



Working in the Legislative Council Program

A unique professional development program for public sector officers

About the program

The Working in the Legislative Council program is a 10-week professional development initiative. It is offered to outstanding departmental officers who want to gain first-hand experience of the operations of Parliament, including Legislative Council committees and the annual Budget Estimates process.

The Working in the Legislative Council program for 2023 will run from 9 October to 19 December 2023.

The successful applicant will work as an integral member of the team administering the 2023-24 Budget Estimates inquiry, assisting with other committee inquiries, and observing proceedings in the House.

This is what a previous participant said of their experience:

The Working in the Legislative Council program offers a unique opportunity to gain direct experience of, and to contribute to, the work of the Upper House of the NSW Parliament. After supporting the Budget Estimates process, I gained insights into various Parliamentary committees, helping with hearings, reviewing evidence and writing sections of reports. I also enjoyed learning about the operation of the House. A highlight was comparing learnings from NSW parliamentary interactions with other parliaments, as my secondment coincided with visiting delegations from international legislatures.

This is a valuable exchange program between government departments and the state Parliament and it was a pleasure to work with the friendly and supportive staff in the Legislative Council. I learnt a great deal about the history, role and functions of the Legislative Council, and about fast-paced committee and other parliamentary processes. Aside from the procedural rhythms of the parliament, no two days were ever the same.

Eligibility

The program is open to high performing Clerk Grade 7/8 or 9/10 or equivalent NSW public sector officers. The successful applicant's agency will be required to meet their officer's salary costs during the placement. Participants are not eligible to apply for a position in the Council during or for six months following the end of the placement.

To apply

Please forward your application package to Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments, by email to BudgetEstimates@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Your application package should include a completed application form, your curriculum vitae and responses to the targeted questions (maximum two pages). You can find the application form and targeted questions at: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/departments/Pages/The-Working-in-the-LC-Program.aspx>

Applications close **Friday 11 August 2023**. Interviews will be held soon after this date.

To find out more information on the program, please contact Ms Rhia Victorino, Director - Committees by email to rhia.victorino@parliament.nsw.gov.au or by telephone (02) 9230 3680.