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Parliamentary Service

BUDGET 2025-26

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Question on Notice 1

Page 1 of the SDS makes reference to a new organisational structure to be introduced in 2025-26. Can the Speaker advise why the restructure was necessary and how it will help improve service delivery?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Every modern organisation needs to constantly evolve to respond to changes in its external environment, technology, workforce, and customer expectations and needs. The Queensland Parliamentary Service is no different.

The last significant organisational restructure occurred in 2016 when the existing two divisional structure was replaced with a four divisional structure to improve governance and service delivery, and organise work areas together that shared certain synergies in terms of customer groups, shared knowledge or overlapping service delivery.

In 2024 the Clerk of the Parliament commenced a strategic review of the Parliamentary Service. The 2024 review was needed and timely for a number of reasons:

- The time elapsed since the last major review and significant restructure in 2016;
- The strategic outlook for the Parliamentary Service in the next three to four years, with major work on digitisation and workforce planning and implementation required; and
- The impacts of additional electorate office resources following the introduction of the 2nd Assistant Electorate Officer initiative in July 2024. As a result, electorate office staff now make up over 60% of total staffing FTE equivalents in the Service.

The strategic review included a number of externally facilitated workshops that included representatives from all areas of the Parliamentary Service including electorate office staff.

The Strategic Review process confirmed the most important issues to be addressed:

- The need to continue our digitisation program because system and process automation will lead to reduction of time and effort for QPS staff. Slippage in the current program needs to be tightly monitored and addressed.
- The need to better integrate our human and technology resources – for example: moving from desktop to notebook/laptops where practicable; and move away from one size fits all for equipment in electorate offices to more choice (menu) to fit individual needs.
- Improve ITS security and safety to mitigate cyber risk.
- Increase service satisfaction through people capability uplift and address employee engagement. Key to this is the completion of work program supporting the 2022 Workforce Strategy.
- The need to ensure the best documentation of all our processes for future learning and teaching.

There were a number of major ideas coming from the Strategic Review that impact on organisational structure, endorsed by the Clerk including:

- a) Creation of a Director, Strategy and Learning to lead strategic planning, associated initiatives and freed from most of the operational “business as usual” obligations. This unit will deliver a ‘one stop shop’ for strategic transformation. The unit will be supported by existing teams from other service areas as appropriate to the strategic projects underway.

Given current strategic priorities are focused on digital transformation and the Workforce Strategy, the operational units of IT Services and People and Culture will also sit with this Division to assist planning and implementation.

- b) Create a new Electorate Office Service Coordination Unit to deliver a dedicated focus on Electorate office support to ensure consistency of service. This unit will feature two full-time staff working with the Director, Corporate and Electorate Services. These roles will not only support improved service delivery and communication between precinct service areas and electorate offices, but also look for opportunities to help make front line services delivered by electorate staff, to the community, more efficient and effective.

The new structure will also dedicate ongoing resources to deliver and further expand the ParleLearn online Learning Management System, and improve the delivery of support services for Member's physical electorate offices via the Electorate Office Accommodation Unit.

Following a formal consultation period with precinct and electorate office staff and union representatives, on 29 May 2025 the Speaker approved the new organisational structure.

With the increasing pace of change affecting all organisations, the new structure commenced from 1 July 2025 and has been approved for an initial period of three years until the current key priorities are delivered. At that time the structure will again be reviewed and reassessed.

Question on Notice 2

Page 2 of the SDS makes reference to a major program to deliver the remaining stages of the Parliamentary Annexe refurbishment. Can the Speaker outline the scope of the project and planned timelines for completion?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

In 2018, a review of the Parliamentary Annexe was completed to assess the current state and future requirements for infrastructure and services, upgrades and refurbishments required to extend the building life, meet future public and client demands, and works necessary to address building code non-compliance to provide a safe working environment for Members and staff. The review also drew on several independent appraisals from other technical experts commissioned as part of a later 2019 Review.

Overall findings from the independent review found that:

- a) Key infrastructure services were nearing or past their usable life expectancy, did not meet modern building code requirements, and relied on outdated technologies that were not energy efficient; and
- b) Significant safety risks existed in respect of Annexe fire protection systems and non-compliant equitable access throughout the precinct.

The review identified that for operational buildings to achieve their full design life, they require a mid-life refurbishment and upgrade of major infrastructure to extend its life and bring it in line with current safety and technology standards and efficiency.

As part of the 2021-22 Budget process, CBRC approved funding to meet costs associated with the Annexe Tower Member office and accommodation levels 9 to 23 refurbishment. Works also included external façade repairs and rectification to address urgent safety concerns.

Total funding of \$75.9 million was allocated to the project, including CBRC funding of \$73.79 million (approved in four tranches), and Parliamentary Service contribution of \$2.204 million.

The Annexe Tower Members' office and accommodation floors were completed in April 2024 at total cost of \$74.9 million.

During 2024-25, work has been focussed on:

- a) Addressing significant waterproofing and plumbing issues on the level 7 podium area, upgrading AV equipment and facilities for function guests, and façade repairs and rectification to levels 3-7 of the Annexe. This work was included in the overall funding envelope approved by CBRC for the project;
- b) Provision of dedicated committee hearing rooms on level 3 with broadcast standard AV systems, and a dedicated control room. Work was also completed to deliver a basic Members' lounge facility to offer scope for Members to self-prepare meals if desired; and
- c) Redevelopment of office spaces for Committees, Library, IT Services and Corporate Services following the opening of new Committee Rooms on the ground floor of the Annexe.

Works outlined above for level 3 and level 6 have been completed with costs met by the Parliamentary Service from existing budget.

More recently, as part of the 2025-26 Budget process CBRC approved total funding of \$28.1 million over four years to address remaining areas of the Annexe on levels 3, 5 and 6 to complete the necessary “mid-life upgrade” recommended in the earlier consultant reports, together with functionality improvements to deliver a more modern and flexible workspace.

Specific work stages and proposed implementation timelines are as follows:

Project Stage	Description	Proposed Delivery
Stage 3 (Level 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert existing Committee offices into new open plan offices for Payroll and Finance units Build new communal staff kitchen and basic dining/meeting area Upgrade of northern toilet amenities to increase capacity and address equitable access compliance 	FY 2025-26
Stage 4 (Level 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New office area for Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commissioner Relocate Property Services to level 5 offices (previously occupied by IT) New Committee hearing room on level 5 New meeting rooms on level 5 Replace external colonnade paving between Annexe and Parliament House (level 5) 	FY 2026-27
Stage 5 (Level 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelop cafeteria and coffee lounge into single joined space to improve service delivery and provide improved capacity Toilet amenities upgrade to increase capacity and address equitable access compliance 	FY 2026-27
Stage 6 (Level 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Security Control Hub located at level 3 public entrance Upgrade Access Control systems for Parliament House and Annexe levels 1-7 Install new CCTV along with analytics and intruder tracking for improved Precinct security Install new Building Management System for control of air-conditioning, lighting and other plant and equipment Relocate Gym from level 7 to level 3 ground floor and expand to include new ‘End of Trip’ facilities New Members outdoor BBQ area with undercover access adjacent to Members’ lounge and relocation of smoking zones 	FY 2027-28
Stage 7 (Levels 3 and 5 outdoor areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace external paving areas surrounding Speakers’ Green (level 3) and construct new external toilet amenities for public guests at outdoor events Redevelop level 3 outdoor area adjacent to Gardens Point Road to deliver a new multi-purpose outdoor green area for smaller events, and staff breaks, etc. Remove existing outdoor Garden Shed (asbestos risk) 	FY 2027-28 to FY 2028-29

Question on Notice 3

Page 2 of the SDS refers to additional funding totalling \$2.9 million over 4 years to upgrade ageing electorate office security systems. Can the Speaker advise why this program is necessary and what benefits the upgrade will deliver?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Members' Electorate offices by their nature can be subjected to elevated security risks compared to the broader community. The Electorate office security strategy relies on a mix of physical controls, electronic surveillance and alarm systems, and reporting and awareness protocols.

In 2023-24, a technical survey identified that 80% of installed Electorate office security systems had reached their end of asset life and were no longer supported for spare parts, etc.

Other significant issues include:

- The current reliance on third party providers for hardware (keys, access cards or fobs), monitoring, software, commissioning and functional testing, resulted in operational and financial inefficiencies.
- There is no current capacity to remotely access the security system or the CCTV system installed in all electorate offices.
- Remote access is not capable to any electorate office in the event of emergency, where many sites remain accessible by hard key or physical keypad lock.
- The ageing equipment would likely soon incur significant costs to repair while delivering no improved functionality.

The proposed upgrade program will involve replacement of existing system across all 97 electorate office sites through Queensland.

Benefits to be delivered include:

- Access cards and site access can be managed and issued internally by Queensland Parliamentary Services - Security. This will increase and expedite services to Members and Staff.
- Remote access, arming, testing and monitoring of systems can be provided by Queensland Parliamentary Services - Security, along with training and technical assistance to staff.
- Onboarding and offboarding of electorate office staff access can be managed internally by integration of P&C, ITS and Security systems.
- Access to CCTV systems in the event of an emergency for video verification and reporting can be facilitated.
- Increased security and reliability of system functionality for Members and Staff.
- Reduced risk of significant system failures by providing a uniform and reliable system for 10+ years.
- Increased operational efficiencies to better service Members and staff.
- Improved monitoring in the event of incidents through integration via the existing CCTV installations covering public facing areas in each office.

Question on Notice 4

Page 1 of the SDS provides that one of the Parliamentary Service's objectives is to safeguard, promote and strengthen the important institution of Parliament. Can the Speaker outline specific activities undertaken by the Parliamentary Service in 2024-25 to support this objective?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**a) Public Tours**

Parliamentary Education offers tours of the building to the public, three times a day, five days a week. In 2024-25 the offering was expanded. The tour times were lengthened from thirty to forty-five minutes and were able to move from only providing one tour a day on sitting days to three tours a day.

b) Promoting Parliament Through Dining

Since June 2019, members of the public have been able to book lunch at the Strangers' Dining Room at Parliament House. This initiative was expanded in July 2019 to include a weekly dinner service, making Queensland's Parliament more accessible to the broader community.

In October 2022, a dedicated website was launched to separate catering and dining content from the main Parliamentary Service site. This was followed by the introduction of a standalone Instagram account in 2024. This commercially focussed approach has improved usability for external clients and enabled more targeted promotion of dining services.

Promoting catering and dining offerings to the public has led to a significant increase in engagement, particularly via the dedicated Instagram account, which grew by more than 1,500% over the last financial year.

Dining at Parliament offers more than a memorable culinary experience. It provides a unique opportunity for the public to engage with Queensland's democratic institution. Visitors can learn about the building's history, architecture, and the daily workings of Parliament, often complemented by the chance to join guided tours. This fosters greater transparency, trust, and civic awareness.

c) Visitors at Brisbane Open House 2024

In July 2024, Parliament House once again took part in Brisbane Open House, welcoming more than 800 guests for self-guided tours through the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Council Chamber, and Strangers' Restaurant. Visitors explored the rich heritage and architecture of the building while learning about the history of Queensland Parliament.

Brisbane Open House is the only day each year that Parliament House opens to the public on a weekend, offering a rare chance for visitors to walk through and spend time in areas not usually accessible.

The event featured a range of engaging children's activities designed to spark curiosity and make learning about Parliament fun and interactive. Informative displays throughout the building highlighted key moments in Queensland's political history, architectural features, and the daily workings of Parliament. Friendly and knowledgeable officers were stationed throughout the tour route, ready to answer questions, share insights, and guide visitors of all ages through the experience.

Programs like this help make Parliament more accessible, foster public trust, and inspire learning for all ages.

d) Celebrating 100 Women Elected to Queensland Parliament

Following the election of members to the 58th Parliament, Queensland has reached a significant milestone: 100 women have now been elected to the Queensland Parliament. This achievement is part of a long and continuing journey towards gender equality in politics.

Reaching 100 women in Parliament is a testament to the progress made, but it also serves as a reminder that the work for fair and equal representation is far from over.

To commemorate this historic milestone, several special events and activities took place:

- Friday 2 May – Strangers' Restaurant hosted a special panel Q&A event in celebration of International Women's Day featuring former and current female members.
- Sunday 31 March – Our education team, in partnership with the Queensland Debating Union Inc., hosted a spirited debate on the topic: "This House believes that apoliticism is immoral." Eight female secondary school students led the discussion.
- Parliamentary Annexe Display including an exhibition celebrating pioneering women in Queensland politics featuring Irene Longman, our first female Member of Parliament, and a register of all 110 women who have served since her election in 1929.
- Parliamentary Gift Shop items including limited edition 100 Women in Parliament commemorative products such as tote bags, scarves, and a locally produced pink gin liqueur, also available in Lucinda Bar.
- 100 Women Video – viewers can hear from current female Members of Parliament as they share their wisdom, advice for future generations, and a few fun facts, including their go-to coffee orders and the soundtrack to their political journeys. Watch the video at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/100women.

e) Parliament at the Musgrave Park Family Fun Day

In July 2024, the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group hosted a stall at the Musgrave Park Family Fun Day for the second consecutive year. The initiative aims to strengthen relationships and increase engagement with First Nations communities, while publicly demonstrating our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. The day is a family friendly festival of live entertainment, exhibits and activities showcasing First Nations People, Culture and Heritage held during NAIDOC Week.

Visitors to the stall were invited to explore the many ways they can engage with Parliament, such as contacting their local Member of Parliament, starting or signing a petition, or making submissions to Parliamentary Committees on draft legislation and current inquiries.

Guests also had the opportunity to take a photo with the education team's replica mace, set against a backdrop of the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Question on Notice 5

Budget Paper 3 (Capital Statement) refers to a total budget of \$1.891 million over 2023-24 and 2024-25 for a major initiative to implement the Parliament's digital transformation program. Can the Speaker advise of specific works delivered to date, and works planned for 2024-25?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

In February 2024, under the Digital Transformation and Modernisation Program, the Parliamentary Service delivered a comprehensive upgrade to the audio system in the Green Chamber. This upgrade has greatly improved the audio quality in the Chamber and has provided greater audio clarity for Hansard Reporters. The new technology and improvements implemented for the Green Chamber set the foundation for the uplift and standardisation of the broadcast audio system across the Precinct.

In the past year, this program also delivered two new contemporary Committee Rooms with fully integrated digital audio and Video Conferencing capabilities. The new Committee Rooms feature purpose-built digital systems, an upgrade from the previously employed analogue technologies, that deliver a modern Committee experience.

The functionality available in the new rooms enable both Committee Members and Witnesses to participate in the process via a hybrid format, either in person, by phone call or by a virtual presence.

Following the delivery of the new Committee Rooms, the Parliamentary Service also delivered audio visual upgrades to the Undumbi room and Dandiir room. The enhancements included new audio systems and controls, improved sound reinforcement, camera upgrades and improvements to the in-room display systems. Further improvements are planned for the Undumbi room, to add a video conferencing capability.

The "Committee-in-a-box" concept also enables increased flexibility of spaces that can be used to facilitate committee hearings. This will be demonstrated through the estimates process where we will be utilising one of these "Committee-in-a-box" setups in the Red Chamber.

Future Digital Transformation audio visual projects commencing this year include similar in-room audio visual upgrades to the Speaker's Hall and Red Chamber, and a full upgrade of the Broadcast Video Production System. This work is essential to renew and expand business critical technology infrastructure and migrate from legacy analogue technologies and standards to more contemporary solutions and capabilities.

Question on Notice 6

The SDS makes reference to programs to refurbish the Parliamentary Annexe and also undertake Electorate office improvements. Can the Speaker advise the extent of any damage to the precinct or electorate offices as a result of Cyclone Alfred in March 2025 and whether all necessary repairs have been completed?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Parliament House:

Following Cyclone Alfred in March 2025 various leaks were recorded through the building fabric on level C of the heritage listed Parliament House. On inspection, levels A and B of the building showed no visible water ingress though some areas/rooms recorded peeling paint. The damage on level A and B was likely a result of damp stone from water leaks in areas on level C of the building.

After inspection and consultation with a façade specialist, specialist copper roof contractor and Heritage architect, a methodology to rectify the roof issues was developed. It was identified that the copper roof sheeting is generally in good condition with no leaks detected. All leaks were occurring along the external walls because of defects in the flashing details in three areas:

1. Deterioration in the overlap detail between steps on the box gutters which could allow water backflow between the joints during significant weather events.
2. Water penetration on the stone parapet wall running along the box gutters. As sandstone is porous, water is penetrating down into the building during significant weather events.
3. Missing water proofing detail on the Dormer roof above the level C Bernays Room resulting in water penetration during significant weather events

In April 2025, the copper roof specialist was engaged to rectify the worst impacted areas along Alice Street.

The remaining parapet wall, box gutter and dormer works were tendered in June 2025. The successful contractor commenced 30 June 2025 concentrating on impacted offices on the George Street and QUT corner.

Due to existing commitments the specialist copper roofing contractor will return in September for the remaining works.

As a result of the leaks, several offices were damaged and cannot be occupied until completion of the roof works and removal of detached plaster sections, followed by re-plastering and paint.

On completion and testing of the roof works along Alice Street, works commenced on the office refurbishment. This will involve extensive re-plastering using traditional heritage techniques.

Estimated dates for re-occupancy:

Stage	Area	Estimated date
Stage 1	C18 – Leader of the House C 9, C11, C15 – Hansard Staff C17 -Deputy Speaker & C 20 – Staff Office	Re-entered 22/07/2025 1/09/2025 15/09/2025
Stage 2	C29 – Minister Office C28 – Minister Office	30/09/2025
Stage 3	C13 – AV Broadcast C7 – Staff Office C3 – Billiard Room C4 – Bernays Room	15/12/2025

Electorate Offices:

Twenty-five (25) sites were affected by the heavy rains and winds of Cyclone Alfred. Details below:

Site name	Issue details
Aspley	Dank/damp smell in the office/reception area. Water marks on ceiling tiles
Bancroft	Leaks - various places
Bonney	Power out to half site, HVAC not working
Bulimba	Internal leaks
Bundamba	Flooded internally
Coomera	Lessor closed site for 1 day
Cooper	Ceiling collapse - water leaks
Gregory (Emerald)	Ceiling leaks
Hervey Bay	Power out, site closed for 3 days
Jordan	Flooded internally
Lytton	Leaks -various and auto door beeping
Macalister	Power out
Mansfield	Water ingress in reception
Mudgeeraba	Ceiling collapse - water leaks
Nicklin	Ceiling leaks- damaged and mouldy tiles
Pumicestone	Roof lifted
Redlands	Ceiling leaks
Rockhampton	Water ingress through windows and ceilings
South Brisbane	Power loss multiple days - HVAC not working
Southport	Ceiling leaks
Stafford	Damaged ceiling tiles x 6
Theodore	Roof leak into walls
Thuringowa	Roof/Ceiling Leak- Ceiling panels collapsed
Traeger (Charters Towers)	Water ingress - flood water entered from street. Damage to flooring and cabinetry.
Waterford	Water damage to various ceiling tiles

All sites have had issues rectified except for:

- Mudgeeraba that continues to have ongoing issues with water leaks both prior to and post Cyclone Alfred.
- Bundamba that also has water leaks into certain areas of the site that has previously been rectified.
- Traeger (Charters Towers) – damage to flooring and cabinetry.

Question on Notice 7

Page 2 of the SDS refers to funding over 3 years totalling \$11.2 million to deliver priority electorate office relocations and refurbishment projects. Can the Speaker advise why this program is needed and the general criteria on which individual office projects have been prioritised?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

The *Members' Remuneration Handbook* provides that each Member is provided with a single fully maintained electorate office; with Members representing the four largest electorates provided with an additional office. Under this program the Parliamentary Service maintains and administers 97 leased premises (electorate offices) across Queensland.

The Handbook also provides that from time to time it may necessary or beneficial to relocate an office. Office relocations may be considered for a range of reasons including:

- Electorate boundary redistributions (may result in electorate with no existing office within boundary);
- Changing security, equitable access and functional office standards;
- Termination of lease by landlord under contractual provisions; and
- Requests by Members based on electorate and site-specific factors including changing demographics, issues with neighbouring tenants, etc.

From 2019 to 2024, 28 electorate offices were relocated due to redistribution, compliance to meet security and accessibility requirements, eviction due to lease end or redevelopment; or at the member's request.

In 2024-25, five relocations and five refurbishments were approved, with all or partial funding allocated from the current and previous financial years' capital budgets. All these projects are in progress.

As part of the 2024-25 budget process, the Government approved the provision of an additional full-time staffing FTE across 93 electorate offices. A subsequent internal review has identified that many existing offices are now inadequate to suitably accommodate additional staff within existing size or design constraints. The assessment determined that 21 electorate offices have size constraints and require relocation or expansion over the next three financial years.

In addition, during 2023 and 2024 condition inspections were undertaken of each of the 97 electorate offices. The condition assessment program determined that 10 electorate offices have been rated as high priority and in need of a refurbishment to existing tenancies over the next three financial years.

Due to significant increases over recent years in the cost of a full office relocation, the Parliamentary Service has actively sought to identify opportunities to refurbish existing tenancies where appropriate and negotiate long term leases as a more cost-effective strategy.

The funding was sought to deliver a total of 21 office relocations and 10 office refurbishments across 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28, representing approximately one third of the total electorate office portfolio.

The timing of works across the three-years has been scheduled based on several factors including:

- Comparative tenancy size and functional impacts
- Severity of current condition ratings
- Existing lease commitments (i.e. lease expiry dates) which can trigger additional costs to break leases.

The program seeks to deliver electorate office accommodation that:

- a) Provides a contemporary and safe workspace suited to the staffing resources of each office;
- b) Ensures greater consistency between the size, fit-out, security and equitable access considerations across the electorate office portfolio as set out in the Parliamentary Service Electorate Office Fit-out Standards;
- c) Reduces workplace health and safety risks associated with outdated office furniture and design, and site security limitations.

The specific offices identified in the work program for the next three years are considered the highest priority offices based on an internal assessment by the Parliamentary Service. Failure to address these issues increases workplace health and safety risks, security risks, and increases office maintenance costs. A copy of the detailed condition assessment schedule is available if required.

Question on Notice 8

Budget Paper 4 (Budget Measures) refers to additional funding provided for costs associated with the 2024 State Election. Can the Speaker provide an overview of activities and programs delivered by the Parliamentary Service to support the transition of Members to the new Parliament?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Following the Queensland State Election in October 2024, 24 new Members of the Queensland Parliament were elected. The transition from the 57th to the current 58th Parliament involved a series of administrative and logistical processes as well as formal activities and programs:

a) Electorate Office handover

- Activities associated with the transition of new Members' electorate offices include replacement of electorate office signage, arranging office cleaning, managing document destruction, sanitisation of office computers and cloud-based drives and files. At the precinct, activities included vacating, cleaning and reallocation of office and overnight rooms, updating car park and security permissions, establishing new IT network identity accounts.

b) New Members' Induction Program

- A new Members' Induction Program was delivered across three sections:
 - Section A was held from 12-14 November 2024
 - Section B was held 18-19 November 2024, and
 - Section C on 17 February 2025.
- The following themes were covered:
 - Role of a Member of Parliament
 - Member's salaries, allowances and travel
 - Managing electorate offices
 - Member's entitlements
 - Parliamentary precinct support
 - Media
 - The Parliamentary institution and protocol
 - Parliamentary practice and procedure
 - Members' interests and ethics
 - Queensland statutory office holders
- For the first time the Parliamentary Service partnered with the McKinnon Institute, who took lead in presentations on 14 November 2024 on topics such as:
 - The institutional context of being a Member
 - First speeches
 - Ethics of decision making
 - Strategies for high performance and personal resilience
- Presentations were also given by external agencies, including:
 - Queensland Police Service
 - Queensland University of Technology Social Media expert
 - Queensland Parliamentary Counsel
 - Queensland Integrity Commissioner
 - Queensland Judiciary
 - Queensland Ombudsman
 - Queensland Information Commissioner
 - Queensland Auditor General

➤ Crime and Corruption Commission

- A follow up session was held on 17 February 2025 to allow new Members an opportunity to raise any issues after reflection on their first few months and ask questions of Parliamentary Service Area Leaders.

c) Opening of Parliament

- The 58th Parliament of Queensland sat for the first time on 26 November 2024. Members were sworn in and the Speaker was elected. The Speaker was presented to Her Excellency at Government House on 26 November 2024.
- The Official Opening of the 58th Parliament was held on 27 November 2024.
- The Opening is a significant event that involves a co-ordinated effort between the Parliamentary Service, Premier's Department, Office of the Governor, the Australian Defence Force and the Queensland Police Service.
- A 19-gun artillery salute was fired from Kangaroo Point upon the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor.
- Other features of the opening included: inspection by Her Excellency of the Guard (provided by 8th/9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment), the Australian Army Band and the Mounted Police Escort; an Indigenous welcome by Shannon Ruska; the Governor's Opening Speech; and performances on the Speaker's Green by Tribal Experiences a Brisbane based Aboriginal dance group and the Wagga Torres Strait Islander Dance Company,
- Over 615 people attended the Opening, including Members and their families, along with representatives from the judiciary, consulate, clergy and other officials.

d) New Electorate Office Staff Induction

- Induction programs for new electorate staff were held as follows:
 - Electorate Officers, 24-26 February 2025
 - Assistant Electorate Officers – 24-28 March 2025
- The New Electorate Officer program conducted over three days and included:
 - One day dedicated to customised "*Managing difficult interactions and building emotional resilience*" program;
 - One day dedicated to various in-house presentations and networking facilitated by Parliamentary Service leaders;
 - One day dedicated to a new "Setting up and maintaining a high performing electorate office" delivered by an external facilitator.
- The New Assistant Electorate Officer program was delivered over two days and included:
 - One day dedicated to customised "*Managing difficult interactions and building emotional resilience*" program;
 - One day dedicated to various in-house presentations and networking facilitated by Parliamentary Service leaders.
- In total, 76 electorate staff attended the sessions above. Feedback received on both courses was overwhelmingly positive.

Question on Notice 9

Page 1 of the SDS provides that one of the Parliamentary Service's objectives is to safeguard, promote and strengthen the important institution of Parliament. Can the Speaker outline specific activities or programs delivered by the Parliamentary Service Education team to support this objective?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

The Parliamentary Education and Liaison Team use their limited resources strategically to deliver a diverse range of activities through their education program.

In 2024-25, the Parliamentary Education team engaged with 25,010 individuals. 22,817 at Parliament House, 1,151 virtually and 1,042 in other locations across Queensland.

Key annual programs included:

- Excursions for school students (17,485 participants).
- Curriculum linked Legal Studies programs for high school students (1,200 participants). This number has nearly doubled this year as the number of students per group has increased to accommodate increasing demand.
- Six Youth Parliaments (Brisbane North Youth Parliament, Legal Studies Youth Parliament, Eric Deeral Youth Parliament, Kingaroy Youth Parliament, Deaf Youth Parliament and Townsville Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament) (1,663 participants).
- A tertiary program accessed by students from UQ, Bond and QUT (158 participants).
- Public Service Seminars held both at Parliament House and in Townsville (878 participants).
- Regional classroom visits to 21 schools in Townsville, Kingaroy, Charters Towers, Ayr, Kilcoy, Woodford, Murgon, Cherbourg, Tanduringie, Toogoolawah, Cooyar, Linville, Kumbia and Benarkin. (604 participants).
- Teacher professional development offered online as well as at the Business Educators Association of Queensland and the Social and Civics Educators Association of Queensland Conferences. Teacher professional development is now available on demand.

In addition, targeted projects and programs included:

- The Build Your Parliament in Minecraft Competition. The winner of the second iteration of the competition was announced on 18 July. The winning team constructed a truly excellent representation of the façade of the parliament, the grand staircase, the members reading room and the former Legislative Council Chamber. This has been added to the model of the Legislative Assembly chamber that was constructed last year, and now completes the model. The Minecraft Education file is available for download and is accompanied by lesson plans and teacher guides to assist regional and remote schools to engage with the parliament through this favoured contemporary platform. The Build your Parliament in Minecraft Competition has been documented in the Australasian Parliamentary Review – Journal of the Australasian Studies of Parliament Group.
- The design and delivery of a new public service seminar "Money Matters – Understanding Budget and Estimates at Queensland Parliament".
- The development of a picture book to support teaching civics in Queensland classrooms. The book is due for publication in 2026 and will commemorate the milestone of 100 Women elected to Parliament and encourage civic engagement in young people.
- The development of a customisable set of resources from Members, including the 'How Parliament Works' book and accompanying classroom resources and presentations.
- The undertaking of a Youth Parliament in AUSLAN.
- The foundation of a network of excursion providers in the Brisbane CBD, developed to create a community of practice and foster collaboration. Participants in the network include Government House, QAGOMA, The Queensland Museum, The Supreme Court Library, the Commissariat Store, The MacArthur Museum, The Police Museum and Old Government House.

- Development and implementation of an improved communication strategy to directly inform Members of Parliament about the work of Parliamentary Education.

Parliamentary Education also provides a suite of materials to electorate officers, to support Members engaging with students in their electorate directly.

Question on Notice 10

Page 1 of the SDS provides that one of the Parliamentary Service's objectives is to safeguard, promote and strengthen the important institution of Parliament. Can the Speaker advise how many guests visited the parliamentary precinct during the 2024-25 financial year broken down by the broad purpose for their visits?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

The Parliamentary Precinct was delighted to welcome a total of 77,900 visitors across the 2024-25 financial year.

The largest visitor type was guests attending a function within the Precinct. Across the period we hosted 735 functions that saw 34,413 people visit the site and a further 1,929 guests visiting to dine in Strangers Restaurant.

Parliamentary Education Tours were another key visitor type, with 434 school tours taking place that comprised 17,485 participants. We also conducted 767 other tours of 2,612 visitors. This is a combination of public tours and adult groups.

Parliamentary Education welcomed a further 2,622 visitors to Parliament House through their range of programs including Youth Parliaments, Legal Studies Excursions, Tertiary and TAFE groups and Public Service Seminars.

Visitors to the Public Gallery and Public Hearing Witnesses made up 2,254 visits also across the period.

Contractors represent a large group of visitors also, with 6,691 attending site during the period. These included Catering Agency Staff, Events Contractors and Contractors performing a range of services such as pest control, lift maintenance, fire services etc.

The remainder of visitors fall into the category of Department Government Employees, Electorate Officers, Media and General Visitors.

Question on Notice 11

With respect of page 1 of the SDS, can the Speaker outline in respect of the bills debated in the 58th Parliament, broken down by Bill:

- a) time taken for Second Reading (including Minister-in-Reply)
- b) time taken for Consideration-in-Detail
- c) whether the Second Reading debate was guillotined by a motion by a Government Member either before (such as a timeframe motion) or at the time (with the question being put)
- d) whether Consideration-in-Detail was guillotined by a motion by a Government member either before (such as a timeframe motion) or at the time (with the question being put)
- e) whether the Bill was debated in Cognate with another Bill and if so, which Bill.

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

The requested data is in the Tables below:

Bills Summary Table – 58th Parliament 2024

Name of Bill	Second Reading (Total Time)	Cognate (Y / N)	Cognate d bill	If Cognate - 2R time divided	Consideration in Detail	Third Reading	Long Title	All Stages (Total Time)	2R - Guillotine motion	2R - question put (SO 88)	CiD - Guillotine motion	CID - question put (SO 88)	All stages - Guillotine motion
Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements and Other Legislation Amendment Bill ¹	4:02	N	N/A	N/A	0:01	0:01	0:01	4:05					Y
Making Queensland Safer Bill ²	11:37	N	N/A	N/A	0:18	0:01	0:01	11:57	Y		Y		Y

¹ Bill declared urgent after introduction with all stages to be passed by 11.55pm on 28 November 2024.

² Motion agreed to by House that the Minister is to be called in reply at 4.40pm; CID to commence no later than 5pm; and all stages to be put by 5.25pm on Thursday 12 December.

Bills Summary Table – 58th Parliament 2025

Name of Bill	Second Reading (Total Time)	Cognate (Y / N)	Cognated bill	If Cognate - 2R time divided	Consideration in Detail	Third Reading	Long Title	All Stages (Total Time)	2R - Guillotine motion	2R - question put (SO 88)	CiD - Guillotine motion	CiD - question put (SO 88)	All stages - Guillotine motion
Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill ³	6:45	N	N/A	N/A	0:06	0:01	0:01	6:53	Y				Bill passed all stages prior to 5.55pm
Queensland Productivity Commission Bill	6:16	N	N/A	N/A	0:23	0:01	0:01	6:41					
Appropriation (Parliament) (Supplementary 2023-2-24) Bill	6:58	Y	Appropriation (Supplementary 2023-2024) Bill	Y	0:01	0:01	0:01	7:01					
Appropriation (Supplementary 2023-2024) Bill		Y	Appropriation (Parliament) (Supplementary 2023-2-24) Bill	Y	0:01	0:01	0:01	0:03					
Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill	7:38	N	N/A	N/A	0:10	0:01	0:01	7:50					
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill	3:45	N	N/A	N/A	0:01	0:01	0:01	3:48					
Crime and Corruption (Restoring Reporting Powers) Amendment Bill	6:31	N	N/A	N/A	1:42	0:01	0:01	8:15				Y - on govt amts 14 and 15	
Trusts Bill ⁴	2:58	N	N/A	N/A	0:18	0:01	0:01	3:18	Y				Bill passed all stages prior to 5.30pm

³ Motion agreed to by House that the Minister be called to reply by 5pm, with all stages to be completed by 5.55pm on 20 February.

⁴ Motion agreed to by House that the Minister be called to reply by 5pm, with all stages to be completed by 5.30pm on 1 May.

Name of Bill	Second Reading (Total Time)	Cognate (Y / N)	Cognated bill	If Cognate - 2R time divided	Consideration in Detail	Third Reading	Long Title	All Stages (Total Time)	2R - Guillotine motion	2R - question put (SO 88)	CiD - Guillotine motion	CiD - question put (SO 88)	All stages - Guillotine motion
Queensland Academy of Sport Bill ⁵	2:14	N	N/A	N/A	0:12	0:01	0:01	2:28	Y				Y
Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill	11:23	N	N/A	N/A	0:42	0:01	0:01	12:07				Y - on clauses 5 and 7	
Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill	8:54	Y	Corrective Services (Parole Board) Amendment Bill	Y	0:11	0:01	0:01	9:07					
Corrective Services (Parole Board) Amendment Bill		Y	Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill	Y	0:31	0:01	0:01	0:33					
Health Legislation Amendment Bill ⁶	4:48	N	N/A	N/A	0:10	0:01	0:01	5:00	Y				Bill passed all stages prior to 9pm
Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill ⁷	6:42	N	N/A	N/A	1:04	0:01	0:01	7:48	Y				Y

⁵ Motion agreed to by House that the Minister be called to reply by 8.30pm, with all stages to be completed by 9pm on 1 May.

⁶ Motion agreed to by House that the Minister be called to reply by 8.00pm, with all stages to be completed by 9pm on 12 June.

⁷ Motion agreed to by House that the Minister be called to reply by 10pm, with all stages to be completed by 11.30pm on 25 June.

Name of Bill	Second Reading (Total Time)	Cognate (Y / N)	Cognated bill	If Cognate - 2R time divided	Consideration in Detail	Third Reading	Long Title	All Stages (Total Time)	2R - Guillotine motion	2R - question put (SO 88)	CiD - Guillotine motion	CiD - question put (SO 88)	All stages - Guillotine motion
Appropriation (Parliament) Bill	18:07	Y	Appropriation Bill Revenue and OLAB	Y	0:00	0:00	0:00	18:07					
Appropriation Bill		Y	Appropriation (Parliament) Bill Revenue and OLAB	Y	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00					
Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill ⁸		Y	Appropriation (Parliament) Bill Appropriation Bill	Y	0:01	0:01	0:01	0:03					All stages of bill completed within 1 hour after Treasurer's reply to second reading cognate debate

⁸ Motion agreed to by the House that the Revenue and OLAB be completed within 1 hour of the Treasurer having completed his reply to the second reading cognate debate (cognate debate with annual appropriation bills).

Question on Notice 12

With respect of page 1 of the SDS, and Questions on Notice can the Speaker advise, since the commencement of the 58th Parliament, broken down by responsible Minister, the number of:

- a) responses received from Ministers after the 30 day deadline;
- b) responses sent back to Ministers for re-answering prior to tabling;
- c) complaints received from Members asking questions be reviewed and re-answered;
- d) responses sent back to Ministers for re-answering after receiving a letter of complaint;
- e) responses that have been formally ruled unanswered by the Speaker.

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Questions on Notice Responses from Nov 2024 - Jun 2025 - 58th Parliament as at 30 June 2025

				Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D	Part E
Portfolio	Minister	Total No. of QoNs due to be answered as at 30/6/2025	Total No. of QoNs Not Answered as at 30/6/2025	Responses received from Minister after the 30 day deadline	No. of QoNs sent back to Ministers for re-answering prior to tabling	Complaints from Members asking QoNs to be reviewed and re-answered	Responses sent back to Ministers for re-answering after receiving a complaint mentioned in Part C	Responses formally ruled unanswered by the Speaker
Premier and Minister for Veterans	Hon Crisafulli	21	0	5	5	1	1	1
Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations	Hon Bleijie	21	4	6	6*	0	0	2
Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership	Hon Janetzki	12	0	0	-	0	0	0
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training	Hon Bates	13	0	2	2	0	0	0
Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and	Hon Last	8	0	1	1	0	0	0

				Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D	Part E
Portfolio	Minister	Total No. of QoNs due to be answered as at 30/6/2025	Total No. of QoNs Not Answered as at 30/6/2025	Responses received from Minister after the 30 day deadline	No. of QoNs sent back to Ministers for re-answering prior to tabling	Complaints from Members asking QoNs to be reviewed and re-answered	Responses sent back to Ministers for re-answering after receiving a complaint mentioned in Part C	Responses formally ruled unanswered by the Speaker
Minister for Regional and Rural Development								
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services	Hon Nicholls	247	0	44	52	10	10	17
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity	Hon Frecklington	11	0	0	-	0	0	0
Minister for Education and the Arts	Hon Langbroek	45	0	3	3	0	0	0
Minister for Police and Emergency Services	Hon Purdie	103	0	3	7	2	0	0
Minister for Youth Services and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services	Hon Gerber	56	0	19	18	0	0	0
Minister for Transport and Main Roads	Hon Mickelberg	76	0	12	12	0	0	1
Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers	Hon Leahy	20	0	1	3	0	0	0
Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth	Hon O'Connor	43	1	15	10*	0	0	0
Minister for Primary Industries	Hon Perrett	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism	Hon Simpson	9	0	3	3	0	0	0

				Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D	Part E
Portfolio	Minister	Total No. of QoNs due to be answered as at 30/6/2025	Total No. of QoNs Not Answered as at 30/6/2025	Responses received from Minister after the 30 day deadline	No. of QoNs sent back to Ministers for re-answering prior to tabling	Complaints from Members asking QoNs to be reviewed and re-answered	Responses sent back to Ministers for re-answering after receiving a complaint mentioned in Part C	Responses formally ruled unanswered by the Speaker
Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation	Hon Powell	20	1	1	3*	0	0	1
Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence	Hon Camm	16	0	6	7	0	0	0
Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games	Hon Mander	31	0	5	5	0	0	0
Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business	Hon Minnikin	6	0	1	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		762	6	128	139	13	11	22

Note: - * in column B indicates some answers are still outstanding for that Minister.

Question on Notice 13

With reference to page 1 of the SDS can the Speaker advise in respect of the conduct of Members of Parliament in the 57th Parliament and the 58th Parliament (to date):

- a) the number of Matters of Privilege raised by Members to the Speaker, broken down by parliament session and whether the matter was raised by a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member;
- b) the number of warnings pursuant to Standing and Sessional Orders issued by any Speaker in the Chair, broken down by parliament session and whether the warning was given to a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member;
- c) the number of Members required to withdraw themselves at the direction of any Speaker in the Chair, broken down by parliament session and whether the member who withdrew from the chamber was a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member; and
- d) the number of Members ordered by the Speaker in the Chair to resume their seat, broken down by parliament session and whether the Member so ordered was a government Member, Opposition member or Crossbench member.

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

- a) The number of Matters of Privilege raised by Members to the Speaker, broken down by parliament session and whether the matter was raised by a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member.

57th ParliamentMatters of Privilege

113 matters of privilege raised with the Speaker

- 68 raised by Opposition (now Government)
- 40 raised by Government (now Opposition)
- 5 raised by Crossbench

Breach of Broadcast Terms and Conditions

10 complaints regarding breach of broadcast terms and conditions

- 3 raised by Government (now Opposition)
- 6 raised by Opposition (now Government)
- 1 raised by a Committee

58th ParliamentMatters of Privilege

39 matters of privilege raised with the Speaker to 15 July 2025

- 20 raised by Government
- 19 raised by Opposition

28 matters have been finalised. 11 are outstanding as at 15 July 2025.

Breach of Broadcast Terms and Conditions

3 complaints regarding breach of broadcast conditions*

- 3 raised by Government

* Some of the matters of privilege raised with the Speaker also contained allegations of a breach of broadcast conditions. These three complaints only relate to standalone allegations of breach of broadcast conditions assessed by the Clerk.

- b) The number of warnings pursuant to Standing and Sessional Orders issued by any Speaker in the Chair, broken down by parliament session and whether the warning was given to a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member.

Warnings pursuant to Standing and Sessional Orders				
	Government MP	Opposition MP	Crossbench MP	Total
57 th Parliament	504	1,725	31	2,260
58 th Parliament	41	170	0	211

- c) The number of Members required to withdraw themselves at the direction of any Speaker in the Chair, broken down by parliament session and whether the member who withdrew from the chamber was a Government Member, Opposition Member or Crossbench Member.

Members required to withdraw themselves				
	Government MP	Opposition MP	Crossbench MP	Total
57 th Parliament	26	147	11	184
58 th Parliament	2	13	0	15

- d) The number of Members ordered by the Speaker in the Chair to resume their seat, broken down by parliament session and whether the Member so ordered was a government Member, Opposition member or Crossbench member.

Members ordered to resume their seat				
	Government MP	Opposition MP	Crossbench MP	Total
57 th Parliament	1	1	0	2⁹
58 th Parliament	0	1	0	1¹⁰

⁹On 14 October 2021, the Speaker asked the Premier to resume her seat for not being relevant to the question.

On 31 August 2021, the Speaker asked the Member for Burdekin to take his seat for straying into sub judice.

¹⁰ On 1 April 2025 during the Youth Justice (Monitoring Devices) Amendment Bill 2R debate the Member for Bulimba was sat down by a Deputy Speaker for irrelevance to debate.

Question on Notice 14

With reference to page 6 of the SDS, can an itemised list (including description of work), including cost, of (a) completed capital works and (b) approved capital works, by Electorate Office for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 be provided?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**2024-25 Electorate Office Projects - Completed**

Electorate	Description of capital works performed	Project cost (2024-25)
Miller*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$0
Cairns*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$237,450
Broadwater*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$304,634
Logan*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring and services completed by Developer. Cost unknown. Qld Parliamentary Services completed security and furniture and fittings installation 	\$80,335
Stretton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment Minor partition wall changes, A/C upgrade, ceiling tiles, furniture and fittings and security. 	\$241,802
Maroochydore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion and refurbishment of adjacent tenancy Addition of door, security, carpet, blinds, partition walls for a storeroom and painting 	\$42,118
Ipswich West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment Painting of walls, addition of data and power and new furniture 	\$59,730
Murrumba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of vehicle bollards 	\$18,392

* For these offices, under the commercial lease agreement the lessor contributed to the cost of fit-out via a lease incentive.

2025-26 Electorate Office Improvement Program

As part of the 2025-26 Budget, CBRC approved funding to deliver a total of 21 office relocations and 10 office refurbishments across 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28. This program will see works occur at approximately one third of the total number of electorate office sites.

The expanded program over the next three years is required for a number of reasons:

- a) A Government decision as part of the 2024-25 budget process to provide an additional full-time staffing FTE across 93 electorate offices has identified a number of existing offices that are now inadequate to suitably accommodate additional staff within existing size or design constraints.

- b) In addition, during 2023 and 2024 condition inspections were undertaken of each of the 97 electorate offices. The condition assessment program determined that a number of electorate offices have been rated as high priority and in need of a refurbishment over the next two financial years.

Based on this priority methodology, together with exiting lease term commitments, the following offices have been scheduled for works in 2025-26:

ELECTORATE	PROPOSED WORKS	Project budget
Surfers Paradise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$294,400
Nanango	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Cook (2nd Office)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Whitsunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Thuringowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Bundaberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Maryborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Mundingburra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Southern Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$500,000
Mackay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Construction fit-out including walls, ceiling, flooring, services, security, furniture and fittings 	\$200,000
Lytton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment Minor partition wall changes, A/C modification, ceiling tiles, furniture and fittings and security. 	\$244,665
Maiwar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion and refurbishment of adjacent tenancy Minor partition wall changes, A/C modification ceiling tiles, furniture and fittings and security. 	\$200,000
Ipswich West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal door replacement to remove air vents and addition of A/C equalizing registers 	\$10,000
Greenslopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion and refurbishment of adjacent tenancy Minor partition wall changes, A/C modification ceiling tiles, furniture and fittings and security. 	\$250,000
Lockyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment Minor partition wall changes, A/C modification ceiling tiles, furniture and fittings and security. 	\$200,000

ELECTORATE	PROPOSED WORKS	Project budget
Coomera*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expansion and refurbishment of adjacent tenancy• Minor partition wall and flooring changes and security.	\$0

* For these offices, under the commercial lease agreement the lessor contributed to the cost of fit-out via a lease incentive.

Question on Notice 15

With reference to page 6 of the SDS, can an itemised list, including description of work and cost of work undertaken during the 58th Parliament to (a) Ministerial Offices, (b) Bedrooms occupied by Ministers, the Deputy Premier and the Premier?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

In respect of works undertaken during the 58th Parliament:

- a) No capital works were undertaken to any bedrooms.
- b) The following work was undertaken in the Parliament House office of a Minister:
 - Cabinetry removal (\$420)
 - Carpet installation - existing carpet stock used (\$5,370)
 - Wall repairs – paint and patch (\$761.50)

Question on Notice 16

In respect of the procurement of services by the Queensland Parliament from Workforce Resilience can the Speaker outline:

- a) the tender process the work went through;**
- b) what probity checks occurred;**
- c) any conflicts of interests that were identified and managed; and**
- d) the actual or anticipated cost of the engagement?**

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE

Workforce Resilience was engaged by the Parliamentary Service to undertake a one-off training session at the Parliamentary Precinct in June 2025 titled "Human Threat Emergency Management Workshop".

The training was scheduled in response to the increasing frequency of "Fixated Persons" being reported through to Security and included participants from the Security team members and other relevant leaders from across the Service.

In response to specific questions:

- a) The tender process the work went through**
 - The work was valued at only \$3,000 and no tender process was necessary in accordance with Parliamentary Service procurement policies for costs of this value.
- b) What probity checks occurred**
 - The Parliamentary Service conduct a general check on all new suppliers including an ABN check to ensure they are a registered company and a third-party check to verify bank details.
- c) Any conflicts of interests that were identified and managed**
 - No conflicts of interest identified.
- d) The actual or anticipated cost of the engagement**
 - The engagement was a one-off process for training purposes at cost of \$3,000.

Question on Notice 17

Can the Speaker provide for the 58th Parliament any expenses attributed to the (a) Office of the Speaker and (b) the Office of the Clerk for catering and/or entertainment purposes, broken down by expense, purpose (i.e.: event or meeting) and cost?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**a) Office of the Speaker (Hon P Weir MP)**

Function details	Amount excl. GST (\$)
Ambassador of Denmark – Courtesy Call	60.00
Condolence refreshments for Chapman family	127.30
Ambassador of Spain – Courtesy Call	50.00
Philanthropy Week – Launch Event	636.36
Condolence refreshments for Former Speaker's family	202.73
Ambassador of Philippines – Courtesy Call	60.00
High Commissioner of New Zealand – Courtesy Call	50.00
Condolence refreshments for Beard family	101.84
High Commissioner of Canada – Courtesy Call	50.00
Ambassador of Romania – Courtesy Call	94.55
Condolence refreshments for Muntz family	102.05
Ambassador of Korea – Courtesy Call	90.00
Consulate General of China – Courtesy Call	50.00
Consulate General of Japan – Courtesy Call	50.00
Gifts presented or held in stock 2024-25	1,120.04
End of Year Event	10,081.82
International Cleaners Day Event/Morning Tea	337.51
Total	\$13,264.20

Includes costs for catering and/or entertainment purposes for the period from commencement of the 58th Parliament to 30 June 2025.

b) Office of the Clerk

Function details	Amount excl. GST (\$)
Long serving staff member (30+ years) farewell morning tea	450.45
Long serving staff member (50+ years) farewell lunch	622.73
100th Women Lunch (ticket purchased - delegate attended)	76.36
Visit from Peru Consulate	35.55
Long serving staff member (20+ years) farewell morning tea	447.64
50th Anniversary of the modern role of the Leader of the House	366.91
New Members Induction Morning tea	460.91
Ministerial staff briefing morning tea	569.82
Staff Christmas Function (Note: total cost was 10,384.55 where staff contributed \$3,212.89)	7,171.66
New Members' Induction program catering	7,570.73
Farewell Morning tea - Former Speaker Pitt	1,350.00
Opening of Parliament	16,766.55
Farewell Morning tea – Senior Executive	536.36
Long serving staff member (30+ years) farewell morning tea	555.00
Long serving staff member (30+ years) farewell morning tea	405.00
Long serving staff member (30+ years) farewell morning tea	330.00
Total	\$37,715.67

Includes costs for catering and/or entertainment purposes for the period from commencement of the 58th Parliament to 30 June 2025.

Question on Notice 18

With reference to overseas travel by the Speaker, can the Speaker provide an itemised breakdown Budget (actual and anticipated (if actuals are not known)) of expenditure attributed to the Speaker's Office for (a) United Kingdom trip between 3 – 17 May 2025 and (b) the Nauru trip between 6 – 12 July 2025.

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**a) Travel to United Kingdom, 3-17 May 2025**

- Travel related to the Mid-Year Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Executive Committee Meeting in London, as well as visits to the Parliaments of Scotland and Wales. Overseas travel report available at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Tabled-Papers/docs/5825T0642/5825t642.pdf>.
- Actual costs attributable to the Speaker's Office totalled \$6,020.09. There are no more additional costs anticipated.

Description	Final total expenditure
Airfares, trains and transport	
Airfares/trains	1,620.15
Taxis	273.32
Subtotal:	1,893.47
Accommodation	2,270.60
Meals & incidentals	
Allowances	420.00
Meals	813.55
Drycleaning	51.81
Subtotal:	1,285.36
Passport	516.00
Passport photo	19.95
Electronic Travel Authorisation	34.71
Subtotal:	570.66
TOTAL:	6,020.09

b) Travel to Nauru, 6-12 July 2025

- Travel related to attendance at the annual Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, held in Nauru, 7-11 July 2025. Actual costs and forecasted costs are as follows:

Description	Actual expenditure To date	Forecast total expenditure
Flights and Ground transport		4,630.00
Accommodation		1,875.00
Meals		230.00
Incidentals		315.00
Registration Fee	650.00	650.00
Other	619.07	680.00
Total	1,269.07	8,380.00

Question on Notice 19

With reference to page 8 of the SDS, will the Speaker provide a breakdown of ‘user charges and fees’ received in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 years and the breakdown of anticipated revenue in the 2025-26 year?

SPEAKER’S RESPONSE

The Parliamentary Service generates revenue from the sale of goods and services such as:

- Catering services sales revenue – largely used to offset self-funded catering operating costs;
- Parliamentary educational activities offered to public sector employees on a fee for service basis;
- Corporate services including payroll processing and accounting system hosting provided to client agencies;
- Car parking fees levied on staff to offset applicable Fringe benefits tax liability payable by the Parliamentary Service.

User Charges and Fees	2023-24 (Actuals)	2024-25 (Actuals)	2025-26 (Budget)
Catering sales	\$2,344,000	\$2,605,000	\$2,089,000 ¹
Education services	\$299,000	\$273,000	\$297,000
Car parking fees	\$191,000	\$179,000	\$190,000
Corporate services support	\$222,000	\$143,000	\$71,000
Other	\$26,000	\$49,000	\$51,000
Total	\$3,082,000	\$3,249,000	\$2,698,000

Note

1. Catering budgeted revenues and expenditure budgets for 2025-26 have not been adjusted upwards to match actuals performance since 2022-23 due to some risk around availability of key function spaces while Annexe refurbishment works are carried out.

Question on Notice 20

With reference to page 1 of the SDS, can the Speaker outline (a) how many meetings he has held with Temporary Speakers, (b) how many meetings the Clerk has held with Temporary Speakers, (c) what training is provided to Temporary Speakers?

SPEAKER'S RESPONSE**a) How many meetings he (the Speaker) has held with Temporary Speakers**

The Speaker, Clerk and Deputy Clerk meet with the Deputy Speaker and Temporary Speakers' panel each sitting week. Records reveal that formal meetings have been held on the following dates this Parliament:

- 2 April 2025
- 30 April 2025
- 21 May 2025
- 11 June 2025
- 26 June 2025

Additionally, the Speaker meets with the Deputy Speaker regularly during sitting weeks and other temporary speakers on an ad hoc basis, as required. No specific statistics are retained on this as they are generally not scheduled as formal meetings.

b) How many meetings the Clerk has held with Temporary Speakers

As noted above, the Speaker and Clerk meet with the Temporary Speakers' panel each sitting week.

Additionally, the Clerk may meet with the Deputy Speaker and/or Temporary Speakers on an ad hoc basis, as required. No specific statistics are retained on this as they are generally not scheduled as formal meetings.

c) What training is provided to Temporary Speakers?

Training is provided to temporary Speakers' panel members in four ways:

- Written learning material is supplied to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and Temporary Speakers - 'Common procedural matters: A guide for Speakers'. This document is regularly updated and redistributed to the panel as required.
- Mock moot parliaments. Temporary Speaker training for the 58th Parliament was held on Monday 9 December 2024 in the Legislative Assembly Chamber. This training was attended by Temporary Speakers and Clerks at the Table and included mock proceedings being played out with various common issues arising and approaches to dealing with those issues.
- Newer members of the panel are often coached in the Chamber by the Deputy Speaker or more experienced panel members.
- Beyond this, the meetings each sitting week with the Speaker, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Speaker and Temporary Speakers plays a vital role in reviewing issues arising in the Assembly, how they have been dealt with and should be dealt with and providing guidance generally as to procedure. It also provides an opportunity to discuss and understand rulings made.

**Questions on notice taken at the hearing
and Responses – Speaker of the
Legislative Assembly**



31 July 2025

Mr Michael Crandon MP
Chair
Governance, Energy and Finance Committee
By email: gefc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Crandon

I write to provide a response to questions taken on notice during the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee's public hearing held on 28 July 2025.

During the hearing, I undertook to provide a response to the following questions:

Mr Speaker, further to the line of questioning by the member for Springwood earlier, are you able to confirm that the total hours for estimates committees sitting to examine the budget has in fact increased from 66 hours and 15 minutes to 70 hours and 15 minutes, which represents a six per cent increase compared to last year and, indeed, that there is an additional day involved as well?

Mr Speaker, can also you confirm that there is an entire additional day? In taking that question on notice, can you confirm that there will be an entire additional day?

In 2024 and 2025, the House agreed to a motion setting the hearing times and days for portfolio committees' examination of the budget estimates.

The total time allocated by the House in 2024 was **66.25 hours** over 8 days.

The total time allocated by the House in 2025 was **70.25 hours** over 9 days.

The hours scheduled in 2025 is a 6% increase from the hours scheduled in 2024. The House has also allocated an additional day in the schedule for 2025.

For the benefit of the committee, each year, the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA) tables a report summarising the outcomes of the estimates process. The report on the 2024 process includes historical data captured during estimates processes from 2013 to 2023.¹

¹ See from page 7: Committee of the Legislative Assembly, [Report No. 39, 57th Parliament - Report on the 2024 Budget Estimates Process](#)

The table below sets out a comparison of hours and days from 2013 based on figures reported by the CLA. It should be noted that the total hearing hours from 2013 to 2024 are the actual hours of the hearings. Further, in 2014, the House agreed that the seven portfolio committees would each conduct hearings over two days and one day was allocated for the CLA's public meeting.

Year	Total hearing hours	Total hearing days (by date)	Hearing program set by motion of House (Y/N)
2025	70.25 (proposed)	9	Y
2024	67.29	8	Y
2023	55.74	7	Y
2022	54.45	7	Y
2021	54.34	7	Y
2020	54.81	7	Y
2019	56.50	7	N
2018	53.30	7	N
2017	60.45	7	N
2016	58.60	7	N
2015	58.80	8	N
2014	86.08	3	N
2013	60.61	7	N

Yours sincerely



HON PAT WEIR MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

**List of substitute Members and Members
granted leave to attend public hearing –
28 July 2025**



Governance, Energy and Finance Committee Estimates 2025

**Substitute Members and Members granted leave to attend public hearing
Monday, 28 July 2025**

Substitute Member for committee business (pursuant to Standing Order 202)

Name	Member substituted
Hon Mick de Brenni MP Manager of Opposition Business Member for Springwood	Mr Lance McCallum MP Member for Bundamba

Members granted leave to attend public hearing (pursuant to Standing Order 181(e))

Name	Electorate
Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition	Member for Murrumba
Hon Mick de Brenni MP. Manager of Opposition Business	Member for Springwood
Hon Grace Grace MP	Member for McConnel
Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP	Member for Gaven
Mr Michael Healy MP	Member for Cairns
Hon Cameron Dick MP	Member for Woodridge
Hon Shannon Fentiman MP	Member for Waterford
Hon Mark Ryan MP	Member for Morayfield
Mr Bart Mellish MP	Member for Aspley
Ms Jonty Bush MP	Member for Cooper
Mr Michael Berkman MP	Member for Maiwar
Dr Christian Rowan MP, Leader of the House	Member for Moggill

Documents tabled at hearing 28 July 2025

1. The Sunday Mail article, titled David Crisafulli: 'Broken' Queensland Budget Estimates system 'in need of repair', dated 13 December 2020, tabled by Hon Mick de Brenni MP, Manager of Opposition Business and Member for Springwood
2. Photograph of charter flight for State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee, undated, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
3. Memorandum from the Clerk of the Parliament to all Members, dated 11 April 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
4. Extract from Feeding the Chooks article (The Australian), titled Queensland ministers Tim Mander and Amanda Camm's secret relationship outed, dated 18 July 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
5. Extract from Hansard, dated 2 April 2025, and correspondence from the Office of the Speaker to the Hon Steven Miles MP, dated 31 March 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
6. Document, titled LNP Ministers accountability failure board, undated, tabled by Ms Bisma Asif MP, Member for Sandgate

David Crisafulli: 'Broken' Queensland Budget Estimates system 'in need of repair'

Opposition leader David Crisafulli says he will launch a push to overhaul Queensland's Budget Estimates hearings, claiming the system is "broken" and in need of "repair".

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December 13, 2020 - 12:00AM

The Sunday Mail (Qld)

David Crisafulli will launch a push to overhaul Queensland's Budget Estimates hearings, claiming the system is "broken" and in need of "repair".

Penning an op-ed for *The Sunday Mail*, the LNP leader revealed he would ask the Committee of the Legislative Assembly – chaired by Speaker Curtis Pitt – to conduct a full review of the process.

READ DAVID CRISAFULLI'S FULL OPINION PIECE BELOW

Installing a non-government MP as the chairs of the probing committees in a bid to "help ensure a fairer go" are among the changes he wants considered.

Another idea he wants examined is limiting "Dorothy Dix" questions from Government MPs, which he said existed to allow for ministers to wind down the clock.

He said if the government did not accept "the need to make changes", he would introduce them as Premier from the first hearings of the next term in 2025 – if the LNP wins power at the 2024 election.

Tabled by: Hon Mick de Brenni MP

At: 2.13pm

Date: 28 July 2025

Signature: Eg. L.



David Crisafulli leader of the opposition. Pic Annette Dew

"I understand the consequences that comes with increased scrutiny," Mr Crisafulli wrote.

"I understand the prospect that one of my own could be put under the spotlight if we are given the honour of governing.

"But these challenges are outweighed by a better performing parliament and greater transparency on all decisions."

Budget Estimates hearings are held every year following the delivery of the Budget, with Ministers and their directors-general as well as the heads of agencies fronting a parliamentary committee to answer questions.

The committees are chaired by Government MPs, who can rule questions – asked by MPs from both sides of the House – in and out of order.

Asked last week if there was any reason why her answers to government questions could not be published online or tabled, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said government members were "just as important" as Opposition or crossbench MPs.

“Government members have a right to ask questions,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

“This estimates process is not dissimilar to what is experienced in other states, even at the federal level.

“I think that it is actually a good system of democracy that we actually have this. It is an examination of the Budget.”

She pointed out that the Government MPs on the committee she faced had asked questions about issues that related to their electorates.

Mr Crisafulli said he would seek “recommendations for reform” from the Committee of the Legislative Assembly as part of his proposal to conduct a review.

LET THE SPOTLIGHT SHINE IN – CRISAFULLI OPINION

FOR more than a quarter of a century, the Queensland Parliament has used a system of Estimates Committees to examine the State Budget and hold the executive to account.

The seven committees – made up of government, opposition and minor party members – conduct hearings during which ministers and senior public servants are open to questioning about how they spend your money and their behaviour while they do this. In a parliament with only one house, these committees have greater relevance than anywhere else in the nation.

Unfortunately, a week after ramming through a budget that promised \$4bn in new borrowings before the election but delivered \$28bn before the ink had dried on the poll result, the Estimates process has come off the rails. What was once a process of probing and scrutinising has become predictable and sterile. It exists more as a protection racket for the executive than an open review. Government committee members have gone out of their way to shield underperforming ministers from legitimate questioning.

What this means is the public will be no better informed about whether their taxes have been spent wisely, no better informed of what expenditure lies ahead, and no better informed of the transparency their elected officials undertake this expenditure with. In the past week, we have seen Opposition members denied the right to ask questions concerning the integrity of ministers. Questions involving the use of private emails (to avoid scrutiny) that were allowed at the

start of the week got ruled out of order by Friday when the minister at the centre of the allegations fronted the committee.

We've also seen ministers answer questions directed to independent public servants and Government members interrupting with tedious points of order to use up Opposition members' time.

Any fair minded Queenslander would realise the system is broken and needs repair. It's time for a revitalised Estimates process, one that serves the interests of the Parliament and, more importantly, the people of Queensland.

In the same way I want Queensland to be the best place for a farming family to benefit from new advances in agriculture or the best choice for a national business to relocate its headquarters, I want our Parliament to operate as the most efficient and accountable. When Parliament resumes next year, I'll be seeking to have the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (which is chaired by the Speaker to oversee the operations of Parliament) conduct a full review of the process and make recommendations for reform.

Some of the changes to be examined could include:

- increasing the time available to examine expenditure to ensure adequate questioning can occur;
- an Opposition or cross bench member to chair the committees to help ensure a fairer go;
- limiting the opportunity for 'Dorothy Dixier' questions from Government members which exist simply to allow ministers to wind down the clock.

I offer the Government these positive suggestions to improve this vital process at the start of our state's first four year term.

I understand the consequences that comes with increased scrutiny. I understand the prospect that one of my own could be put under the spotlight if we are given the honour of governing. But these challenges are outweighed by a better performing parliament and greater transparency on all decisions. The public deserve nothing less.



Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP

At: 2.26pm

Date: 28 July 2015

Signature: E.G. L.



Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP
At: 2.55pm
Date: 28 July 2025
Signature: E. G. L.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

TO: All Honourable Members
FROM: The Clerk of the Parliament
SUBJECT: Private use of overnight accommodation in the Parliamentary Annexe
DATE: 11 April 2025

I write regarding private use of overnight accommodation in the Parliamentary Annexe and associated Fringe Benefits Tax obligations.

Background

Each year, I am required to complete a *Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Return* for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service. The *Return* for the 2025 FBT reporting period is in the process of being prepared.

FBT is payable on occasions where overnight accommodation is used for private purposes.

2025 Reporting arrangements

I attach a *Private Use Declaration Form* for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 for your completion.

Members are required to complete the *Declaration* regardless of whether or not an instance of private usage has occurred.

If no private usage has occurred, you should tick the "No" box and sign the declaration.

Note that Members are not required to report occasions where overnight accommodation is used by the Member (or shared by the Member and guests) in relation to official business. Examples of official business would include:

- overnight stays immediately prior to, during, or after parliamentary sittings days; or
- overnight stays immediately prior to, during or after the Member is undertaking business (e.g. attending meetings etc in Brisbane).

For the purpose of FBT reporting, private usage will arise if:

- a Member uses parliamentary overnight accommodation as their usual place of residence;
- a Member and/or guests of a Member (including family) use an overnight room(s) for private purposes; and/or
- any occasion where a Member's immediate family make use of overnight room(s) in the absence of the Member.

Members can be assured that their privacy will be respected and the information will remain confidential.

Please send the completed declaration directly to [REDACTED] by 28 April 2025.

If you require any further information in relation to the above, please contact [REDACTED],
Financial and Administrative Services on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION
PRIVATE USE DECLARATION

FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

MEMBERS NAME: _____

Were there any overnight stays that included a Private Use component?

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YES

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NO

If YES, please provide the following information.

No. of private nights: _____

No. of rooms used: _____

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Note

1. A private component will arise where:
 - (a) a Member uses Parliamentary overnight accommodation as their usual place of residence;
 - (b) a Member and/or guests of a Member (including family) use an overnight room(s) for private purposes; and/or
 - (c) any occasion where a Member's immediate family make use of overnight room(s) in the absence of the Member.
2. Private nights must be reported on the basis of individual room nights. For example, should a Member access their own room as well as the Family Flat for private purposes over the same period, "2 rooms" should be disclosed above for that period.

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Queensland ministers Tim Mander and Amanda Camm's secret relationship outed



Queensland ministers Amanda Camm and Tim Mander. Picture: Facebook

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6:01PM July 18, 2025.

Updated 9:18PM July 19, 2025

G'day readers and welcome to the latest edition of Feeding the Chooks, your weekly insight into what's really going on in Queensland parliament.

Amanda Mander

The lid was lifted on the worst-kept secret in Queensland politics this week: Sports Minister **Tim Mander** and Child Safety Minister **Amanda Camm** are romantically involved.

Their relationship was formally declared to Cabinet by Premier **David Crisafulli** on Monday, but Chooks understands their colleagues have known about the couple for months.

Mander, who holds the Brisbane seat of Everton, is said to have separated from his wife of many years earlier this year.

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP

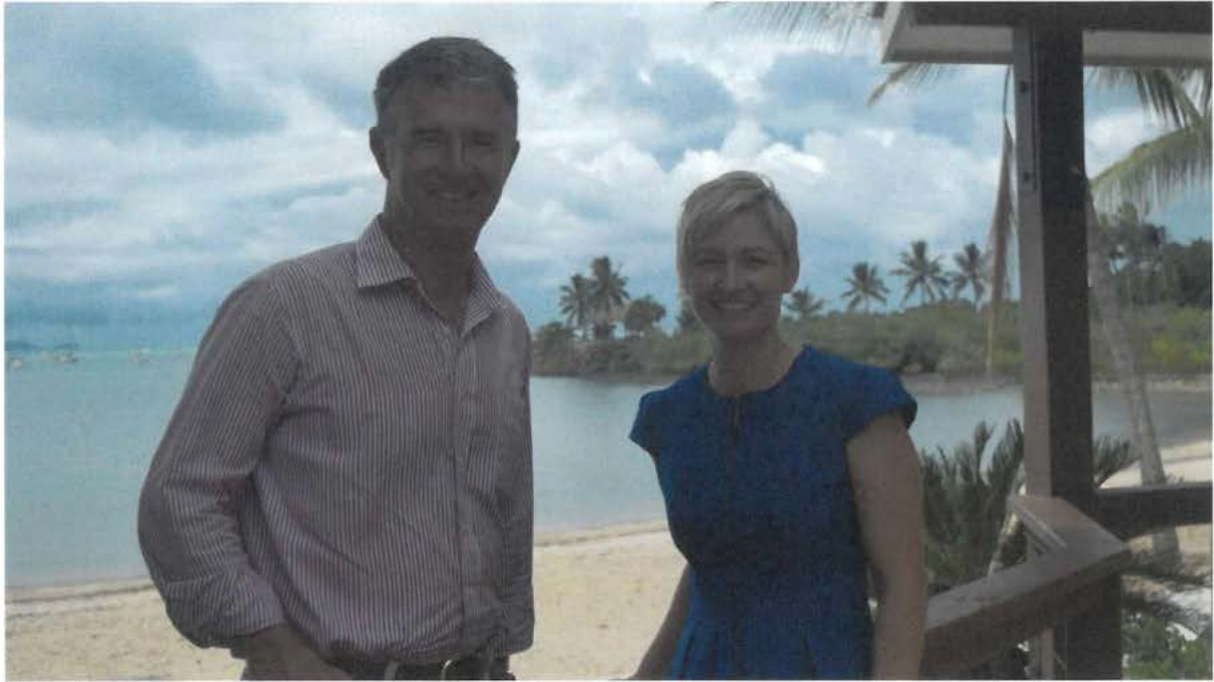
A.t: 25Bpm

Date: 28 July 2025

Signature: E.G.L.

Word around town is that the Olympics minister – who is earning more than \$300,000-a-year – didn't bother renting out a bachelor pad after leaving the marital home.

Instead, Mander has been holed-up for about three months in his taxpayer-funded digs in the Annexe, the building attached to Parliament House for MPs to stay overnight when in town for parliamentary business.



Tim Mander with Amanda Camm when she was a candidate for the 2020 election.

The rooms are allocated (in order) to ministers first, then regional MPs, the opposition leadership and finally to the remaining MPs, according to the geographical distance of their electorates from Parliament House.

About five inner-city MPs miss out on getting a bedroom. For the record, Mander's electorate office in Everton Park is just a bit over 9km from Parliament House.

There are no rules and no policing of who stays in the annexe, when, or for how long in their allocated rooms.



One of the bedrooms in the recently renovated parliamentary annexe building.
Picture: NCA NewsWire/Tertius Pickard

But every year, MPs must declare to the Tax Office any night they stay in the annexe that is not related to parliamentary business, and pay a sum, under fringe benefits tax rules.

Mander, a former Scripture Union chief executive and rugby league referee, is not the first to stay in the annexe after a marriage break-up.

Spies have told us that some ministers a few decades ago lived in the annexe for years.

Mander didn't respond to questions about his temporary lodgings.

With this in mind, I am pleased to provide an update on the Crisafulli LNP government's Closing the Gap Priorities Fund, taking action to help repair the neglect of Labor's out-of-sight, out-of-mind approach and bring back into plain sight the prioritisation of infrastructure and essential services. The Closing the Gap Priorities Fund, with an investment of \$108 million over three years, will support essential infrastructure and services in remote and discrete communities across Queensland. In this day and age we should not have communities that are in fear of running out of water within 24 hours not because of a cyclone but because they do not have the infrastructure to deliver safe, secure water. That is what has been happening, and Aurukun was an example of this just recently. This fund is a significant step towards ensuring that funding is directed where it is needed most.

We have already allocated the first tranche of funding of over \$19 million for three critical infrastructure projects that will improve water supply in Aurukun and Kowanyama and an education facility at Cherbourg. Consistent, clean drinking water is an essential service for our Queenslanders, and those communities deserve it. We are committed to engaging and partnering with leaders of our remote and discrete Aboriginal communities to help address their key needs around health, housing and education, recognising the multiple layers of disadvantage these communities face, including lower rates of home ownership, poor access to basic amenities and services and lower life expectancy. The Closing the Gap Priorities Fund represents a fresh start with a focus on practical measures. We are focused on getting on with the job, fixing Labor's mess, delivering real projects to help reduce disadvantage in our remote and discrete First Peoples' communities across Queensland and addressing what is not just a gap but a hole—in the words of one of those mayors—as they deserve to have their concerns listened to and actioned.

MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (2.47 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders, the notice of motion given by the Premier and Minister for Veterans in ministerial notices of motion regarding floods in Western Queensland be debated at 7.30 pm this evening, with the following time limits to apply to the debate of the motion—

- 3 minutes for each member;
- total time before question put—30 minutes.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Comments by Member for Murrumba, Retraction and Apology



Hon. SJ MILES (Murrumba—ALP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.48 pm): On 18 February when talking about important health care for Queenslanders, in particular in Townsville, I made reference to perinatal mental health beds being scrapped. It has been brought to my attention that my statement was incorrect. I retract the statement and apologise for the inadvertent error.

Mr Bleijie: Interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: It is not an opportunity for others to speak.

Comments by Member for Inala, Retraction and Apology



Mrs NIGHTINGALE (Inala—ALP) (2.49 pm): On 19 February, when talking about important funding for MND Queensland, I made reference that under the Crisafulli LNP government the funding had been cut. It has been brought to my attention that my statement was incorrect because the funding for MND Queensland was a Labor election commitment and there was no funding to be cut. I retract the statement and apologise for the inadvertent error.

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP
 At: 3.05pm
 Date: 28 July 2025
 Signature: E. G. L.



Your Ref:

Our Ref: [REDACTED]

31 March 2025

Hon Steven Miles MP
Leader of the Opposition
L9, 63 George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

By E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Leader

I write further to my correspondence of 20 February 2025 regarding allegations by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services that you deliberately misled the House.

Deliberately misleading the House is listed as an example of behaviour that the House may treat as a contempt (see *Standing Order 266 (2)*).

I note your response of 14 March 2025. I am unconvinced by the reasoning and material provided.

It is my view that the matter is important, and a retraction and apology is required. This retraction and apology should occur in preliminary business during either Matters of Privilege or Personal Explanations during preliminary business, no later than Thursday 3 April 2025.

If a retraction and apology is not proffered, then I will proceed on the basis of there being no adequate apology in accordance with *SO 269(4)*.

In the meantime, should your office have any queries relating to this matter, they may be directed to my Executive Officer, [REDACTED], by email to [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

HON PAT WEIR MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament House
George St Brisbane Queensland 4000 Australia

Phone + [REDACTED]

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Tabled by: Ms Bina Asif MP
 At: 3:30pm
 Date: 28 July 2025
 Signature: