



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 **13 August to 2 November 2018**.

The successful applicant will play a major role in the administration of the 2018-2019 Budget Estimates hearings scheduled for 30 August to 7 September 2018. Participants will also be able to work on other committee inquiries and observe parliamentary procedure during the Spring parliamentary session.

Here is what one of last year's participants had to say about their experience:

The Working in the Legislative Council program was a great opportunity to support the NSW Upper House. Working on the 2017/18 Budget Estimates process, along with other committee inquiries, I saw the 'House of Review' in action, including its interactions with NSW Government and the public. I was given opportunities to draft sections of committee reports, prepare for hearings, speak with submission authors, and learn more about Legislative Council members. I also saw the unique preparatory work behind introducing the Aboriginal Languages Bill. I've taken so much away from this experience and would recommend the program to anyone who would like to learn more about the inquiries and procedural work behind the NSW Legislative Council and work with a great and supportive team.

(Esther Song, 2017 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.estimatedes@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Your application package should include a copy of a completed application form and a cover 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 **COB, Monday 25 June 2018**. 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.estimatedes@parliament.nsw.gov.au or by telephone (02) 9230 3067.