66	3,000.00
Expended claimed	68,739.17		3,758.40	3,941.70		6,027.09	9,968.79	2,274.57
Funds Remaining	53,906.83						570.87	725.43
Clarence Chris Gulaptis								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,246.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	12,707.55						9,551.76	n/a
Total available 2020/21	118,953.55						22,136.76	3,000.00
Expended claimed	113,302.98		6,001.50	3,800.00		5,840.53	9,640.53	0.00
Funds Remaining	5,650.57						12,496.23	3,000.00
Coffs Harbour Gurmish Singh								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,858.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	17,979.11						4,015.30	n/a
Total available 2020/21	121,837.11						16,600.30	3,000.00
Expended claimed	110,435.62		12,363.91	4,003.64		2,002.73	6,006.37	0.00
Funds Remaining	11,401.49						10,593.93	3,000.00

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Coogee Marjorie O'Neill								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,775.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	0.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	102,775.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	99,472.14					32.40	32.40	3,000.00
Funds Remaining	3,302.86						12,497.60	0.00
Cootamundra Steph Cooke								
Allocation for 2020/21	100,177.00						23,200.00	5,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						9,689.35	n/a
Total available 2020/21	118,617.00						32,889.35	5,000.00
Expended claimed	95,922.26		1,422.54	1,505.47		6,958.75	8,464.22	0.00
Funds Remaining	22,694.74						24,425.13	5,000.00
Cronulla Mark Speakman								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,084.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,524.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	85,313.47			173.24		24.95	198.19	0.00
Funds Remaining	40,210.53						12,331.81	3,000.00
Davidson Jonathan O'Dea								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,322.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	8,851.27						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	112,173.27						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	82,936.61					41.37	41.37	1,408.88
Funds Remaining	29,236.66						12,488.63	1,591.12
Drummoyne John Sidoti								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,851.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,324.63						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	120,175.63						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	97,239.72						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	22,935.91						12,530.00	3,000.00
Dubbo Dugald Saunders								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,492.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	3,572.84						3,951.14	n/a
Total available 2020/21	108,064.84						16,536.14	3,000.00
Expended claimed	101,367.66		11,627.49	4,863.75		2,152.37	7,016.12	0.00
Funds Remaining	6,697.18						9,520.02	3,000.00
East Hills Wendy Lindsay								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,303.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						4,712.15	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,743.00						10,977.15	3,000.00
Expended claimed	113,580.76					3,537.69	3,537.69	1,800.00
Funds Remaining	9,162.24						7,439.46	1,200.00

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Epping Dominic Perrottet								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,525.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	121,965.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	45,580.01						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	76,384.99						12,530.00	3,000.00
Fairfield Guy Zangari								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,549.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						3,597.49	n/a
Total available 2020/21	119,989.00						9,862.49	3,000.00
Expended claimed	40,672.13			1,599.93			1,599.93	750.00
Funds Remaining	79,316.87						8,262.56	2,250.00
Gosford Liesl Tesch								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,747.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						9,415.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,187.00						18,830.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	78,254.09				4,388.08		4,388.08	1,172.73
Funds Remaining	45,932.91						14,441.92	1,827.27
Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,916.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	12,937.73						0.60	n/a
Total available 2020/21	120,853.73						12,585.60	3,000.00
Expended claimed	111,977.43		7,225.92	8,514.72		95.61	8,610.33	0.00
Funds Remaining	8,876.30						3,975.27	3,000.00
Granville Julia Finn								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,603.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	757.08						6,202.15	n/a
Total available 2020/21	102,360.08						12,467.15	3,000.00
Expended claimed	96,486.71			1,561.70		571.18	2,132.88	1,500.00
Funds Remaining	5,873.37						10,334.27	1,500.00
Hawkesbury Robyn Preston								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,498.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						9,415.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,938.00						18,830.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	113,317.30					100.08	100.08	0.00
Funds Remaining	9,620.70						18,729.92	3,000.00
Heathcote Lee Evans								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,388.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						9,415.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,828.00						18,830.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	103,926.80						0.00	1,099.09
Funds Remaining	19,901.20						18,830.00	1,900.91

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Heffron Ron Hoenig								
Allocation for 2020/21	112,945.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	11,769.74						4,459.29	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,714.74						10,724.29	3,000.00
Expended claimed	118,600.77			1,833.79		13.84	1,847.63	598.00
Funds Remaining	6,113.97						8,876.66	2,402.00
Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,625.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,065.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	98,263.75						0.00	750.00
Funds Remaining	26,801.25						12,530.00	2,250.00
Hornsby Matt Kean								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,697.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,137.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	92,546.59						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	30,590.41						12,530.00	3,000.00
Keira Ryan Park								
Allocation for 2020/21	109,434.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	6,877.18						2,838.18	n/a
Total available 2020/21	116,311.18						12,253.18	3,000.00
Expended claimed	109,288.17	4,985.04	5,751.36	7,456.67		4115.88	11,572.55	540.00
Funds Remaining	7,023.01						680.63	2,460.00
Kiama Gareth Ward								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,114.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	3,566.04						10,876.71	n/a
Total available 2020/21	108,680.04						23,461.71	3,000.00
Expended claimed	91,386.40		705.60	80.00		1,389.47	1,469.47	0.00
Funds Remaining	17,293.64						21,992.24	3,000.00
Kogarah Chris Minns								
Allocation for 2020/21	100,707.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	17,646.65						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	118,353.65						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	95,620.56						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	22,733.09						12,530.00	3,000.00
Ku-ring-gai Alister Henskens								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,533.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	11,177.90						1,653.77	n/a
Total available 2020/21	114,710.90						7,918.77	3,000.00
Expended claimed	96,531.47			2,815.20		283.68	3,098.88	0.00
Funds Remaining	18,179.43						4,819.89	3,000.00

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Lake Macquarie Greg Piper								
Allocation for 2020/21	108,556.00						9,415.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						2,930.24	n/a
Total available 2020/21	126,996.00						12,345.24	3,500.00
Expended claimed	44,667.12		4,860.00			8,725.36	8,725.36	750.00
Funds Remaining	82,328.88						3,619.88	2,750.00
Lakemba Jihad Dib								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,010.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	15,278.95						6,101.78	n/a
Total available 2020/21	119,288.95						12,366.78	3,000.00
Expended claimed	68,165.99			3,760.22			3,760.22	1,733.65
Funds Remaining	51,122.96						8,606.56	1,266.35
Lane Cove Anthony Roberts								
Allocation for 2020/21	108,482.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	126,922.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	105,070.17						0.00	3,000.00
Funds Remaining	21,851.83						12,530.00	0.00
Lismore Janelle Saffin								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,772.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						968.50	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,212.00						13,553.50	3,000.00
Expended claimed	115,303.36		8,784.62	3,959.64		9,290.04	13,249.68	1,050.00
Funds Remaining	7,908.64						303.82	1,950.00
Liverpool Paul Lynch								
Allocation for 2020/21	108,424.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	126,864.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	87,420.34						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	39,443.66						12,530.00	3,000.00
Londonderry Prue Car								
Allocation for 2020/21	121,480.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	11,763.83						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	133,243.83						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	127,907.94			1,484.01			1,484.01	0.00
Funds Remaining	5,335.89						11,045.99	3,000.00
Macquarie Fields Anoulack Chanthivong								
Allocation for 2020/21	118,175.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	136,615.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	102,018.37			273.64			273.64	918.00
Funds Remaining	34,596.63						12,256.36	2,082.00

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Maitland Jenny Aitchison								
Allocation for 2020/21	113,030.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	16,211.06						224.68	n/a
Total available 2020/21	129,241.06						12,809.68	3,000.00
Expended claimed	99,281.42		6,661.44	1,059.31		6,049.85	7,109.16	681.82
Funds Remaining	29,959.64						5,700.52	2,318.18
Manly James Griffin								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,437.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,877.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	106,029.32			1,195.55		59.11	1,254.66	1,500.00
Funds Remaining	16,847.68						11,275.34	1,500.00
Maroubra Michael Daley								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,188.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	14,557.81						2,362.46	n/a
Total available 2020/21	120,745.81						8,627.46	3,000.00
Expended claimed	107,587.81			6,063.07			6,063.07	0.00
Funds Remaining	13,158.00						2,564.39	3,000.00
Miranda Eleni Petinos								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,173.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						4,102.09	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,613.00						10,367.09	3,000.00
Expended claimed	99,691.55			580.80			580.80	1,488.00
Funds Remaining	22,921.45						9,786.29	1,512.00
Monaro John Barilaro								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,410.00						23,200.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	2,209.37						12,585.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	109,619.37						35,785.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	103,945.99		8,512.61	5,984.95	730.89	8,885.94	15,601.78	0.00
Funds Remaining	5,673.38						20,183.22	3,000.00
Mount Druitt Edmond Atalla								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,131.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						2,708.19	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,571.00						8,973.19	3,000.00
Expended claimed	88,993.83			2,555.74			2,555.74	0.00
Funds Remaining	35,577.17						6,417.45	3,000.00
Mulgoa Tanya Davies								
Allocation for 2020/21	109,040.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	127,480.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	107,250.55			300.00		338.82	638.82	0.00
Funds Remaining	20,229.45						11,891.18	3,000.00

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Murray Helen Dalton								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,156.00						47,765.00	4,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	597.82						15,725.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	104,753.82						63,490.00	4,500.00
Expended claimed	95,712.61		9,974.17	6,166.16	808.14	31,689.85	38,664.15	4,090.91
Funds Remaining	9,041.21						24,825.85	409.09
Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,244.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						11,536.29	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,684.00						24,121.29	3,000.00
Expended claimed	84,598.26		7,080.48	1,127.70	326.88	9,676.47	11,131.05	0.00
Funds Remaining	41,085.74						12,990.24	3,000.00
Newcastle Tim Crakanthorp								
Allocation for 2020/21	109,901.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						2,945.16	n/a
Total available 2020/21	128,341.00						12,360.16	3,000.00
Expended claimed	90,822.50		5,796.00	1,726.26		5,149.79	6,876.05	500.00
Funds Remaining	37,518.50						5,484.11	2,500.00
Newtown Jenny Leong								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,191.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	12,132.96						2,834.45	n/a
Total available 2020/21	117,323.96						9,099.45	3,000.00
Expended claimed	103,701.51			1,306.61		90.65	1,397.26	2,992.99
Funds Remaining	13,622.45						7,702.19	7.01
North Shore Felicity Wilson								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,636.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	14,829.55						1,215.79	n/a
Total available 2020/21	118,465.55						7,480.79	3,000.00
Expended claimed	96,790.02			2,835.10		436.61	3,271.71	779.64
Funds Remaining	21,675.53						4,209.08	2,220.36
Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,200.00						33,050.00	4,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						15,725.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	121,640.00						48,775.00	4,500.00
Expended claimed	43,148.02		14,213.83	42,593.28		4,690.83	47,284.11	3,181.83
Funds Remaining	78,491.98						1,490.89	1,318.17
Oatley Mark Courie								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,048.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	15,704.08						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	117,752.08						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	117,631.44			1,302.67			1,302.67	750.00
Funds Remaining	120.64						11,227.33	2,250.00

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Orange Phil Donato								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,112.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	10,616.01						2,093.15	n/a
Total available 2020/21	116,728.01						14,678.15	3,000.00
Expended claimed	114,807.86					13,973.63	13,973.63	0.00
Funds Remaining	1,920.15						704.52	3,000.00
Oxley Melinda Pavey								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,622.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						7,731.05	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,062.00						20,316.05	3,000.00
Expended claimed	97,804.61		23,974.96	761.35	2,202.76	997.03	3,961.14	0.00
Funds Remaining	27,257.39						16,354.91	3,000.00
Parramatta Geoff Lee								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,726.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	126,166.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	76,115.98						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	50,050.02						12,530.00	3,000.00
Penrith Stuart Ayres								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,223.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,115.03						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,338.03						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	97,829.74			237.19			237.19	0.00
Funds Remaining	26,508.29						12,292.81	3,000.00
Pittwater Rob Stokes								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,131.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	12,151.96						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	117,282.96						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	69,124.01						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	48,158.95						12,530.00	3,000.00
Port Macquarie Leslie Williams								
Allocation for 2020/21	111,713.00						23,200.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						12,585.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	130,153.00						35,785.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	125,250.94		3,448.03	3,316.59		3,409.01	6,725.60	0.00
Funds Remaining	4,902.06						29,059.40	3,000.00
Port Stephens Kate Washington								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,023.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						765.27	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,463.00						13,350.27	3,000.00
Expended claimed	107,218.22		5,124.96	1,224.44		11,772.18	12,996.62	681.82
Funds Remaining	17,244.78						353.65	2,318.18

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Prospect Hugh McDermott								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,914.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	0.00						5,757.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	102,914.00						12,022.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	88,925.01			1,430.55			1,430.55	750.00
Funds Remaining	13,988.99						10,591.45	2,250.00
Riverstone Kevin Conolly								
Allocation for 2020/21	115,837.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						5,040.96	n/a
Total available 2020/21	134,277.00						11,305.96	3,000.00
Expended claimed	112,546.16			703.04			703.04	0.00
Funds Remaining	21,730.84						10,602.92	3,000.00
Rockdale Steve Kamper								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,599.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,039.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	62,955.24						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	61,083.76						12,530.00	3,000.00
Ryde Victor Dominello								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,040.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	8,788.26						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	113,828.26						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	96,871.63						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	16,956.63						12,530.00	3,000.00
Seven Hills Mark Taylor								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,386.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	3,297.24						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	104,683.24						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	84,684.25						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	19,998.99						12,530.00	3,000.00
Shellharbour Anna Watson								
Allocation for 2020/21	115,742.00						9,415.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						5,362.77	n/a
Total available 2020/21	134,182.00						14,777.77	3,500.00
Expended claimed	111,418.84		3,664.80	997.02			997.02	750.00
Funds Remaining	22,763.16						13,780.75	2,750.00
South Coast Shelley Hancock								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,036.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	8,806.70						12,585.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	115,842.70						25,170.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	105,116.66						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	10,726.04						25,170.00	3,000.00

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Strathfield Jodi McKay								
Allocation for 2020/21	101,586.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	13,941.46						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	115,527.46						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	114,206.50					49.03	49.03	0.00
Funds Remaining	1,320.96						12,480.97	3,000.00
Summer Hill Jo Haylen								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,469.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	7,296.17						3,785.27	n/a
Total available 2020/21	113,765.17						10,050.27	3,000.00
Expended claimed	98,906.29			3,112.53		1,512.51	4,625.04	1,196.00
Funds Remaining	14,858.88						5,425.23	1,804.00
Swansea Yasmin Catley								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,639.00						9,415.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	10,696.94						6,098.40	n/a
Total available 2020/21	116,335.94						15,513.40	3,500.00
Expended claimed	93,103.74		7,484.40	4,340.91		6,496.03	10,836.94	681.82
Funds Remaining	23,232.20						4,676.46	2,818.18
Sydney Alex Greenwich								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,476.00						6,265.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	5,661.13						5,386.94	n/a
Total available 2020/21	109,137.13						11,651.94	3,500.00
Expended claimed	108,809.88			183.91		326.91	510.82	0.00
Funds Remaining	327.25						11,141.12	3,500.00
Tamworth Kevin Anderson								
Allocation for 2020/21	105,707.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	4,008.85						7,065.93	n/a
Total available 2020/21	109,715.85						19,650.93	3,000.00
Expended claimed	69,626.78		15,248.71	1,783.42	4,213.89	4,321.58	10,318.89	0.00
Funds Remaining	40,089.07						9,332.04	3,000.00
Terrigal Adam Crouch								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,008.00						9,415.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	17,494.51						9,127.60	n/a
Total available 2020/21	124,502.51						18,542.60	3,500.00
Expended claimed	114,805.51		3,157.92	5,238.72		0.00	5,238.72	0.00
Funds Remaining	9,697.00						13,303.88	3,500.00
The Entrance David Mehan								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,788.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	1,105.94						9,367.24	n/a
Total available 2020/21	105,893.94						18,782.24	3,000.00
Expended claimed	90,814.75					1,785.23	1,785.23	750.00
Funds Remaining	15,079.19						16,997.01	2,250.00

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Tweed Geoff Provest								
Allocation for 2020/21	106,753.00						12,585.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,004.06	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,193.00						18,589.06	3,000.00
Expended claimed	105,507.35		6,067.25	4,531.97	2,873.11		7,405.08	0.00
Funds Remaining	19,685.65						11,183.98	3,000.00
Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,209.00						23,200.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						12,585.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,649.00						35,785.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	23,045.81		6,048.00	3,307.05	639.37	713.31	4,659.73	0.00
Funds Remaining	99,603.19						31,125.27	3,000.00
Upper Hunter David Layzell								
Allocation for 2020/21	11,420.16						2,542.47	328.77
C/Forward from 2019/20	0.00						0.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	11,420.16						2,542.47	328.77
Expended claimed	383.62		941.76				0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	11,036.54						2,542.47	328.77
Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,734.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	392.09						2,062.52	n/a
Total available 2020/21	105,126.09						8,327.52	3,000.00
Expended claimed	104,793.33			2,304.82		1,126.30	3,431.12	1,560.01
Funds Remaining	332.76						4,896.40	1,439.99
Wagga Wagga Joseph McGirr								
Allocation for 2020/21	103,905.00						12,585.00	3,500.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						5,515.99	n/a
Total available 2020/21	122,345.00						18,100.99	3,500.00
Expended claimed	79,697.43		4,147.78	2,724.60		14,262.53	16,987.13	595.00
Funds Remaining	42,647.57						1,113.86	2,905.00
Wakehurst Brad Hazzard								
Allocation for 2020/21	104,876.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,316.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	67,821.07					477.23	477.23	0.00
Funds Remaining	55,494.93						12,052.77	3,000.00
Wallsend Sonia Hornery								
Allocation for 2020/21	110,032.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						3,920.79	n/a
Total available 2020/21	128,472.00						13,335.79	3,000.00
Expended claimed	101,102.41		4,898.88			5,074.14	5,074.14	2,492.00
Funds Remaining	27,369.59						8,261.65	508.00

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Willoughby Gladys Berejiklian								
Allocation for 2020/21	102,997.00						6,265.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						6,265.00	n/a
Total available 2020/21	121,437.00						12,530.00	3,000.00
Expended claimed	70,831.35						0.00	0.00
Funds Remaining	50,605.65						12,530.00	3,000.00
Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,874.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	15,967.94						3,815.38	n/a
Total available 2020/21	123,841.94						13,230.38	3,000.00
Expended claimed	95,983.44		4,642.56	6,516.00		272.88	6,788.88	918.00
Funds Remaining	27,858.50						6,441.50	2,082.00
Wollongong Paul Scully								
Allocation for 2020/21	111,977.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						4,445.11	n/a
Total available 2020/21	130,417.00						13,860.11	3,000.00
Expended claimed	100,688.78		3,044.88	3,550.47		6,146.00	9,696.47	1,500.00
Funds Remaining	29,728.22						4,163.64	1,500.00
Wyong David Harris								
Allocation for 2020/21	107,551.00						9,415.00	3,000.00
C/Forward from 2019/20	18,440.00						1,422.22	n/a
Total available 2020/21	125,991.00						10,837.22	3,000.00
Expended claimed	25,216.00			2,103.68		4,024.30	6,127.98	0.00
Funds Remaining	100,775.00						4,709.24	3,000.00
LA Total								
Allocation for 2020/21	9,916,899.16						991,467.47	290,328.77
C/Forward from 2019/20	1,297,629.28						548,897.40	
Total available 2020/21	11,214,528.44						1,540,364.87	290,328.77
Expended claimed	8,605,418.55	4,985.04	240,783.01	249,506.65	14,204.00	278,189.16	541,899.81	60,774.97
Funds Remaining	2,609,109.89						998,465.06	229,553.80
Check Total								
Allocation for 2020/21							1,540,364.87	290,328.77
C/Forward from 2019/20								
Total available 2020/21	11,214,528.44						1,540,364.87	290,328.77
Expended claimed	8,605,418.55	4,985.04	240,783.01	249,506.65	14,204.00	278,189.23	541,899.88	60,774.97
Funds Remaining	2,609,109.89						998,464.99	229,553.80

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Albury Justin Clancy	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	16,380.00
Funds Remaining	27,720.00
Ballina Tamara Smith	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	20,160.00
Funds Remaining	22,365.00
Barwon Roy Butler	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	31,185.00
Funds Remaining	11,340.00
Bathurst Paul Toole	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	22,365.00
Funds Remaining	34,335.00
Bega Andrew Constance	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	37,170.00
Funds Remaining	19,530.00
Blue Mountains Trish Doyle	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	15,750.00
Funds Remaining	17,325.00
Cessnock Clayton Barr	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	21,097.00
Funds Remaining	21,428.00
Charlestown Jodie Harrison	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	18,585.00
Funds Remaining	23,940.00

Description	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel
Clarence Chris Gulaptis	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	23,625.00
Funds Remaining	20,475.00
Coffs Harbour Gurmeh Singh	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	23,310.00
Funds Remaining	20,790.00
Cootamundra Steph Cooke	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	25,200.00
Funds Remaining	18,900.00
Dubbo Dugald Saunders	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	23,310.00
Funds Remaining	20,790.00
Gosford Liesl Tesch	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	13,545.00
Funds Remaining	19,530.00
Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	15,435.00
Funds Remaining	28,665.00
Keira Ryan Park	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	11,340.00
Funds Remaining	21,735.00
Kiama Gareth Ward	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	56,700.00
Funds Remaining	0.00

Description	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel
Lake Macquarie Greg Piper	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	20,160.00
Funds Remaining	23,940.00
Lismore Janelle Saffin	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	14,490.00
Funds Remaining	28,035.00
Maitland Jenny Aitchison	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	38,721.00
Funds Remaining	3,804.00
Monaro John Barilaro	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	45,045.00
Funds Remaining	11,655.00
Mulgoa Tanya Davies	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	7,560.00
Funds Remaining	36,540.00
Murray Helen Dalton	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	20,160.00
Funds Remaining	22,365.00
Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	23,940.00
Funds Remaining	20,160.00
Newcastle Tim Crakanthorp	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	14,490.00
Funds Remaining	28,035.00
Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	27,712.00
Funds Remaining	28,988.00
Orange Phil Donato	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	11,970.00
Funds Remaining	30,555.00

Description	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel
Oxley Melinda Pavey	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	40,005.00
Funds Remaining	16,695.00
Port Macquarie Leslie Williams	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	22,680.00
Funds Remaining	21,420.00
Port Stephens Kate Washington	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	19,215.00
Funds Remaining	23,310.00
Shellharbour Anna Watson	
Allocation for 2019/20	43,785.00
Expended claimed	11,655.00
Funds Remaining	32,130.00
South Coast Shelley Hancock	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	16,687.00
Funds Remaining	40,013.00
Swansea Yasmin Catley	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,385.00
Expended claimed	35,595.00
Funds Remaining	20,790.00
Tamworth Kevin Anderson	
Allocation for 2019/20	56,700.00
Expended claimed	30,555.00
Funds Remaining	26,145.00
Terrigal Adam Crouch	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	14,490.00
Funds Remaining	29,610.00
The Entrance David Mehan	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	15,435.00
Funds Remaining	17,640.00
Tweed Geoff Provest	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	24,255.00
Funds Remaining	19,845.00

*Please note this date is correct, this information is provided for the previous year.

Description	Members' Electorate to Sydney Travel
Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	33,075.00
Funds Remaining	11,025.00
Wagga Wagga Joseph McGirr	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	9,450.00
Funds Remaining	33,075.00
Wallsend Sonia Hornery	
Allocation for 2019/20	42,525.00
Expended claimed	17,640.00
Funds Remaining	24,885.00
Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith	
Allocation for 2019/20	44,100.00
Expended claimed	16,065.00
Funds Remaining	28,035.00
Wollongong Paul Scully	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	13,545.00
Funds Remaining	19,530.00
Wyong David Harris	
Allocation for 2019/20	33,075.00
Expended claimed	26,460.00
Funds Remaining	6,615.00

Totals	
Allocation for 2019/20	1,879,920.00
Expended claimed – daily	491,982.00
Expended claimed – annual	454,230.00
Check Total	
Allocation for 2019/20	1,879,920.00
Expended claimed – daily	491,982.00
Expended claimed – annual	456,072.00

Appendix C: Parliamentary Supported Travel

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no CPA/CWP, conference, study tour or delegation travel was undertaken by Members and parliamentary staff of the Legislative Assembly. Alternatively Members and parliamentary staff participated in conferences held virtually, at no cost to the Legislative Assembly. Refer to the CPA/CWP report for a list of conferences attended virtually by Members and parliamentary staff.

Committee Intrastate Travel

April 2021	The Hon. Natalie Ward MLC, Trish Doyle MP, Justin Clancy MP, Abigail Boyd MLC, Steph Cooke MP, Dora Oravecz, Sally Kirk, Jacqueline Linnane and Steven Collins attended a site visit to Narrandera for the Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control's inquiry into coercive control in domestic relationships.	\$17,541.90
April 2021	Justin Clancy MP, Clayton Barr MP, Steph Cooke MP, David Harris MP, Geoff Provest MP, Emma Wood and David Hale attended site visits to Gilgandra, Narromine, Parkes and Wagga Wagga for the Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development's inquiry into the Inland Rail project and regional NSW.	\$4,620.50
April 2021	Greg Piper MP, Tanya Davies MP, Justin Clancy MP, Lee Evans MP, Ryan Park MP, Felicity Wilson MP, Bjarne Nordin, Cheryl Samuels, Ze Nan Ma, Derya Sekmen and Candy Lee attended site visits to Wollongong and Sydney for the Public Accounts Committee's review of Public Housing Maintenance Contracts.	\$3,780.00
April 2021	The Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, Peter Sidgreaves MP, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, Jodie Harrison MP, Robyn Preston MP, Dugald Saunders MP, David Shoebridge MLC, Elaine Schofield, Leon Last and Matthew Johnson attended site visits to Sydney, Wellington, Goulburn, Emu Plains, and Berkshire Park for the Committee on Children and Young People's inquiry into support for children of imprisoned parents in NSW.	\$2,348.19

Appendix D: Parliamentary Friendship Groups

No .	Name of Group	No .	Name of Group
1.	Parliamentary Friends of the ABC*	33.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Mental Health
2.	Parliamentary Friends of Active Transport*	34.	Parliamentary Friends of Mining
3.	Parliamentary Friends of AFL	35.	Parliamentary Friends of Music
4.	Parliamentary Friends of Aquatic Recreation	36.	Parliamentary Friends of Nature
5.	Parliamentary Friends of Animals	37.	Parliamentary Friends of Nuclear
6.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Argentina	38.	Parliamentary Friends of Older People
7.	Armenia-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group	39.	Parliamentary Friends of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements in NSW*
8.	Asia Pacific Friendship Group	40.	Parliamentary Auxiliary of St. John
9.	Australasian Study of Parliament Group (NSW Chapter)	41.	Parliamentary Friends of Palestine
10.	Parliamentary Friends of an Australian Head of State	42.	Parliamentary Friends of Palliative Medicine, Nursing and Care*
11.	Parliamentary Friends of Baseball and Softball*	43.	Parliamentary Friends of Police and Emergency Services
12.	Parliamentary Friends of Basketball	44.	Parliamentary Friends of Poland*
13.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Brazil	45.	Parliamentary Friends for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
14.	Parliamentary Friends of Catholic Schools	46.	Parliamentary Friends of Public Schools
15.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Cricket	47.	Parliamentary Friends of Racing and Breeding
16.	Parliamentary Friends of Defence and Veterans	48.	Parliamentary Friends of Reconciliation
17.	Parliamentary Friends of Dementia	49.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Religious Freedom
18.	Parliamentary Friends of Duke of Edinburgh's Award	50.	Parliamentary Friends of Rotary International
19.	Parliamentary Friends of Egypt	51.	Parliamentary Friends of Rugby League
20.	Parliamentary Friends of the European Union	52.	Parliamentary Friends of Rugby Union Group
21.	Parliamentary Friends of Forestry	53.	Parliamentary Friends of Scotland Group
22.	Parliamentary Friends of France*	54.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Scouting
23.	Parliamentary Friends of Greyhound Racing*	55.	Parliamentary Friends of Seafood
24.	Friends of Hearing Health and Deafness	56.	Parliamentary Friends of Small Business
25.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Ireland	57.	Parliamentary Friends of Surf Lifesaving
26.	Parliamentary Friends of Israel	58.	Parliamentary Friends of the Sydney Swans
27.	Parliamentary Friends of Italy	59.	NSW Parliamentary Taiwan Friendship Group
28.	Parliamentary Friends of Landcare	60.	Parliamentary Friends of Turkey
29.	NSW Parliamentary Friends of Lebanon	61.	Parliamentary Friends of the United Kingdom
30.	Parliamentary Friends of the LGBTQI Community and Sydney World Pride 2023*	62.	Parliamentary Friends of the United States of America
31.	Parliamentary Friends of Local Government	63.	Parliamentary Friends of Western Sydney Wanderers
32.	Parliamentary Friends of Macarthur Football Club	64.	Parliamentary Friends of Womens' Health*


*Newly established in the 2020/21 reporting period

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