Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament of Queensland

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QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT TO HOST MAJOR PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP ON TACKLING CYBERSECURITY

The Queensland Parliament will proudly host a parliamentary workshop to discuss cybercrime and cybersecurity.

The Asia-Pacific regional workshop being held from 25 to 28 July – organised by the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in partnership with the Queensland Parliament – forms part of a major international parliamentary project on cybercrime.

The project – funded by the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office – will also see the production of an innovative and freely available e-handbook. This will bring together examples of good practice and case studies in order to build a comprehensive resource to aid parliamentarians in their implementation and oversight of cybersecurity laws.

Further regional workshops will take place in Africa and the Caribbean, before a major international conference on national security is held in London next spring.

Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, Mr Peter Wellington, MP said, "Parliamentarians have a responsibility to ensure that national security is hardwired into all aspects of the legislative process, therefore I am delighted that the Queensland Parliament is hosting this important and exciting conference.

"We have an integral role in legislation, budget approval and scrutiny, and so we are uniquely positioned to influence the shape and content of national cybersecurity and cybercrime strategies.

"With 3.3 billion people online – almost half the global population – the issue of cybersecurity and cybercrime is now firmly on the global agenda, and I look forward to promoting the good work that has already been done in Queensland whilst learning about what other countries are doing.

"I look forward to putting the skills and examples of best practice that I hope to gain during the workshop to practical and effective use to ensure that Queensland has a fully-functioning cybersecurity strategy."

Notes to Editors
You can find more about the project at - http://www.uk-cpa.org/events-projects/cybersecurity/
The hashtag for the event is #CyberParl
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