



DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

annual report 2022

Letter of Transmittal

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Dear Mr President

It is with pleasure that I submit for your information and presentation to the House the annual report for the Department of the Legislative Council for the year ended 30 June 2022.

As you are aware, the Department of the Legislative Council is not legislatively required to table an annual report. However, as has been customary over previous years, the opportunity to provide information on the performance of the Department is embraced.

The content of the report incorporates the reporting requirements of the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, particularly in regard to the Department of the Legislative Council's aims, objectives, operations and financial performance.

I commend the report and hope you find it informative.

Your sincerely

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

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During sitting days, public access to the Chamber is restricted to the visitors' gallery, where the public can watch the proceedings of the House. A calendar specifying sitting days is available from the Parliament's website.



*The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC,
President of the Legislative Council*

*The principal role of the President is to
preside over the House. The President
is the independent and impartial
representative of the Legislative Council.
Together with the Speaker of the
Legislative Assembly, the President is
jointly responsible for the Parliamentary
precincts.*

President's Foreword

I am pleased to present to the House the 2021-2022 Annual Report for the Department of the Legislative Council.

COVID-19 continued to be a challenge in this reporting period and significantly affected the sittings of the House and the activities of its committees. Throughout this time, the staff of the Department continued to exhibit high standards of professionalism and dedication in supporting members. I particularly commend their agility in pivoting from “hybrid” sittings and from fully “virtual” committee hearings to “hybrid” hearings and then to fully in-person sittings and hearings. Despite these being unprecedented times, the transitions have felt seamless – to the credit of the staff and all those involved.

In 2021-2022 the Legislative Council saw a number of changes to its membership and welcomed new members the Hon Scott Barrett (Nationals), the Hon Chris Rath (Liberal) and Ms Sue Higgins (the Greens). We also farewelled our long-standing colleagues the Hon Trevor Khan, the Hon Don Harwin and Mr David Shoebridge and I thank them for their valued service to the Legislative Council and the people of New South Wales.

Over the reporting period the Legislative Council continued its busy legislative program and passed 71 bills, 34 of which were amended by the House. Members continued to utilise their power to order the production of state papers in this reporting period, with 149 orders agreed to, a small decrease of 15 from the previous period.

Despite the various challenges presented by the pandemic, the Committee Office continued its high output of work supporting 36 inquiries and tabling 40 reports.

I am particularly pleased that this report provides updates on a number of significant projects undertaken by the Department, including the digital transformation of our parliamentary business systems and the review of the standing orders, which is the first comprehensive review in nearly twenty years. Numerous sessional orders have been adopted to trial new procedures or to adapt existing procedures to suit the needs of the House and its committees and this review is an opportunity to consolidate those reforms.

Another exciting event on the horizon is the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council which falls over 2023 and 2024 and marks 200 years since the Council was established by the passage of the *New South Wales Act 1823* and sat for the first time on 25 August 1824. This was the country's first example of deliberative government, meaning that the Bicentenary is much more than just an important milestone for the Council – it's a celebration of two centuries of evolving democracy for Australia. In the lead up to 2024, the Department has been very busy preparing events to commemorate this milestone, including seminars and exhibitions.

On behalf of all members, I express my gratitude to the Clerk and all staff of the Department for their dedication to supporting the Legislative Council throughout the year.

The Honourable Matthew Mason-Cox
President



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 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.



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Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments

The Clerk provides expert advice on parliamentary law, practice and procedure to the President, Ministers and members of the Legislative Council. The Clerk is also responsible to the President for the efficient and effective administration of the Department of the Legislative Council.

Clerk's Review

The 2021/22 financial year was marked by both continuity and change for the Department of the Legislative Council. As outlined in the following pages, the House and Committees both maintained their record high volumes of work in areas such as orders for papers, private members business, amendments to bills, and searching committee inquiries. In that way it was a very much a continuation of what has become the “new normal” during the 57th Parliament.

Yet there were also significant changes impacting upon our work. As reflected on page 9 three substantial figures in the recent history of the Legislative Council departed during the reporting period – a former President and Leader of the Government, the Hon Don Harwin, a former Deputy President, the Hon Trevor Khan, and Greens member, Mr David Shoebridge, had each made very significant contributions. They will be greatly missed, but as always, the House has been renewed with their three very able replacements.

At the same time, this has been the first full year of the term of newly elected President, the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox. The new President has a particular passion for history and has thrown himself into the task of setting the framework for the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council in 2023 and 2024. Planning for the Bicentenary has therefore been a major new focus during the reporting year.

Readers will note a new format for the annual report this year. Instead of reporting by section of the Department (and therefore separately on the House and Committees), we are trialling reporting against the strategic priorities in the *NSW Parliament Strategic Plan 2019-2023* and the *Department of the Legislative Council Strategic Plan 2021/22*. Feedback is welcome. Readers should be assured that the same sorts of information to which they are accustomed are still included.

The continued extremely high volume of work from the House and its Committees, together with the stresses caused to everyone in the community by COVID-19, have imposed considerable demands on the staff of the Department of the Legislative Council. They have continued to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and service, and it continues to be an honour to lead them and to work with them all. Particularly so the Deputy Clerk, Steven Reynolds, Executive Assistant, Kate Cadell, and Clerk Assistants Beverly Duffy and Stephen Frappell. Likewise, it continues to be a pleasure to work with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Helen Minnican, and the Chief Executive of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Mark Webb, and all of their hard-working staff.

Mr David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

About Us

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Legislative Council, established in 1823 and first meeting in 1824, is the oldest legislative body in Australia. It is a House of Review, and acts as a check and balance on the Executive Government.

The Legislative Council performs this function through procedures such as questions to ministers, orders for the production of documents and a robust committee system which allows members to examine public affairs, including the administration of government, in more detail.

There are 42 members of the Legislative Council, elected according to a system of proportional representation with the entire State as a single electorate. Members serve an eight-year term, with one half of the Council elected every four years at a periodic election.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The role of the Department is to support the sittings of the House and the activities of its committees, and to provide corporate, governance and protocol support. This includes the provision of procedural, analytical and administrative support services to enable members of the Council to effectively perform their parliamentary duties.

The Department is accountable to the President of the Legislative Council, the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC. Department staff work in collaboration with the Department of the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Parliamentary Services to ensure the effective running of the Parliament. Department staff strive to provide exceptional service to the President, members and their staff, and to key stakeholders including government agencies, participants in committee inquiries, members of the public and visitors to Parliament.

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VALUES



Department of the **Legislative Council** staff work together to provide procedural, analytical and administrative support services to enable members to effectively perform their parliamentary duties. **We seek to:**



The Department of the Legislative Council values, which were launched in early 2020

Year at a glance

It was another busy year for the Department. The Procedure Office supported the House through 413 hours of sittings. The Committee Office established 36 committee inquiries and tabled 40 reports.

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Department staff	59.4 FTE*	53.57FTE	39.0FTE	38.8FTE	37.8FTE
Secretary Research Assistants	55 FTE	50.0FTE	57.0FTE	49.8FTE	48.8FTE
Sitting days	40	45	36	32	48
Budget Estimates hearings	62	25	28	10	12
Sitting hours	413	498	330	268	378
Bills passed	71	59	33	61	77
Amendments to bills (moved)	630	758	412	299	510
Amendments to bills (agreed to)	231	253	212	68	102
Orders for papers	150	164	74	14	6
Notices of motion given	641	780	503	600	893
Committee inquiries	36	36	36	55	47
Committee reports tabled	40	31	30	37	20
Submissions to committees	7,521	3,900	5,331	1,727	1,935
Inquiry witnesses (hearings and forums)	1,982	1,539	930	814	677

* Includes staff on maternity leave

Financial summary

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Net cost of services for the Legislative Council	34,022,000	32,445,982	31,319,217	28,344,571	26,534,631
Operational, Committees and other costs	9,571,000	8,586,305	7,991,982	6,691,967	6,048,509



Members

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT TO HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE MARGARET BEAZLEY AC QC

In accordance with convention following the election of a new President, members of the Legislative Council presented their President, the Honourable Matthew Mason-Cox, to the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC at Government House on Friday 19 November 2021. While the President had been elected on Tuesday 4 May 2021, the delay in the presentation from May to November was caused due to COVID-19 in the community.

Following the presentation of the President, the President presented to Her Excellency the Address-in-Reply to her assumption of the administration of the Government of the State, the Address-in-Reply to Her Excellency's speech on the opening of the 57th Parliament, and the condolence motion on the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The ceremony concluded with the President presenting members and senior officers of the Legislative Council to Her Excellency, after which Her Excellency invited those presented to join her for refreshments.



NEW AND DEPARTED MEMBERS

The Legislative Council said farewell to three of its longstanding members in 2021-22:



Deputy President, Hon Trevor Khan (The Nationals) in January 2022

Mr Khan was a member of the Legislative Council for nearly 15 years. He was elected to the Upper House in 2007 and served as Deputy President and Chair of Committees from 2015. In February he took up a new post, being sworn in as a magistrate of the NSW Local Court.

(Credit: NSW Nationals website)



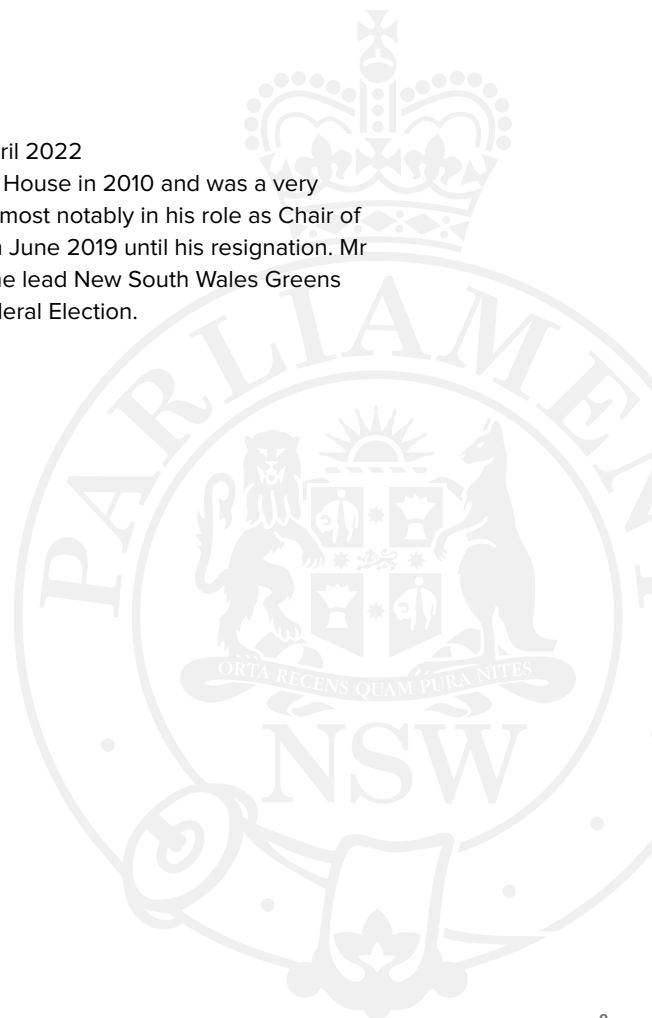
Hon Don Harwin (Liberal Party) in March 2022

Mr Harwin was first elected in 1999, serving as Opposition Whip between 2003 and 2007. When the Liberal/National coalition won government in 2011, Mr Harwin was elected President of the Legislative Council, serving in that role until 2017. After ceasing to be President, Mr Harwin served as Minister for the Arts, Aboriginal Affairs, Energy and Utilities, Resources and for the Public Service and Employee Relations, as well as the former Special Minister of State. He was also Leader of the Government in the House from July 2020 to 21 December 2021.



Mr David Shoebridge (The Greens) in April 2022

Mr Shoebridge was elected to the Upper House in 2010 and was a very active member in the committee system, most notably in his role as Chair of the Public Accountability Committee from June 2019 until his resignation. Mr Shoebridge resigned in order to run as the lead New South Wales Greens candidate for the Senate in the 2022 Federal Election.



The Legislative Council welcomed the three following members who filled the casual vacancies created by the above resignations:



Hon Scott Barrett MLC
(Nationals Party) – 24 February 2022



Hon Chris Rath MLC
(Liberal Party) – 24 March 2022



Ms Sue Higginson MLC
(The Greens) – 12 May 2022

ELECTION OF NEW DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

Following the resignation of the Hon Trevor Khan on Tuesday 22 March 2022, the Hon. Wes Fang MLC was elected to the position of Deputy President and Chair of Committees.

Death of Former Members

The deaths of the following former Council members were reported to the House in 2021/22:

- The Honourable George Brenner, passed away on Thursday 30 December 2021.
- The Honourable Peter McMahon AM, passed away on Sunday 13 March 2022.
- The Honourable John Hughes Jobling AM, passed away on Thursday 7 April 2022.
- The Honourable Max Frederick Willis RFD ED CSI, former President of the Legislative Council, passed away on Wednesday 18 August 2021.

A condolence motion, moved by the Hon. Don Harwin MLC, was debated in the presence of the former President's family and agreed to on Thursday 9 June 2022, members and officers of the House standing as a mark of respect.



Achievements against Corporate Objectives

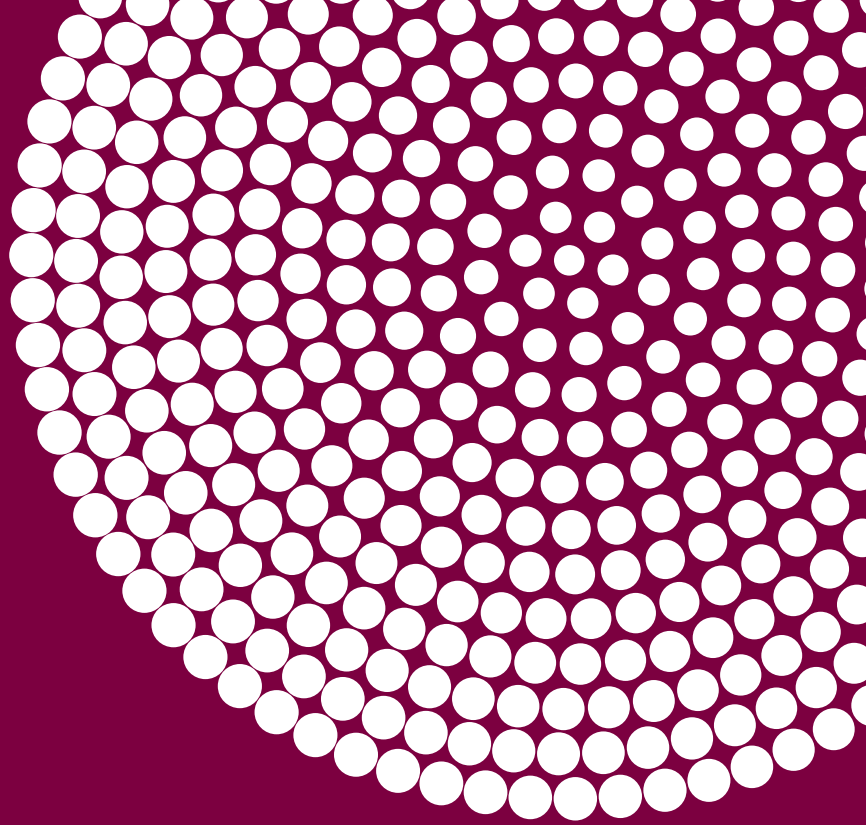


Our corporate objectives

The Department's corporate objectives and key projects, as listed in the [Department's Strategic Plan](#), are drawn from the [Parliament's five strategic priorities](#):

Parliament's Strategic Priorities

- 1 Modernisation of Parliament
- 2 Strengthening engagement with the public and enhanced trust in Parliament as an institution
- 3 Support members in their evolving role as elected representatives
- 4 Develop the capabilities of the Parliament's workforce
- 5 Safeguarding the independence of a strong Parliament



CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 1

Modernisation of Parliament

During this 57th Parliament, all three parliamentary departments have worked together to strengthen the governance framework and apply digital technology and other infrastructure to support contemporary systems and processes.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In the House

Since 2020 the Parliament has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic by developing a range of innovative solutions to ensure the Parliament could continue to effectively and safely fulfill its constitutional roles.

The Legislative Council adopted procedures which sought to eliminate or reduce person-to-person contact and maintain social distancing, but also to ensure the efficient conduct of business and to preserve the rights of members.

Protective health practices adopted included:

- mandatory Rapid Antigen Testing,
- social distancing markers,
- the closure of the public gallery and mezzanine in order to allow for the attendance of all members in the chamber in accordance with the social distancing requirements,
- the supply of hand sanitiser,
- the replacement of water jugs and glasses with bottled water, and
- modified staffing numbers in the Chamber.

Temporary procedural rules adopted included:

- a new procedure for divisions whereby members stand in their place to be counted, rather than moving to the right or left of the chamber to vote,

- a variation to administrative procedures to reduce paper handling including allowing electronic distribution of loqs and notices, formal business requests, and amendment to bills,
- authorisation for the Privileges Committee to undertake the role usually performed by the House in dealing with disputed claims of privilege over returns to orders in the event that the House is prevented from sitting, and
- authorisation for the President to postpone a scheduled meeting of the House following consultation with members.

In mid-June 2021 following a health assessment by a consultant hygienist, the Parliament was on the cusp of relaxing some of the safety measures adopted in relation to the Delta outbreak. As reported last year, on Thursday 24 June 2021, Parliament House became an exposure site when a member of the Legislative Assembly returned a positive COVID test. Following a short 10-minute sitting that day, during which the appropriation bills were passed, the House adjourned until Tuesday 10 August 2021.

For the Chamber to operate on 24 June, only 18 members, as nominated by their parties, were allowed to attend the Chamber. A minimum number of staff were also present. Only those who had undertaken a rapid COVID test, and tested negative, could attend the Chamber. According to temporary order, the meeting of the House was postponed until all necessary test results could be confirmed by NSW Health.



(Credit: Phil Hillyard)

In July 2021, the President received a written request from the Leader of the Government to postpone the scheduled sittings of the House until Tuesday 7 September 2021 due to the health orders then in place. Following consultation with representatives of each party and crossbench members, the President postponed the sittings of Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 August 2021 and fixed the next sitting day for Tuesday 7 September 2021.

On Sunday 5 September, the President again received correspondence from the Leader of the Government requesting that the scheduled sittings of the House of Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 September, and any subsequent sittings, be postponed until NSW Health's advice confirmed that it was safe for the sittings to proceed. Again, having consulted party representatives, the President postponed the sittings until 14 September.

When the House met on Tuesday 14 September 2021 the President tabled a "COVID-Safe" plan to support the sittings of the House. The Leader of the Government indicated that based upon NSW Health advice, government members would not be attending. Despite this, a majority of members of the House indicated they wished the House to meet. In addition to the quorum of members present in the chamber, many others were available and ready to participate via videoconference. However, on it becoming clear that there the government was not represented in the House, as required by the standing orders, the President left the Chair, and the House was

suspended until a Minister so attended.

On Tuesday 12 October 2021, the House resumed. To prevent the absence of a Minister from again causing the House to be suspended, later in October 2021, the House adopted a sessional order to provide for the House to sit in the absence of a Minister but prohibited Government business being conducted, and required the adjournment to be proposed by the President at 10.00 pm.

At 1.30 pm on Tuesday 12 October 2021, the House resumed and as a Minister was in attendance the sitting day of Tuesday 14 September was finally concluded. At 2.30 pm later that day the House again met. It is not common for the House to suspend its sitting for several weeks or months, or for there to be two sittings in one day, but there are precedents.

To facilitate the sittings of the House in October 2021, the House formally adopted the COVIDSafe plan on 12 October 2021. As well as the familiar COVIDSafe practices contained in the Parliament's plan such as social distancing, QR code check ins and regular hand sanitising, it also contained additional provisions to minimise risks to Members and staff, including compulsory mask wearing, rapid antigen testing and enhanced ventilation measures.

The COVIDSafe plan also provided for a 'basic hybrid' model for the sittings of the House to allow remote participation. This model facilitated remote participation via videoconference using Webex and temporary screens installed in the Chamber. A number

 **WATCH VIDEO** of the President's concluding statement on 14 September

A momentous sitting – the House on 14 September 2021 with most members participating remotely via the screens at the back. The sitting was also significant as it proved to be the last time the absence of a minister would prevent the House from meeting.

of procedures were adopted to not only allow members to view debate remotely but to participate in certain proceedings, including moving amendments to bills and notices, tabling committee reports and giving notices.

In November 2021, with community transmission decreasing the House returned to traditional, in-person sittings, with a number of practices still in place such as social distancing measures, mandatory rapid antigen testing, reduced room capacities and separate entrance and exit doors.

The House followed the public health orders in force during the February 2022 sittings, wearing masks and making remote participation available. Over the March, May and June 2022 sitting periods, arrangements were gradually relaxed so that by June, mask wearing became voluntary.

In committees

Unsurprisingly, the COVID-19 pandemic also had a significant impact on committee operations. During the Delta outbreak in June/July 2021 and the Omicron outbreak in 2022, Council committees conducted their inquiries largely online.

Following the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020, the Parliament's AV system was only able to support "hybrid" hearings, whereby the chair, secretariat and Hansard were required to attend the hearing room, whilst all other members and witnesses attended electronically. These proceedings were authorised by a sessional order adopted by the House on Tuesday 24 March 2020. The sessional order

adopted in 2020 to allow remote participation by committee members was adopted in the new standing orders of the House.

By the time of the Delta wave in June and July 2021, the Department of Parliamentary Services had been able to significantly improve the Parliament's AV systems and could support fully virtual hearings, with all members and witnesses appearing remotely. Proceedings were initially broadcast live directly to YouTube, before arrangements were put in place for broadcasting via the Parliament's webcast. Committees at that time also started posting recordings of their hearings on YouTube, a practice that has continued.

During the initial Omicron wave in early 2022, committees largely reverted to the "hybrid" model of hearings, with the Chair and secretariat in the room, but all other members and witnesses appearing remotely. However, committees have largely reverted to in-person hearings, although members and witnesses continue to make good use of remote participation in committee hearings where appropriate to do so.

Committees were also unable to travel to regional and rural New South Wales to conduct hearings and site visits. In the second half of 2021. During the peak of the COVID-19 Delta wave the Select Committee on the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales was the only committee to travel when it visited the Victorian Coroners Court.



Sittings in accordance with the COVIDSafe plan. Credit: Phil Hillyard



Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment holding a fully virtual hearing for its inquiry into the Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Clean Air) Bill 2021

COVID's legacy:

During the October sittings the Parliament passed legislation to amend the Constitution Act 1902 to allow members to attend meetings of parliament remotely provided that the presiding officer of the House has declared the existence of a public emergency and has determined that it is not safe or practicable for House to meet in person. (See more about the Constitution Amendment (Virtual Attendance) Bill 2021 on p 34.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS SYSTEMS

PIMS

The Department is finalising its project to transition its legacy databases to the Parliamentary Information Management System (PIMS). PIMS is designed to ensure our systems and processes will meet the demands of the Department into the future. The following modules were transitioned to PIMS over the past year:

- House Papers
- Questions and Answers
- Notices of Motions.

eReturns project

The e>Returns system will provide Parliament and government agencies with an electronic system to lodge and receive returns to order. Documents will be securely transferred to the Parliament through a new parliamentary portal that links to the Parliament's existing document storage databases.

It is anticipated that e>Returns provide administrative efficiency for both government agencies and the Legislative Council and will improve the accessibility of returns to orders, while ensuring file security and appropriate document oversight are maintained.

Two of three stages are now complete. While stage

three has commenced, the final timeline will depend on the current Procedure Committee review of the operation of standing order 52 due to be finalised by the end of 2022 (see further information about Orders for papers on pp 33-34).

Live captioning

In the Chamber

On Tuesday 21 June 2022, a live captioning service for proceedings in the Council was launched. The captions are available via the livestream on the Parliament's website.

In addition, in February 2022 the House referred an inquiry into the introduction of AUSLAN interpretation of all or part of the Legislative Council's broadcast of proceedings to the Procedure Committee. It is due to report by November 2022.

In committees

During the first half of 2022, considerable work went into the roll out of captioning of committee hearings. The roll-out of this service followed the receipt of additional funding received from Treasury in the 2021/2022 budget for the Parliament's Audiovisual Services Project.

The service commenced at the beginning of July 2022, with services being provided by Ai Media. A further update will be provided in the next annual report.



WATCH VIDEO
explaining ePetitions

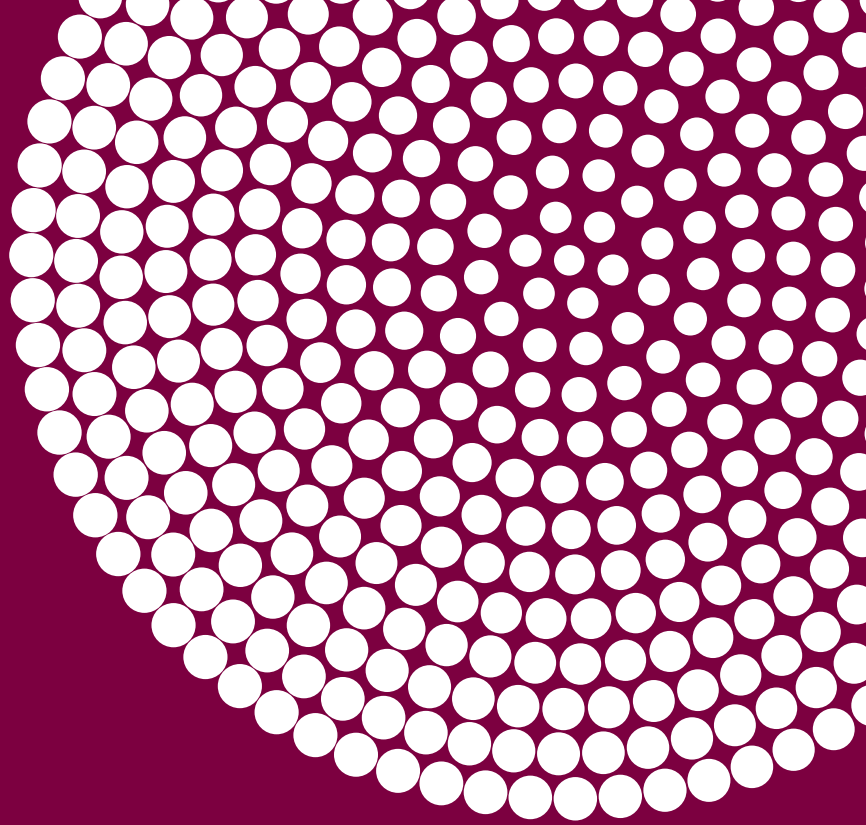
ePetitions project

- Following a report of the Procedure Committee in October 2020, the e-Petitions platform was officially launched on Tuesday 26 October 2021. The system largely mirrors the platform launched by the Legislative Assembly in August 2020, which allows petitioners to create and lodge petitions directly through the Parliament's website. This provides an important opportunity for citizens to engage with the Parliament.

In its first year of operation, five petitions were presented to the House:

- 'Please pass the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 without delay' – 21,988 signatures
- 'Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021' – 19,120 signatures
- 'Ban the release of balloons in NSW' – 5,172 signatures
- 'Scrutiny of the NSW Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 is warranted' – 147 signatures
- 'Protection of the Main North Railway for use by trains' – 1,103 signatures.





CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 2

Strengthening engagement with the community

Major initiatives have been undertaken in all three parliamentary departments during the 57th Parliament to improve engagement and communication activities. This has included the development of an Engagement Strategy for each department. The Black Rod team in Procedure has driven much of this work.

LC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Effective engagement with our stakeholders is a core priority that drives the work of Legislative Council staff. The strategy that guides this work is set out in two documents. An overarching [Communication, Engagement and Education Strategy](#) for the whole Parliament was developed in 2020 to guide a coordinated approach to engagement for the three parliamentary departments through to 2023. The Legislative Council then developed an [LC Engagement Strategy](#) that sits under this overarching plan. This document sets out the activities and resources that will be the focus of the department to meet the goals set out in the joint strategy.

PREPARATION FOR THE BICENTENARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

In 2023/24 the Parliament will celebrate the bicentenary of the pre-bicameral First Legislative Council and Australia's oldest legislative body. While the Council was established in statute on 19 July 1823, the Council of five appointed members met for the first time on 25 August 1824. The President of the Legislative Council has described this first meeting as 'Australia's *Magna Carta* moment'.

The Bicentenary represents an opportunity for Parliament to reflect on 200 years of democracy in Australia, and to look toward a resilient, inclusive and representative democracy of the future. To that end, over the reporting period the Black Rod team has worked with the Clerk of the Parliaments and the President to develop an extensive program of events from 2022 through to 2024. These include conferences, orations, exhibitions, re-enactments of significant debates, and food-themed events. The program will culminate with two special events in 2024 – an Official Opening of Parliament, and the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, which the NSW Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was awarded the rights to host at the most recent conference hosted in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

To oversee these arrangements, in August 2021 the President convened a Bicentenary Steering Committee, comprised of the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, representatives of the crossbench, the Speaker or a representative, a former members' representative, the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Chief Executive of the Department of Parliamentary Services, the Usher of the Black Rod, and the Parliament's Aboriginal Liaison Officer. The group meets approximately quarterly and has endorsed the program of events planned over 2022 to 2024.

While the first formal Bicentenary events will commence in September 2022, the Black Rod team has worked with the President and the Clerk to develop a strong network with relevant stakeholders and external institutions including the Supreme Court of NSW, the State Library of NSW, Sydney Living Museums, NSW Treasury, the NSW Audit Office and others who will partner with the Legislative Council across the program of events. While significant work was undertaken toward delivery of the first events in the program, the detail of those events will be reported on in the next financial year.



[VISIT PAGE](#)

UNVEILING OF THE BUST OF THE HON VIRGINIA CHADWICK AO

On Wednesday 11 May 2022, the House celebrated the unveiling and installation in the Legislative Council of a marble bust of the Hon Virginia Chadwick AO, sculpted by the well-known sculptor, Peter Schipperheyn. The bust was sculpted in white Carrara Statuario marble. This was an historic occasion, as Mrs Chadwick is the first female member to be commemorated by a marble bust in the Chamber. The bust was also the first to be installed in 107 years.

Hailing from Newcastle, Mrs Chadwick was a woman of firsts during her time at Parliament and beyond. In 1998, she became the first female President of the Legislative Council, and indeed the first female Presiding Officer of the Parliament. Prior to that, Virginia had been the first Liberal woman to gain a ministerial appointment in a NSW Government, its first female Minister for Education, and the state's first female Opposition Whip.

Throughout her parliamentary career, Mrs Chadwick had a strong involvement in social and education reforms. As Minister for Education she established the independent Board of Studies and took the state's first

steps to address homophobic bullying and violence in schools, and as Minister for Family and Community Services she was instrumental in the restructuring of disability services.

Following her resignation from the Legislative Council, Mrs Chadwick became the first female chairperson and CEO of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, where she received global recognition for her efforts in environmental conservation. Under her watch, the area of reef declared protected grew from 4.5 to 33 per cent. Mrs Chadwick passed away in 2009 at 64 years of age.

A large crowd was present in the Legislative Council chamber for the unveiling. Following the ceremony, those present joined the President for morning tea and speeches from former colleagues family members in the Jubilee Room. The President later hosted a luncheon for the family in his dining room.



The granddaughter of Mrs Chadwick unveiling the first marble bust installed in the Legislative Council in more than 100 years. Credit: Andy Baker



The Hon Catherine Cusack speaking to commemorate the occasion. Credit: Andy Baker

AFTERSORRY

On Tuesday 7 June 2022, an event was held to mark 25 years on from the NSW apology to the Stolen Generations. It was a day for survivors and their families to gather and yarn, and for survivor representatives to share their heartbreaking stories with the House. This significant event was coordinated by the Parliament's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Steven Collins, with the assistance of the Presiding Officers, the Premier's Office and Aboriginal Affairs.

In 1997, the Government under Premier Bob Carr, supported by then-Leader of the Opposition Peter Collins, made an unreserved apology to the Aboriginal people of New South Wales for the policies and practices that led to the removal of generations of Aboriginal children from their families.

More than 50 Stolen Generations survivors and their supporters attended ceremonial proceedings, which commenced in the Legislative Assembly, where special procedures adopted by the House facilitated survivors speaking on the floor of the chamber and sharing their stories. The Premier and Leader of the Opposition then marked the 25th anniversary by reaffirming their commitment to the Apology and ongoing reconciliation.

Later that day in the Legislative Council, following a statement being made by the President, at the direction of the President, the Usher of the Black Rod placed the message stick on the table for the duration of the sitting. This was done under the provisions of a resolution of continuing effect that sets out the circumstances in which the message stick may be incorporated into parliamentary proceedings. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Honourable Ben Franklin MLC, then moved a motion making the anniversary of the apology for the systematic separation of generations of Aboriginal children from their parents, families, communities and country, and reaffirming the House's support for the resolution of the House of 18 June 1997.

in living memory

A SPECIAL RECONCILIATION WALL DISPLAY
COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NSW APOLOGY
TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS

6 - 27 JULY 2022

STRENGTHENING THE ENGAGEMENT OF COMMITTEES WITH ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDERS

Over the last 12 months the Committee Office has continued to strengthen its focus on building the capability of members and staff to engage effectively with Aboriginal stakeholders and this has been conducted with the invaluable assistance of Steven Collins, the Parliament's Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Building on the development of targeted committee resources for engaging with Aboriginal stakeholders in 2020/2021, and the establishment of an Aboriginal liaison officer in the Parliament in early 2021, Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Customer Service and Natural Resources was able to adopt a more flexible and culturally respectful approach when undertaking its inquiry into the non-commencement of Schedule 1 of the *Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009*, which makes special provision for Aboriginal cultural fishing.

Not only did secretariat staff and committee members participate in Aboriginal cultural awareness training in June 2022, standard practice when embarking on an inquiry focused on Aboriginal issues, the committee also resolved that the secretariat liaise directly with Elders and key Aboriginal stakeholders on the South Coast to determine the most appropriate location, format and activities to be undertaken by the committee during the inquiry. This was in recognition of the significant impact the issue was having on the Aboriginal community on the South Coast, and the need to be more collaborative and ensure that Aboriginal voices are considered in decision making about the committee's inquiry process.

Following the secretariat's engagement with stakeholders prior to July, including consultation with a local Elder from the Yuin nation, the committee visited the Mystery Bay Fish traps on the South Coast and held a community roundtable where the focus was on listening to the local community's concerns for the lack of protection for Aboriginal cultural fishing rights. The committee's approach showed an openness to different ways of community engagement and gathering evidence.

With the recent establishment of an inquiry into a bill focused on protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage, the experience in engaging more effectively with Aboriginal stakeholders will no doubt continue to strengthen over the next 12 months. Department staff will also soon participate in cultural capability training.

SOCIAL MEDIA

During the year, the Legislative Council continued to engage audiences through social and other digital media, driving awareness of – and engagement with – the work of the Upper House.

In 2021/22, the Department's social and digital media channels provided ongoing access to clear and compelling information about the Council's role, procedures and current activities, as well as interest-grabbing information about the Council's history and purpose. Importantly, these channels were used to encourage public participation in committee inquiries, and to provide live updates on all key bills and motions before the House on sitting days. They were also used to communicate initiatives, including the availability of ePetitions for the Council in October 2021, which involved a dedicated launch and education campaign with animated content. Towards the end of 2021/22 and into 2022/23, social and digital engagement work has had a growing focus on the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council.



As well as communicating current events, the Legislative Council's channels dipped into interesting historical content during 2021/2. This was particularly popular during pauses in Council activity during COVID-related lockdowns and will continue to be so with the upcoming Bicentenary. This post explored the traditional uniform of the Usher of the Black Rod.

The core channels that continued to be used by the Council in 2021/22 included:

- Facebook (facebook.com/nswupperhouse), with 246 posts during the year, up 27 per cent from 2020/21
- Twitter (twitter.com/nsw_upperhouse), with 1376 tweets made – an 85 per cent increase in volume from 2020/21
- The House in Review blog (thehouseinreview.com), with 54 articles posted during the year, on par with 2020/21.

Content produced by the Council was also regularly amplified through news and other pages on the Parliament of NSW website, as well as through the Parliament's LinkedIn, Instagram and general Facebook accounts, working in collaboration with other parliamentary departments. Video content relating to Fountain Court exhibitions (see p 25) was among the highest-performing content on the Parliament's Facebook page during the year, while Council photo-gallery posts, including those relating to the announcement of new members, were particularly successful on LinkedIn.



An example of video content shared in both the Legislative Council and central NSW Parliament channels.

Audiences for the Legislative Council's social media accounts, which range from members of the NSW general public to parliamentary stakeholders, continued to grow during the reporting period, with more than 10,000 people now following across all channels. New key benchmarks were also set during the year. On Facebook, there was a 165 per cent increase in the number of people who viewed at least one piece of content from Legislative Council's page compared to 2020/21, while overall engagement on posts grew by 172 per cent.

Meanwhile on Twitter, content in 2021/22 drew more than 1.2 million 'impressions' (that is, number of opportunities to be seen), up 10 per cent from the previous financial year. The House in Review blog also performed strongly, being visited more than 15,400 times – a 33 per cent visitation increase from 2021/22.

'THE IMMORTALS' VIDEO SERIES

As part of the program of resources being developed to commemorate 200 years of the Legislative Council's history in the leadup to the 2024 Bicentenary, the Black Rod team, at the request of the President, produced the first in a series of videos to acknowledge 'The Immortals' – the eight figures depicted in the marble busts that line the chamber.

The series uncovers who these esteemed figures were in life, and how they came to be honoured in this unique way. During the reporting period the first video in the series was released, depicting the life and achievements of the Honourable Virginia Chadwick AO – the most recent addition to the marble installations. The team also commenced work on a video to commemorate Sir John Hay, which was due for release in August 2022.



WATCH THE IMMORTALS VIDEO
about Virginia Chadwick

The Immortals Video Series



Just who are the figures from the Legislative Council's history immortalised in marble on the chamber walls?

Step inside the chamber with President Matthew Mason-Cox to discover 'The Immortals' in this ongoing video series. With eight commemorative marble busts placed along the chamber's walls, this series will uncover just who these esteemed figures were in life, and how they came to be honoured in this unique way. Look out for a new video every couple of months.

A true trailblazer: VIRGINIA CHADWICK

Meet the late Honourable Virginia Chadwick AO – the Legislative Council's first female President and a woman of considerable achievement. Her marble likeness was added to the chamber in May 2022, making it the first marble bust to be commissioned for the Parliament in more than a century.

Watch the video:

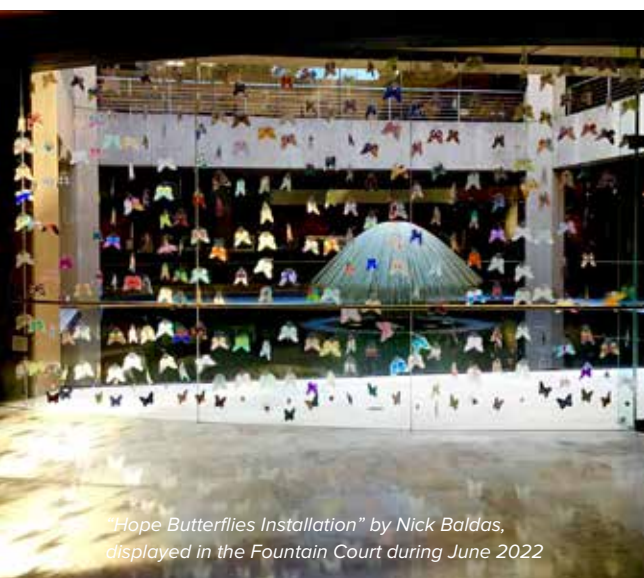


FOUNTAIN COURT

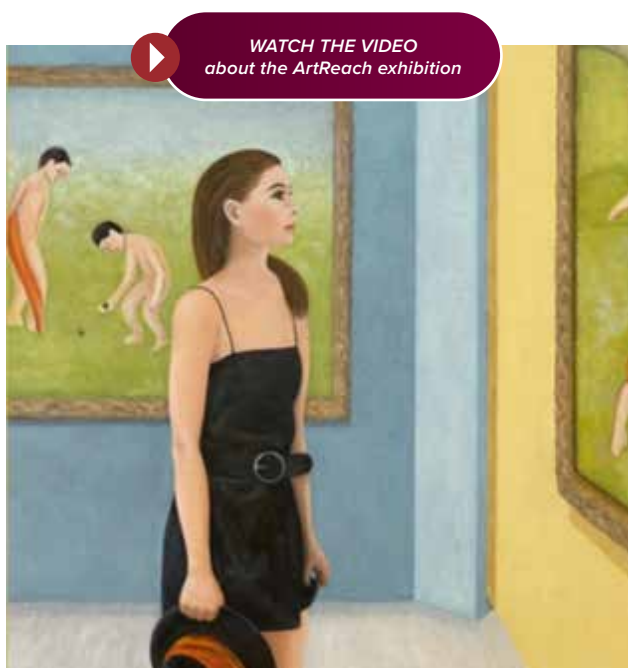
The Fountain Court is a free exhibition space for monthly art exhibitions which are relevant to New South Wales and hosted by a Member of Parliament.

While the Parliament was initially closed to the public from July 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fountain Court saw the return of a physical vibrant program of eight temporary exhibitions from November with a dynamic mix of university institutions, public agencies, community groups and solo artists:

- November/December 2021 – Nikon Walkley Press Photography exhibition by The Walkley Foundation, sponsored by Gladys Berejiklian MP
- January 2022 – *The Apotheosis* by The Greek Orthodox Community of NSW, sponsored by Mark Coure MP
- February 2022 – *A Tale of Two Zoos* by Sydney Living Museums, sponsored by the Hon Ben Franklin MLC
- March 2022 – *National Art School in the NSW Landscape* by The National Art School sponsored by the Hon Don Harwin MLC
- April 2022 – *Luminosity: Salvatore Zofrea Retrospective* by Macquarie University sponsored by Sophie Cotsis MP
- May 2022 – *Out of the Blue* by Blue Mountains Creative Arts Network sponsored by Trish Doyle MP
- June 2022 – *Artreach: reaching others through art* by St George Arts Society sponsored by Chris Minns MP and *Hope Butterflies Installation* by Nick Baldas sponsored by Jenny Leong MP.

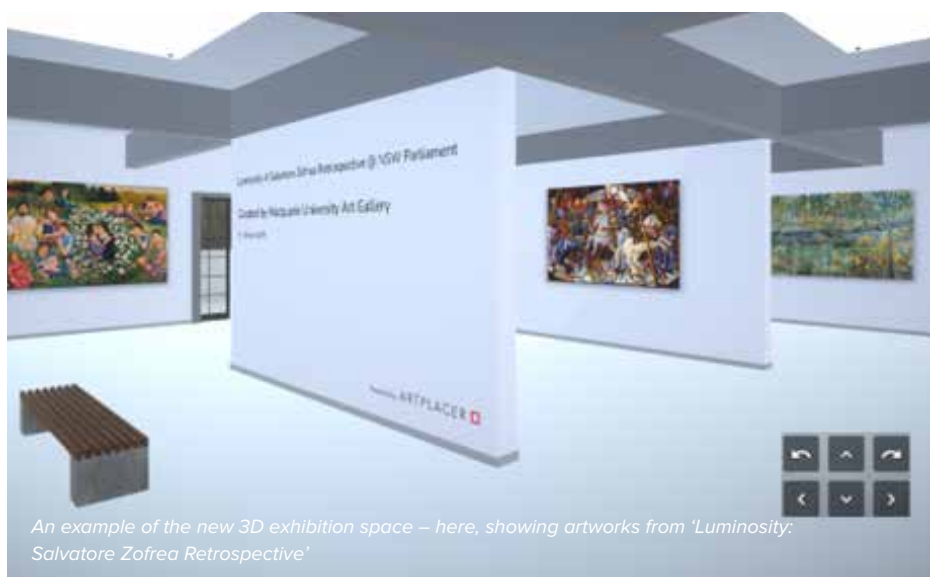


'Hope Butterflies Installation' by Nick Baldas, displayed in the Fountain Court during June 2022



Virtual exhibitions continued in 2021/22, with the Black Rod team transitioning from a 2D exhibition format to new 3D exhibitions. The virtual exhibition space enables exhibitors' works to be shared with a wider audience, particularly in regional areas and with those who do not ordinarily have the opportunity to visit Parliament. The introduction of the new 3D space early in 2022 enables viewers to explore the artworks in an online gallery environment. It allows viewers to navigate their own way through digital images of the exhibition and learn more details about selected artworks.

High level promotional and media support also continued to be provided to exhibitors. Services include engaging with media, production of artist videos for the Parliament's website and promotion of exhibitions across the Parliament's various social media channels.



An example of the new 3D exhibition space – here, showing artworks from 'Luminosity: Salvatore Zofrea Retrospective'

THIS IS WHERE THEY TRAVELLED

GUJAGA FOUNDATION
27 MAY 2021 - 29 JULY 2021



Located on the Reconciliation Wall during June and July, 'This is where they travelled' profiled the lives of a number of Aboriginal people who lived around the coastal part of Sydney between the early 1900s and the 1930s.

RECONCILIATION WALL

Located within the Fountain Court, the Reconciliation Wall is part of the Parliament's commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The space is intended to support the Parliament to better engage with and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists in New South Wales, via exhibitions of high-quality artwork.

('This is where they travelled' profiled the lives of a number of Aboriginal people who lived around the coastal part of Sydney between the early 1800s and the 1930s.)

The Black Rod team has worked closely with the Parliament's Aboriginal Liaison Officer to increase in the number and variety of applications over the reporting period. The 'In Living Memory' exhibition was sponsored by the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC.

The Reconciliation Wall was also utilised in the display of works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander artists for the National Art School in the NSW Landscape by The National Art School in Fountain Court in March 2022.

Artists who exhibit on the Reconciliation Wall benefit from the promotional and media support discussed above, including virtual exhibitions, engagement with the media and content hosted virtually on the Parliament's website and promoted across social media. Exhibitions also compliment other activities and events taking place across the Parliament – for example, the 'In Living Memory' exhibition was arranged to sit alongside 'afterSorry', a special event to mark the 25th anniversary of the NSW Apology to the Stolen Generations held at Parliament on Tuesday 7 June 2022 (see p 22).

PARLIAMENT AND DEMOCRACY COURSE

For a number of years both House departments have combined with the University of Sydney to help deliver a course in Parliament and Democracy. The course takes a critical look at how well Australian parliaments carry out their representative, law making and accountability functions.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the course was not delivered in 2020/21. With the easing of COVID-19 the course was again delivered in the second half of 2021 with students from the University of Sydney attending four sessions at the Parliament in September 2021. The sessions were coordinated and delivered by officers from both Houses, and involved a variety of presentations, including:

- a legislation role play in which students 'passed' a bill in each House
- a panel of Government and Opposition Whips discussing their role in relation to their party and the Parliament
- a presentation on the role of committees, including observation of budget estimates hearings
- observation of and discussion about Question Time in each House
- a panel of ex-Ministers discussing their roles and the relationship between the Executive and the Parliament.

Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and both House Departments and the University look forward to offering the course again in the future.

PUBLIC TOURS AND SCHOOL TALKS

Chamber and Support staff deliver talks on the functions and history of the Legislative Council to primary and secondary schools and conduct role plays with special interest groups and visiting dignitaries. During the reporting year, 102 schools with 4,449 students and 68 public tour groups visited the Parliament and undertook tours delivered by Chamber and Support staff. These numbers were impacted considerably by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with tours unavailable to members of the public for over half of the months captured by this reporting period.

The Chamber and Support team utilised the period to commence a comprehensive review of the role plays with school students and manuals used to support the tour program, and to refresh the delivery of tour content.

The team also worked with colleagues in the Legislative Assembly to develop a new tour schedule to meet benchmarks set under the Parliament's Communications, Engagement and Education Strategy. The new schedule will increase the numbers of tours made available to schools and visitors once the Parliament is reopened and tours can resume.



Manager of the Legislative Council Chamber and Support Service, John Ferguson, enjoying engaging with one of the many visiting groups

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

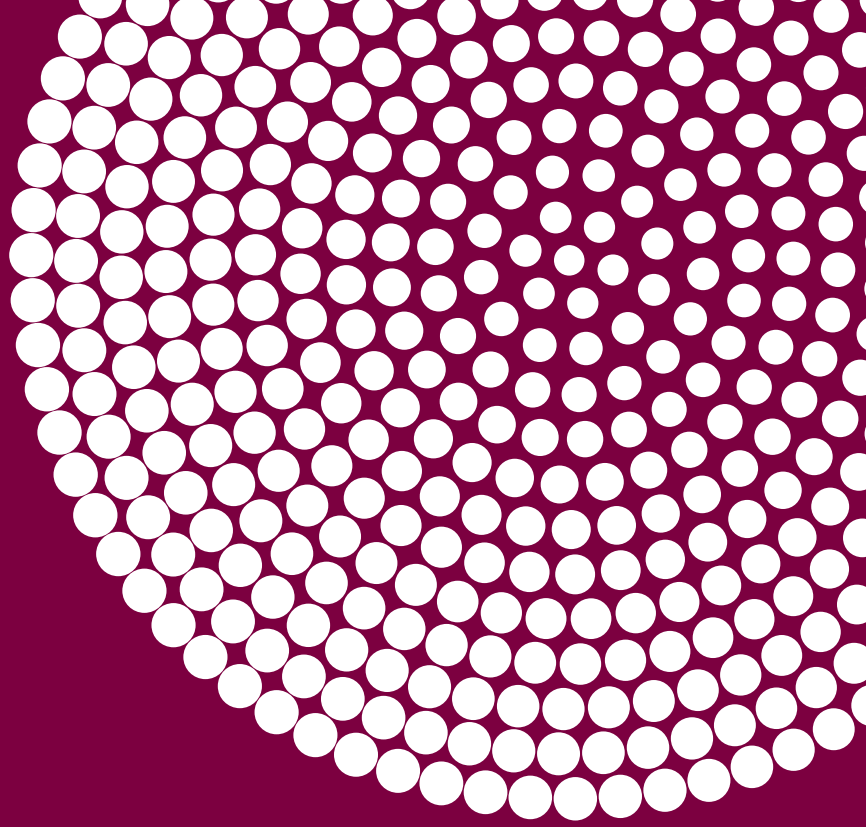
The Council participated in a number of celebrations to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of dedicated service to Australia and the Commonwealth, including:

- the Presiding Officers attended a ceremonial tree planting at Government House on Saturday 5 February,
- Parliament House was illuminated in purple from 8.30 pm until midnight on Sunday 6 February to acknowledge the Platinum Jubilee,
- a Biennial Luncheon of the NSW Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) on Monday 7 February 2022 was held to mark the occasion with this event dedicated in Her Majesty's honour. Her Excellency the Governor was the guest of honour,

- an exhibition of images from a photo album of Queen Elizabeth II's first visit to the Parliament in 1954 was mounted, and
- an address to Her Majesty the Queen was adopted by the House on Thursday 12 May 2022 and presented to Her Excellency the Governor by the President and Usher of the Black Rod on Thursday 19 May 2022.

Her Late Majesty's subsequent passing in September 2022 will be discussed in some detail in the next annual report.





CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 3

Supporting members

The Department has delivered on a number of highly significant projects aimed at improving the support given to members as elected representatives.

REVIEW OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

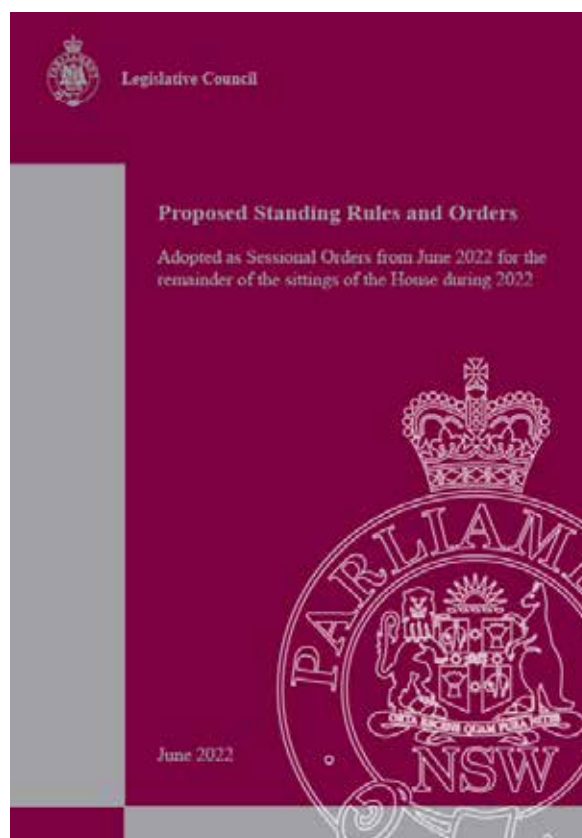
Since the last comprehensive review of the standing orders, nearly twenty years ago, numerous sessional orders have been adopted to trial new procedures or to adapt existing procedures to suit the needs of the House and its committees. In May 2019, at the start of the 57th Parliament, the House adopted a number of new sessional orders that significantly reformed the operations of the House and its committees. In order to ensure that the rules that govern the operation of the House are relevant, in June 2021, the House referred a review of the standing and sessional orders to the Procedure Committee. This was the first review of the standing orders in nearly 20 years.

For the purposes of the inquiry the committee established a sub-committee which undertook a thorough and methodical examination of the existing standing and sessional orders and considered proposals to resolve inconsistencies and identified flaws in drafting or application. Consensus was reached on all but a very few issues which were considered by the full Procedure Committee.

In its report tabled in March 2022, the committee recommended the adoption of a new suite of standing orders which included a number of sessional orders that had been adopted over consecutive sessions, the innovations of 2019 with some modification, the omission of outdated standing orders and the adoption of new provisions to respond to the changing nature of business in the House. On Tuesday 7 June 2022 the House adopted the new rules with an amendment to require a “Statement of Public Interest” to be tabled when a government bill is read a first time. The rules will operate on a temporary basis in order to allow the House to trial the new provisions before they are adopted as permanent rules and forwarded to the Governor for approval. The Governor’s approval will mark only the fourth time in an almost 200-year history that a new set of standing orders has been adopted for the operation of the Legislative Council. It is intended that the new standing orders are in place for the start of the next Parliament in May 2023.

The main new rules and provisions include:

- the establishment of a Business Committee for the scheduling of private members’ business including debate on committee reports and government responses,
- a “hard adjournment” at 10.00 pm each sitting night
- the publication of committee reports on tabling
- the modernisation of certain committee proceedings including a more flexible approach to members participating and substituting onto committees and the requirement for a government response to a committee report in three instead of six months.



Adoption of the proposed new Standing Orders as “Sessional Orders” allowed a period of trial and refinement before they are finalised.

What are the standing orders?

Under section 15 of the Constitution Act 1902, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly must, separately, adopt standing orders to regulate:

- “(a) the orderly conduct of such Council and Assembly respectively, and*
- (b) the manner in which such Council and Assembly shall be presided over in case of the absence of the President or the Speaker, and*
- (c) the mode in which such Council and Assembly shall confer, correspond, and communicate with each other relative to Votes or Bills passed by, or pending in, such Council and Assembly respectively, and*
- (d) the manner in which Notices of Bills, Resolutions and other business intended to be submitted to such Council and Assembly respectively at any Session thereof may be published for general information, and*
- (e) the proper passing, entitling, and numbering of the Bills to be introduced into and passed by the said Council and Assembly, and*
- (f) the proper presentation of the same to the Governor for His Majesty’s Assent, and*
- (g) any other matter that, by or under this Act, is required or permitted to be regulated by Standing Rules and Orders.”*

The rules are to be provided to the Governor for approval before becoming binding and in force.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS OFFICER

The Privileges Committees of both Houses and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) have for many years argued for the need to establish an independent complaints officer to deal with minor breaches of the Code of Conduct. In recent years, the need to deal effectively and expeditiously with complaints of bullying and harassment involving members has also been raised, as it has been for many other parliamentary jurisdictions.

Following several inquiries, the position of Independent Complaints Officer, as recommended by the Privileges Committee, was proposed to the House on Wednesday 24 November 2021 and agreed to on Tuesday 22 March 2022. On Tuesday 29 March 2022 the Assembly agreed to a resolution to establish the position but with slight variation to the one passed by the Council. After a short review by the Privileges Committee, on Wednesday 8 June 2022 the House agreed to amendments to bring the Legislative Council resolution closer to the Assembly resolution.

The Legislative Council resolution includes a provision to insert bullying and harassment as a breach of the Members’ Code of Conduct.

The Independent Complaints Officer is required within three months of their appointment to prepare an investigations protocol, which is to be approved by the Privileges Committees of both Houses. The Privileges Committee is required to review the Independent Complaints Officer position after 12 months to ascertain any changes required, including “provisions with respect to standing for complaints and retrospectivity”.

In the first half of 2022, the Parliament undertook a competitive merit recruitment exercise and engaged an external recruitment agency, K2 Recruitment, to advertise the position. From the applications the recruitment agency provided a recommended priority list and the applications to an interviewing panel consisting of both Clerks, the Chief Executive of the Department of Parliamentary Services and the NSW Ombudsman, resulting in the appointment of former senior public servant Rose Webb.

More information about the Independent Complaints Officer will be available in the next annual report.

KEY STATISTICS

413

sitting hours

40

sitting days

37

Total bills
introduced in LC

11

Government bills
introduced

26

Private members
bills introduced

50

Bills considered in
Committee of the
Whole

34

Bills amended in
the council

630

Amdts to bills
moved

394

PMB resolved –
including as Formal
business

231

Amdts to bills
agreed to

52

Bills received
from LA

2351

Written Questions
lodged

641

Notices of
Motions given

799

Amdts to bills
circulated

810

Questions asked in
Question Time

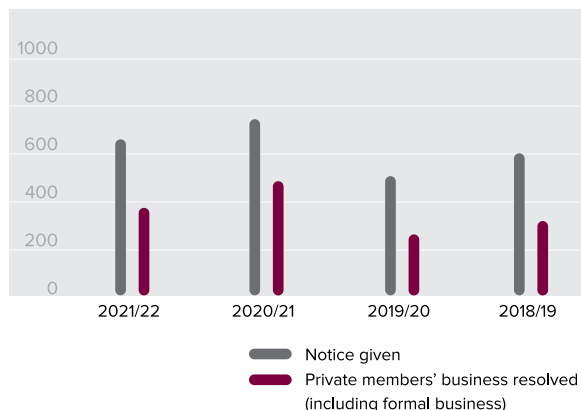
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Petitions
presented

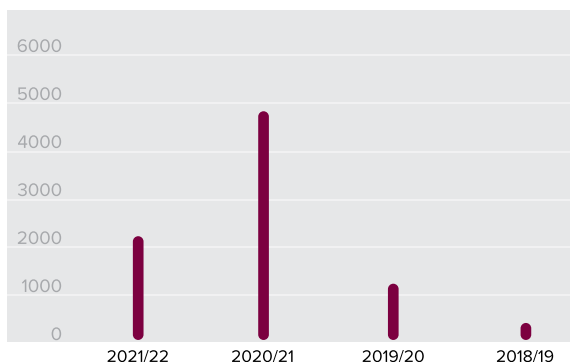
SUPPORTING THE HOUSE

Comparison with previous years

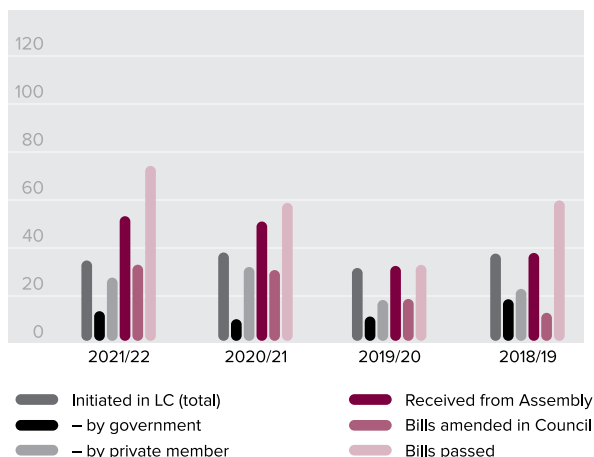
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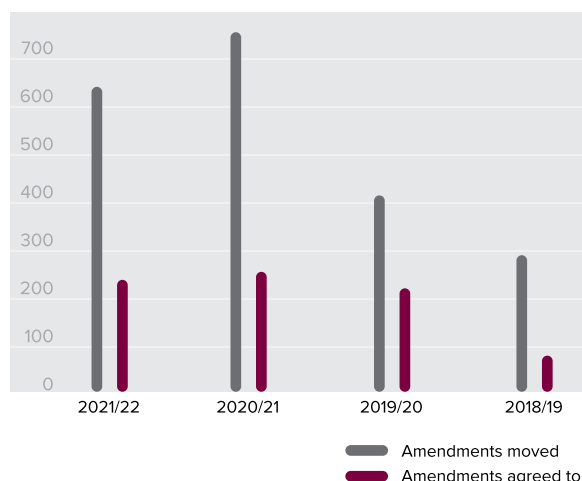
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Bills considered in the Legislative Council



Amendments to bills



ORDERS FOR PAPERS

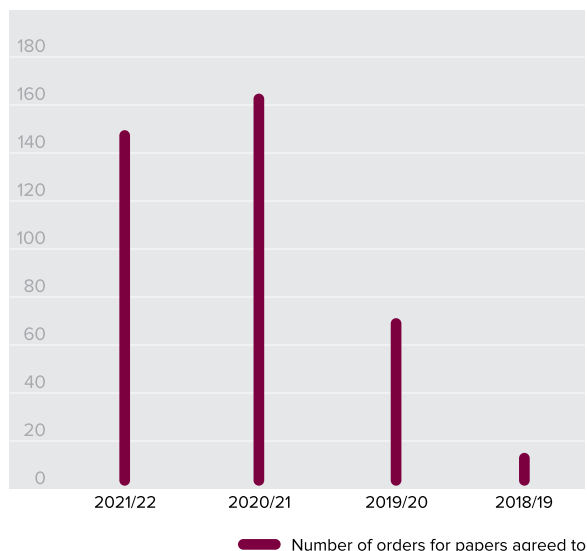
One hundred and forty-nine orders for State papers were made during the reporting period which is a slight decrease on the 164 orders made in the previous year but still historically an extremely high number.

Prior to the current Parliament, the highest number of orders for papers passed in a four-year parliament was 145 which occurred in the 53rd Parliament (2003-2006). This record has already been passed in the current Parliament, with the House agreeing to a total of 402 orders.

During the reporting period a total of 1,232 boxes were returned of which 702 contained public documents and 530 contained documents over which claims of privilege were made by government agencies.

Four consignments of documents were organised according to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the State Records Authority of New South Wales, whereby Parliamentary archives are taken into the care (but not control) of State Records. A total of 686 boxes were transferred.

Orders for papers



According to standing orders, seventy-nine requests to vary the scope of orders for papers were received during the reporting period. Of the seventy-nine requests, sixty-four were agreed to giving departments more time to produce documents. In four instances the scope of an order was modified.

Members lodged seventeen disputes in relation to claims of privilege compared with twenty-five disputes lodged in the previous reporting period. According to standing orders, as the House did not meet within three weeks of the Clerk receiving the reports of the Independent Legal Arbiter, eleven of the seventeen reports were referred to the Privileges Committee for consideration.

In the majority of the disputes lodged during the reporting period, based on an agreement reached between the member who disputed the claim of privilege and the relevant department or agency, personal information was redacted from the documents before being made public.

In the report of the Procedure Committee entitled “Review of the Standing and Sessional Orders”, dated March 2022, consensus was not reached on a number of matters relating to standing order 52, which regulates the order for papers process. According to a recommendation of the committee the House referred a further inquiry into the outstanding issues in relation to standing order 52. The inquiry

was established in June 2022 and will report by the conclusion of the sittings in 2022. A new system for receipt of returns to order in electronic format remains in progress and is being considered in the Procedure Committee’s inquiry.

LEGISLATION

The House considered 89 bills during the period. Of these, 37 were introduced in the Council and 52 were received from the Legislative Assembly. Of the Council bills, 11 were introduced by the Government and 26 by Private Members. Overall, 71 bills were agreed to, with 34 of these amended by the Council. This shows an increase from the previous period, in which 59 bills were passed, 32 with Council amendments. 14 Private Members’ bills were agreed to and sent to the Legislative Assembly for consideration, and 3 were ultimately passed by the Assembly.

The House also saw a small increase in amendments debated during this period. There were 799 amendments circulated compared to 781 circulated in the previous year. While 231 amendments were agreed to, this was a small decrease on the year before where 253 were agreed to.

The figure of 799 included 92 proposed amendments to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 of which 7 were agreed to.

Constitution Amendment (Virtual Attendance) Bill 2021

On Wednesday 13 October 2021, Greens crossbench member Mr David Shoebridge MLC introduced the [Constitution Amendment \(Virtual Attendance\) Bill 2021](#). The bill was introduced to amend the Constitution Act 1902 (NSW) to allow members to participate remotely in a meeting of the House if the Presiding Officer has declared that a public emergency exists.

On the resumption of the second reading debate on Wednesday 20 October 2021, the Government sought to adjourn debate until Wednesday 10 November 2021 to give it more time to consider the proposal but this was defeated on division and the second reading of the bill was agreed to, on division, with government members voting against the motion.

Three amendments to the bill were successfully moved in committee of the whole to permit virtual attendance only where a majority of members of the House have requested it and to limit this participation by audio visual link only, as well as to omit a proposed sunset clause. The amended bill was agreed to on Wednesday 20 October 2021 and forwarded to the Assembly.

In March 2022, the bill passed the Assembly. The passage of the bill means that the Parliament of New South Wales could potentially hold a fully virtual sitting, if required under the special circumstances of a public emergency. It also marked the third time during the session that a private member’s bill introduced into the Council was ultimately passed by both Houses into law. The other two such bills being the Companion Animals Amendment (Rehoming Animals) Bill 2021 and the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Amendment Bill 2021.

THE HOUSE AND COMMITTEES WORKING IN CONJUNCTION TO FULFIL THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTION AS A HOUSE OF REVIEW

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

On Thursday 14 October 2021, independent member Mr Alex Greenwich MP introduced the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 in the Legislative Assembly. The bill was introduced to establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board and to provide access to voluntary assisted dying (VAD) for persons with a terminal illness that will, on the balance of probabilities, cause their death within 6 months, or 12 months for neurodegenerative diseases. The bill was co-sponsored by 18 members of the Legislative Assembly and 10 members of the Legislative Council. The bill passed the Assembly with amendments on Friday 26 November 2021 the last sitting day of the year.

The member with carriage of the bill in the Legislative Council was the Honourable Adam Searle MLC.

On Tuesday 19 October 2021, the Selection of Bills Committee resolved that the Standing Committee on Law and Justice inquire into the bill and report by the first sitting day in 2022.

The committee tabled its report on Tuesday 22 February 2022. The inquiry was the subject of significant public interest, given the passionate, long-standing and high-profile advocacy both in support of, and in opposition to, the introduction of a VAD scheme. The committee received 3,070 submissions and over 39,000 responses to an online questionnaire.

The committee held three days of public hearings in December 2021. Over these three days, the committee heard from over 75 witnesses, including medical and legal experts, religious leaders, advocacy groups, academics and individuals with lived experience of the issues relating to the bill.

The second reading of the bill was debated on Wednesday 23 March 2022, Wednesday 30 March 2022 and Wednesday 11 May 2022 with 39 members contributing to the debate. On Wednesday 11 May 2022, the second reading was agreed to on division with 20 members voting for the bill and 17 members voting against the bill.

The Council received 92 proposed amendments to the bill with 7 successfully moved in committee of the whole to permit increased recording of statistical data and annual reporting about palliative care spending. On Thursday 19 May 2022 the amended bill was agreed to, on division with 20 members voting for and 12 members voting against the bill, and returned to the Assembly. The Assembly agreed to the Council's amendments that day. The bill was assented to on Friday 27 May 2022 and will commence 18 months after that date.

With the passage of the bill, voluntary assisted dying may be administered in New South Wales for persons with a terminal illness.

During early 2022, the Council received three petitions relating to the bill. Ms Faehrmann presented two petitions in support of the bill. A paper petition in February 2022 contained approximately 100,000 signatures and an e-petition in May 2022 contained approximately 21,988 signatures. Mr Donnelly also presented an e-petition in May 2022 containing approximately 19,120 signatures rejecting the passing of the bill.



KEY STATISTICS OF PORTFOLIO AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Inquiries established	36
Submissions	7,521
Hearings	172
Witnesses	1,982
Reports tabled	40
Government responses	27

Note – these statistics do not include inquiries of the Procedure Committee or Privileges Committee. Information on individual committee activity is available at Appendix 4 and details of committee travel at Appendix 3.

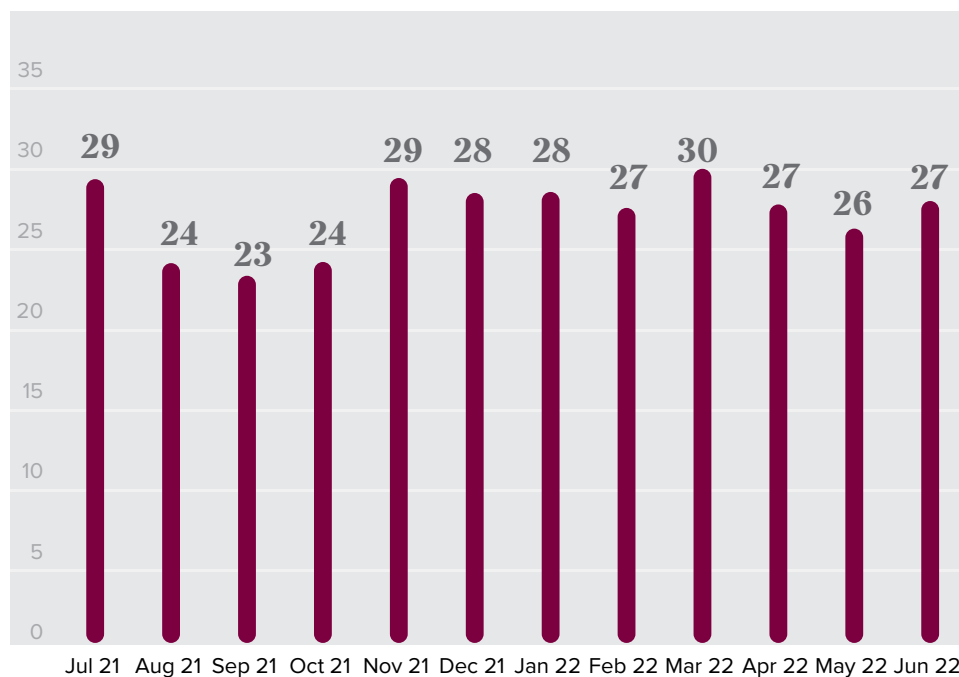


Committee members on site visits and hearings in February and April 2022 for the inquiry into the future of NSW's timber and forest products industry



Legislative Council Committees seek to engage with rural and regional communities through site visits and regional hearings wherever possible

Number of active inquiries in 2021/2022



PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

The Procedure Office provides secretariat and procedural support to the Procedure Committee and its inquiries.

During the reporting period, the committee completed its inquiry into the review of the standing and sessional orders (for further detail, see p 30) and as noted earlier on p 34, referred a further inquiry into the outstanding issues in relation to standing order 52.

Inquiry into broadcast resolution

On 20 June 2019, the Procedure Committee established an inquiry into the resolution of the House that authorised the broadcast and rebroadcast of the proceedings of the House and its committees. The current resolution has been in place since 2007.

The committee sought submissions on a range of matters including:

- Whether Parliaments should restrict members publishing images or videos of parliamentary proceedings on social media given that such publications may not be protected by privilege
- How to manage committee witness expectations given that their evidence might become accessible via social media platforms which could be commented on or digitally altered
- What realistic safeguards and sanctions are available to parliaments to ensure that members of the public comply with the broadcasting rules

- Incidents or reasons that have led to other jurisdictions updating or modernising their broadcasting rules and practices.

While initial work commenced on a report, finalisation of the committee's recommendations was paused so that the committee could consider certain developments before it reported:

- any consequences of the adoption of online committee hearings and the use of other web based media for the publication of committee proceedings due to COVID-19
- improvements to the Parliament's audiovisual services following receipt of funding to fast-track components of the Parliament-wide audiovisual services project
- the case of *Fairfax Media Publications; Nationwide News Pty Ltd; Australian News Channel Pty Ltd v Voller* [2020], which found that the operators of Facebook pages may be publishers of defamatory comments made by third-party Facebook users on items posted on those pages, with the decision subsequently being upheld on appeal in 2021.

The committee is due to report before the end of 2022.

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

The Privileges Committee inquires into and reports on matters relating to parliamentary privilege referred to it by the House or the President, carries out certain functions relating to ethical standards for members of the Legislative Council under section 72C of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* and considers submissions from citizens seeking a right of reply to statements made about them in the House in accordance with standing orders 202 and 203.

The Privileges Committee completed the following reports during the reporting period:

- Proposal for a Compliance Officer for the NSW Parliament No. 2
- Examination, publication and use of documents by Legislative Council committees.

Under standing order 52B, the Privileges Committee is authorised to undertake the role usually performed by the House in relation to the reports of the independent legal arbiter. During the reporting period, the Privileges Committee undertook this function once in May 2022.

The committee also commenced a third inquiry into the execution of search warrants by the Australian Federal Police.

Parliamentary Ethics Adviser

The Ethics Adviser, former Clerk of the Parliaments John Evans, is jointly appointed by resolution of both Houses. Under the resolution the Ethics Adviser is to advise any member of Parliament, when asked to do so by that member, on ethical issues concerning the exercise of his or her role as a member of Parliament (including the use of entitlements and potential conflicts of interest). The Parliamentary Ethics Adviser is guided by any Code of Conduct or other guidelines

adopted by the House. The Parliamentary Ethics Adviser's role does not include giving legal advice.

The Ethics Adviser reports to the Houses each year on the number of members who sought advice and the number of ethical matters raised. The Privileges Committee of each House is required to meet with the Ethics Adviser annually and is required to table an annual report with each House.

In the most recent annual report tabled on Thursday 30 September 2021, the Adviser reported that advice was provided 16 times, with advice being sought by 4 members in the Legislative Council, 1 former Minister in the Assembly and 6 members of the Legislative Assembly.

THE BUDGET ESTIMATES INQUIRY 2021/2022

In 2021/2022, the budget estimates inquiry was again affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the Delta outbreak, the initial round of hearings scheduled for Monday 16 to Tuesday 31 August 2021 was cancelled although Portfolio Committee Nos. 1 to 6 held a limited number of fully virtual hearings from Monday 16 August 2021 to Friday 3 September 2021 with only departmental witnesses attending. In addition, the Minister for Health appeared before Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health hearing and answered questions alongside departmental staff, particularly about COVID-19 and Health's response.

The House subsequently agreed to supplementary budget estimates hearings from Tuesday 26 October 2021 to Friday 5 November 2021. A hybrid hearing format was adopted, with Ministers and two other key departmental staff appearing in person and all other witnesses appearing via Webex. A further round of hearings, conducted mainly in person, was conducted from Monday 28 February to Tuesday 15 March 2022.

	BE 2021/2022	BE 2020/2021*	BE 2019/2020	BE 2018/2019
Hearing days	35	12	28	10
Hearings	62	25	62	29
Hours of hearings	311 hrs and 53 mins	141 hrs and 4 mins	363 hrs and 6 mins	57 hrs and 15 mins
Witnesses	576	231	513	176
Meetings other than hearings	36	14	42	24
Questions (supplementary and on notice)	8,822	6,090	13,839	7,452

* These figures were affected by the delay in the handing down of the 2020/2021 budget until Tuesday 17 November 2020. As a result, only a single round of estimates was held in 2020/2021 from 25 February 2021 to 12 March 2021.

INQUIRIES INTO BILLS

In 2021/2022 the Legislative Council continued to make extensive use of committees to inquire into and report on government and private members' bills, although the number of referrals of bills was slightly lower than in the previous year. During the reporting period, eight bills (four government and four private members' bills) were referred to committees for inquiry and report. 12 reports on bills were reported in the same period:

Government bills

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021
- Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2021
- Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2021
- Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021
- Electronic Conveyancing (Adoption of National Law) Amendment Bill 2022.

Private members' bills

- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amdt (Plastics Reduction) Bill 2021
- Coal and Gas Legislation Amendment (Liverpool Plains Prohibition) Bill 2021
- Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Bill 2021
- Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Clean Air) Bill 2021
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021
- Companion Animal (Puppy Farm) Bill 2021
- Crimes Amendment (Display of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2021.



A hybrid Budget Estimates hearing in October 2021 with committee members and the Minister present in the room, with most witnesses appearing via videoconference. COVID-19, particularly the Delta variant, saw committees adopt both fully virtual or hybrid hearing models.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND POLICY INQUIRIES

Inquiry into the Transport Asset Holding Entity

In June 2021, the Legislative Council referred an inquiry to the Public Accountability Committee into the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE), a state-owned corporation responsible for managing the state's rail assets since July 2020. The referral of the inquiry followed media reports and returns to orders for papers that raised concerns about the reasons for the establishment of TAHE.

The committee held five hearings with government officials and key consultants involved in the establishment and operation of the entity, as well as the Auditor General. Some witnesses were issued with a summons to attend and give evidence. One witness was issued with a summons to both attend and give oral evidence and to produce documents relevant to the establishment and operation of TAHE.

Witnesses were questioned about the government's reasons for establishing TAHE, its long term financial viability, whether safety concerns had been given due consideration, and how NSW Treasury interacted with consultants, Transport for NSW and the Auditor General.

The committee found that the government established TAHE with the primary aim of improving the state's fiscal position in the budget papers, rather than for other purported efficiency and safety benefits. The committee also found that the government failed to give proper consideration to safety, accountability and risk mitigation before creating TAHE. The committee recommended that the Government unwind TAHE due to the negative impacts on the budget and its inability to credibly make a commercial return.

During the inquiry an important procedural matter was raised. A committee member had tabled a number of documents that were identified as cabinet in confidence, and which were subsequently published by the committee and posted on the committee's webpage. The Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet wrote to the Chair stating that the disclosure of these documents to the committee 'directly or indirectly, was not authorised by the Premier or the Cabinet' and requesting that the documents be removed from the committee's webpage, all digital copies destroyed, any hard copies returned to the department and that the committee and its members refrain from using the documents during the inquiry.

The committee prepared a special report to the House with a recommendation that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee for consideration. In February 2022, the Privileges Committee tabled its report finding that there is no legal or constitutional impediment to a committee using a cabinet document in an inquiry. The Public Accountability Committee subsequently reconsidered the publication status of the cabinet documents and resolved that it was in the public interest for the documents to remain on the website.



Inquiry into Options for reform of the management of delegated legislation in New South Wales

In 2020 the Regulation Committee tabled its report into the making of delegated legislation in New South Wales, which recommended that a further inquiry be undertaken by the NSW Law Reform Commission to examine the extent and use of delegated legislative powers in New South Wales, powers and safeguards relating to delegated legislation in other jurisdictions, and suggestions for improvements in the use of delegated legislative powers to prevent executive overreach. As the government declined to undertake that inquiry the Legislative Council, in November 2021, referred another inquiry to the Regulation Committee into options for reform of the management of delegated legislation in New South Wales.

The committee was authorised to engage an external legal adviser to assist in its inquiry and in May 2022 the committee published a discussion paper prepared by Professor Gabrielle Appleby, Law & Justice Faculty at the University of New South Wales.

In her paper Professor Appleby charted the evolution of the regulatory and scrutiny framework for delegated legislation in New South Wales, and highlighted the issues and concerns raised in earlier inquiries, including the committee's 2020 inquiry. The Discussion Paper also encompassed a comprehensive review of the regulatory (legislative and non-legislative) frameworks for making and overseeing delegated legislation in each Australian jurisdiction, as well as a review of the frameworks operating in the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand.

The Discussion Paper then offered the committee a set of design principles and a comparatively informed set of best practice reforms, driven by the objectives of creating a simple, robust and accessible system for the management of delegated legislation in New South Wales.

The committee is due to hand down its final report in September 2022.



Inquiry into the Coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales

During the 2020/21 inquiry by the Select Committee on the high level of First Nations people in custody, it was emphasised that the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales had not been comprehensively examined since 1975. Participants in that inquiry raised concerns about the resourcing, timeliness and effectiveness of the coronial system and the impact on bereaved families. The committee found that a root and branch review of the coronial jurisdiction was needed and recommended a further inquiry into the coronial system.

The Select Committee on the Coronial Jurisdiction was subsequently established in May 2021.

During the inquiry the committee heard from a range of stakeholders including a panel comprising the former NSW State Coroner and former Deputy State Coroners, who highlighted their advocacy over many years for changes to the system, and legal practitioners, researchers, Aboriginal health and legal services, medical experts and public policy organisations and unions.

The committee also heard from families with lived experience of the coronial system who shared their stories and views on how the coronial system can be improved and helped the committee to formulate recommendations for systemic reform.

The committee heard from professionals and judicial officers currently working in the coronial system, visiting the NSW Coroners Court and Victorian Coroners Court. The committee also held a private briefing with the Queensland State Coroner and members of the Law Institute of Victoria who are legal practitioners in the coronial jurisdiction.

The 35 recommendations in the committee's final report are intended to provide a roadmap for achieving a modern, specialist and properly resourced coronial jurisdiction. Key recommendations included that the Court be restructured as an autonomous and specialist court, and that there be increased resourcing, including more full-time specialist coroners across NSW.



'The Select Committee on the Coronial Jurisdiction saw members from across the political spectrum work together to initiate systemic reform'

New processes for managing short individual submissions

The Select Committee Inquiry into Puppy Farming received over 900 submissions, most of which were two paragraphs or less in length. Under a new process, all submissions of 250 or fewer words from individuals were published on the inquiry website in a single document and only larger submissions were processed and published separately.

During the reporting period, a number of inquiries were held which generated significant stakeholder input. This included: the Law and Justice Committee inquiry into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill, Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health inquiry into the use of primates and other animals in medical research and Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education's inquiry into teacher shortages.

The process is an example of the types of efficiencies being adopted by committees in order to engage with stakeholders whilst managing the significant inquiry workload.

PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

The Parliament welcomes official visitors, foreign dignitaries, parliamentary colleagues and delegations from around the world, embracing opportunities to share knowledge and exchange ideas.

Delegations

The closure of international and, periodically, state borders owing to the COVID-19 pandemic continued to significantly impact the opportunity for the President of the Legislative Council, members and staff to meet with foreign dignitaries or colleagues from other jurisdictions.

No international delegations were hosted during the reporting period.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits to the Parliament mainly comprise diplomats of ambassadorial status either presenting their credentials before taking up their duties or at the conclusion of their post. A list of official calls made to the President during 2021-22 included:

- Ambassador and Consul-General of Poland
- Consul-General of Austria
- Ambassador and Consul-General of Vietnam
- Ambassador of Israel
- Ambassador of the Ukraine
- Ambassador and Consul General of Romania.



The Deputy President and Assistant President meet with the Ambassador and Consul-General of Vietnam. The COVID-19 pandemic meant this reporting period was unusually quiet in terms of inter-parliamentary and other official visits



The President and Speaker meet with the Ambassador of Ukraine

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Parliamentary Friendship Groups are established by members of Parliament to provide a forum for a shared cause or interest, or to arrange events and assist delegations associated with countries and regions.

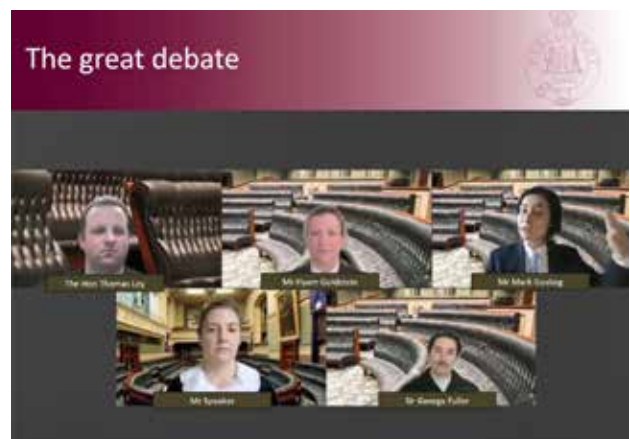
At the time of reporting 69 Parliamentary Friendship Groups were in operation, with four new groups being established during the reporting period. The Black Rod team in the Procedure Office processes applications from members of the Legislative Council to form a new group and coordinates the annual reports from Parliamentary Friendship Groups which are required by 31 March each year. A list of all groups is provided at Appendix 5.

PROCEDURAL DEBRIEFS

On the Friday of each sitting week the Clerk hosts a half-hour 'Friday Debrief' for members, members' staff and parliamentary staff. The debrief provides an opportunity to explain procedural highlights from the week's sitting, explore unusual or complex aspects of the Council's work, and reflect on some of the lighter moments of the week. The debrief aims to be both informative and entertaining.

The Procedure team adopted a particularly agile approach to the debrief across the reporting period, retaining the online format trialled during the first COVID outbreak in 2020. Between Friday 13 August and Friday 8 October 2021 the team delivered a 'Lockdown Series' that featured topical discussions, 'day in the life' videos about Secretary Research Assistants and Hansard, re-enactments of interesting historic events and a regular 'CASS Quiz' (run by the Chamber and Support Services team), which was very well received by the audience. While the Parliament returned to regular sittings, many staff continued to work from home either full time or as part of a mixed working arrangement and the online format was retained.

The weekly debriefs have become such a fixture on sitting weeks that, on a number of occasions, members have started to make observations in the chamber as to the content likely to feature that week! Audience numbers remain high and regularly include members, ministers, members' staff and parliamentary staff from across the three departments.



During COVID-19 the weekly "debrief" went online and became a much anticipated regular fixture. Most debriefs attracted 40 to 70 attendees, with members, members' staff and departmental staff participating

SECRETARY AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (SRA) OUTREACH

During the reporting period the Black Rod team launched a new induction initiative for members' Secretary Research Assistants (SRAs). While SRA's routinely participate in a comprehensive induction program, the sessions have traditionally been scheduled periodically so some SRAs may not participate in a session until several months into their new role. Under the new initiative, SRA's are contacted immediately on commencing with their member and offered personalised induction meetings with procedure and committee staff. These tailored sessions ensure SRA's are equipped to support their member in obtaining drafting assistance, procedural advice, secretariat assistance and access to room booking and protocol services. The personalised sessions have received positive feedback from participants.

This initiative has grown by leaps and bounds during this reporting period with more than double the number of new members taking the department up on the offer than last year.

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA)

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is comprised of parliamentarians united by a community of interest, respect for the rule of law and the rights and freedom of individual citizens, and the pursuit of positive ideals of parliamentary democracy. The Association's mission is to promote the advancement of parliamentary democracy by enhancing knowledge and understanding of democratic governance. This mission is achieved through a range of programs and activities for parliamentarians and parliamentary staff.

During this financial year, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (NSW Branch) was supported by the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Ms Helen Minnican, in collaboration with the Honorary Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Mr David Blunt. The positions rotate between the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Clerk of the Parliaments every four years, with changeover taking place after the commencement of a new Parliament and following the CPA NSW Branch Annual General Meeting.



Her Excellency the Hon Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, arriving for the celebration of Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year by Commonwealth countries on the second Monday in March. The aim of commemorating Commonwealth Day is to promote understanding of global issues, international co-operation and the work of the Commonwealth of Nations to improve the lives of its citizens. The theme for Commonwealth Day 2022 was 'Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming'. The theme highlighted how the 54 member countries in the Commonwealth family are 'innovating, connecting and transforming' to help achieve some of its biggest goals, like protecting natural resources and boosting trade.

The CPA NSW Branch purchased a table of 10 for the Commonwealth Day luncheon which was held in the Strangers' Dining Room on Monday 14 March 2022. The luncheon was held in the presence of Her Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, with the Guest Speaker being Mr Matt Anderson MSP, Director of the Australian War Memorial.

CPA Alumnus parliamentarian and Alumnus parliamentary staff

All CPA Regions were invited to nominate one Alumnus parliamentarian and refer suggestions for alumnus parliamentary staff to CPA Headquarters (three to be appointed globally). Former President of the Legislative Council and former Australian Regional Representative and Vice Chairperson of the CPA, the Honourable John Ajaka, was nominated for the newly created role of the Australian Region Alumnus parliamentarian. Mr Russell Grove was nominated as alumnus parliamentary staff, with Mr Grove having been the NSW CPA Branch Secretary from 1984 to 2011.

Ms Kaelee Aboud, Australia Region Youth Representative on Editorial Advisory Board for The Parliamentarian

In October 2021 Ms Kaelee Aboud, staff member to the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones, was nominated to fill the position of Australia Region Youth Representative on the Editorial Advisory Board for *The Parliamentarian*, the journal of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The role of Youth Representative involves being the 'voice of youth' from the Australia Region when the Editorial Advisory Board are discussing future topics and themes for the publication and also contributing articles and news content to bring a youth perspective to the publication.

39th CPA Australia and Pacific Regional Conference

The 39th CPA Australia and Pacific Regional Conference was hosted by the Western Australia Branch of the CPA from Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 November 2021. The Hon. Adam Searle and the Hon. Scott Farlow participated virtually.

70th Westminster Seminar

The NSW Branch received an invitation from the UK Parliament to nominate for participation in the 70th Westminster Seminar from Monday 14 to Friday 18 March 2022. The Seminar was held in London and was offered in both an in-person and virtual capacity. Two members of the Legislative Assembly and the Deputy Clerk of the LA participated in person, with one LA member attending virtually. This year's Seminar focused on the theme of "Evolving Parliaments" and explored four main themes: Effective Parliaments, Adapting Parliaments, Scrutiny in Practice, and Parliaments and People.

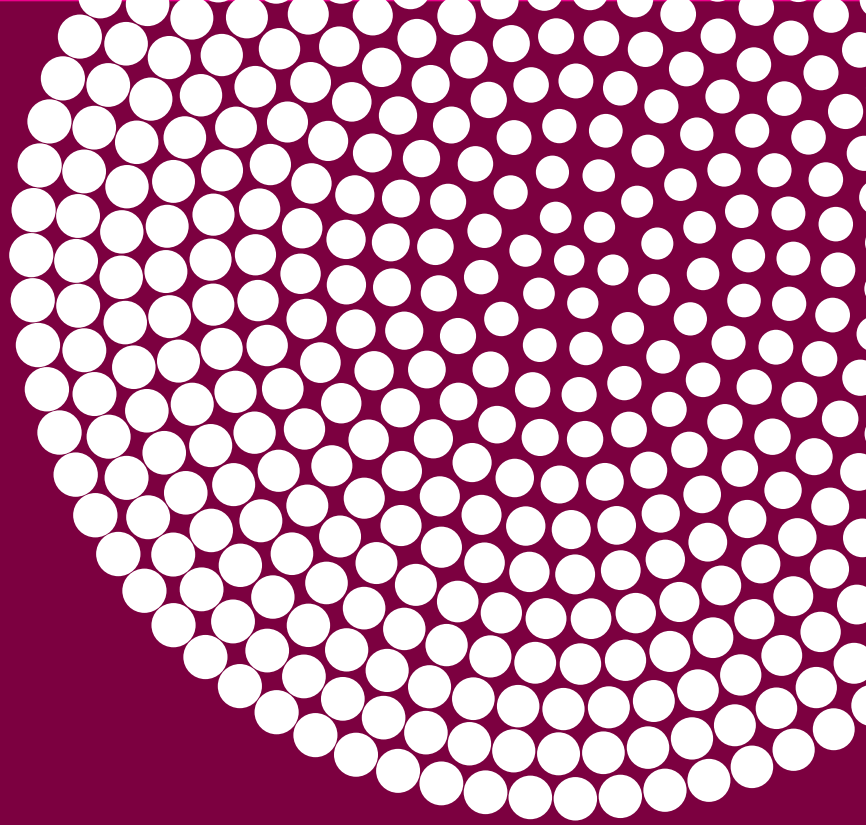
Global Disability Summit

CPA Headquarters invited NSW Branch members to attend a Global Disability Summit side-event co-hosted by the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities network and Sightsavers: The Barriers Persons with Disabilities Face to Electoral and Parliamentary Engagement on Thursday 17 February 2022. Those interested in the summit attended virtually.

CPA Academy Residency

From Saturday 21 to Friday 27 May 2022, the Parliament hosted the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)'s Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Program. The program brought together parliamentarians from across the world – Anguilla, Bangladesh, Niue, Pakistan, St Lucia, Selangor, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Western Cape and Australia – the week-long program was an opportunity for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and promote good governance and the values of the Commonwealth.

The event commenced at Parliament House with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country led by Brendan Kerin, a Marrawarra and Barkindji man, from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. Participants spent the first day on personal goal setting and working with their mentors: the Hon. Leslie Williams MP; the Hon. Catherine (Kate) Doust MLC; the Hon. Kevin Andrews, the Hon. John Ajaka; and Mr Russell Grove PSM. The mentors provided great insight into the Australian political landscape.



CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 4

Supporting our people

The Department is committed to developing its leaders
and future leaders and encouraging the professional
development of all its staff.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE



David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council

David is responsible to the President for the efficient and effective administration of the Department. He provides expert advice on parliamentary law, practice and procedure to the President, Deputy President, ministers and members.



Steven Reynolds
Deputy Clerk

Steven assists the Clerk to manage the planning, development and performance of the Department to ensure its effective operation, within budgetary constraints as well as managing the Office of the Clerk.



Beverly Duffy
Clerk Assistant – Procedure

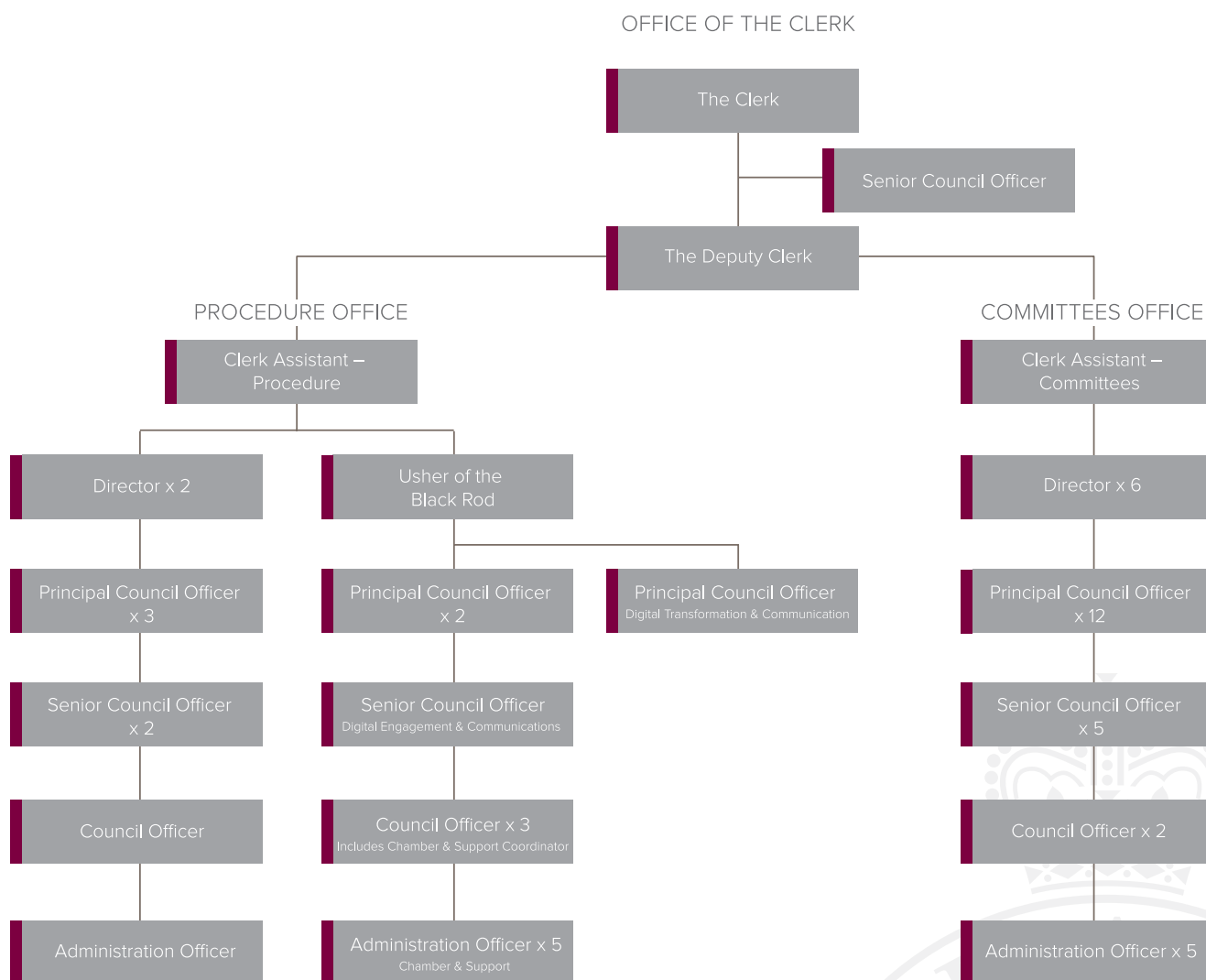
Beverly provides strategic oversight of the Procedure Office, which includes providing authoritative and timely advice on complex parliamentary procedure, law and protocol.



Stephen Frappell
Clerk Assistant – Committees

Stephen provides strategic oversight of the Committee Office, which includes providing authoritative and timely advice on complex parliamentary procedure, law and protocol.

ORGANISATION CHART



PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AWARDS

Since 1986 the Presiding Officers have presented Parliamentary Service Awards to staff who have reached significant milestones of service to the Parliament. At a function held in the Strangers' Dining Room on Monday 15 November, the Presiding Officers, Joint Clerks and Chief Executive presented awards to staff in the various departments.

The recipients of awards from the Department of the Legislative Council on this occasion were:

25 years

Susan Want	Director – Procedure
Kate Cadell	Senior Council Officer, Office of the Clerk

15 years

Jodi Rahme	Council Officer – Office of the Speaker
Christine Thai	Principal Council Officer – Digital Transformation

10 years

Angeline Chung	Council Officer – Committees
Alexander Stedman	A/Director – Procedure
Robert Allen	Secretary/Research Assistant, Office of Hon Adam Searle

WORKLOAD AND STAFFING

The Department has an establishment of 59.4 full time equivalent (FTE) staff, with two principal areas: the Procedure Office and the Committee Office.

As reported in last year's annual report, the unprecedented workload generated by the 57th Parliament has placed major workload stresses on the staff of the Department. Successive funding allocations from Treasury have enabled an increase in staffing, particularly in the Committees area, but this has only partially offset the demands placed on staff.

Managing fatigue, and Parliament's overall Fatigue Management policy

Fatigue related impairment is an identifiable workplace hazard as it can adversely affect safety in the workplace. The most effective means to manage fatigue is to have adequate restorative sleep.

In the 2021/22 financial year, the House sat for 413 hours across 40 sitting days at an average of over 10 hours per sitting day, an increase in the length of sitting days compared to the average length in previous parliaments:

- In the 56th Parliament the average sitting day was 7 hours and 45 minutes
- In the 55th Parliament the average sitting day was 7 hours and 51 minutes
- In the 54th Parliament the average sitting day was 8 hours and 49 minutes.

The change to the "hard" adjournment from 12.00 am (midnight) to 10.00 pm should reduce average sitting day hours and, hopefully, fatigue among staff and members.

In response to the trend towards longer sitting days, as well as the heavy workload experienced in the Procedure Office, the Department has taken proactive steps to prevent or at least effectively manage fatigue.

A rostering system has been adopted to ensure that at least one or two staff are home by 10 pm at the latest, at least once during a sitting week. This requires a degree of flexibility and planning from staff to manage the various tasks undertaken on a sitting night, maintain sufficient capacity to respond to complex requests from members for procedural assistance, and prepare for the following sitting day.

In approaching fatigue management, the Department is guided by the Prior Sleep Wake Model used by the Victorian Parliament to determine when fatigue becomes an unacceptable risk in the workplace. The model assumes that getting less than 5 hours sleep in the prior 24 hours, and 12 hours in the prior 48 hours, is inconsistent with a safe workplace. When these criteria are met, an individual is assumed to be operating with an unsafe level of fatigue. Another consideration is making sure, wherever possible, that staff have at least an eight-hour break between leaving and returning to the office.

A Parliament wide Fatigue Management Policy has also been approved by the Senior Management Group. The Policy is applicable to all employees of the Parliament including contractors and members' staff and is intended to raise awareness of the work health and safety issues associated with fatigue. It outlines the risk management approach that applies within the Parliament, to identify fatigue related risks and to provide the mechanisms and controls to best manage and reduce fatigue in the workplace.

The Fatigue Management Policy notes that responsibility for fatigue management is shared across all levels of Parliament, including employees, supervisors, managers and the executive, in line with work health and safety legislation, regulations and guidelines.

The Procedure Office

The Procedure Office, which incorporates the Black Rod and Chamber and Support teams, has 20 full time equivalent positions and reports to the Clerk Assistant – Procedure.

In February 2022 a temporary additional director position was created in the Procedure Office to manage the increasing resources required to support the Clerk, the House and the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council.

The Black Rod team has also grown to manage the increased workload of planning and delivering events for the Bicentenary. It is expected that the Black Rod team will continue to expand to meet the needs of the Bicentenary.

The work to continue to engage audiences through social and other digital media, was driven by an evolving in-house team, with a new Council Officer (Digital Engagement and Communications) position created in 2022 to support the work of the Principal Council Officer (Digital Engagement and Communications), with a particular focus on high-quality video creation.

Ongoing expansion of the Committee Office

The workload of the Committee Office has increased considerably over the course of the 57th Parliament with an average of 23 active inquiries each year compared to less than 12 in the 56th Parliament. In March 2022, the number of concurrent inquiries peaked at 30.

In the 2021/2022 budget, the Committee Office received additional funding of \$455,000 for the remainder of this Parliament to extend the appointment of a fifth temporary director, to employ an additional Principal Council Officer grade 9/10 and an additional Administration Officer grade 3/4. The Clerk also gave approval for the employment of three additional temporary Senior Council Officer grade 7/8 positions.

The provision of this additional funding in 2021/22 and creation of these additional positions, together with further funding in 2022/2023 to be reported in the next annual report, has been essential, in adequately resourcing the inquiry workload.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Department of the Legislative Council is committed to providing a workplace that provides equal employment opportunity (EEO). The Department's commitment is evidenced by:

- Flexible work practices to assist staff to achieve a balance between their professional and personal life
- Merit selection
- Fair work practices and procedures.

Women are well represented in the Department and occupy 7 of the 12 of the Department's management or supervisory positions. The Department contributes EEO data for the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Workforce Profile, which measures performance in meeting Government employment benchmarks for employees from EEO minority groups. The Department's EEO trends are outlined in the table below.

Representation	2022
Women in senior leadership	58.3%
Women	56%
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	1%
People whose language first spoken as a child was not English	17%
People with a disability	4%
People with a disability requiring work related adjustments	1%

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Department's 2021 Public Sector Employee Survey results showed that a high proportion of staff continue to feel included, respected and supported within the organisation, despite differences in personal and cultural backgrounds. While favourable results, the Department remains committed to implementing strategies that attract, recruit, develop and retain a diverse workforce.

In line with this commitment, the Department's Workplace Diversity and Inclusion plan was reviewed in December 2021, to ensure it was up to date, best represented this commitment and aligned with Parliament's new Disability Action Plan.

As a result of this review, some new strategies were incorporated into the plan, including Disability Confidence and Awareness training for Managers, and various strategies aimed at recruiting people from diverse backgrounds, including people with a disability and Aboriginal people.

Relevant to this work, the Department is also participating in Parliament's Mental Health and Wellbeing Project Group, which is focused on developing a broader strategy and mental health network to promote wellbeing at work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BRODERICK REVIEW

In July 2021, the Parliamentary Executive Group (the PEG) commissioned former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick AO to lead an independent review into bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct in Parliament workplaces (the 'Broderick Review').

Earlier that year the PEG had established a Parliamentary Advisory Group on Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct. Both groups identified the need for a systematic exploration of the extent to which Parliamentary workplaces are safe and inclusive, and to identify areas where additional focus is required.

The objective of the Broderick Review was 'to examine culture and provide advice to the Parliamentary Executive Group on the nature and prevalence of harmful behaviours including bullying, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct within Parliamentary workplaces and, where deficient, to make recommendations for further strengthening'.

The review focused on the experience of current and former workers (of up to five years prior) from across all parliamentary workplaces including members, departmental staff, members' staff, electorate office staff and contractors. Its methodology included:

- a confidential tailored online survey of individuals currently employed by Parliament, completed by 447 people
- 109 confidential one to one interviews
- 7 confidential group discussions
- 58 confidential written submissions (55 from

individuals and three from organisations).

As the review report was released in August 2022, its findings and recommendations will be reported in the next reporting period, along with actions taken by the Parliament in response.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Department of the Legislative Council is committed to ensuring the workplace health and safety of our employees and visitors and is a high priority across the Parliament. In accordance with the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Committee meet quarterly to ensure compliance, and is currently represented by Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk and two staff representatives, SRA Zachary Gillies-Palmer and Andrew Ratchford.

The Parliament utilises SolvSafety, an online WHS reporting system through which members and staff can report injuries, near-misses and hazards in the workplace. This system improves injury management at the Parliament and helps ensure we continue to prioritise WHS for all members, staff and visitors. The Parliament also has a Work Health and Safety Policy focussed on a pro-active, reasonably practicable, risk management approach. Ongoing measures are taken to identify, assess, control, monitor and review hazards in the workplace, in compliance with work health and safety legislation, regulations and codes of practice, established by SafeWork NSW and other regulators. The Parliament's covid response has been vigilant and has included all possible control measures including temperature checks upon arrival, rapid antigen testing, provision of face masks and hand sanitiser, social distancing, flexible work arrangements, additional cleaning services, air controls and introduction of a Covid Vaccination policy to ensure all staff are fully vaccinated. Complimentary covid vaccinations have been provided most recently, in addition to our annual inhouse flu vaccination program, to offer all members and staff added protection from Covid-19.

Summary of Workplace Health and Safety Incidents

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
No. of incidents	0	2	4	4
Near miss/hazards	0	1	3	1
Strains and overuse	0	0	1	0
Slips/trips and falls	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	2
Lost time injuries	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	1	0	0
New claims cost	\$3320.00	\$0	\$0	\$801.20

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Department of the Legislative Council is committed to cultivating a professionally and personally rewarding workplace for staff. The Department provides opportunities for development through internal and external training programs.

Great Managers Springboard Program

The Great Managers Academy program offered by the Institute of Public Administration Australia is targeted to executive, senior and mid-level managers and has been offered to staff in Parliament since 2017. Cohort 5 commenced the program this financial year. In addition to this program, the Great Managers Springboard program has now been offered and is specifically designed to develop personal and team leadership skills for supervisors, team leaders and emerging managers to develop or enhance practical skills and knowledge. This forms part of the overall succession planning and development strategy for the departments.

This year the following staff are participating in the programs:

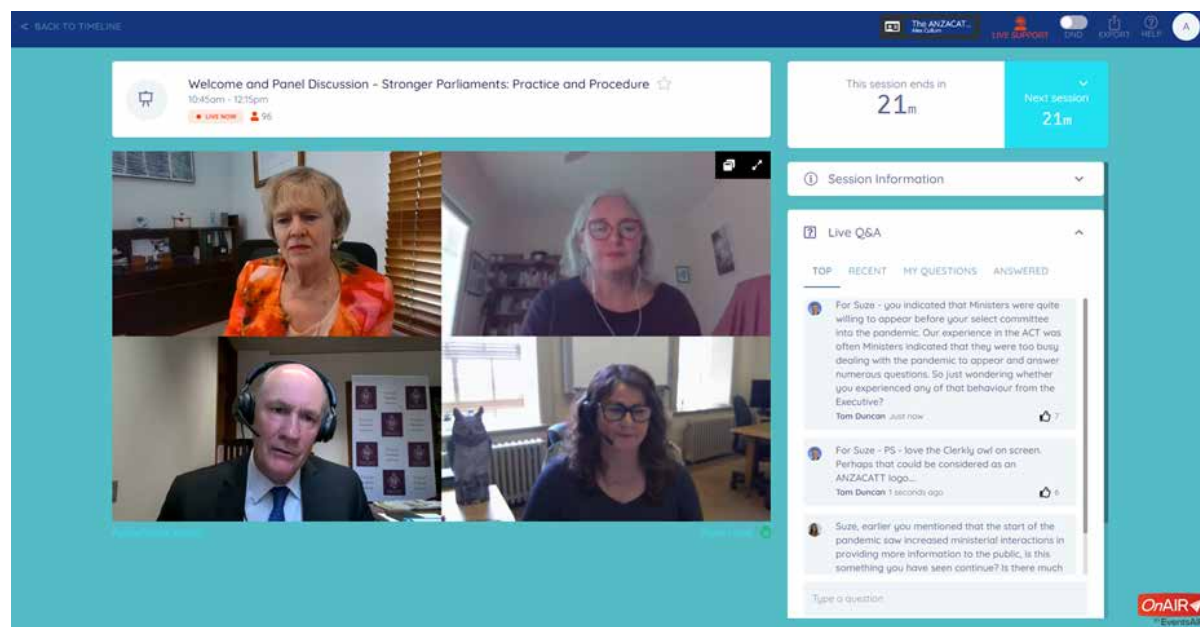
- Great Managers Academy program Cohort 5
 - Emma Rogerson

- Emily Treeby
- Vanessa O’Loan
- Great Managers Springboard program
 - Talina Drabsch
 - Angeline Chung
 - John Ferguson
 - Andrew Ratchford.

Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table (ANZACATT) Professional Development Seminar

ANZACATT is the professional body for clerks and parliamentary officers in Australia and New Zealand and runs a number of activities including the annual Parliamentary Law and Practice course, an annual professional development seminar, a case law database and an electronic information-sharing bulletin board.

In January 2022, the Commonwealth Parliament hosted the 2022 ANZACATT Professional Development Seminar online, with the theme ‘Stronger Parliaments’. The Clerk, David Blunt, participated as a panel member in a discussion ‘Stronger Parliaments: Practice and Procedure’.



For the second year in a row the ANZACATT Professional Development Seminar was delivered online

ANZACATT Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure Program (PLPP)

The PLPP is a university accredited professional development opportunity for parliamentary staff from around Australia and New Zealand managed by ANZACATT. The course develops participants' understanding of the fundamental principles of parliamentary law, practice and procedure, and of the place of parliaments in the systems of government of Australia and New Zealand. In addition to a sound theoretical grounding, the program provides an opportunity to learn from the practical experiences of officers from the different parliaments. For many years the program has been delivered by the University of Tasmania, together with presenters from Parliaments around Australia.

Laura Ismay and Talina Drabsch completed the course in 2021, which was held entirely online owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Australian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG)

The Australasian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG) is a politically non-partisan body which was established in 1979 to encourage and stimulate research, writing, teaching and discussion about parliamentary institutions, particularly those in Australasia and the South Pacific. The President and Speaker are co-Patrons of the ASPG NSW Chapter, and the Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the

Legislative Council are co-Chairs. During the financial year the Department of the Legislative Council provided secretariat support to the ASPG NSW Chapter.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Executive postponed the 2021 ASPG Conference. The rescheduled 2022 ASPG Conference, hosted by the Victorian Chapter, was held via Zoom from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 April 2022 at no cost to members. The conference explored the theme of: Parliamentary transparency, checks and balances, and included a keynote address, nine sessions, and a Victorian Integrity and Oversight Panel. Ms Allison Stowe, Principal Council Officer, Department of the Legislative Council and Secretary/Treasurer of the ASPG NSW Chapter delivered a paper entitled 'The Shake-Up: New rules in play for the NSW Legislative Council' which examined the wide range of new sessional orders and rules adopted by the Legislative Council between from 2019 to 2021, outlining the context for change and reflecting on their operation and impact.

Additionally, during the financial year, the ASPG NSW Chapter either supported or co-hosted a series of fully virtual, in-person, or hybrid events hosted by the Parliament's Communications, Engagement and Education branch.



The Clerk presenting PLPP certificates to Laura Ismay and Talina Drabsch. Laura's paper dealt with "Keeping the fox out of the hen house: Limiting executive involvement in the funding of the integrity branch in New South Wales" and Talina's with "Is this a watershed moment? The growing prominence of NSW parliamentary committees"

Working in the Legislative Council program 2021

The 'Working in the Legislative Council' program is a 12-week professional development initiative offered to officers in the broader public service who want to gain first-hand experience of working in the Parliament, including assisting with the annual budget estimates process and committees generally.

In February 2022, Ms Yajun Ma and Ms Monique Hewett from Hansard took part in the program. They made a significant contribution to the work of the secretariat supporting the further round of estimates hearings. The Committee Office was very grateful for their contribution, and all staff involved found it very useful to strengthen connections between the two parliamentary departments.

Parliamentary Services Conference

The 2022 Parliamentary Services Conference with the theme 'Powering Parliaments of the Future' was hosted by Victoria's Department of Parliamentary Services over three half-days from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 January 2022. The Clerk of the Parliaments joined the Hon. Colin Brooks, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria and Ms Bridget Noonan, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria, for the Virtual Client Panel session on day one of the conference. This panel session brought together the key clients of parliamentary services to discuss the challenges,

issues and opportunities they foresee and what they (MPs, house departments and committees) might need from parliamentary services in the future.

Staff secondments

Madeleine Dowd, Principal Council Officer – Committees, was seconded to the Australian Electoral Commission from Monday 21 March to Thursday 30 June 2022. As an Assistant Director in the NSW State Office, Madeleine was responsible for supporting various community engagement efforts, such as facilitating mobile polling for people experiencing homelessness and providing translated polling materials for culturally and linguistically diverse communities. She also supported the NSW State Manager with various media appearances and other stakeholder engagement activities.

Joseph Cho, Principal Council Officer – Committees, was seconded to the DPS Communications, Engagement and Education branch in March 2022 to develop and deliver education programs for K-12 students and teachers, tertiary level students and public servants, and facilitate community access to members through public parliamentary events.

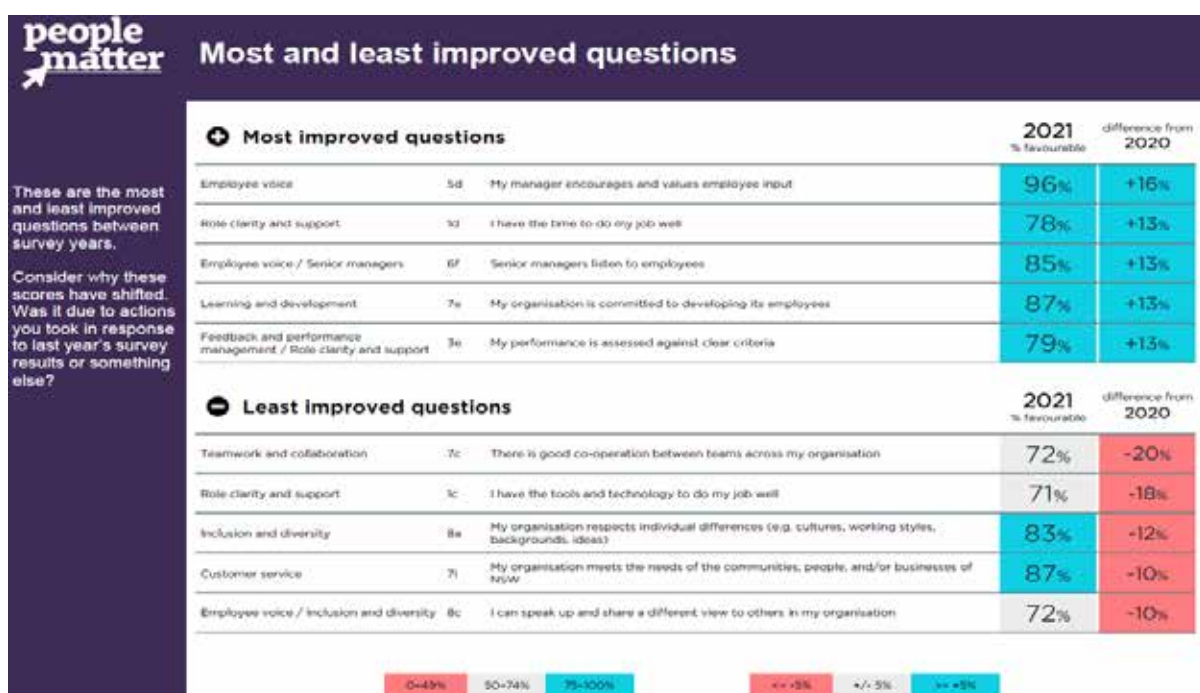
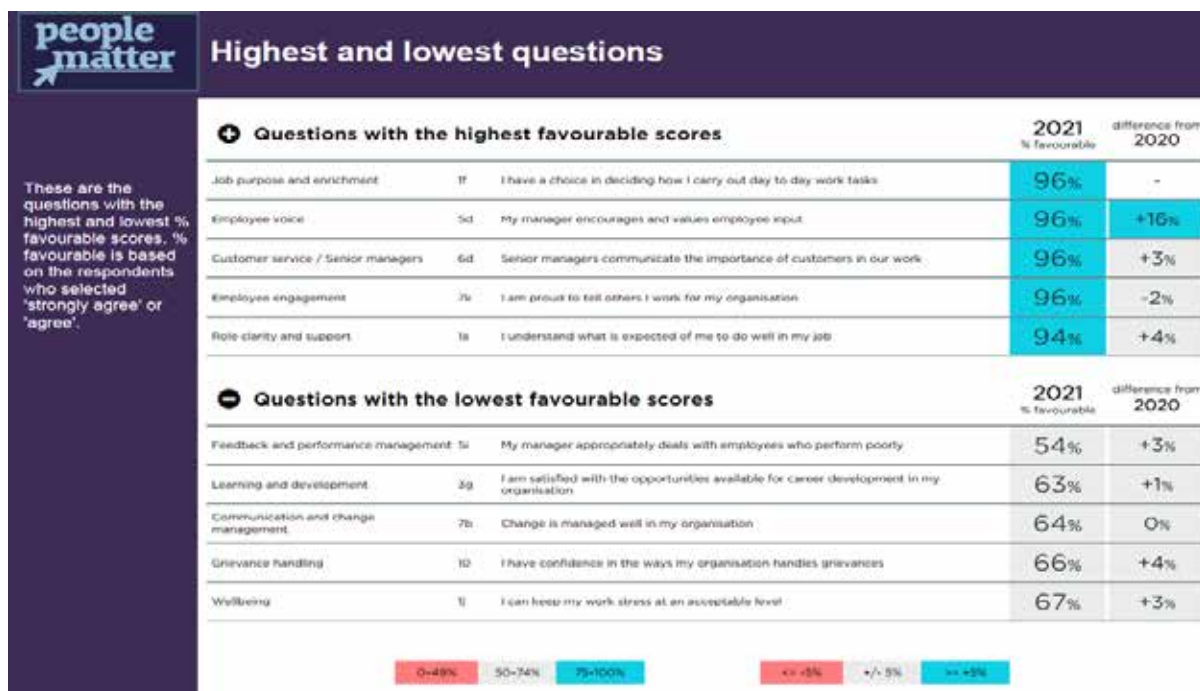
Performance Development Program

The Department's Performance Development Program provides an opportunity for managers and staff to identify performance and career goals. The program is conducted every 12 months, with the option of informal review at six months or earlier.

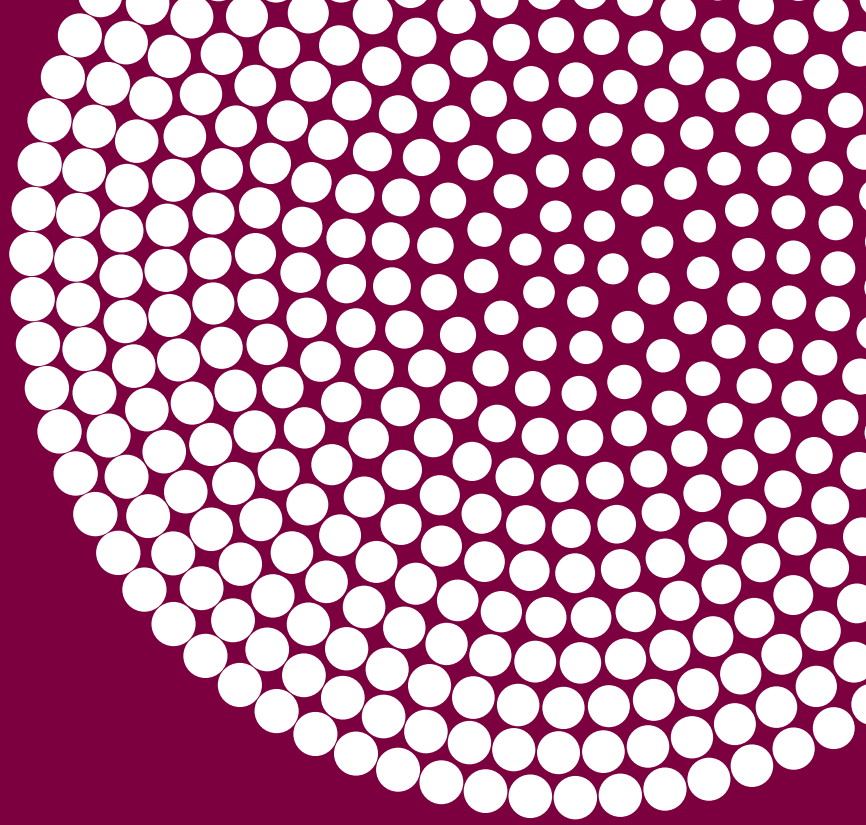


People Matter Employee Survey

The People Matter Survey is an employee opinion survey conducted annually by the NSW Public Service Commission. The staff response rate in the Council for 2021 remained high at 89%, with staff returning very favourable responses in the areas of employee engagement, job satisfaction, employee voice and engagement, and clarity and support of roles. Staff wellbeing was identified as an area for improvement for the Department. The long sitting hours and the number of committee inquiries conducted during 2021-2022 ensured that staff wellbeing and fatigue management was a key focus of senior managers in the Legislative Council and will remain so in the future. Grievance handling was also identified as an area for improvement.



A summary of results from the 2021 People Matter Employee Survey for the Department



CORPORATE OBJECTIVE 5

Safeguarding independence of a strong Parliament

The Department works with its colleagues in the other parliamentary departments to work towards furthering the independence of the Parliament, including financial independence. The Department is also strongly committed to developing inter-parliamentary relations.

INQUIRY ABOUT INDEPENDENT FUNDING MODEL

Democracy is precious, and an independent Parliament is a cornerstone of our system of responsible government. Last year's annual report expressed hope that there may be some further progress this year in relation to an independent funding model for Parliament. In March 2020 the Legislative Council's Public Accountability Committee recommended that the budget process for the Parliament be reformed to reflect the independent system established in the United Kingdom. In February 2021 the Committee suggested an interim fallback model based upon the system in operation for the Australian Senate and the House of Representatives, involving Appropriations and Staffing Committees. Neither of these recommendations was explicitly addressed in the Government's response to the Committee's reports.

Concurrently, a joint Treasury/Parliament review of the Parliament's budget and budget processes was conducted in late 2019/2020. Towards its conclusion it seemed this review was likely to also include a recommendation for an independent budget process. However, following interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the review report was never finalised. Finally, in late 2021 the Legislative Council passed the ICAC and Other Independent Commissions Legislation Amendment (Independent Funding) Bill 2021 (No. 2), a private members bill, which in part would have reformed the budget process for Parliament along the lines recommended in the February 2021 report of the Public Accountability Committee. This bill lapsed in the Legislative Assembly.

So, despite valiant effort and careful review over the course of three years, ultimately the budget process for Parliament remains unchanged. Nevertheless, four Parameter and Technical Adjustment bids for additional funding to support Legislative Committees have been successful. The Parliament has also received a number of significant injections of additional capital funding for various urgent projects. And the Parliament has eventually been exempted from efficiency dividends for the period of the forward estimates. However, in the absence of any reform to the budget process, these very welcome developments remain somewhat fragile and their continuation will require continued vigilance from Members and officers into the next term of Parliament.

TWINNING

The Legislative Council is a committed participant in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Twinning Program.

The twinning program, initiated in 2007, is designed to promote collaboration and understanding between parliaments to ensure they fulfil their legislative, representative and oversight roles.

The program links every Australian state and territory parliament with one or more Pacific parliament. The New South Wales Parliament is linked with the parliaments of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Solomon Islands.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has prevented face-to-face meetings with our twinned parliaments over the past year, but we expect meetings and visits to recommence in the latter part of 2022.

Twin peeks

We have continued to keep in touch with our twinned parliaments via our twinning blog: TWIN PEEKS. The following articles and interviews were published during the reporting period:

- July 2021 – Twinning basics – an introduction to parliamentary twinning
- August 2021 – interview with the Hon Pateson Oti, Speaker, National Parliament of Solomon Islands
- December 2021 – interview with Ms Ruby Garneon, Senior Procedure Officer, Bougainville House of Representatives
- May 2022 – interview with Mr Peter Topura, Deputy Clerk, Bougainville House of Representatives
- June 2022 – interview with Mr Jefferson Halu, Deputy Clerk, National Parliament of Solomon Islands.



Workshop for Hansard reporters In April 2022

Parliament Hansard staff, including the Editor and Deputy Editors of Debates 'attended' an online a peer-to-peer workshop with Hansard officers from several Pacific jurisdictions including Solomon Islands, to participate in a workshop facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme designed to improve the standard of Hansard reporting across the region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FINANCES

The net cost of services of the Legislative Council, including Members' programs was \$34.3 million, representing 17.7% of the total net cost of services of the Parliament for the 2021-22 financial year. This reflects a favourable variance of \$884,000 or 2.51% compared to a budget of \$35.184 million.

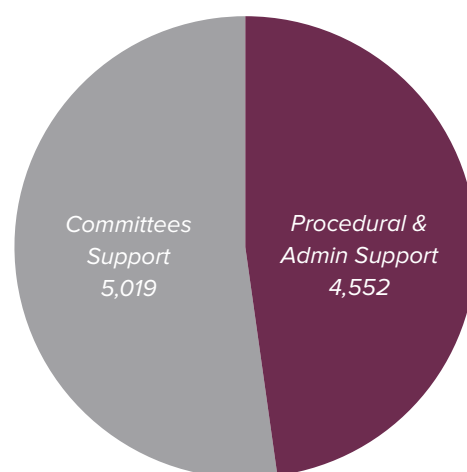
The main components of this variation include:

- Employee related expenses were higher than budget by \$466,000 primarily due to salary escalation that was not in the original budget.
- Depreciation and amortisation were higher than budget by \$407,000.
- Operating expenses were lower than budget by \$534,000 mainly due to underspend of Members' entitlements: \$83,000 in Communications Allowances, \$270,000 in General Travel Allowance, \$103,000 in Electorate to Sydney Allowance, \$87,000 for Skill Development Allowance. An underspend of \$530,000 for Members' entitlements was carried forward to 2022-23 in accordance with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal determination.
- Other expenses for Members' remuneration were under budget by \$1.224 million from Members' and Ministers' salary costs due to the variation in the composition of the Ministry compared to Budget.

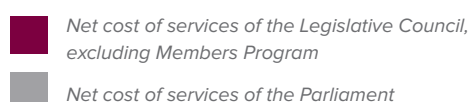
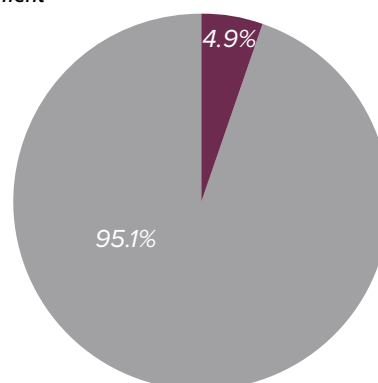
The net cost of services for the Council, excluding direct expenditure on Members, was \$9.571 million which equates to 4.9% of the total net cost of service for the Parliament and 27.9% of the Legislative Council's total net cost of services. The two main operational activities within the Council are Procedural and Administrative Support, and Committee Support.

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

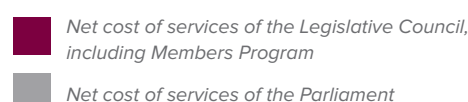
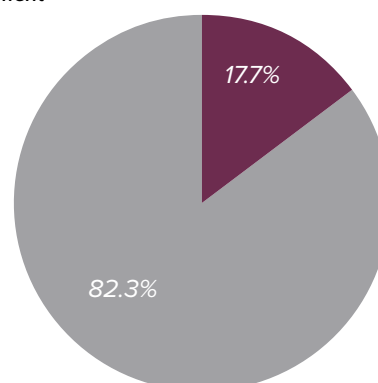
Legislative Council Operations \$'000



Net cost of services of the Legislative Council, excluding Members Program, as a proportion of total cost of services of Parliament



Net cost of services of the Legislative Council, including Members Program, as a proportion of total cost of services of Parliament



Start of unaudited financial statements

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSOLIDATED

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	14,813	14,347	13,701
Operating expenses	2,011	2,545	1,892
Depreciation and amortisation	3,614	3,207	3,171
Grants and subsidies	-	-	-
Other expenses (Members' remuneration)	14,584	15,808	14,512
Total Expenses excluding losses	35,022	35,907	33,276
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	720	720	696
Other income	2	3	1
Total Revenue	722	723	697
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	-	-	-
Net Cost of Services	34,300	35,184	32,579

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	7,334	7,285	6,937
Operating expenses	1,288	1,821	1,179
Depreciation and amortisation	2,243	1,990	2,018
Grants and subsidies	-	-	-
Other expenses (Members' remuneration)	14,584	15,808	14,512
Total Expenses excluding losses	25,449	26,904	24,646
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	720	720	696
Other income	-	-	-
Total Revenue	720	720	696
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	-	-	-
Net Cost of Services	24,729	26,184	23,950

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OPERATIONS

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000
Expenses excluding losses			
Employee related expenses	7,479	7,062	6,764
Operating expenses	723	724	713
Depreciation and amortisation	1,371	1,217	1,153
Grants and subsidies	-	-	-
Other expenses (Members' remuneration)	-	-	-
Total Expenses excluding losses	9,573	9,003	8,630
Revenue			
Sale of goods and services	-	-	-
Other income	2	3	1
Total Revenue	2	3	1
Gain / (loss) on disposal	-	-	-
Other Gain / (loss)	-	-	-
Net Cost of Services	9,571	9,000	8,629

End of unaudited financial statements

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."

During the year Members of the Audit and Risk Committee were Mr Alex Smith (Chair), Ms Carol Holley, Mr Ian Gillespie and Ms Christine Hawkins. Ms Carol Holley served on the Committee until the conclusion of her term of appointment on Monday 31 May 2021. All Members are independent.

The Committee met six times during 2021-22 and Committee Member attendance is shown in the table below.

Audit and Risk Committee Members	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr Alex Smith (Chair)	6	5
Ms Carol Holley	5	4
Mr Ian Gillespie	6	6
Ms Christine Hawkins	6	6

The Committee oversaw and monitored the following activities in 2021-22:

- 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; and
- 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 annual internal attestation should be made to the Audit and Risk Committee. The attestation was completed and provided to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June 2022 meeting. The committee undertakes an annual assessment of its performance. The result as reported to the March 2022 meeting was an average performance rating across 27 pre-determined criteria of 97%.

INTERNAL AUDIT

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 2021-22 was endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2021. During 2021-22, the following final audit reports were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee:

- Physical Security
- Project Assurance
- Project Management Framework, PMO and Individual Project

- Procurement and Contract Management
- WHS in the Parliamentary Precinct
- Members' Entitlements FY 2020-21.

A Quality Assurance and Improvement Program is undertaken throughout the year and reported quarterly to the Committee. Audit candidate feedback is a key measure, with the average satisfaction rating being 4.88/5 in 2021-22 as reported to the June 2022 meeting.

An updated Audit Universe, Strategic (three year) internal audit program, and annual audit plan for 2022-23 was prepared in consultation with senior management and endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2022

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 and is due to be reviewed again in January 2024.

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 and project related risks are reviewed at least monthly.

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.

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property	412,319	320,971	229,780	203,150	173,230
Workers' Compensation	537,801	538,455	340,804	402,790	483,882
Motor	1,028	935	540	580	750
Liability	125,145	98,735	52,990	51,090	49,740
Misc	26,269	25,455	7,060	5,230	5,930
Total	1,102,562	984,542	631,174	662,840	713,532

BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT

The Parliament has continued to implement and maintain its Business Continuity Management System to support operations through business interruption events. The Business Continuity Governance Group met twice in 2021-22, with representation from all three Parliamentary Departments. A key item of business was to consider and recommend updates the Business Continuity Framework to apply lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic. In parallel with that refresh, tailored training was provided to key personnel including Business Continuity Officers in January and February 2022.

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION

The Parliament's Fraud and Corruption Control Committee met once in 2021-22 to oversight activities from the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, including completion rates for the online training module on Ethical Values and Fraud and Corruption Prevention. The 2021 Fraud Health Check Survey revealed results in the 96 to 100 per cent 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. Although the survey results were strongly positive overall, learning from that survey informed fraud and corruption prevention activities during 2021-22. A session on Fraud and Corruption prevention was delivered as part of the staff induction program sessions held regularly 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 Human Services team delivers a session on PIDs at the induction program for new staff.

No PIDs were received and no PIDs were finalised by the department in the reporting period.

CROSS-PARLIAMENT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

The Department is represented on a number of cross Department committees aimed at ensuring effective communication, workflow and governance across the Parliament. These committees are the:

- Communication, Engagement and Education Board
- Engagement Board
- Security Committee
- Capital Works Committee
- Digital Parliament Board
- Training Committee
- Records Management Committee
- Business Continuity Committee
- AV Board
- Twinning Steering Committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURE

Owing to restrictions on travel imposed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there was no international travel by staff of the Department during the reporting period. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented any CPA Parliamentary Supported travel by Members from taking place.

The total cost of domestic committee travel in the 12 months to 30 June 2022 was \$103,111.51. Further details can be found in Appendix 3.

USE OF CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS AND LEGAL SERVICES

The Department expended \$221,787.85 on consultancy, contractor and legal services excluding GST, the detail of which is provided below.

Advice obtained from the Crown Solicitor

During the financial year advice was obtained from the Crown Solicitor's office with a total cost of \$10,000 excluding GST.

Legal Services

The Department engaged the Honourable Keith Mason AC QC as an independent legal arbiter to evaluate and report on claims of privilege on documents relating to the following orders for papers for a total of \$38,924.55 excluding GST:

- New Banksia Mental Health Unit. Advice
- Courses offered by TAFE NSW
- Strike Force Wyndarra
- Sydney Science Park proposal
- New intercity fleet
- Firearms inspections and licensing
- Biobanks
- Incident on Lockyer Street, Goulburn

- Forestry operations in public forests
- Monaro Farming Systems – Further order (report dated 3 September 2021)
- Monaro Farming Systems – Further order (report dated 14 February 2022)
- Dam infrastructure projects
- Western lands lease conversion program
- Health funding and health infrastructure commitments
- Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW – Further order (documents received on 24 March)
- Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW – Further order (documents received on 31 March)
- Cemeteries. Advice
- Revenue NSW investigations into gig economy - Further order
- Animal Research - Further order
- Eraring Power Station.

Mr Bret Walker AO SC was engaged as an independent legal arbiter to provide advice on the following matters for a total of \$26,000 excluding GST:

- Opinion on the election of a President under standing order 13
- The legality of floodplain harvesting practices (to the Select Committee on Floodplain Harvesting)
- The reserved ruling in Legislative Council relating to ICAC and Other Independent Commissions Legislation Amendment (Independent Funding) Bill 2021.

The Honourable Alan Robertson SC was engaged as an independent legal arbiter to evaluate and report on claims of privilege on documents regarding sight lines for the proposed Crown Towers in Barangaroo for a total of \$7,272.73 excluding GST.

Chamber coverage and other filming services

Camera operator services for the Chamber have been delivered by Corporate Technology Services Pty Ltd. The consultancy fees paid by the Department to Corporate Technology Services Pty Ltd was \$56,719.26 in 2021-2022, excluding GST.

Interpretation services

AUSLAN interpretation services were provided by Deaf Services Limited in November 2021 for the production of the 'President's Welcome' video that is available to view on Parliament's website. The total cost of these services was \$360 excluding GST.

The video can be viewed [here](#).

Shared expenditure

The Department contributes to the cost of services delivered across the Parliament, including:

- the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – \$4,935.57
- flu vaccine program – \$942.40.

Consultancy fees

In 2021-2022, a total of \$42,728.13 was spent on consultancy services for the following reviews.

Department of the Legislative Council

- Procedure Office and Office of the Clerk Review (Stage 1) – TMS Consulting – June 2022 – \$2025.00.

LC members' common costs

- LA and LC Members' Staff Employment Review (known as the Kellie Edwards Review)– June 2022 – \$15,703.13 (LC share)
- Accrue Independent Investigation and report (known as the Broderick Review) – June 2022 – \$25,000 (LC share).

Annual report

This report is available on the New South Wales Parliament website. The 2020-2021 annual report was compiled in house, with design assistance from Studio Rouge and a small print run, with a total cost of \$6,083.



Appendices

Appendix 1

MEMBERS OF THE LC AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

Amato , The Honourable Lou <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business</i>	LIB	<i>President</i>	
Banasiak , The Honourable Mark Jared	SFF	Mitchell , The Honourable Sarah <i>Minister for Education and Early Learning</i>	NAT
Barrett , The Honourable Scott James <i>Deputy Government Whip</i>	NAT	Mookhey , The Honourable Daniel	ALP
Borsak , The Honourable Robert B Bus FCPA JP	SFF	Moriarty , The Honourable Tara	ALP
Boyd , Ms Abigail <i>Temporary Chair of Committees</i>	G	Moselmane , The Honourable Shaoquett Chaher	ALP
Buttigieg , The Honourable Mark BA BEc(Hons) <i>Opposition Whip</i>	ALP	Nile , The Reverend the Honourable Frederick John Ed LTh	IND
Cusack , The Honourable Catherine Eileen BEc(SocSc) <i>Temporary Chair of Committees</i>	LIB	Pearson , The Honourable Mark	AJP
D'Adam , The Honourable Anthony <i>Deputy Opposition Whip</i>	ALP	Poulos , The Honourable Peter John <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Wollongong and the Illawarra</i>	LIB
Donnelly , The Honourable Gregory John BEc MIR	ALP	Primrose , The Honourable Peter Thomas B SocStud (Syd)	ALP
Faehrmann , Ms Cate	G	Roberts , The Honourable Rod <i>Assistant President</i>	PHON
Fang , The Honourable Wes <i>Deputy President and Chair of Committees</i>	NAT	Searle , The Honourable Adam <i>Temporary Chair of Committees</i>	ALP
Farlow , The Honourable Scott <i>Government Whip</i>	LIB	Secord , The Honourable Walt	ALP
Farraway , The Honourable Sam Jacob <i>Minister for Regional Transport and Roads</i>	NAT	Sharpe , The Honourable Penelope Gail <i>Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council</i>	ALP
Field , Mr Justin	IND	Taylor , The Honourable Bronnie <i>Minister for Women, Regional Health and Mental Health</i>	NAT
Franklin , The Honourable Ben <i>Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Arts and Regional Youth</i>	NAT	Tudehope , The Honourable Damien <i>Minister for Finance and Employee Relations, and Vice-President of the Ex-ecutive Council</i>	LIB
Graham , The Honourable John <i>Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council</i>	ALP	Veitch , The Honourable Michael Stanley	ALP
Higginson , Ms Sue	G	Ward , The Honourable Natalie Peta <i>Minister for Metropolitan Roads and Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence</i>	LIB
Houssos , The Honourable Courtney <i>Temporary Chair of Committees</i>	ALP		
Hurst , The Honourable Emma	AJP		
Jackson , The Honourable Rose	ALP		
Latham , The Honourable Mark	PHON		
Maclaren-Jones , The Honourable Natasha BN MHSM <i>Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services</i>	LIB		
Mallard , The Honourable Shayne <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney</i>	LIB		
Martin , The Honourable Taylor Mitchell B Com (UoN) <i>Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter</i>	LIB		
Mason-Cox , The Honourable Matthew Ryan	LIB		
		Party Representation: House Of 42 Members	
		AJP – Animal Justice Party	2
		ALP – Australian Labor Party	14
		G – The Greens	3
		IND – Independent	2
		LIB – Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Division)	11
		NAT – The Nationals	6
		PHON – Pauline Hanson's One Nation	2
		SFF – Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	2
		Total	42

Appendix 2

2021-2022 VARIOUS ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO 30 JUNE 2022

Member	Description	Communi- cations Allowance	Members' GTA Travel	Spouse/appr ved Relative GTA Travel	Member's Staff GTA Travel	General Travel Allowance (GTA) Total	Combined (CA & GTA) Total	ROH Communication Allowance	ROH General Travel Allowance	Members' Home to Sydney Travel	Committee Allowance	Skills Development Allowance (SDA)
Lou Amato	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	180.86				0.00	180.86 21,969.14					0.00 2,040.00
Mark Banasiak	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	2,625.34				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	7,420.34				12,660.00	20,080.34					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	1,625.39	1,265.28		468.52	1,733.80	3,359.19 16,721.15					0.00 2,550.00
Scott Barrett	Allocation for 2021/22	1,668.40				5,565.38						709.81
	C/Forward from 2020/21					n/a						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	1,668.40				5,565.38	7,233.78			4,974.06		709.81
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	1,626.71	2,797.56	997.04	1,715.22	5,509.82	7,136.53 97.25					0.00 709.81
Robert Borsak	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	2,610.65				436.38						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	7,405.65				6,831.38	14,237.03					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	1,420.93	1,586.25			1,586.25	3,007.18 11,229.85					0.00 2,550.00
Abigail Boyd	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	597.00	414.96		362.06	777.02	1,374.02 20,775.98			6,097.68		957.49 1,592.51
Mark Buttigieg	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00		719.25				2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00		n/a				n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00	719.25				2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	16,126.58				0.00	16,126.58 6,023.42	0.00 719.25				0.00 2,550.00
Catherine Cusack	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				5,078.85						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				21,073.85	30,563.85			12,844.61		2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	2,636.03	7,131.80	8,588.16		15,719.96	18,355.99 12,207.86					0.00 2,040.00

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Anthony D'Adam	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	6,007.01 6,007.01	1,254.09			1,254.09	7,261.10 14,888.90					0.00 2,040.00
Greg Donnelly	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	2,547.85				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	7,342.85				12,660.00	20,002.85					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	6,137.35 6,137.35				0.00	6,137.35 13,865.50					0.00 2,040.00
Cate Faehrmann	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	1,908.15				2,448.89						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	6,703.15				8,843.89	15,547.04					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	1,662.71 1,662.71			157.28	157.28	1,819.99 13,727.05					1,184.76 1,365.24
Wes Fang	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	4,836.12 4,836.12	9,008.94		1,214.47	10,223.41	15,059.53 26,090.47			19,011.40		0.00 2,040.00
Scott Farlow	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00		267.99				2,230.03
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00		n/a				n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00	267.99				2,230.03
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	3,103.87 3,103.87	1,830.02			1,830.02	4,933.89 17,216.11	0.00 267.99				0.00 2,230.03
Sam Fairaway	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,176.29				545.75						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	7,971.29				16,540.75	24,512.04					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	4,545.39 4,545.39	7,146.13		4,686.65	11,832.78	16,378.17 8,133.87			12,639.71		0.00 2,040.00
Justin Field	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	177.59 177.59	2,593.04		132.88	2,725.92	2,903.51 38,246.49			6,262.56		227.27 2,322.73

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Ben Franklin	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,845.65				0.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	8,640.65				15,995.00	24,635.65					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	4,095.96	7,318.70		39.10	7,357.80	11,453.76 13,181.89			13,453.60		2,272.7 1,812.73
John Graham	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00		719.25	639.50			2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00		n/a	n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00	719.25	639.50			2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	2,927.74	4,509.90		3,146.48	7,656.38	10,584.12 11,565.88	0.00 719.25	0.00 639.50			0.00 2,550.00
Don Harwin	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00			452.03			2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00			n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00		452.03			2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining		698.40			698.40	698.40 21,451.60		0.00 452.03	1,703.52		0.00 2,040.00
Sue Higginson	Allocation for 2021/22	656.85				2,191.10						349.32
	C/Forward from 2020/21					n/a						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	656.85				2,191.10	2,847.95					349.32
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	40.71	555.65			555.65	596.36 2,251.59			555.08		0.00 349.32
Courtney Houssos 2,040.00	Allocation for 2021/22		4,795.00				6,395.00					
	C/Forward from 2020/21	508.55				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	5,303.55				12,660.00	17,963.55					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	5,636.22	15.28		14.82	30.10	5,666.32 12,297.23				215.00	0.00 2,040.00
Emma Hurst	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,276.88				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,071.88				12,660.00	21,731.88					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	534.18			334.26	334.26	868.44 20,863.44					2,272.7 2,322.73
Rose Jackson	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	3,616.42	1,596.24		383.32	1,979.56	5,595.98 16,554.02					0.00 2,040.00

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Trevor Khan	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed	124.79	449.93			449.93	574.72			1,537.50		0.00
	Funds remaining						40,575.28					2,040.00
Mark Latham	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.01						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				0.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				6,395.01	15,885.01					2,550.00
	Expended claimed	2,085.79	2,597.48			2,597.48	4,683.27			2,965.36		0.00
	Funds remaining						11,201.74					2,550.00
Natasha Madaren-Jones	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,920.54				13,957.96						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	8,715.54				29,952.96	38,668.50					2,040.00
	Expended claimed	2,589.32	886.61		322.20	1,208.81	3,798.13			3,110.40		227.27
	Funds remaining						34,870.37					1,812.73
Shayne Mallard	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00		451.26				2,359.97
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00		n/a				n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00	451.26				2,359.97
	Expended claimed	2,875.50				0.00	2,875.50	0.00				0.00
	Funds remaining						19,274.50	451.26				2,359.97
Taylor Martin	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				5,690.35						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,085.35	21,575.35					2,040.00
	Expended claimed	2,557.09	788.40			788.40	3,345.49			1,088.64		227.27
	Funds remaining						18,229.86					1,812.73
Matthew Mason-Cox	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00		8,391.25	4,798.50			2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00		n/a	n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00	8,391.25	4,798.50			2,040.00
	Expended claimed	2,341.38	4,775.54	5,039.79		9,815.33	12,156.71	0.00	0.00	17,759.43		0.00
	Funds remaining						28,993.29	8,391.25	4,798.50			2,040.00
Sarah Mitchell	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00			1,595.12			2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00			n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00		1,595.12			2,040.00
	Expended claimed	3,305.90	635.40	629.22		1,264.62	4,570.52		0.00	17,992.89		0.00
	Funds remaining						36,579.48		1,595.12			2,040.00

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Daniel Mookhey	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	478.48	1,641.58			1,641.58	2,120.06 20,029.94					0.00 2,040.00
Tara Moriarty	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	114.96	1,798.99			1,798.99	1,913.95 39,236.05					0.00 2,040.00
Shaoquett Moselmane	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	1,527.90				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	6,322.90				12,660.00	18,982.90					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	7,789.08				0.00	7,789.08 11,193.82					0.00 2,040.00
Fred Nile	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,565.46				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	8,360.46				12,660.00	21,020.46					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	746.29			666.60	666.60	1,412.89 19,607.57					227.27 2,322.73
Mark Pearson	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,575.80				0.52						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	8,370.80				6,395.52	14,766.32					2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	530.19	7,344.86	2,377.54	2,091.28	11,813.68	12,343.87 2,422.45				430.00	227.27 2,322.73
Peter Poulos	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	720.33				894.39						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	5,515.33				7,289.39	12,804.72					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	2,160.50	67.80			67.80	2,228.30 10,576.42					0.00 2,040.00
Peter Primrose	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,330.90				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,125.90				12,660.00	21,785.90					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	764.05	490.69			490.69	1,254.74 20,531.16					0.00 2,040.00

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Chris Rath	Allocation for 2021/22	1,300.56				1,734.53						553.32
	C/Forward from 2020/21					n/a						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	1,300.56				1,734.53	3,035.09					553.32
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	0.00				0.00	0.00					0.00
Rod Roberts	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00			6,632.64		2,550.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	587.64	943.55			943.55	1,531.19					0.00
Adam Searle	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00	39,618.81					2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						2,040.00
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					n/a
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	1,050.74	888.04			888.04	1,938.78				430.00	2,040.00
Walter Secord	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	5,878.41	1,528.11			1,528.11	7,406.52					0.00
Penny Sharpe	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00	14,743.48	8,391.25				2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	3,967.84				5,789.07		n/a				2,550.00
	Total available 2021/22	8,762.84				12,184.07	20,946.91	8,391.25				n/a
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	3,559.61	2,429.63		20.00	2,449.63	6,009.24	0.00				0.00
David Shoebridge	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00	14,937.67	8,391.25				2,550.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	1,919.28				72.03						2,550.00
	Total available 2021/22	6,714.28				6,467.03	13,181.31					n/a
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	3,956.95	24.83			24.83	3,981.78					2,028.40
Bronwyn Taylor	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00	9,199.53					521.60
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,665.00						2,040.00
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,660.00	41,150.00			16,736.77		n/a
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	2,095.00	4,986.45	409.76		5,396.21	7,491.21					2,040.00
							33,658.79					2,040.00

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Damien Tudehope	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00			504.59			2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				6,265.00			n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				12,660.00	22,150.00		504.59			2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	295.77				0.00	295.77 21,854.23		0.00 504.59			0.00 2,040.00
Michael Veitch	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				15,995.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	4,695.00				15,232.46						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	9,490.00				31,227.46	40,717.46			3,931.20		2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	250.00	6,325.88			6,325.88	6,575.88 34,141.58					0.00 2,040.00
Natalie Ward	Allocation for 2021/22	4,795.00				6,395.00						2,040.00
	C/Forward from 2020/21	459.15				3,348.37						n/a
	Total available 2021/22	5,254.15				9,743.37	14,997.52					2,040.00
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	5,908.55				0.00	5,908.55 9,088.97					0.00 2,040.00
LC Total	Allocation for 2021/22	205,015.81				402,881.02		18,940.25	7,989.74			94,942.45
	C/Forward from 2020/21	162,861.56				304,115.02		n/a	n/a			n/a
	Total available 2021/22	367,877.37				706,996.04	1,074,873.41	18,940.25	7,989.74			94,942.45
	Expended claimed Funds remaining	119,580.76	88,326.01	18,041.51	15,755.14	122,122.66 0.00	241,703.42 833,169.99	0.00 18,940.25	0.00 7,989.74	149,297.05	1,075.00	5,761.54 89,180.91

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Member	Description	
Lou Amato	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	19,845.00
	Funds Remaining	24,255.00
Mark Banasiak	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	12,285.00
	Funds Remaining	31,815.00
Abigail Boyd	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	27,090.00
	Funds Remaining	17,010.00
Catherine Cusack	Allocation for 2020/21	43,470.00
	Expended claimed	28,665.00
	Funds Remaining	14,805.00
Wes Fang	Allocation for 2020/21	44,582.57
	Expended claimed	44,582.57
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Sam Farraway	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	39,375.00
	Funds Remaining	4,725.00
Justin Field	Allocation for 2020/21	42,525.00
	Expended claimed	23,940.00
	Funds Remaining	18,585.00
Ben Franklin	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	44,100.00
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Don Harwin	Allocation for 2020/21	56,385.00
	Expended claimed	48,510.00
	Funds Remaining	7,875.00
Trevor Khan	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	44,100.00
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Mark Latham	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	0.00
	Funds Remaining	44,100.00
Natasha Maclaren-Jones	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	44,100.00
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Shayne Mallard	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	44,100.00
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Taylor Martin	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	23,310.00
	Funds Remaining	20,790.00
Matthew Mason-Cox	Allocation for 2020/21	45,990.00
	Expended claimed	28,665.00
	Funds Remaining	17,325.00

Member	Description	
Sarah Mitchell	Allocation for 2020/21	56,700.00
	Expended claimed	41,895.00
	Funds Remaining	14,805.00
Tara Moriarty	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	44,100.00
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Mark Pearson	Allocation for 2020/21	42,640.62
	Expended claimed	42,640.62
	Funds Remaining	0.00
Rod Roberts	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	40,005.00
	Funds Remaining	4,095.00
Adam Searle	Allocation for 2020/21	55,125.00
	Expended claimed	35,595.00
	Funds Remaining	19,530.00
Bronwyn Taylor	Allocation for 2020/21	56,700.00
	Expended claimed	40,320.00
	Funds Remaining	16,380.00
Michael Veitch	Allocation for 2020/21	44,100.00
	Expended claimed	30,870.00
	Funds Remaining	13,230.00
Totals		
	Allocation for 2020/21	1,017,418.19
	Expended claimed - daily	468,058.19
	Expended claimed - annual	280,035.00

Appendix 3

COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES 2021-22

The total cost of committee travel in the 12 months to 30 June 2022 was \$103,111.51.

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Inquiry into planning and delivery of school infrastructure in New South Wales

5 April 2022

Site visits to Northbourne Public School, Marsden Park NSW 2765; Schofields Public School, Schofields NSW 2762; Riverbank Public School, The Ponds NSW 2769; and Concord High School, Concord NSW 2137	Catering	\$80.00
	Bus	\$880.00

26 April 2022

Site visits to Oran Park Public School, Oran Park NSW 2570; Gledswood Hills Public School, Gledswood Hills NSW 2557; and the site of the new primary school for Gregory Hills, Gregory Hills NSW 2557	Catering	\$80.00
	Bus	\$770.00

1 June 2022

Site visits to Fern Bay Public School, Fern Bay NSW 2295, and Gillieston Public School, Gillieston Heights NSW 2321	Catering	\$80.00
	Bus	\$990.00

TOTAL \$2,880.00

Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Customer Service and Natural Resources

2021 Inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979

7 February 2022

Site visits to Western Murray Land Improvement Group office, Barham NSW 2732, and Koondrook-Perricoota Forest and its surrounds, including Pollack Swamp, Crooked Creek, Goodooga campground and Waitsey's Corner	Charter flights	\$22,440.00
	Catering	\$1,307.30
	Accommodation	\$2,010.00
	Bus	\$2,571.00
	Cabs	\$1,075.05
	Venue	\$450.00

8 February 2022

Site visits to Visy's Kraft Mill and Blowering Nursery, Tumut NSW 2720
Hearing in Tumut NSW 272

4 April 2022

Site visits to various forest locations and sites in the Eden re-gion, Eden NSW 2551	Commercial flights	\$6,902.51
	Catering	\$437.90
	Accommodation	\$1,395.00
	Bus	\$2,750.00
	Cabs	\$1,134.89

5 April 2022

Site visits to various sites in compartment 146 of Mogo State Forest, Mogo NSW 2536
Hearing in Moruya NSW 2537

28 April 2022

Site visits to a Private Native Forestry (PNF) operation in Bucca NSW 2450, and various forest locations, including Lower Bucca State Forest and Orara East State Forest	Commercial flights	\$8,585.06
	Catering	\$1,055.00
	Accommodation	\$2,530.00
	Bus	\$2,420.00
	Cabs	\$1,304.34

29 April 2022

Site visit to the proposed site of the Great Koala National Park (GKNP)
Hearing in Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

6 May 2022

Site visits to Borg Panels manufacturing plant and Highland Pine Products Mill, Oberon NSW 2787, and Essington state forest, Essington NSW 2795	Catering	\$172.80
	Bus	\$840.00
	Cabs	\$58.17

TOTAL \$60,590.52

Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport

Inquiry into road tolling regimes

24 May 2022

Site visit to a local intersection, Bexley NSW 2207	Bus	\$440.00
	Catering	\$330.70
	Venue	\$1,500.00

TOTAL \$2,270.70

Select Committee on puppy farming in New South Wales

27 April 2022

Site visit to Rockley Valley Park breeding facility, Fosters Valley NSW 2795	Catering	\$120.00
	Bus	\$2,156.00

TOTAL \$2,276.00

Select Committee on the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales

14 December 2021

Site visit to the Forensic Medicine and Coroners Court complex, Lidcombe NSW 2141	Bus	\$740.00
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4 February 2022

Site visit to Coroners Court of Victoria, Southbank VIC 3006	Commercial flights	\$3,179.65
	Catering	\$135.00
	Bus	\$638.00
	Cabs	\$542.38
TOTAL		\$5235.03

Select Committee on the response to major flooding across New South Wales in 2022

29 May 2022

Site visits to flood affected areas in Wardell, including East Wardell, Wardell Village and Patches Beach, and community hub WardellCORE, Wardell NSW 2477)	Commercial flights	\$4,360.44
	Catering	\$6,069.97

30 May 2022

Site visits to flood affected areas in Mullumbimby NSW 2482, and attended a presentation at the Byron Shire Council Chambers, Byron Bay NSW 2481 Hearing in Ballina NSW 2478	Accommodation	\$6,955.00
	Bus	\$3,454.00
	Cabs	\$1,935.77
	Venue	\$1,615.00

31 May 2022

Site visits to flood affected areas in Lismore NSW 2480, including Gordon Pavilion at Oakes Oval, Albert Park Baseball Complex, Lismore Regional Airport and residential areas in South Lismore Hearing in Goonellabah NSW 2480	Audio	\$2,100.00
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1 June 2022

Site visits to flood affected areas in Tweed NSW 2485 and Murwillumbah NSW 2484, including Chinderah Village Caravan Park, Condong Public School, Tumbulgum Public School and Prospero St Hearing in Murwillumbah NSW 2484		
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3 June 2022

Site visits to flood affected areas in Windsor NSW 2756, including Green Road, Pitt Town and Cornwallis Hearing in South Windsor NSW 2756	Catering	\$1,348.20
	Bus	\$1,050.00
	Cabs	\$350.88
	Venue	\$620.00
TOTAL		\$29,859.26

Appendix 4

COMMITTEE INQUIRY STATISTICS 2021-2022

Inquiry	Date Referred	Submissions	Questionnaire Responses	Proformas	Hearings	Witnesses	Final Report	Government Response
Portfolio Committee No 1 – Premier and Finance								
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	14	118	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Cybersecurity	6/08/2020	0	0	0	0	00	26/03/2021	27/09/2021
Mutual Recognition (New South Wales) Amendment Bill 2021	23/03/2021	0	0	0	0	0	08/06/2021	12/11/2021
Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2021	19/10/2021	10	0	0	1	5	23/11/2021	
Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2021	18/11/2021	33	889	0	1	32	21/02/2022	
Portfolio Committee No 2 – Health								
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	5	50	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Health impacts of exposure to poor levels of air quality resulting from bushfires and drought	28/08/2020	14	0	0	7	94	05/05/2022	16/03/2021
Use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales	3/12/2021	870	0	0	3	48		
Portfolio Committee No 3 – Education								
Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020	5/08/2020	0	62,687	0	0	0	06/09/2021	16/03/2022
Future development of the NSW tertiary education sector	28/05/2020	0	0	0	0	0	22/01/2021	21/07/2021
Planning and delivery of school infrastructure in New South Wales	14/10/2021	121	0	0	2	30		
Review of the New South Wales School Curriculum	6/02/2020	0	0	0	0	0	19/04/2021	19/10/2021
Teacher shortages in New South Wales	30/03/2022	196	0	0	0	0		
Termination of the former Managing Director of TAFE NSW	30/03/2022	0	0	0	2	3	26/05/2022	
Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Customer Service and Natural Resources								
2021 Inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979	25/11/2021	20	256	0	1	14	10/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	8	88	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Coal and Gas Legislation Amendment (Liverpool Plains Prohibition) Bill 2021	11/05/2021	2	81	0	1	8	12/08/2021	
Commencement of the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009	25/11/2021	49	0	0	0	0		
Electronic Conveyancing (Adoption of National Law) Amendment Bill 2022	22/02/2022	22	4	0	1	15	08/04/2022	
Long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry	25/03/2021	9	0	236	7	84		
Long-term sustainability of the dairy industry in New South Wales	3/12/2019	0	0	0	0	0	13/05/2021	12/11/2021
Petroleum (On-shore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences) Bill 2021	11/05/2021	2	128	0	1	8	12/08/2021	

Inquiry	Date Referred	Submissions	Questionnaire Responses	Proformas	Hearings	Witnesses	Final Report	Government Response
Portfolio Committee No. 5 –Regional NSW and Stronger Communities								
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	12	86	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport								
Acquisition of land in relation to major transport projects	10/03/2021	51	0	0	5	41		
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	11	103	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Privatisation of bus services	04/02/2022	199	1697	0	3	33		
Road tolling regimes	31/03/2021	189	503	0	6	48		
Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment								
Budget Estimates 2021-2022	23/06/2021	0	0	0	6	66	29/06/2022	
Budget Estimates 2022-2023	22/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021	19/10/2021	0	0	0	0	0	18/11/2021	
Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021	24/06/2021	162	0	32	1	21	10/08/2021	
Health and wellbeing of kangaroos and other macropods in New South Wales	15/03/2021	2	0	0	1	5	15/10/2021	12/04/2022
Integrity of the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme	24/06/2021	108	0	0	4	58		
Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Clean Air) Bill 2021	11/05/2021	3	0	0	1	14	17/11/2021	
Rationale for, and impacts of, new dams and other water infrastructure in NSW	12/08/2020	0	0	0	0	0	28/7/2021	20/09/2021 and 28/01/2022
Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Plastics Reduction) Bill 2021	16/03/2021	0	0	0	0	0	12/08/2021	14/02/2022
Public Accountability Committee								
Appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas	23/06/2022	0	0	0	1	1		
Budget process for independent oversight bodies and the Parliament of New South Wales	14/10/2019	0	0	0	0	0	24/03/2020 and 05/02/2021	05/08/2021 and 09/05/2022
Further inquiry into the regulation of building standards	24/05/2021	70	0	0	2	32	25/02/2022	
Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs	3/07/2020	0	0	0	2	6	24/02/2022	17/09/2021 and 08/06/2022
NSW Government's management of the COVID-19 pandemic	27/03/2020	0	0	0	7	71	25/03/2022	
Transport Asset Holding Entity	23/06/2021	11	0	0	6	31	08/04/2022	
Public Works Committee								
Costs for remediation of sites containing coal ash repositories	1/10/2019	0	0	0	0	0	22/003/2021	17/09/2021
Granting of contract number OoS17/18-021 by the Office of Sport	23/06/2021	30	0	0	2	13		
Impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link	24/03/2021	7	0	56	3	41		
New South Wales light rail services	17/11/2021	6	0	0	0	0		

Inquiry	Date Referred	Submissions	Questionnaire Responses	Proformas	Hearings	Witnesses	Final Report	Government Response
Regulation Committee								
Environmental planning instrument (SEPPs)	24/03/2021	0	0	0	0	0	10/08/2021	11/02/2022
Options for re-form of the management of delegated legislation in New South Wales	24/02/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Select Committees								
Select Committee on Floodplain Harvesting	23/06/2021	294	0	0	4	57	15/12/2021	25/05/2022
Select Committee on puppy farming in New South Wales	24/11/2021	937	0	0	2	42		
Select Committee on the conduct of elections in New South Wales	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Select Committee on the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales	6/05/2021	58	0	0	3	40	29/04/2022	
Select Committee on the Government's management of the Powerhouse Museum and other museums and cultural projects in New South Wales	27/02/2020	3	0	0	1	12		
Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021	19/11/2021	159	191	0	1	30	21/02/2022	
Select Committee on the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission	23/09/2020	4	0	0	2	27		
Select Committee on the High Level of First Nations People in Custody and Oversight and Review of Deaths in Custody	17/06/2020	0	0	0	0	0	15/04/2021	13/10/2021
Select Committee on the impact of technological and other change on the future of work and workers in New South Wales	24/03/2020	4	0	0	3	25	06/04/2022	
Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall	20/06/2019	6	0	0	2	29	05/10/2021	01/04/2022
Select Committee on the provisions of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2021	21/10/2020	0	0	0	0	0	10/06/2021	13/12/2021
Select Committee on the Response to Major Flooding across New South Wales in 2022	23/03/2022	88	0	0	6	161		
Select Committee on the status of water trading in New South Wales	29/03/2022	8	0	0	0	0		
Standing Committee on Law and Justice								
2020 Review of the Compulsory Third Party insurance scheme	21/09/2020	0	0	0	0	0	30/07/2021	30/11/2021
2020 Review of the Lifetime Care and Support scheme	21/09/2020	0	0	0	0	0	30/07/2021	
2020 Review of the Workers Compensation Scheme	18/03/2020	0	0	0	1	7	30/04/2021	03/11/2021
2021 Review of the Dust Diseases scheme	01/09/2021	19	0	0	2	23	10/06/2022	
2022 Review of the Workers Compensation scheme	17/06/2022	6	0	0	0	0		
Provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021	19/10/2021	3,073	40,672	0	3	78	22/02/2022	
Road Transport Amendment (Medicinal Cannabis-Exemptions from Offences) Bill 2021	23/11/2021	108	0	0	1	22		

Inquiry	Date Referred	Submissions	Questionnaire Responses	Proformas	Hearings	Witnesses	Final Report	Government Response
Standing Committee on Social Issues								
Crimes Amendment (Display of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2021	9/11/2021	8	50	0	1	9	22/02/2022	31/03/2022
Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010 – 57th Parliament	15/10/2019	0	0	0	0	0	04/05/2021	4/11/2021
Homelessness amongst older people aged over 55 in New South Wales	23/03/2022	91	0	0	0	0		
Review of the Heritage Act 1977	13/05/2021	156	0	0	5	43	22/10/2021	8/12/2021
State Records Act 1998 and the Policy Paper on its review	11/03/2020	0	0	0	0	0	15/10/2020	15/12/2021
Standing Committee on State Development								
Animal welfare policy in New South Wales	25/11/2021	312	0	0	2	45	15/06/2022	
Development of a hydrogen industry in New South Wales	8/12/2020	0	0	0	0	0	30/09/2021	30/03/2022
Privileges Committee								
Disputed claim of privilege and independent legal arbiter reports (March 2020)	24/03/2020	0	0	0	0	0	12/10/2021	
Proposal for a Compliance Officer for the NSW Parliament No. 2	16/08/2021	0	0	0	0	0	16/11/2021	
Examination, publication and use of cabinet documents by Legislative Council committees	16/11/2021	6	0	0	0	0	22/02/2022	
Consideration of disputed claims of privilege as referred by the House (May 2022)	04/04/2022	0	0	0	0	0	10/05/2022	
Consideration of disputed claims of privilege as referred by the Clerk under standing order 52B (September 2022)	22/08/2022	0	0	0	0	0	02/09/2022	
Special Report No. 14 of the Public Accountability Committee	10/08/2022	0	0	0	0	0		
Procedure Committee								
Review of the Standing and Sessional Orders	09/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0	31/03/2022	
Auslan interpretation for broadcasting	23/02/2022	11	0	0	0	0		
Operation of standing order 52	07/06/2022	1	0	0	0	0		
Impact of the sessional order variations to the scheduling of business and sitting days	26/02/2020	0	0	0	0	0		

JOINT COMMITTEES

Members of the Legislative Council also serve on joint standing, statutory and select committees administered by the Legislative Assembly:

- Joint Select Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020 (Select)
- Committee on Children and Young People (Joint Statutory)
- Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control (Select)
- Committee on Electoral Matters (Joint Standing)
- Committee on Health Care Complaints Commission (Joint Statutory)
- Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (Joint Statutory)
- Legislation Review Committee (Joint Statutory)
- Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission (Joint Statutory)
- Staysafe Committee, also known as the Road Safety Committee (Joint Standing)
- Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General (Joint Standing)

Appendix 5

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

The following Parliamentary Friendship Groups were in operation during the reporting period:

1. Parliamentary Friends of the ABC
2. Parliamentary Friends of Active Transport
3. Parliamentary Friends of AFL
4. Parliamentary Friends of Animals
5. Parliamentary Friends of Aquatic Recreation
6. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Argentina
7. Armenia-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group
8. Asia Pacific Friendship Group
9. Australasian Study of Parliament Group (NSW Chapter)
10. Parliamentary Friends of an Australian Head of State
11. Parliamentary Friends of Baseball and Softball
12. Parliamentary Friends of Basketball
13. Parliamentary Friends of Biosecurity
14. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Brazil
15. Parliamentary Friends of Catholic Schools
16. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Cricket
17. Parliamentary Friends of Defence and Veterans
18. Parliamentary Friends of the Country Women's association
19. Parliamentary Friends of Dementia
20. Parliamentary Friends of people with Disability
21. Parliamentary Friends of Duke of Edinburgh's Award
22. Parliamentary Friends of Egypt
23. Parliamentary Friends of the European Union
24. Parliamentary Friends of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
25. Parliamentary Friends of Forestry
26. Parliamentary Friends of France
27. Parliamentary Friends of Greyhound Racing
28. Friends of Hearing Health and Deafness
29. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Ireland
30. Parliamentary Friends of Israel
31. Parliamentary Friends of Italy
32. Parliamentary Friends of Landcare
33. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Lebanon
34. Parliamentary Friends of the LGBTIQ Community and Sydney World Pride 2023
35. Parliamentary Friends of Local Government
36. Parliamentary Friends of Macarthur Football Club
37. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Mental Health
38. Parliamentary Friends of Mining
39. Parliamentary Friends of Music
40. Parliamentary Friends of Mutuals and Cooperatives
41. Parliamentary Friends of Nature
42. Parliamentary Friends of Nuclear
43. Parliamentary Friends of Older People
44. Parliamentary Friends of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements in NSW
45. Parliamentary Auxiliary of St. John
46. Parliamentary Friends of Palestine
47. Parliamentary Friends of Palliative Medicine, Nursing and Care
48. Parliamentary Friends of Police and Emergency Services
49. Parliamentary Friends of Poland
50. Parliamentary Friends for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
51. Parliamentary Friends of Public Schools
52. Parliamentary Friends of Racing and Breeding
53. Parliamentary Friends of Reconciliation
54. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Religious Freedom
55. Parliamentary Friends of Rotary International
56. Parliamentary Friends of Rugby League
57. Parliamentary Friends of Rugby Union Group
58. Parliamentary Friends of Scotland Group
59. NSW Parliamentary Friends of Scouting
60. Parliamentary Friends of Seafood
61. Parliamentary Friends of Small Business
62. Parliamentary Friends of Surf Lifesaving
63. Parliamentary Friends of the Sydney Swans
64. NSW Parliamentary Taiwan Friendship Group
65. Parliamentary Friends of Turkey
66. Parliamentary Friends of the United Kingdom
67. Parliamentary Friends of the United States of America
68. Parliamentary Friends of Western Sydney Wanderers
69. Parliamentary Friends of Women's Health.









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