



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

Friday, 20 March 2015

PROCEEDINGS FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ANNOUNCED

The Opening Proceedings for Queensland's new Parliament will occur on Tuesday, 24 March 2015 and Wednesday, 25 March 2015

Following the general state election held on 31 January 2015, Queensland's 55th Parliament will meet for the first time at 10am on Tuesday, 24 March 2015. 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.

At 2.30pm on 24 March 2015, the newly elected Speaker will be taken to Government House to be presented to the Governor, His Excellency, Mr Paul de Jersey 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 Wednesday 25 March 2015, the Governor will travel to Parliament House to formally open the 55th Parliament. Upon His 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 His Excellency 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 24 and 25 March 2015 will be broadcast live on the Parliament's website - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au>

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