Parliamentary Reform and Modernisation – community engagement and education
Scope of the reforms

- new committee system
- new legislative process
- changes to other business in the House
- new estimates process
Queensland’s Parliamentary Committee System
New Committee System

Committee of the Legislative Assembly

Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee

Ethics Committee

Portfolio Committees
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Required to be established by Standing Orders.

• Finance and Administration Committee
• Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee
• Industry, Education, Training and Industrial Relations Committee
• Environment, Agriculture, Resources and Energy Committee
• Community Affairs Committee
• Health and Disabilities Committee
• Transport and Local Government Committee
Examination of Legislative Proposals

- First reading
  - Referred to committee
    - Second reading
      - Consideration in detail
        - Third reading
          - Assent

- New Window
  - seek submissions
  - hold public hearing
  - table report - to recommend whether or not the Bill should pass, can also recommend amendments
Examination of Budget Estimates

- Introduction of Appropriation Bill
- Second reading
- Referred to committee
- Consideration in detail
- Third reading
- Assent

- review budget estimates for departments and GOCs
- hold public hearing
- question Minister and senior public servants
- determine whether proposed expenditure should be agreed to
- table report in Parliament
Implications for community engagement and education

- Members
- Committee Office staff
- Other Parliamentary Staff
- Public sector employees
- General public
Education

• In house training sessions for committee chairs, other committee members, research directors, other committee staff
• Seminar presentations for public servants
Implications for community engagement and education

Community Engagement

• Communication strategy
  • Parliamentary Staff
• Public sector employees
  • General public
Changes to legislative process
Changes to estimates process
Implementation action plan

- Design of new processes
- Design and delivery of training
- Staffing and accommodation
- Committee rooms
- Broadcasting and videoconferencing
- New manuals and template documents for use by members and staff
- Communication aspects, including media releases, fact sheets, web-site, seminar presentations
Communication strategy

• To educate stakeholders about the reforms
• To use the changes to further engage with Queenslanders about how they can get involved with their Parliament
Communications strategy

Objectives

• Provide educational information
• Utilise engagement activities
• Obtain positive media coverage
Communications Strategy

Target Audiences

• Members of Parliament
• Parliamentary staff
• Public sector
• People of Queensland
• Media
• Other Parliaments
• Interest groups
Partnerships

Strengthening of internal partnerships

• Committee Office
• Community Engagement Services
• Parliamentary Library
• Property Services
• Chamber Services
• Parliamentary Reporting Services