

# Glossary

## Clerk of the Parliament

The Clerk of the Queensland Parliament is the highest ranking, permanent, non-political officer in the Parliament.

## Committee of the Legislative Assembly

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA) is established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and comprises seven Members of Parliament.

The CLA has areas of responsibility for: the ethical conduct of members; parliamentary powers, rights and immunities; standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and the procedures of, the Assembly and its committees; and any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders.

## e-petitions

Petitioning is one of the traditional methods by which members of the public can make a formal request to the Parliament. e-petitions are petitions that are submitted electronically rather than in paper form.

## Executive Government

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

## Financial year

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

## Hansard

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

## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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

## Legislative Assembly

A body of people elected to represent constituencies and make, amend or repeal legislation. The Queensland Legislative Assembly is made up of 89 elected representatives.

## Parliament

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

## Parliamentary Service

The Parliamentary Service consists of staff members who provide support services to Members of Parliament at Parliament House in Brisbane and in the 94 electorate offices throughout Queensland.

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## Speaker

The Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly has ceremonial, procedural and administrative responsibilities for the Queensland Parliament and Parliamentary Service. The Speaker is elected by a ballot of all Members of Parliament.

## Tabled papers

Any documents that are tabled in the Queensland Parliament (which means presented to the House) are kept in storage. The Tabled Papers Database on the Parliament's web site provides electronic access to and searching of tabled papers.