



Working in the Legislative Council

A unique professional development program for public sector officers

About the program

The working in the Legislative Council program is a 12-week professional development initiative. It is offered to outstanding departmental officers who want to gain first-hand experience of the operations of Parliament, including Legislative Council committees and the annual Budget Estimates process.

This year the program runs from 14 August to 3 November 2017.

The successful applicant will play a major role in the administration of the 2017-2018 Budget Estimates hearings scheduled for 31 August to 8 September 2017. Participants will also be able to observe parliamentary procedure during the Spring parliamentary session.

Here is what a former participant had to say about their experience:

The opportunity to participate in the 'Working in the Legislative Council' program provided an invaluable professional development experience and insight into the workings of the NSW Upper House. Being part of the team administering the 2016-17 Budget Estimates hearings provided a unique perspective and deepened my understanding of the annual inquiry process.

I also enjoyed the opportunity to work on two committee inquiries and experience the workings of the Procedure Office during Parliament's spring session. I cannot recommend the Working in the LC program highly enough, and encourage interested officers to apply - this is an excellent opportunity to work in a dynamic, high-performing team and learn so much along the way.

Belinda King, 2016 program participant

Eligibility

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

To apply

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

Your application package should include a copy of a completed application form and a covering letter (maximum two pages) addressing the targeted questions. The application form and the targeted questions can be downloaded via the following parliamentary website:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/departments/Pages/The-Working-in-the-LC-Program.aspx>

Applications close on **COB, Monday 26 June 2017**. Interviews will be held soon after this date.

To find out more information on the program please contact Ms Shaza Barbar, Council Officer, Committees by email to budget.estimateds@parliament.nsw.gov.au or by telephone (02) 9230 3067.