

Management profiles

Speaker's Profile

Hon Peter Wellington MP

LLB, GradDipLegPrac

Speaker of the Legislative
Assembly of Queensland

Hon Peter Wellington MP is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker presides over the Legislative Assembly, heads the Parliamentary Service and chairs the Committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker is also the ceremonial representative of the Queensland Parliament. For 18 years Mr Wellington has been an Independent Member of the Queensland Parliament representing the electorate of Nicklin.

Executive Management Group

Mr Neil Laurie

LLB LLM(Hons) MBA

Clerk of the Parliament

Neil has been the Principal Officer of the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer of, and the Accountable Officer for, the Parliamentary Service since February 2003. Neil has 23 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including six years as Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees and over 13 years as Clerk.

Mr Michael Ries

BAdmin LLB GradDipBus

Deputy Clerk

Michael was appointed to the role of Deputy Clerk of Queensland's Parliament in June 2008. Michael is responsible for the Legislative and Information Services Division and is also the Research Director of the Ethics Committee. Previously he held senior roles in the Department of Premier and Cabinet including Clerk of the Executive Council.

Mr Michael Hickey

BBus

Director of Corporate and House
Services

Michael leads the Corporate and House Services Division of the Parliamentary Service. He is also responsible for developing and monitoring corporate governance strategies. Michael was appointed Director in June 2003 and has over 27 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service.

Service Area Managers

Mr Craig Atkinson

BBus

Manager, Financial and Administrative Services

Craig is the Manager of Financial and Administrative Services, and the Chief Finance Officer for the Parliamentary Service. His duties include establishing systems of financial management, asset and logistics management, preparing annual financial statements and ensuring compliance with relevant financial management legislation and standards as well as promoting best practice in financial management across the Parliamentary Service. Craig has over 20 years' experience in financial management.

Ms Katherine Brennan

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Parliamentary Librarian

Katherine manages the Parliamentary Library, which provides research and information services for Members of Parliament and their staff, as well as managing the heritage O'Donovan Library. Katherine has extensive library and management experience delivering information and advisory services to business, industry, government and community.

Ms Leanne Clare

BCom CPA GradCertLegStud

First Clerk Assistant (Procedure) and Manager Chamber, Education and Communication Services

Leanne leads the team that provides parliamentary procedural support to the Legislative Assembly Chamber and coordinates parliamentary education and community awareness of the institution of Parliament and its role and functions. Leanne joined the Parliamentary Service in 1997 as a committee research director and was appointed to her current position in 2007. She has extensive experience in audit, research and management roles.

Mr Mike Coburn

Manager, Information Technology Services

Mike manages Information Technology Services, which provides and maintains computer networks and services throughout the parliamentary precinct and Members' electorate offices. Mike has over 35 years' experience in the information technology industry.

Mr Darryl McCarthy

Manager, Property Services

Darryl and the Property Services team are responsible for managing the buildings within the parliamentary precinct as well as 94 electorate offices located throughout Queensland. Darryl has over 25 years' experience in the construction and maintenance fields.

Mr Peter Morris

BBus Cert III (Adult Literacy)

Manager, Human Resource Services

Peter is responsible for ensuring the delivery of human resources and industrial relations services to Parliamentary Service staff and Members of Parliament. Peter has experience in both human resource management and industrial relations at an operational and managerial level. Peter has 25 years' experience in human resource management.

Ms Lucinda Osmond

LLB

Chief Hansard Reporter

Lucinda manages the Parliamentary Reporting Service, which is responsible for the accurate, timely and efficient reporting and broadcasting of the proceedings of Parliament and its committees. Previously, Lucinda worked in the New Zealand and Northern Territory parliaments and as a court reporter.

Mr Jaakko Ponsi

Manager, Catering Services

Jaakko is responsible for managing Catering Services which provides a range of dining services throughout the parliamentary precinct, such as fine dining, bar amenities, functions and cafeteria style dining. Jaakko has managed Catering Services for 20 years.

Mr Michael Watkin

BA (Justice) JP Qualified

Sergeant-at-Arms

Manager, Security and Attendant Services

Michael was appointed to the role of Sergeant-at-Arms in June 2014, and is also responsible for the delivery of Security and Attendant Services throughout the parliamentary precinct. Michael has over 25 years' experience in the Parliamentary Service.

Ms Bernice Watson

BA, Grad Dip Public Policy

Manager, Committee Office

Bernice leads the team that provides professional advice and research, administrative and procedural support to the various committees of the Parliament in fulfilling their roles and engaging with the community. Bernice has 25 years' experience working in public policy and management roles, and has worked with the Parliamentary Service since 2011.