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Committee of the Legislative Assembly

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1 Committee of the Legislative Assembly

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA or the committee) is a statutory committee established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (POQA).

Section 84 of the POQA provides that the committee's areas of responsibility are as follows:

(a) the ethical conduct of Members;

Note—

However, under section 104C(2), a complaint about a particular member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the Ethics Committee.

(b) parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;

(c) standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;

(d) any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders;

(e) any matter referred to the committee by the Speaker.

Section 108 of the POQA requires the chairperson of each parliamentary committee to table in the Legislative Assembly a report about that committee's activities during the year. The annual report must include:

(a) a list of meetings of the committee and the names of members attending or absent from each meeting; and

(b) a summary of issues considered by the committee, including a description of the more significant issues arising from the considerations; and

(c) a statement of the committee's revenue and spending for the year; and

(d) a brief description of responses by Ministers to recommendations of the committee.

Standing Order 135A Role of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall:

(a) monitor and review the business of the Legislative Assembly to aim for the effective and efficient discharge of business;

(b) monitor and review the operation of committees, particularly the referral of Bills to committees, and where appropriate vary the time for committees to report on Bills or vary the committee responsible for a Bill.

Standing Order 136 Portfolio committee reports on a Bill provides:

(1) A portfolio committee must finally report to the House on a Bill within six calendar months of the Bill being referred to it unless an alternative report date on the Bill has been set by the House or the Committee of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with (2) and (3) below.

(2) The House may by order vary a portfolio committee's report date on a Bill to a period of not less than 6 weeks.

(3) The Committee of the Legislative Assembly may vary the time for a portfolio committee to report on a Bill provided that:

(a) the House has not by order already set the time for report under (2) above or SO 137 below; and

(b) the report date is not less than 6 weeks after the Bill has been referred to the portfolio committee; and

(c) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly reports its decision to the House at the earliest opportunity.

(4) The House or the Committee of the Legislative Assembly may vary the portfolio committee responsible for a Bill (notwithstanding the nomination of the member who introduced the Bill in accordance with SO 129(3)(c)). If the Committee of the Legislative Assembly varies the committee responsible for a Bill it must report such decision to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Standing Order 194B, Consideration of Auditor-General reports by Portfolio Committees provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall as soon as practicable after a report of the Auditor-General is tabled in the Assembly refer that report to the relevant portfolio committee(s) for consideration.

This report summarises the committee's activities from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

2 Summary of issues considered by the committee

The committee tabled the following reports during the reporting period:

- Report No. 29 - Report on the 2021 Budget Estimates Process – Tabled 8 September 2021
- Report No. 30 - Annual Report 2020-2021 – Tabled 8 September 2021
- Report No. 31 – Annual Reports of Former Committees 1 July 2020-6 October 2021 – Tabled 8 September 2021

The Committee considered numerous briefings from the Parliamentary Service with respect to its areas of responsibility under the POQA.

The committee supported a motion be moved in the House to implement a recommendation from the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commission's Report No 99.

The committee requested the Attorney-General progress an amendment to section 374 of the Crime and Corruption Act 2001 to transfer physical possession of the Connolly-Ryan inquiry records to Queensland State Archives.

The committee also exercised its responsibility under Standing Orders in setting or varying the time for committees to report on a bill, or varying the committee responsible for a bill, on 25 occasions; and referred 19 Auditor-General reports to committees during the period.

The committee met with the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal (QIRT) regarding the members' remuneration and entitlements.

The committee was also briefed on an Australian Senate Memorandum of Understanding regarding the execution of search warrants.

The committee considered a number of issues referred to it by the Speaker throughout the year, including:

- Petitions concerning opening the House with Prayer and the use of electorate office resources.
- CCTV upgrade for the public areas of the Parliamentary precinct.
- Review of broadcast guidelines.

The committee also considered the following operational matters:

- The continued impacts of COVID-19 and vaccination mandates.
- The introduction of a cancellation fees for event bookings and the introduction of a booking policy for precinct venues.
- The impacts of an electrical shutdown of the precinct to replace switchboards.

- Numerous briefings and updates regarding the refurbishment of the Parliamentary Annexe and accommodation options for members during the refurbishment.
- Collaborative initiatives between the Parliamentary Service and MSB.
- Proposed installation of CCTV in electorate offices.

3 Ministerial responses to committee recommendations

Section 107 of the POQA provides that where a committee recommends the Government or a Minister should take particular action, or not take particular action, about an issue; or a report of the CLA recommends a motion be moved by the Assembly to implement a recommendation of the committee, the Minister responsible is required to provide the Legislative Assembly with a response.

There were no recommendations within the reporting period requiring a ministerial response.

4 Committee expenditure

The committee had no revenue during the reporting period. The committee had no specific budget allocation for 2021-2022, however funds were available from the General Committee Office budget. The committee expended \$4,745 on technology, meeting and miscellaneous expenses during the period.

5 Meeting attendance record

The tables below shows the attendance of committee members at CLA meetings during the reporting period.

Meeting Date	Hon C Pitt MP (Chair)	Mr J Bleijie MP	Mr D Brown MP ¹	Hon Y D'Ath MP	Mr D Janetzki MP	Mr S Knuth MP	Ms J Pease MP ²	Mr R Stevens MP ³
01.09.21	x ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
02.09.21	✓	✓	✓	x ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓
16.09.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14.10.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28.10.21	✓	✓	✓	x ⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓
18.11.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
02.12.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24.02.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹ Mr Don Brown MP is the Deputy Premier's alternate on the CLA

² Ms Joan Pease MP is the Premier's alternate on the CLA

³ Mr Ray Stevens MP is the Leader of the Opposition's alternate on the CLA

⁴ Mr Joe Kelly MP, Member for Greenslopes, substituted as Chair for Hon Pitt MP

⁵ Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Member for Sandgate, Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics, substituted for Hon D'Ath MP

⁶ Mrs Charis Mullen MP, Member for Jordan, substituted for Hon D'Ath MP

Meeting Date	Hon C Pitt MP (Chair)	Mr J Blejje MP	Mr D Brown MP	Hon Y D'Ath MP	Mr S Knuth MP	Ms J Pease MP	Mr A Powell MP	Mr R Stevens MP
17.03.22	✓	✓	✓	x ⁷	✓	✓	✓	✓
31.03.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ⁸	✓	✓
12.05.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ⁹	✓	✓	✓
26.05.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24.06.22	✓	✓	x ¹⁰	✓	x ¹¹	x ¹²	✓	✓

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⁷ Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Member for Sandgate, Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics, substituted for Hon D'Ath MP

⁸ Mr Linus Power MP, Member for Logan, substituted for Ms Pease MP

⁹ Ms Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa, was the Crossbench nominee

¹⁰ Mr Lance McCallum MP, Member for ? substituted for Mr Brown MP

¹¹ Ms Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa, was the Crossbench nominee

¹² Mr Linus Power MP, Member for Logan, substituted for Ms Pease MP