

Glossary

Clerk of the Parliament

The Clerk of the Parliament is the highest ranking permanent, non-political officer in the Parliament. The Clerk guides the Speaker and Members on the rules and practices of Parliament.

Executive Government

The Executive Government is the arm of government responsible for the implementation of the laws passed by the Parliament.

Financial year

The period of 12 months beginning on 1 July and ending on 30 June the following year.

Hansard

The official report of the debates and proceedings of Parliament and its committees. This report is now known as the Record of Proceedings.

Initiative

A business initiative is an organisation's way of setting priority. It usually describes the direction the organisation wants to take and how it will improve the organisation.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

A set of indicators that assist in measuring overall performance and reflect the health of the organisation.

Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is a body of people elected to represent constituencies and introduce, amend or repeal legislation. The Queensland Legislative Assembly is made up of 93 elected representatives.

Parliament

The Queensland Parliament consists of the Legislative Assembly and the King, represented by the Governor. The Parliament (or legislature) is separate to the Executive Government.

Parliamentary Service

The Parliamentary Service consists of staff members who provide support services to Members of Parliament at Parliament House in Brisbane and in the 97 electorate offices throughout Queensland.

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Speaker

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland has ceremonial, procedural and administrative responsibilities for the Queensland Parliament and Parliamentary Service. The Speaker impartially presides over the sittings of Parliament, maintaining order in the House and ensuring the rules of Parliament (Standing Orders) are observed.

Tabled papers

Any documents that are tabled in the Queensland Parliament (presented to the House) are registered and archived at Parliament House. The Tabled Papers Database on the Parliament's website provides electronic access to tabled papers.