



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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PROCEEDINGS FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ANNOUNCED

The Opening Proceedings for Queensland's new Parliament will occur over two days next week - on Tuesday 15 May and Wednesday 16 May 2012.

Following the general state election held on 24 March, Queensland's 54th Parliament will meet for the first time at 10am on 15 May. This sitting in the Legislative Assembly Chamber will include the formal procedures of swearing in each of the Members elected to the Parliament and all Members then electing the Parliament's new Speaker.

On the morning of 16 May, the newly elected Speaker will visit Government House to be presented to the Governor, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AC. This meeting between the Governor and the newly elected Speaker is known as Royal Approbation and all Members of Parliament are invited to attend.

On the afternoon of 16 May, the Governor will travel to Parliament House to formally open the 54th Parliament. Upon Her Excellency's arrival, a 19 gun salute will fire from Kangaroo Point.

In the forecourt of Parliament House, the Governor will receive a Royal Salute from the Royal Guard (Australian Federation Guard) and will then be invited to inspect the Guard, the Australian Army Band and the Brisbane and Queensland Mounted Police Escort.

The Governor will then enter Parliament House and proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber (Queensland's former Upper House) where she will deliver the opening address. It is tradition that this speech outlines the priorities and objectives of the government over the course of the Parliament.

Clerk of the Parliament, Neil Laurie, has advised that all proceedings in the Legislative Assembly and Council Chambers on 15 and 16 May 2012 will be broadcast live on the Parliament's website - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au>

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