



Seminar

Marking 25 years of the committee system in the Legislative Council

**Friday 20 September 2013
Parliament House**

9.30 – 10.45 **Welcome and keynote address** **Theatrette**

9.30 – 9.40

Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments

9.40 – 10.00

Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council

10.00 – 10.30

Keynote address

Inquiry powers in an era of executive dominance: Orders for papers by Legislative Council Committees

Mr Bret Walker SC

Questions

10.45 – 11.15 **Morning tea** **Fountain Court**

11.15 – 12.15 **Session 1 : Holding the government to account** **Macquarie Room**

Session Chair:
Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC

Associate Professor Rodney Smith, Department of Government and International Relations, The University of Sydney

Hon Helen Sham-Ho OAM, former Chair, GPSC No. 3

Hon Amanda Fazio MLC, Opposition Whip, former President of the Legislative Council

Mr Quentin Dempster, Journalist, Presenter of 7.30 NSW, ABC TV

Questions

12.15 – 1.15 **Session 2 : Developing policy for NSW citizens** **Macquarie Room**

Session Chair:
Hon Niall Blair MLC

Hon Max Willis, former President of the Legislative Council and former Chair, Social Issues Committee

Mrs Ann Symonds, former Chair of the Social Issues Committee

Hon John Hatzistergos, former Attorney General and former member, Law and Justice Committee

Ms Alison Peters, Director, Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS)

Questions

1.15 – 2.15 **Lunch** **Jubilee Room**

