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## Part One: Introduction and Message from the Clerk

The Tasmanian Parliament, comprised of the House of Assembly, Legislative Council and His Excellency the Governor together, is responsible for the consideration and enacting of State legislation, the raising of revenue and the expenditure of such is authorised by these. The following is the Annual Report for the Tasmanian House of Assembly, detailing its role in the abovementioned responsibilities for 2008-2009.

### Mission and Corporate Goals

The House of Assembly Mission Statement, from which the five corporate goals are derived, is detailed below. Together these underpin the workings of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

The Mission Statement of the House of Assembly is as follows:

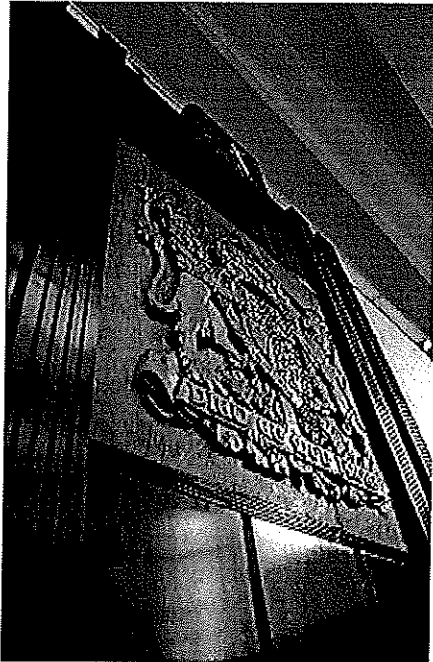
*To provide the House of Assembly, its committees, the Speaker of the House and Members with advisory, procedural, research and administrative support services of a high standard to assist them to effectively undertake their constitutional and Parliamentary duties.*

The corporate goals that the House of Assembly works towards, drawn from the Mission Statement, are listed below:

1. To support the House in its constitutional role;
2. To provide the highest levels of advice and procedural research and administrative services necessary for the effective functioning of the House, its Committees and Members;
3. To promote public awareness of the purpose, functions and work of the House and encourage and facilitate visits by the widest possible range of citizens;
4. To perform all of its functions at the highest attainable levels of professional competence and efficiency; and
5. To be a fair and responsible employer, maximising the potential of all its staff through effective human resource practices.

In meeting these goals, the House of Assembly pursues excellence in professional standards, management standards, skills development, internal and external communication, leadership, and resource allocation.

The corporate goals form the basis of the performance measures implemented. This report summarises the achievements of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly over the financial year 2008-2009. The following chapters provide detailed information on the goals of the House individually and on how efforts are made to meet and exceed these goals.



*Parliament of Tasmania Crest in the newly renovated House of Assembly Chamber*

### Clerk's Message

The 2008-2009 year has brought with it new and exciting challenges for the staff of the House of Assembly. Each of these has provided opportunities to continue to excel in supporting the operations of the Parliament and its democratic function.

In August and September 2008, the House conducted regional sittings in Launceston and Burnie, furthering the work of bringing the Parliament to the people it represents. More information on the regional sittings can be found in Part Four of this report.

Once again, in serving the Parliament during the last year, the staff of the House have continued to strive for excellence in their work. We look forward to the progressing our work in support of the House of Assembly in its parliamentary function into 2009-2010.

P R Alcock  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

## Part Two: Corporate Goal One

The first corporate goal of the House of Assembly is to support the House in its constitutional role. This is achieved by implementing and operating under State and Commonwealth legislation; offering procedural support to Members both formally and informally; and the production of printed documents; all of which while maintaining a strict political impartiality.

A general overview of the work of the House of Assembly may be found in this section of the report. Further information on how the office supports the House in its parliamentary role may also be found in Part Three, which deals with corporate goal two: to provide the highest levels of advice and procedural research and administrative services necessary for the effective functioning of the House, its Committees and Members.

Members receive procedural advice from the staff of the House of Assembly both formally and informally. Advice is dispensed formally in the *Standing and Sessional Orders and Rules*, agreed to by the House and published and provided by the House of Assembly staff for each parliamentary session. Informal support is provided within the Chamber, offering procedural information and assisting the Speaker or the Chair of Committees, taking minutes of the proceedings and handling the tabled documents and Bills.

### Documents and Publications Produced

The major documents produced by the House are first and foremost documents that support the House in its Constitutional role as part of the Tasmanian Parliament. These include the *Standing and Sessional Orders*, the Votes and Proceedings, the Notice Paper, and the Daily Order of Business. As well as these, the House of Assembly produces documents to assist in the promotion of public awareness of the work of the House, such as the Annual Report and Committee Reports. A comprehensive list of such documents produced in the last financial year is provided below.

**Annual Report 2007-2008** - The annual report on the operations of the House of Assembly (incorporating the House of Assembly Digest for 2007), compiled and presented to the House pursuant to the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*.

**Committee Reports** - Reports presented by Parliamentary Committees are published as Parliamentary Papers, of which details may

be found in the *Index to the Votes and Proceedings*, cited below. Reports may also be accessed according to the Committee who presented it, from the website, <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/comminte.htm>. For further information on the Committees of the House of Assembly, see Part Three of this report.

**List of Members** - Lists Members alphabetically by name, showing Parliamentary or Ministerial Office, electorate, party, address, phone and fax numbers. The list is continually updated. It is available in a printed copy from the front desk of Parliament House and electronically at <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ha/halist.htm>.

46th Parliament, July 2008

46th Parliament, October 2008

46th Parliament, November 2008

**Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day** (published for each sitting day except the first sitting day of a session) - An official list of all business before the House, setting out the order of business to be followed.

46th Parliament, 2nd session 2008-2009, Nos. 20-69

**Notices of Question** (published for each sitting week except the first sitting week of the session) - An official list of all Questions asked on notice.

46th Parliament, 2nd session 2008-2009, Nos. 7-25

**Order of Business** (published for each sitting day) - A guide for Members showing those items of business which the House is expected to consider on that day.

**Votes and Proceedings** (published for each sitting) - An official record of the proceedings of the House of Assembly.

46th Parliament, 2nd session 2008-2009, Nos. 20-70

### **Committee Support**

The House of Assembly also supports the Tasmanian Parliament in its Constitutional role through Committee work. This support is administrative: organising meetings, hearings and site inspections, keeping a record of proceedings and compiling reports. Several of the Committees that the office of the Clerk of the House provides such support for are established according to certain legislation. Further information on Committees of the Parliament is available in Part Three.



### **Legislation Administered by the House of Assembly**

The legislation that the office of the Clerk of the House administers provides some insight into how the office provides support for the House and its Members. The following is a list of legislation administered by the House of Assembly in the last financial year. The Department operates under the provisions of the *Constitution Act 1934*, the *Electoral Act 2004*, the *Parliamentary Privilege Act 1858, 1885, 1898, 1957 and 1979*, and the *Parliament House Act 1962*. As part of its parliamentary function the House of Assembly also administers the *Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973*, the *Public Works Committee Act 1914*, the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970*, the *Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969* and the *Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996*.

### **Support for Local Business**

The House of Assembly ensures that Tasmanian businesses are given every opportunity to compete for departmental business. It is the policy of the House of Assembly to support Tasmanian businesses whenever they offer best value for money for the public monies expended.

No tenders were called, or contracts awarded with a value greater than \$50,000 during the financial year ended 30 June 2009 through the House of Assembly. No consultancy contracts were awarded or acted on during the financial year.

## Part Three: Corporate Goal Two

The House of Assembly aims to provide the highest levels of advice, procedural research and administrative services necessary for the effective functioning of the House, its Committees and Members, as its second corporate goal. In order to achieve this, advice is dispensed as required both formally and informally, through the provision and maintenance of the *Standing and Sessional Orders* and the *Members' Handbook*, as well as through answers to questions as they occur in the Chamber or in Committee. Induction sessions are also held for newly elected Members, advising them about Parliamentary procedure and services available in the House.

Outputs pertaining to this second corporate goal are the support of the lawful operation of the House and support of the lawful operation of the Committees of the House of Assembly and Joint Committees. These are briefly mentioned also in Part Two. Information on these outputs and the related performance measures may be found in Tables One and Two, below.

Table One: Support of the Lawful Operation of the House and fulfilment of Statutory Requirements

<b>Agency:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Grouping</b>	1 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output No.:</b>	1.1
<b>Output:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output Description:</b>	Procedural and administrative support of the House of Assembly and its Members.
<b>Output Objective:</b>	Support of the lawful operation of the House and fulfilment of Statutory requirements.
<b>Production System:</b>	Produced by the Office of the Clerk of the House.
<b>User:</b>	Members of the House of Assembly, Local Government authorities, Public Sector organisations, general public.
<b>Performance Measures:</b>	<p>Performance measures relative to this output are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the extent to which requests for procedural and related advice are answered; Output: Procedural and related advice has been provided as requested. The Clerk has received no complaints in 2008-2009 as to the dispensation of advice.</li> <li>• the extent to which requests for advice relating to drafting of Private Members' Bills and amendments to Government Bills is provided; Output: Advice relating to Private Members' Bills and Government Bills has been provided as requested.</li> <li>• the extent to which the documents necessary for each meeting of the House, such as the Notice Paper, the daily program and procedural 'scripts' for the use of participants in proceedings are produced and supplied in an acceptable form and in time for each sitting day; Output: Documents necessary for each meeting of the House have consistently been provided at the appointed times throughout 2008-2009. On no occasion have such procedural and Chamber documents been late or inappropriately provided.</li> </ul>

The Committees Secretariat is a vital aspect to the achievement of this goal, as it provides research and advice to Members in Committees.

Table Two: Support of the Lawful Operation of Committees of the House of Assembly

<b>Agency:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Grouping</b>	1 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output:</b>	SELECT COMMITTEE SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output Description:</b>	Procedural and administrative support for Select Committees of the House and Joint Committees.
<b>Output Objective:</b>	Lawful operation of Committees of the House of Assembly and Joint Committees
<b>Production System:</b>	Produced by the office of the Clerk of the House through the provision of both written and oral advice and the provision of Committee secretariats.
<b>User:</b>	Committees of the House of Assembly and Joint Committees
<b>Units of Output:</b>	This output provides the machinery for the elected Members of the House to produce the relevant outcome, an assessment of 'units produced' therefore is not possible.
<b>Performance Measures:</b>	<p>Performance measures relative to this output are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the extent to which requests for procedural and related advice are answered; Output: Procedural and related advice has been provided as requested. The Clerk has received no complaints in 2008-2009 as to the dispensation of advice.</li> <li>• the extent to which support for Parliamentary Committees is provided; Output: All forms of support for Parliamentary Committees has been provided as required in a timely, sensitive and informed manner.</li> <li>• the extent to which the documents necessary for meetings of Committees, such as Agendae, submissions and procedural 'scripts' for the use of participants in proceedings were produced and supplied in an acceptable form and in time for such meetings Output: Agendae, submissions and procedural 'scripts' and other such documents were provided for all Committee meetings as required. The first priority in all provision of these documents was allowing Members and participants adequate time for preparation and revision of Committee related documents.</li> </ul>

The role of the House of Assembly Committees Secretariat is to provide advice, secretarial and administrative support to House of Assembly Select Committees, Joint Select Committees and Standing Committees.

At 30 June 2009, the staff of the Secretariat was:

- o Shane Donnelly, Clerk Assistant/Committee Secretary;
- o Heather Thurstans, Second-Clerk Assistant/Committee Secretary;
- o Charles Casimaty, Committee Secretary; and
- o Sandra Slade, Administrative Officer

During the 2008 - 2009 financial year, the Secretariat provided support services to the following Committees:

- o Joint Select Committee on Ethical Conduct
- o Joint Select Committee on the Working Arrangements of the Parliament
- o Joint Standing Committee on Community Development

- o Parliamentary Select Committee on Government Business Enterprises and Government Corporations
- o Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts
- o Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

### **House of Assembly Committees Secretariat**

The House of Assembly Committees Secretariat supports Joint Standing Committees of the Parliament and Select Committees of the House of Assembly in fulfilling their role as scrutineers of public policy issues and Government legislation. The Secretariat provides procedural advice, researches and analyses issues relating to committee inquiries, drafts committee reports, and provides administrative support.

### **Joint Select Committee on the Working Arrangements of the Parliament**

**Function:** The Joint Select Committee on the Working Arrangements of the Parliament is established by both Houses of the Tasmanian Parliament at the commencement of the First Session of the Forty-fourth Parliament on 7 October 1998 and has since been reconstituted after prorogations of the Parliament. The Committee was most recently re-established on 1 June 2006. The Committee inquires and reports upon measures for reform which may improve the performance and efficiency of the Parliament and its Members.

**Members:** Hon D. J. Parkinson MLC (Chairman); Hon S. L. Smith MLC; Hon J. S. Wilkinson MLC; Hon D. G. Wing MLC; Hon D. Llewellyn MP; Hon L. T. Giddings MP, Mr N.J. McKim MP; and Hon S. D. Napier MP.

**Staff:** Joint Secretaries: Mr Shane Donnelly and Mr Nigel Pratt

**Reports:** During the 2008-2009 year the Committee tabled a report entitled "Attendance of Ministers who are Members of the Legislative Council at House of Assembly Question Time".

**Meetings:** During the reporting period, the Committee met on four occasions.

## Joint Select Committee on Ethical Conduct

Function: The Legislative Council and the House of Assembly have appointed a Joint Select Committee on the ethical conduct, standards and integrity of elected Parliamentary representatives and servants of the State with the following Terms of Reference:-

“To inquire into and report upon the issue of ethical conduct, standards and integrity of elected Parliamentary representatives and servants of the State in performing their duties with particular reference to—

( a ) a review of existing mechanisms currently available to support ethical and open Government in Tasmania and the capacity to conduct independent investigations;

( b ) an assessment of whether those mechanisms need to be augmented by the establishment of an Ethics Commission or by other means and if so by what means; and

( c ) any matters incidental hereto.”

The Committee was established on 28 May 2008 and has been ordered to report by 28 October 2008.

Members: Hon G. R Hall MLC; Hon T. L. Martin MLC; Hon L. E. Thorp MLC; Hon J. S. Wilkinson MLC; Mr B. R. Best MP; Hon D. E. Llewellyn MP; Mr N. J. McKim MP; and Mr J. P. Rockliff MP.

Staff: Secretary: Mr Shane Donnelly

Reports: During the 2008-2009 year the Committee tabled Interim Reports One, Two and Three. Investigations into are still underway.

Meetings: During the reporting period, the Committee met on eighteen occasions.

## Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Function: The role of the Committee is "to examine public accounts on behalf of the Parliament". The Committee examines:

(a) the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by Parliament to meet the public expenditure; and

(b) such other accounts laid before Parliament as the Committee may think fit,

and to report to both Houses of Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit, on any matter arising in connection with those accounts or in connection with the receipt or disbursement of the moneys to which they relate to which it is of opinion the attention of Parliament should be drawn.

Where either House of Parliament refers to the Committee for examination any matter arising in connection with the accounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, or any other accounts laid before Parliament, or in connection with the receipt or disbursement of the moneys to which any of those accounts relate, the Committee shall, as soon as practicable, carry out that examination, and report thereon to both Houses of Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit.

The Committee may summon witnesses to appear before it to give evidence and to produce documents, and for that purpose has the power and authority of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly. Evidence is normally taken in public unless there is a good and sufficient reason to take evidence in private. Hansard provides transcripts of all evidence to the Committee.

Membership: Hon. J. S. Wilkinson MLC (Chairman); Hon. I. N. Dean MLC; Hon. R. J. Forrest MLC; Mrs H. R. Butler MP; Mr M. T. Hidding (from 25 September 2008); Mr S Kons MP; Mr J. P. Rockliff MP (to 25 September 2008).

Staff: Secretary: Mrs. Heather Thurstans

Reports: During 2008-2009, the Committee tabled the following reports:

- Administration of the Crown Lands (Shack Sites) Act 1997 (Paper No. 31 of 2008); and
- Inquiry into Television Advertisements by the Tasmanian Greens (Paper No. 20 of 2008).

Inquiries into the following references are ongoing:

- Compliance with the Deed of Agreement, Schedule 1 of the Gaming Control Act 1993; and
- Efficiency and Effectiveness of Fox Eradication Programs in Tasmania.

Meetings: The Committee met on seventeen occasions during the 2008-2009 financial year.

## Joint Standing Committee on Community Development

- Function:** The Joint Standing Committee on Community Development is established pursuant to the Resolution of the Legislative Council 18 November 2004 agreed to by the House of Assembly 24 November 2004, which provides for a joint standing committee to inquire into and report upon any issue or legislative proposal arising within the areas of: health, welfare, education, justice and law, sports and recreation, racing and gaming, public sector operations, arts and cultural development, and community quality of life.
- The Committee receives references in the following manner:
- (a) by resolution of either House;
  - (b) by a minister of the Crown; or
  - (c) the Committee's own motion, including public submissions.
- Members:** Hon K. Finch MLC (Chairman); Hon R. J. Forrest MLC (from 19 November 2008); Hon M. Gaffney MLC (from 19 May 2009); Hon N. Jamieson MLC (from 26 August 2008 to 19 May 2009); Hon T. L. Martin MLC; Hon A. M. Ritchie MLC (to 19 November 2008); Hon J. S. Wilkinson MLC (to 26 August 2008); Mr B. R. Best MP; Mrs H. R. Butler MP; Ms C. S. O'Connor MP; and Mr B. Whiteley MP.
- Staff:** Secretary: Mr Charles Casimaty
- Reports:** During the reporting period, the Committee concluded its inquiry into:
- The Provision of Assistive Technology and Equipment for People with Disabilities
- The Committee is currently conducting inquiries into:
- The Principles and Objectives of a new Disability Services Act;
  - The Provision of Public Primary School Education for the Residents of Port Sorell; and
  - The Dying with Dignity Bill 2009.
- Meetings:** During the reporting period, the Committee met on seven occasions.



## Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

**Function:** The Public Works Committee is established pursuant to the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* (No. 32 of 1914). The Committee considers and reports upon every public work proposed to be undertaken by a general government sector body where the estimated cost of completing the work exceeds \$5 000 000.

The Committee has regard to: the stated purpose of the works; the necessity or advisability of carrying it out; the amount of revenue which it may reasonably be expected to produce; and the present and prospective public value of the work.

**Members:** Hon. A. P. Harriss MLC (Chairman); Hon. G. R. Hall MLC (Deputy Chairman); Mr B. R. Best MP; Mr B. A. Green MP; and Hon. S. D. Napier MP.

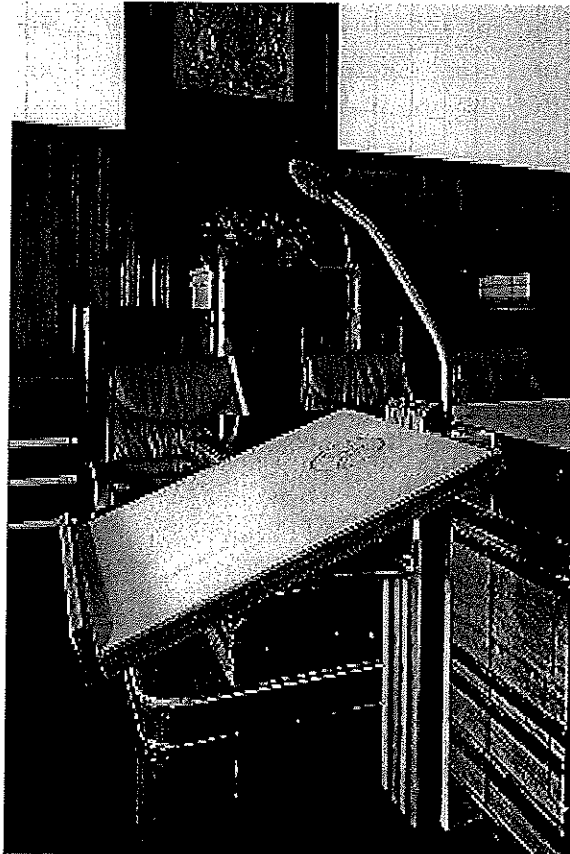
**Staff:** Secretary: Mr Shane Donnelly

**Reports:** During the reporting period, the Committee tabled reports into the following inquiries:

- Lyell Highway, Granton to New Norfolk (Paper No. 17 of 2008);
- Northern Students Accommodation Project (Paper No. 18 of 2008);
- Lake Secondary Road, Meander to Deloraine (Paper No. 19 of 2008);
- Royal Hobart Hospital Paediatric Enhancement Project (Paper No. 23 of 2008);
- Brighton Transport Hub Project (Paper No. 1 of 2009);
- Bridgewater Bridge Refurbishment (Paper No. 9 of 2009);
- Brighton Bypass (Paper No. 10 of 2009);
- Ogilvie High School Redevelopment (Paper No. 11 of 2009);
- Rosebery High School Upgrade (Paper No. 12 of 2009);
- Sorell Link Road (Paper No. 13 of 2009);
- Bruny Island Community Health Centre (Paper No. 17 of 2009);

- Winnaleah District High School Redevelopment (Paper No 21 of 2009); and
- Divisional Headquarters Redevelopment Bellerive Police Station (Paper No. 23 of 2009);

Meetings: During the reporting period, the Committee met on eleven occasions, such meetings being held throughout the State.



*Lectern in the newly renovated House of Assembly Chamber*

## Part Four: Corporate Goal Three

The Parliament and so the House of Assembly can only achieve the fulfilment of its constitutional role when guided by and accountable to the citizens it represents. The third corporate goal of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly is to promote public awareness of the purpose, functions and work of the House and encourage and facilitate visits by the widest possible range of citizens.

The House of Assembly is the base for several programs designed to educate the public about the parliamentary process, including the Youth Parliament and the United Nations Youth Assembly, as well as the Adult Education program Corridors of Power. In addition, public awareness of current parliamentary business is raised through media releases and maintaining the contact list through which citizens are able to communicate with Members. House of Assembly staff also assist in arranging and conducting tours of the Parliament and group visits to watch the Parliament while it is in session.

At the end of this chapter, the contact details for the House are listed. These contact details may also be found on the Parliament internet site and are available from the entrance foyer of Parliament House. Output information relevant to this section may be found in Table Four.

The office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly also assists in maintaining the Parliament website, from which citizens can inform themselves on the work of the House of Assembly and the Parliament as a whole. Web casts of proceedings for both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council are available at all sitting times for those interested but unable to attend. Full transcripts of the business of both Houses are available through the Hansard database. Additionally, members of the public can view current Bills before Parliament and follow their progress through both Houses from the Passage of Bills database also available on the website. Information on Committees, including details of current and archived inquiries, reports and transcripts, as well as information on appearing as a witness before a Committee and providing submissions can also be found. The website also provides information on the history of the Tasmanian Parliament and electoral system, a virtual tour of the building and access to the Parliamentary Library catalogue.

The House of Assembly fulfils the third corporate goal by supporting educational programs for all ages. The following information provides more detail on the ways through which it has promoted public awareness of the

purpose, functions and work of the House and encouraged and facilitated visits by the widest possible range of citizens in 2008-2009.

### **Youth Parliament**

The YMCA Tasmanian Youth Parliament in September 2008 was conducted under the auspices of the Legislative Council as the House of Assembly Chamber was undergoing extensive renovation.

### **United Nations Youth Association**

The United Nations Youth Association is a national organisation comprising several divisions educating young people about the role of the United Nations, international affairs and the democratic process. In 2008-2009 the Association conducted various debating activities and competitions over a number of weekends using the House of Assembly Chamber and Committee Rooms.

### **Corridors of Power**

The Corridors of Power program, operated in conjunction with Adult Education, again provided another opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the parliamentary process. As in previous years the Speaker participated in the program which attracted considerable interest.

### **Regional Sittings**

After the success of the Regional Sitting of both Houses in Launceston in 2006, in August and September 2008, the Tasmanian House of Assembly sat for two weeks in Launceston and one week in Burnie. This provided an opportunity for many members of the public who would normally be prevented by distance to attend sittings and learn more about the operations of the Parliament. In Burnie, more than 1300, and in Launceston, more than 1000, people from schools and community groups pre-arranged to view the sittings. Members of the public were also welcome to come in at any time without prior booking.

### **Group Tours and Visitors**

Visitors are welcome to visit the Parliament at all times during normal business hours or when either the House of Assembly or Legislative Council is sitting.

Group bookings for tours during the year included Legal Practice students, Public Service training and induction, seniors and service groups and official delegations.

When either House of Parliament is in session visitors may watch and listen to the proceedings at any time in the public galleries. Many student groups choose to visit when Parliament is in session so that students can observe Question Time.

Tours of the Parliament are available to casual visitors, community groups and school parties on non-sitting days of the Parliament. Tours are generally not available when Parliament is sitting. The numbers for the visits to the Parliament are shown in the table below.

Members of Parliament also personally conduct tours for constituent guests and community groups. Numbers for these visits are not available.

Table Three: Promotion of public involvement in the working of the Parliament

<b>Agency:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Grouping (no. and name):</b>	1 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output Number</b>	1.1
<b>Output:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>Output description:</b>	Promoting public involvement in the working of Parliament.
<b>Output objective:</b>	Lawful operation of the House, fulfilment of Statutory requirements and the promotion of the role of Parliament.
<b>Production System:</b>	Produced by the Office of the Clerk of the House.
<b>User:</b>	Members of the House of Assembly, Local Government authorities, general public
<b>Performance Measures:</b>	<p>Performance measures relative to this output are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the level of availability of information on the role and operations of the House and the Parliament through the media of:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. informal briefings;</li> <li>2. publications of the House; or</li> <li>3. electronically through the website.</li> </ol> <p>Output: Informal briefings on the role and operations of the House are provided as requested and where appropriate. Publications of the House are both informative and available. The Parliament website is continuously updated as changes occur. It also provides a substantial amount of information on the history and operations of Parliament and the Tasmanian electoral system.</p> </li> <li>• the extent to which inquiries about the House and related matters were responded to; and <p>Output: inquiries about the House and related matters have been responded to as required.</p> </li> <li>• the extent of support to organisations interested in the role of the House and the Parliament. <p>Output: Support for such agencies has been provided as appropriate.</p> </li> </ul>

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**TOUR FIGURES**  
**JULY 2008 TO JUNE 2009**

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Month	Students		Public		Total	
	No/s	Groups	No/s	Groups	No/s	Groups
July 2008	81	6	13	6	94	12
August	54	3	0	0	54	3
September	125	6	30	1	155	7
October	148	6	47	9	195	15
November	120	5	28	6	148	11
December	179	8	58	8	137	16
January 2009	0	0	36	11	36	11
February	0	0	40	14	40	14
March	108	6	23	9	131	15
April	63	3	6	3	69	6
May	95	4	0	0	95	4
June	0	0	4	2	4	2
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>116</b>

- \* Student groups and members of the public who attended Question Time are not included in the figures
- \* Tours personally conducted privately by a Member of Parliament are not included. In the figures.

**REGIONAL SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT**  
**LAUNCESTON 19 – 28 AUGUST 2008**  
**BURNIE 23 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2008**

	Students	Teacher Groups
Launceston	811	63
Burnie	1266	82

Public Visitors to the Regional Sitzings of Parliament are not included in the above table.

## Contact Points and Officers

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HOBART TAS 7000

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Principal Attendant	Tel (03) 6233 2200
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Hobart	Tel (03) 6233 2214 Fax (03) 6233 6266
Longford	Tel (03) 6397 7409 Fax (03) 6391 1385
Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees, Mr Brenton Best MP	
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Devonport	Tel (03) 6421 7890 Fax (03) 6421 7888

### Executive Officers at 30 June 2009

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<u>Deputy Clerk</u> Mr Peter M. Bennison J.P.	Tel (03) 6233 2211 Fax (03) 6233 6266
<u>Clerk-Assistant and</u> <u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u> Mr Shane G. Donnelly	Tel (03) 6233 2220 Fax (03) 6233 6266
<u>Second Clerk-Assistant</u> Mrs Heather Thurstans	Tel (03) 6233 2288 Fax (03) 6223 3803

## **Part Five: Corporate Goal Four**

The fourth of the corporate goals of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly is to perform all of its functions at the highest attainable levels of professional competence and efficiency. In order to maximise staff proficiency and attain the best possible outputs, the following two strategies are employed. Firstly, the House provides excellent human resource management and so maintains an optimum performance level from all staff members. In addition, the office of the Clerk of the House remains accountable to the general public and the legal system within which it operates. Both these approaches are vital for the continuing best possible operation of the House.

### **Training**

Staff development and training is integral to the successful functioning of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly. Such tuition assists staff to conduct their business more efficiently. The subjects covered by training courses that were undertaken by staff members in 2008-2009 include: parliamentary procedure and history, information technology, software applications, emergency and security awareness and control, customer service, telephone skills, personal development and taxation matters. The training courses available are designed to maintain and improve the levels of staff competency and awareness, both in the workplace and as individuals.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

The House of Assembly is an equal opportunity employer. Representation of House of Assembly staff in equal employment opportunity target groups can be summarised as follows:-

- (i) 46.8% of staff are women;
- (ii) 0% of staff are Aboriginal or of Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- (iii) 0% of staff are disabled.

### **Industrial Democracy**

The House has a co-operative approach to decision making. Because of the small number of employees in the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly, direct and immediate consultation between staff and executive officers is readily



available and encouraged. Formal channels of conflict resolution are also accessible by staff of the House.

### **Occupational Health and Safety**

Occupational health and safety is a principal management consideration of the House. The provision of equipment, facilities and programs, such as eye testing for users of screen-based equipment, is designed to ensure the safety and well-being of staff.

### **Superannuation Declaration**

I, Peter Reginald Alcock, hereby certify that the House of Assembly has met its obligations under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* of the Commonwealth in respect of any employee who is a member of a complying superannuation scheme to which the House of Assembly contributes.



P R Alcock  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

The second means by which the Office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly meets its corporate goal of performing all of its functions at the highest attainable levels of professional competence and efficiency is through remaining open and accountable to the community it serves. The following are the ways through which the Office of the Clerk of the House maintains its external scrutiny.

### **Reports by the Auditor General**

The report of the Auditor General, dated 24 September 2009, on the financial statements, notes and supplementary information for the House of Assembly for the year ended 30 June 2009 is appended hereto.

This Report found that the financial statements complied with statutory requirements and met applicable accounting standards. The Audit Report on the financial statements was unqualified.

### **Inquiries by Parliamentary Committees**

The Joint Select Committee on the Working Arrangements of the Parliament regularly oversees and conducts ongoing inquiries into the functioning of the House of Assembly. For further information on the work of this Committee, see Part Three.

### **Decisions of Courts and Administrative Tribunals**

The House of Assembly is not aware of any judicial decisions, or decisions of administrative tribunals, handed down during the year which have significantly affected, or could significantly affect, the operation of the Department.

### **Client Comments**

The major client group of the House of Assembly is the Members of the House. The relationship between the client group and the staff of the House is direct and immediate and the House has not yet had the need for structured and formal arrangements to handle complaints should they arise.

## Part Six: Corporate Goal Five

The fifth and final corporate goal of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly is to be a fair and responsible employer, maximising the potential of all members of staff through effective human resource practices. Much of the information relating to this corporate goal is provided in Part Five, amongst the details on staff training, development and security. However, further to the information supplied in the previous chapter, the following section provides details on the organisational structure of the Office of the Clerk of the House, as well as staffing information, and asset and risk management. Output table four, also included in this section, advises on the remuneration of employees. The Financial Statements chapter of this report offers further information on this area.

### Staff Information

Members of staff of the House of Assembly are employed pursuant to the provisions of the *Parliamentary Privilege Act 1898*. The total number of employees of the Office of the Clerk of the House for 2008-09 was 19, with the employment level being 18.8 full time equivalents. During the last financial year, the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly spent \$1,536m on employee benefits. During the course of the year, there were no staffing separations.

### Staff Dissection

	FTEs
Clerks at-the-Table	4
Clerk of Papers	1
Manager - Finance	1
Parliamentary Officer	1
Parliamentary Attendants	5.8
Committee Secretary	1
Personal Assistant to Clerk of the House & Speaker	1
Personal Assistant to Deputy Clerk & Chairman of Committees	1
Personal Assistant to Clerk-Assistant, Second Clerk-Assistant, Clerk of Papers & Assistant to Government Private Members	1
Administrative Assistant - Committees	1
Computer Systems Officer	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.8</b>

**Table Four: Payments Administered by the House of Assembly**

<b>Agency:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Grouping (No &amp; name):</b>	2 PAYMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output No.:</b>	2.1
<b>Output:</b>	PAYMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Description:</b>	Payment of salary and allowances as prescribed by the <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> .
<b>Output objective:</b>	Disbursement of prescribed payments.
<b>Production System:</b>	Office of the Clerk of the House
<b>User:</b>	Members of the House of Assembly.
<b>Units of output:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Performance Measures:</b>	<p>Performance measures relative to this output are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the extent to which payments of salaries and allowances to Members are prepared with due regard to accuracy and timeliness; Output: Throughout the 2008-2009 financial year, payments of salaries and allowances have consistently been provided in an accurate and timely manner.</li> <li>• the extent of verification of travel allowance claims to ensure their correctness Output: Travel allowance and such claims are regularly verified to ensure accuracy.</li> <li>• the extent of maintaining effective control over the expenditure of the Office to ensure that all payments are properly authorised and timely in processing and that the total expenditure of the Office is within budget parameters. Output: The management of the expenditure of the Office has at all times throughout the financial year 2008-2009 remained properly authorised and within budget parameters.</li> </ul>

The organisational structure of the Office of the Clerk of the House is illustrated on the following page, offering additional information on the above.

### **Asset Management**

The House of Assembly Accounting Manual prescribes the management processes to be followed in relation to the Inventory and Asset Register.

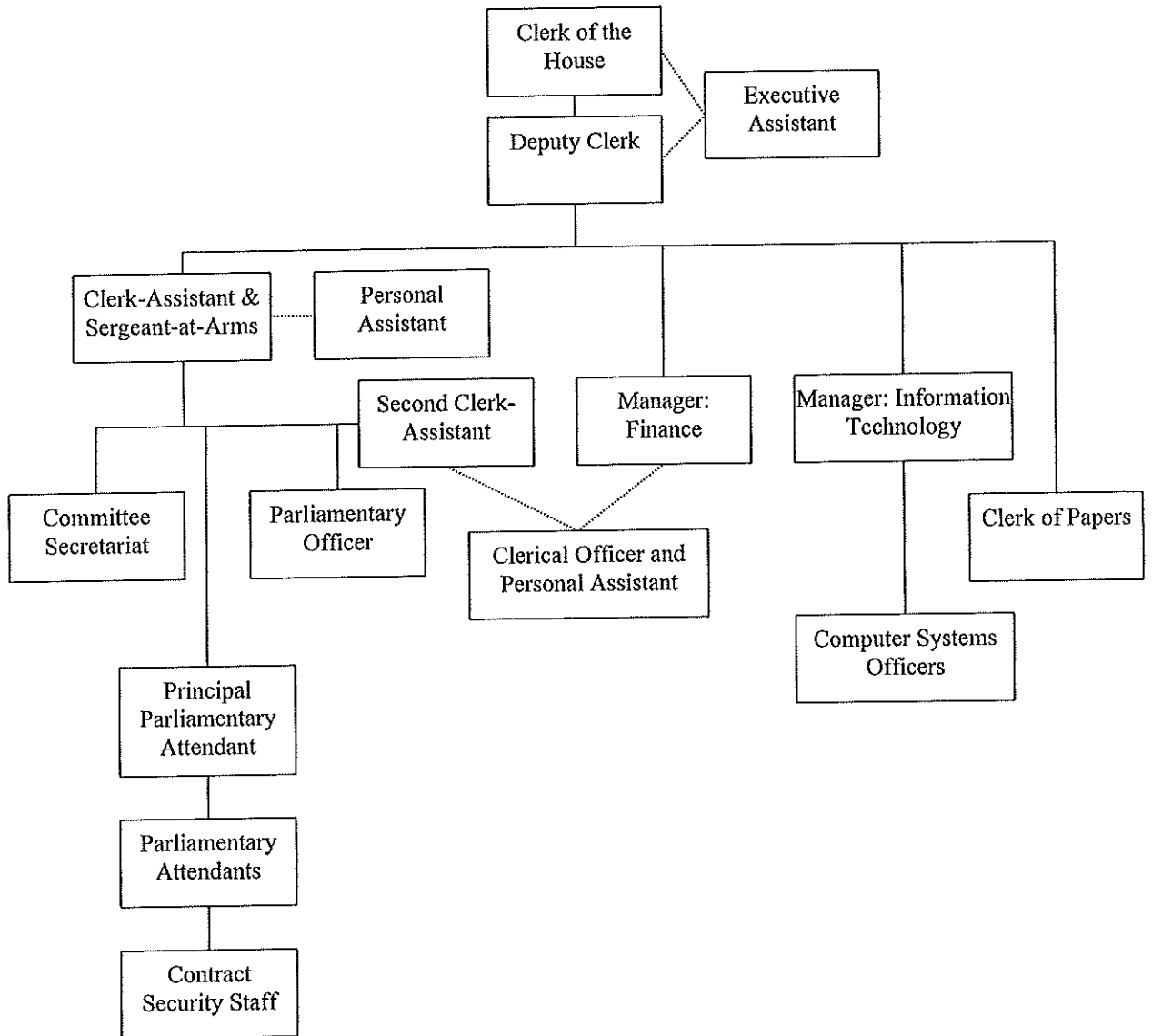
### **Risk Management**

The House of Assembly Accounting Manual prescribes the administrative procedures and practices of the House of Assembly in relation to risk management.

### **Corporate/Program Structure**

The corporate and program structure of the House are one and the same.

## Organisation Chart



## Other Matters

### COMPLIANCE INDEX TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

This index has been prepared to facilitate identification of compliance with statutory disclosure requirements: Financial Management and Audit Act 1990 (FMAA) and Treasurer's Instructions (TI), the Tasmanian State Service Act 1984 (TSS) including Statutory Rule No. 123 of 1990 Tasmanian State Service (Agency Reporting) Regulations (TSS(AR)R), the Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 1999 (PSSRA) and other contemporary reporting practices.

REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
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#### AIDS TO ACCESS

	Table of Contents.	i
	Alphabetical Index (for annual reports greater than 50 pages).	N/I
	Glossary of abbreviations and acronyms.	N/I

#### OVERVIEW

TSS(AR)R3(a)(i)	Overall mission and objectives of department including its strategic plan and related programs.	1
FMAA s.27(1)(a) TSS s.33AB(1)(a)	A report on the performance of the functions and powers of the Head of Agency under any written law.	N/A
FMAA s.27(1)(b) subject to S.27(2) TSS s.33AB(1)(B)	A report by any statutory office holder employed in or attached to the department except where required to report under any other Act.	N/A
TSS(AR)(R)3(a)(v)	Major initiatives taken to develop and give effect to Government policy.	N/A
T1 701(1)(b) TSS(AR)R 3(a)(iv)	Details of major changes affecting programs, objectives or organisational structure.	N/A

#### STATUTORY/NON-STATUTORY BODIES AND COMPANIES

A list of statutory and non-statutory bodies.  
A list of names of companies

#### LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED AND MAJOR DOCUMENTS PRODUCED

TSS(AR)R 3(e)	A list of legislation administered by the Department.	5
TSS(AR)R 3(d)(i)	A list of major documents or publications produced.	3

#### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

TSS(AR)R 3(a)(ii)	Organisation Chart as at the end of the reporting year.	25
TSS(AR)R 3(a)(iii)	Details of relationship between corporate and program structure	24

REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
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#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

T1 701 (1)(a) & (e)	A summary of the outputs of the department, showing their objectives and functions, together with significant outcomes and performance measures.	6, 7, 17, 24
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#### HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TSS(AR)R 3(c)(i)	Staffing information as at 30th June. (Refer to Public Sector Management Office guidelines).	23
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(ii)	Eligible training courses and staff development activities.	20
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(iii)	Equal Employment Opportunity.	20
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(iv) TSS(AR)R 3(d)(iii)	Industrial democracy plans with outline of process available for appeals against decisions by department.	20
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(v)	Occupational health and safety strategies.	21
PSSRA s.13	Statement regarding contributions to non-RBF superannuation funds, including a report that the Department has met its obligations under the <i>Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992</i> .	21

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT AND RISK POLICIES

TI 701 (1)(d)(i) &(ii)	Major capital projects	N/A
TI 701 (1)(g)	Asset management policies, strategies and initiatives.	24
TI 701 (1)(c)	Pricing policies of goods and services.	N/A
TI 701 (1)(f)	Risk management policies, activities or initiatives.	24
TI 701 (1)(h)	Support for local business	5

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL SCRUTINY

	Consultants engaged during the period.	22
	A list of titles and publishing dates of reports by any internal or external body. (These may include quality assurance reviews, internal audit activities, Ombudsman enquiries, Auditor-General enquiries, enquiries by Parliamentary committees).	22

REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
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**PUBLIC ACCESS AND AWARENESS OF SERVICES PROVIDED**

TSS(AR)R 3(d)(ii)	A list of contact officers and points of public access	19
TSS(AR)R 3(d)(i)	Activities undertaken to develop community awareness of the services the department provides.	15-16
	Freedom of Information details.	N/A

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

TI 701(1)(j)	Any other matters considered relevant for inclusion	26-28
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

TI 701(1)(l) & (m) FMAA s.27(2)&(3) FMAA s.27(1)(c)	Financial statements of the department including statements of any public body not required to report under any other Act, together with the audit opinion on those statements.	29-55
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**P R ALCOCK  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

**28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

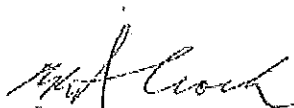


## Financial Statements

## CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of the House of Assembly are in agreement with the relevant accounts and records and have been prepared in compliance with Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990* to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2009 and the financial position as at the end of the year.

At the date of signing, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



P R Alcock  
Clerk of the House

14 August 2009



I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

My audit is not designed to provide assurance on the accuracy and appropriateness of the budget information in the House's financial report.

#### **Independence**

In conducting this audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian Auditing Standards and other relevant ethical requirements. The Audit Act further promotes independence by:

- Providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General, and
- Mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of State Entities but precluding the provision of non-audit services, thus ensuring the Auditor-General and the Tasmanian Audit Office are not compromised in their role by the possibility of losing clients or income.

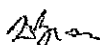
#### **Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion the financial statements of the House of Assembly:

(a) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the House of Assembly as at 30 June 2009, and of its financial performance, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended; and

(b) are in accordance with the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990* and Australian Accounting Standards.

#### **TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE**



H M Blake  
**AUDITOR-GENERAL**

HOBART  
24 September 2009

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## House of Assembly

### Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009 \$'000 Budget	2009 \$'000 Actual	2008 \$'000 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>				
Appropriation revenue - recurrent	1.6(a),3.1,12.1	6,636	7,085	6,649
Other revenue	1.6(b),3.2	0	1	3
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>6,636</b>	<b>7,086</b>	<b>6,652</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee and Member benefits	1.7(a),4.1,12.1	5,332	6,427	5,842
Depreciation	1.7(b),4.2	46	59	50
Supplies and consumables	4.3,12.1	1,251	789	688
Other expenses	4.4	62	96	88
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>6,691</b>	<b>7,371</b>	<b>6,668</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the State</b>		<b>( 55)</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>( 16)</b>

This Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit. Explanations of variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 12 of accompanying notes.

**House of Assembly**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2009**

	Note	2009 \$'000 Budget	2009 \$'000 Actual	2008 \$'000 Actual
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and deposits	1.8(a),9.1	8	3	8
Receivables	1.8(b),6.1	14	14	12
<b>Non-financial Assets</b>				
Prepaid expenses		9	5	54
Plant and equipment	1.8(c),6.2,12.2	1,357	1,369	1,421
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>1,495</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Payables	1.9(a),7.2,12.2	122	230	149
Employee benefits	1.9(b),7.1	625	738	634
Advance from Treasury		4	0	4
Other liabilities		29	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>780</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>787</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>608</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Accumulated funds		333	148	433
Asset revaluation reserve		275	275	275
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	8.1	<b>608</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>708</b>

This Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.  
Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.  
Explanations of variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 12 of accompanying notes.

## House of Assembly

### Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009 \$'000 Budget	2009 \$'000 Actual	2008 \$'000 Actual
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<b>Cash inflows</b>				
Appropriation revenue - recurrent	1.6(a),12.3	6,636	7,085	6,649
GST receipts	1.15,12.3	94	121	117
Other cash receipts		0	1	3
<b>Total cash inflows</b>		<b>6,730</b>	<b>7,207</b>	<b>6,769</b>
<b>Cash outflows</b>				
Employee and Member benefits	1.7(a),12.3	(5,303)	(6,304)	(5,757)
Supplies and consumables	12.3	(1,251)	(694)	(748)
Other		(62)	(81)	(91)
GST payments	1.15,12.3	(94)	(121)	(117)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(6,710)</b>	<b>(7,200)</b>	<b>(6,713)</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Payments for acquisition of assets		(20)	(8)	(56)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(20)</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(56)</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) investing activities</b>		<b>(20)</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(56)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Repayment of advance		0	(4)	0
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) financing activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>0</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		0	(5)	0
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period		8	8	8
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

This Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit. Explanations of variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 12 of accompanying notes.

## House of Assembly

### Statement of Recognised Income and Expense for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
<b>Income and expenses recognised directly in equity</b>			
Increase/(decrease) in Asset Revaluation Reserve	8.1	0	0
<b>Net income recognised directly in equity</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period		(285)	(16)
<b>Total recognised income and expense for the financial year</b>		<u>(285)</u>	<u>(16)</u>

This Statement of Recognised Income and Expenses should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



# House of Assembly

## Notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

### Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Objectives and funding

The House of Assembly (the House), together with the Legislative Council and His Excellency the Governor, constitute the Parliament of Tasmania, which has the responsibility to consider legislation and to authorise the expenditure of State monies.

The office of The Clerk of the House of Assembly provides the House, its Committees, the Speaker of the House and Members with advisory, procedural, research and administrative support services to assist them to effectively undertake their constitutional and Parliamentary duties.

The objectives of the office of the Clerk of the House are:-

- to support the House in its constitutional role
- to provide the highest levels of advice and procedural research and administrative services necessary for the effective functioning of the House, its committees and Members
- to promote public awareness of the purpose, functions and work of the House and encourage and facilitate visits by the widest possible range of citizens
- to perform all of its functions at the highest attainable levels of professional competence and efficiency
- to be a fair and responsive employer, maximising the potential of all its staff through effective human resource practices

The House is predominantly funded by Parliamentary appropriations and reserved by law appropriations for the above services and for the administration of the payment of salaries and allowances as prescribed by the *Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973*.

The financial report encompasses all Funds through which the House controls resources to carry on its functions.

#### 1.2 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report and have been prepared in accordance with:

- Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Interpretations; and
- The Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*.

Compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs and AASs) may not result in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as the AASBs and AASs include requirements and options available to not-for-profit organisations that are inconsistent with IFRS. The House is considered to be not-for-profit and has adopted some accounting policies under AASBs and AASs that do not comply with IFRS.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and, except where stated, are in accordance with the historical cost convention. The accounting policies are generally consistent with the previous year except for those changes outlined below.

The financial statements were signed by the Clerk of the House on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

### **1.3 Reporting Entity**

The financial statements include all the controlled activities of the House. The financial statements consolidate material transactions and balances of the House and transactions included in its output groups.

### **1.4 Functional and Presentation Currency**

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the House's functional currency.

### **1.5 Changes in Accounting Policies**

#### *(a) Impact of new Accounting Standards*

In the current year, the House has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. These include:

- AASB 2008-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards: Reclassification of Financial Instruments* permits the reclassification of certain non-derivative financial assets. The House does not intend on reclassifying its financial assets in the current period, accordingly there will be no financial impact.
- AASB 2007-9 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Review of AASs 27, 29 and 31* – The primary focus of this Standard has been on relocating, where necessary, the requirements in AASs 27, 29 and 31, substantively unamended (with some exceptions), into topic-based Standards. The Standard will not have a material financial impact on the Financial Statements.
- AASB Interpretation 14 *AASB 119 the Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction* - The interpretation clarifies when refunds or reductions in future contributions in relation to defined benefit assets should be regarded as available and provides guidance on the impact of minimum funding requirements on such assets. It also gives guidance on when a MFR might give rise to a liability. The Interpretation will not have a material financial impact on the Financial Statements.

The impact of the changes has been adjusted in the comparative information presented in the Financial Statements and associated notes.

#### *(b) Impact of new and revised Accounting Standards yet to be applied*

The following applicable Standards have been issued by the AASB and are yet to be applied:

- AASB 2007-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Arising from AASB 123* – revised Standard to be applied in reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. Eliminates the option of expensing borrowing costs directly attributable to the construction or production of qualifying assets, instead requiring capitalisation. The transitional provisions apply for prospective application as a result there will be no retrospective financial impact on the 2009 Financial Statements.
- AASB 2007-8 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Arising from AASB 101* - revised Standard to be applied in reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. The Standard will

not have a financial impact on the Financial Statements but will require a number of changes in disclosures.

- AASB 2007-10 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101* revised Standard to be applied from reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. This Standard changes the term "general purpose financial report" to "general purpose Financial Statements" and the term "financial report" to "Financial Statements", where appropriate, in Australian Accounting Standards (including Interpretations) and the *Framework* to better align with IFRS terminology. The Standard will not have a financial impact on the Financial Statements.
- AASB 2008-3 *Amendments to Accounting Standards arising from AASB 3 and AASB 127* - revised Standard to be applied to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The focus of the Standard is to reduce alternatives in accounting for subsidiaries in consolidated Financial Statements and in accounting for investments in the separate Financial Statements of a parent. The Standard will not have a material financial impact on the Financial Statements.
- AASB 2008-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project* – revised Standard to be applied from reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. The amendments to some Standards result in accounting changes for presentation, recognition or measurement purposes, while some amendments that relate to terminology and editorial changes are expected to have no or minimal effect on accounting. The Standard will not have a material financial impact on the House's Financial Statements.
- AASB 2008-6 *Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project* - revised Standard to be applied from annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. This Standard amends AASB 1 and AASB 5 to include requirements relating to a sale plan involving the loss of control of a subsidiary. The amendments require all the assets and liabilities of such a subsidiary to be classified as held for sale and clarify the disclosures required when the subsidiary is part of a disposal group that meets the definition of a discontinued operation. The Standard will not have a financial impact on the Financial Statements.
- AASB 2008-7 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate* – revised Standard to be applied from reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. The Standard removes the requirement to deduct dividends declared out of pre-acquisition profits from the cost of an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate and to include recognising a dividend from a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate, together with other evidence, as an indication that the investment in the subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate may be impaired. The Standard will not have a financial impact on the Financial Statements.
- AASB 2008-13 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB Interpretation 17 – Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners* - revised Standard to be applied from annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The amendments are in respect of the classification, presentation and measurement of non-current assets held for distribution to owners in their capacity as owners and the disclosure requirements for dividends that are declared after the reporting period but before the Financial Statements are authorised for issue, respectively. The Standard will not have a material financial impact on the House's Financial Statements.

The adoption of these Standards is estimated to result in no financial impact on the House.

*The financial statements are prepared on the basis that the House will continue to operate in its present form.*

## 1.6 Income

Income is recognised in the Income Statement when an increase in future economic benefits related to an increase in an asset or a decrease of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

*a) Appropriation Revenue*

Appropriations, whether recurrent or capital are recognised as revenues in the period in which the House gains control of the appropriated funds.

*b) Other Revenue*

Revenues are recognised when they are controlled by the House.

## 1.7 Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Income Statement when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

*a) Employee Benefits*

Employee benefits include entitlements of staff to wages, salaries and allowances, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and other post-employment benefits and Member entitlements as prescribed by the *Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973*.

*b) Depreciation and Amortisation*

With the exception of antique furniture and artworks and artefacts, which are not depreciated on the basis that they have an unlimited useful life, all non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of their service potential.

Depreciation is provided for on a straight line basis, using rates which are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods are:

Computer Equipment	3 years
Furniture and Fittings	10 years
Plant and Equipment	10 years

## 1.8 Assets

Assets are recognised in the Balance Sheet when it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied in the asset will eventuate and the asset possesses a cost or other value that can be measured reliably.

*a) Cash and Deposits*

Cash means notes, coins and deposits held at call with a bank or financial institution, as well as funds held in the Special Deposits and Trust Fund.

*b) Receivables*

Receivables are recognised at the amounts receivable as they are due for settlement. Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible, are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised where some doubts exist as to collection.

*c) Non-financial assets*

(i) *Valuation basis*

Heritage assets are valued on the fair value basis. Equipment and other non-current assets are recorded at historical cost. Fair Value is 'the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled between knowledgeable willing parties in an arms length transaction'.

(ii) *Asset recognition threshold*

With the exception of antique furniture and artworks and artefacts the asset capitalisation threshold adopted by the House is \$5,000. Assets valued at less than \$5,000 are charged to the Income Statement in the year of purchase (other than where they form part of a group of similar items which are significant in total). Antique furniture and artworks and artefacts are treated as discrete groups of assets and all items in these groups are recorded as non current assets.

(iii) *Revaluations*

The House has adopted a revaluation threshold of \$5,000 above which assets are revalued on a fair value basis at 5 yearly intervals.

Assets are grouped on the basis of having a similar nature or function in the operations of the House.

### **1.9 Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised in the Balance Sheet when it is probable that the future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required and the amount of the liability can be measured reliably.

a) *Payables*

Payables, including goods received and services incurred but not yet invoiced, are recognised when the House becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services.

b) *Employee Benefits*

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised, and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at expected pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

A liability for long service leave is recognised, and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

c) *Superannuation*

No superannuation liability is recognised for the accruing superannuation benefits of House members and employees. This liability is held centrally and recognised within the Finance-General Division of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

During the reporting period, the House paid 11% of salary in respect of contributory members of the Retirement Benefits Fund into the Superannuation Provision Account within the Special Deposits and Trust Fund. The House paid the appropriate Superannuation Guarantee Charge into the nominated superannuation fund in respect of non-contributors.

d) *Leases*

The House has entered into a number of operating lease agreements for vehicles and office equipment, where the lessors effectively retain all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the items leased. Equal instalments of lease payments are charged to the Income Statement over the lease term, as this is representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased property.

The House is prohibited by Treasurer's Instruction 502 *Leases* from holding finance leases.

### **1.10 Judgements and Assumptions**

In the application of Australian Accounting Standards, the House is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made by the House that have significant effects on the financial statements are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

The House has made no assumptions concerning the future that may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

### **1.11 Comparative Figures**

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in these financial statements where required and permitted by accounting standards.

### **1.12 Budget Information**

Budget information refers to original estimates as disclosed in the 2007-08 Budget Papers and is not subject to audit.

### **1.13 Rounding**

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

### **1.14 Taxation**

The House is exempt from all forms of taxation except fringe benefits tax, payroll tax and the goods and services tax.

### **1.15 Goods and Services Tax**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax, except where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount recoverable, or payable, to the ATO is recognised as an asset or liability within the Balance Sheet.

In the Cash Flow Statement, the GST component of cash flows arising from operating, investing or financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, classified as operating cash flows.

## **Note 2 Events Occurring after Balance Date**

There have been no events subsequent to balance date which would have a material effect of the House's financial statements as at 30 June 2009.

*Note 3 Income*

**3.1 Appropriation Revenue**

Revenue from Government includes revenue from appropriations, including appropriations carried forward under section 8A of the *Public Account Act 1986*, and from Items Reserved by Law.

	2009 Original Budget \$'000	2009 Actual \$'000	2008 Actual \$'000
Recurrent Appropriation	2,232	2,232	2,217
Items Reserved by Law			
R003 Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	3,935	4,165	3,878
R004 Travelling Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	438	666	531
R005 Members' Committee Fees and Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	31	22	23
<b>Total Revenue From Government</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>6,649</b>

**3.2 Other Revenues**

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Miscellaneous	1	3
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

**Note 4 Expenses**

**4.1 Employee and Member Benefits**

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Wages and salaries (including fringe benefits and non monetary components)	5,809	5,319
Annual leave	164	153
Long service leave	81	49
Superannuation	373	321
	<u>6,427</u>	<u>5,842</u>

Superannuation expenses relating to defined benefits schemes relate to payments into the Superannuation Provision Account (SPA) held centrally and recognised within the Finance-General Division of the Department of Treasury and

Finance. The amount of the payment is based on an employer contribution rate determined by the Treasurer, on the advice of the State Actuary. The current employer contribution is 11 per cent of salary.

Superannuation expenses relating to the contribution scheme are paid directly to the superannuation fund at a rate of nine per cent of salary. In addition, departments are also required to pay into the SPA a "gap" payment equivalent to two per cent of salary in respect of employees who are members of the contribution scheme.

#### 4.2 Depreciation

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Computer equipment	19	13
Furniture and fittings	23	24
Plant and Equipment	17	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>

#### 4.3 Supplies and Consumables

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Audit expenses	13	12
Fringe benefits tax	216	181
Supplies and consumables	24	31
Equipment costs	13	6
Communications	138	113
Travel	253	179
Information Technology	33	70
Other	99	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>688</b>

#### 4.4 Other Expenses

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Payroll tax	96	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>

#### Note 5 House Output Schedules

##### 5.1 Output Group Information

Information about the House's outputs and the expenses and revenues which are reliably attributable to those outputs, is set out in note 5.3.

##### 5.2 Output Summary

###### Output Group 1 - House of Assembly Support Services

This output provides procedural and administrative support to the House, its Committees and Members.

The objectives of this output group are the lawful operation of the House and its Committees, the fulfillment of Statutory requirements and the promotion of the role of the Parliament. This output group is produced internally by the office of the Clerk of the House.



Output Group 2 - Payments administered by the House of Assembly

This output group relates to the payment of salaries and allowances as prescribed by the *Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973*. This output group is produced internally by the office of the Clerk of the House.

**5.3 Statement of Outputs**

*Note: the following information has been prepared on an accrual accounting basis.*

<b>Output Group 1 - House of Assembly Support Services</b>			
	2009 \$'000 Budget	2009 \$'000 Actual	2008 \$'000 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Recurrent appropriations	2,232	2,232	2,217
Other revenue from ordinary activities	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>2,220</b>
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs)</b>			
Employee benefits		1,536	1,391
Depreciation and amortisation		59	50
Communications (Note 12.1)		138	116
Travel (Note 12.1)		253	179
Information technology		33	70
Other expenses from ordinary activities		461	411
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,217</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>( 55)</b>	<b>( 247)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Expense by output</b>			
House of Assembly Support Services	2,173	2,363	2,106
Select Committee Support Services	7	7	7
Investigatory Committee Support Services	107	110	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,217</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Total assets deployed for House of Assembly Support services		1,391	1,495
Total liabilities incurred for House of Assembly Support services		(871)	(733)
<b>Net assets deployed for House of Assembly Support services</b>		<b>520</b>	<b>762</b>

**Output Group 2 - Payments administered by the House of Assembly**

	2009 \$'000 Budget	2009 \$'000 Actual	2008 \$'000 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Recurrent appropriations (Note 12.1)	4,404	4,853	4,432
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>4,853</u>	<u>4,432</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Parliamentary salaries and allowances (Note 12.1)	3,935	4,204	3,878
Parliamentary travelling allowances (Note 12.1)	438	664	550
Parliamentary Committee fees and allowances	31	23	23
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>4,891</u>	<u>4,451</u>
<b>Net result</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38)</u>	<u>(19)</u>
<b>Expense by output</b>			
Payments administered by House of Assembly	4,404	4,891	4,451
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>4,891</u>	<u>4,451</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Total assets deployed for Payments administered by House of Assembly		0	0
Total liabilities incurred for Payments administered by House of Assembly		<u>(97)</u>	<u>(54)</u>
<b>Net assets deployed for Payments administered by House of Assembly</b>		<u>(97)</u>	<u>(54)</u>

**Reconciliation of Total Output Groups Net Result to Income Statement**

	• 2009 • Budget • \$'000	• 2009 • Actual • \$'000	• 2008 • Actual • \$'000
Total net result of Output Groups	(55)	(285)	(16)
<b>Reconciliation to net surplus (deficit)</b>			
Net surplus (deficit)	(55)	(285)	(16)

**Reconciliation of Total Output Groups Net Assets to Balance Sheet**

	• 2009 • Actual • \$'000	• 2008 • Actual • \$'000
Total net assets deployed for Output Groups	423	708
<b>Reconciliation to net assets</b>		
Assets unallocated to Output Groups		
Liabilities unallocated to Output Groups		
Net assets	423	708

**Note 6 Assets**

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
<b>6.1 Receivables</b>		
Other receivables	14	12
Less: Provision for impairment	-	-
	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
Settled within 12 months	14	12
<b>Total</b>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
<b>6.2 Furniture, Fittings and Computer Equipment</b>		
<b>Antique Furniture</b>		
At fair value * (18 October 2005)	716	716
<b>Total Antique Furniture</b>	<u>716</u>	<u>716</u>
<b>Artworks and Artefacts</b>		
At fair value** (July 2006)	402	402
<b>Total Artworks and Artefacts</b>	<u>402</u>	<u>402</u>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
At cost	168	168
Less: accumulated depreciation	(56)	(39)
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>112</u>	<u>129</u>
<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>		
At cost	237	237
Less: accumulated depreciation	(110)	(86)
<b>Total Furniture and Fittings</b>	<u>127</u>	<u>151</u>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>		
At cost	230	222
Less: accumulated depreciation	(218)	(199)
<b>Total Computer Equipment</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>Total furniture, fittings and computer equipment</b>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,421</u>

\* The latest revaluations as at 18 October 2005 were independently conducted. The valuer was Mr A F Colman.

\*\* The latest revaluations as at July 2006 were independently conducted. Artworks were valued by Mr W N Hurst and the Mace by Mr P Thomson.

### 6.3 Reconciliation of Non-Current Physical Assets

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below.

	Antique Furniture	Artworks and Artefacts	Furniture and Fittings	Plant and Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2009</b>						
Carrying value at 1 July	716	402	151	129	23	1,421
Additions					7	7
Disposals						
Revaluations increments (decrements)						
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	-	(24)	(17)	(18)	(59)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,369</b>
	Antique Furniture	Artworks and Artefacts	Furniture and Fittings	Plant and Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2008</b>						
Carrying value at 1 July	716	402	175	104	18	1,415
Additions				38	18	56
Disposals						
Revaluations increments (decrements)						
Depreciation/amortisation expense			(24)	(13)	(13)	(50)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,421</b>

### Note 7 Liabilities

	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
<b>7.1 Employee Benefits</b>		
Accrued salaries	40	40
Annual leave	279	239
Long service leave	419	355
<b>Total</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>634</b>
Due within 12 months	342	299
Due in more than 12 months	396	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>634</b>
<b>7.2 Payables</b>		
Creditors	190	116
Accrued expenses	40	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>149</b>
Due within 12 months	210	132
Due in more than 12 months	20	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>149</b>

## Note 8 Equity and Movements in Equity

### 8.1 Reconciliation of Equity

	Accumulated Funds		Asset Revaluation Reserve		Total Equity	
	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000	2009 \$'000	2008 \$'000
Balance at 1 July	433	449	275	275	708	724
Net surplus (deficit) Asset revaluation	(285)	(16)	-	-	(285)	(16)
Balance at 30 June	148	433	275	275	423	708

Note that accumulated funds include both contributed capital on formation of the House and accumulated surpluses or deficits in subsequent years.

#### *Nature and purpose of reserves*

##### *Asset Revaluation Reserve*

The Asset Revaluation Reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of Non-financial assets, as described in Note 1.8(c).

#### **Asset Revaluation Reserve by Class of Asset**

The balance within the Asset Revaluation Reserve for the following classes of assets is:

	• 2009 • \$'000	• 2008 • \$'000
Antique furniture	122	122
Artwork and artefacts	153	153
<b>Total asset revaluation reserve</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>275</b>

## Note 9 Cash Flow Reconciliation

### 9.1 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Deposits includes the balance of the Special Deposits and Trust Fund Accounts held by the House, and other cash held, excluding those accounts which are administered or held in a trustee capacity or agency arrangement.

	• 2009 • \$'000	• 2008 • \$'000
<b>Special Deposits and Trust Fund balance</b>		
House of Assembly operating account	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Other cash held</b>		
Cash on hand	-	-

<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
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	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>9.2 Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Net surplus (deficit)	(285)	(16)
Depreciation and amortisation	59	50
Decrease (increase) in receivables	(2)	2
Decrease (increase) in prepayments	49	(45)
Increase (decrease) in employee benefits	104	67
Increase (decrease) in payables	82	(2)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>

### 9.3 Financing Facilities

	<b>• 2009</b>	<b>• 2008</b>
	<b>• \$'000</b>	<b>• \$'000</b>
Tasmanian Government credit card facility		
Amount used	0	1
Amount unused	10	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

## Note 10 Financial Instruments

### 10.1 Risk exposures

#### (a) Risk management policies

The House has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk; and
- market risk.

The Clerk of the House has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the House's risk management framework. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse risks faced by the House, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

#### (b) Credit risk exposures

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the House if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the Houses maximum exposure to credit risk without taking into account of any collateral or other security:

**(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the House will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The House's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

The following tables detail the undiscounted cash flows payable by the House by remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. It should be noted that as these are undiscounted, totals may not reconcile to the carrying amounts presented in the Balance Sheet:

**2009**

	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities						Undiscounted Total \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
	1 Year	2 Years	3 years	4 years	5 Years	More than 5 Years		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>								
Payables	230	-	-	-	-	-	230	
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>230</b>	

**2008**

	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities						Undiscounted Total \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
	1 Year	2 Years	3 years	4 years	5 Years	More than 5 Years		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>								
Payables	149	-	-	-	-	-	149	
Other financial liabilities	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153</b>	

**(d) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The House is not exposed to interest rate risk.



## Note 11 Commitments and Contingencies

### Schedule of Commitments

	• 2009 • \$'000	• 2008 • \$'000
<b>By Type</b>		
<i>Lease Commitments</i>		
Operating lease (photocopier)	1	3
Operating lease (vehicles)	250	0
<i>Total lease commitments</i>	251	3

### By Maturity

<i>Operating lease commitments</i>		
One year or less	196	3
From one to five years	55	0
More than five years	0	0
<i>Total operating lease commitments</i>	251	3

## Note 12 Explanations of Material Variances between Budget and Actual Outcomes

The following are brief explanations of material variances between Budget estimates and actual outcomes. Variances are considered material where the variance exceeds the greater of 10 per cent of Budget estimate and \$100,000.

### 12.1 Income Statement

	• Note •	• Budget • \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Appropriation revenue - recurrent	(a)	6,636	7,085	449	6.8
Employee and Member benefits	(b)	5,332	6,427	1,095	20.5
Supplies and consumables	(c)	1,251	789	462	36.9

### Notes to Income Statement variances

(a) and (b) The increase in Appropriation receipts and Employee and Member benefits reflects the full year impact of increases in Member entitlements resulting from the report of the Second Committee of Review inquiring into Allowances and Benefits provided to Members of the Tasmanian Parliament.

(c) The decrease in Supplies and Consumables reflects a reduction in communications and travel expenditure.

### 12.2 Balance Sheet

	• Note •	• Budget • \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Payables	(a)	122	230	108	88.5
Employee benefits	(b)	625	738	113	18.1

### Notes to Balance Sheet variances

(a) The increase in payables primarily reflects increases associated with new Member benefits.

(b) The increase in employee benefits reflects increases in accrued salaries and long service leave entitlements.

### 12.3 Cash Flow Statement

	• Note	• Budget • \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Appropriation receipts - recurrent	(a)	6,636	7,085	449	6.8
GST receipts	(b)	94	121	27	28.7
Employee and Member benefits	(c)	5,303	6,304	1,001	18.9
Supplies and consumables	(d)	1,251	694	557	44.5
GST payments	(b)	94	121	27	28.7

#### Notes to Cash Flow Statement variances

(a) and (c) The increase in Appropriation receipts and Employee and Member benefits reflects the full year impact of increases in Member entitlements resulting from the report of the Second Committee of Review inquiring into Allowances and Benefits provided to Members of the Tasmanian Parliament.

(b) The amount of GST payments and receipts were greater than expected when preparing budget figures.

(d) The decrease in Supplies and Consumables reflects a reduction in communications and travel expenditure.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

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## SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

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## THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE DURING 2008

### GENERAL SUMMARY

Number of Sitting Days of the House .....	44
Number of Sitting Days - Budget Estimates, and Government Business	
Enterprises Committees.....	11
Total Hours sat from Meeting to Adjournment (excluding Committees).....	363 hours 36 minutes
Average length of each Day's Sitting.....	8 hours 16 minutes
Total number of Questions placed on Notice.....	67
Total number of Questions asked without Notice.....	543
Total number of Ministerial Statements .....	3
Matters of Public Importance raised.....	44
Want of Confidence Motions .....	2

### BILLS SUMMARY

Bills Introduced into House of Assembly .....	85
Resumed from previous session.....	4
Received from Legislative Council .....	3
Referred to Select Committee .....	0
Second Reading	
Agreed to and read Second time .....	64
Negatived upon Second Reading.....	3
Committal to Committee of the whole House Negatived .....	0
Third Reading .....	62
Legislative Council	
Agreed to by Council without amendment.....	60
Agreed to by Council with amendment.....	3
Council amendments agreed to by House .....	3
Agreed to by both Houses.....	63
Received Royal Assent.....	63
Miscellaneous	
Bills Withdrawn .....	0
Bills Declared Urgent .....	0
Bills debated under suspension of standing orders .....	12
Lapsed due to Prorogation .....	0
Bills ruled out of Order .....	0
Total Number of Private Members Bills.....	15

## RESOLUTIONS

The Late Douglas Frank Clark: Condolence, 27 May.  
The Late Paul Trevor McKay AM: Condolence, 5 March.  
The Late Vincent John Smith: Condolence, 27 May.

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hydro Tasmania, 27 May.  
Tamar Valley Power Station, 19 August.  
World Economic Situation, 14 October.

## PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Battery hen farming: banning of, 21 October.  
Bridgewater High School: that it be rebuilt on its original site, 5 March.  
Endocrinologist and other associated appropriate health professionals: employment of by the Government on the North-West Coast, 25 September.  
Forest Practices Code: that it and any relevant legislation be amended to prohibit high intensity forest burning, 21 August.  
Forestry burn-offs: cessation of, 24 September.  
Forestry Tasmania: cessation of forest regeneration burn-offs, 27 August.  
Forestry Tasmania: cessation of forest regeneration burn-offs, 29 May.  
Freycinet National Park camping ground: that the Minister for Parks and Wildlife enter into dispute resolution procedures regarding the lease of, 1 July.  
Huon Highway and other Huon Valley roads: funding be allocated in the State Budget for the upgrading of, 13 November.  
Launceston General Hospital: that it remain a fully staffed and funded institution, 10 April.  
Levi House: that the model of family-style crisis and transitional accommodation in Northern Tasmania be supported, 27 August.  
Macquarie Heads Camping Ground: retention of without usage restrictions, 12 June.  
Motorised bicycles on public streets: that a review of regulations be undertaken, 19 November.  
Student bus fares: abolishment of, 23 September.  
Taxi drivers: that traffic and driver's licence penalties be relaxed and the law requiring taxi drivers to assist Police in their duties be amended, 12 June.  
Upper Florentine Valley: that a moratorium be placed on further logging until a full impact assessment has been undertaken, 5 March.

## PAPERS TABLED AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED

11. Auditor-General: Report No. 1: Local Government Authorities, Superannuation Funds and other Public Bodies 2006-2007
28. Auditor-General: Report No. 2: Government Departments and Public Bodies 2007-08, Volumes One and Two
2. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 72: Public Sector Performance Information
9. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 73: Timeliness in the Magistrates Court.
10. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 74: Follow up of performance audits: April-October 2005.
24. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 75: Executive termination payments.
29. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 76: Complaint Handling in Local Government.
30. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 77: Food safety: safe as eggs?

32. Community Development: Joint Standing Committee on: The Provision of Assistive Technology and Equipment for People with Disabilities.
16. (L.C.) Environment, Resources and Development: Joint Standing Committee on: Alternative Fuels.
25. (L.C.) Ethical Conduct: Joint Select Committee on. Interim Report.
26. Ethical Conduct: Joint Select Committee on. Interim Report 2.
22. (L.C.) Gene Technology in Primary Industries: Joint Select Committee on.
5. Legislative Council Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee 'B' 2007: Report with Minutes of Proceedings
6. Legislative Council Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee 'B' December 2007: Report with Minutes of Proceedings.
4. (L.C.) Legislative Council Select Committee: Housing Affordability in Tasmania.
15. (L.C.) Legislative Council Select Committee: Organ Donation.
27. (L.C.) Public Sector Executive Appointments. Legislative Council Select Committee on. Special Report
20. Public Accounts: Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Inquiry into Television Advertisements by the Tasmanian Greens.
31. Public Accounts: Parliamentary Standing Committee of. Administration of the Crown Lands (Shack Sites) Act 1997
7. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Hazelwood School Relocation.
19. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Lake Secondary Road, Meander to Deloraine.
17. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Lyell Highway, Granton to New Norfolk.
12. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: New Kingston High School.
3. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: New Norfolk Primary School Redevelopment.
18. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Northern Students Accommodation Project.
1. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Parliament House Works.
14. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Redevelopment of Huonville High School.
8. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Rocherlea Primary School Relocation.
23. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Royal Hobart Hospital Paediatric Enhancement Project.
13. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Tea Tree Secondary Road - Pavement Widening and Alignment Improvements.

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2008**

Number	Year	Bill Name	Introduced By	HA 1st	Resumed	HA 2R	HA 3rd	Both Agree	Royal Assent	Act Number
23	2006	Forensic Procedures Amendment	Attorney General	7/11/2006	4/03/2008	27/08/2008	27/08/2008		22/10/2008	35 of 2008
81	2007	Tsunetchi Fujii Fellowship Trust (Winding-up)	Premier	20/11/2007	4/03/2008	13/03/2008	13/03/2008		17/04/2008	4 of 2008
72	2007	Gas Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	13/11/2007	4/03/2008	21/11/2007	21/11/2007	3/04/2008	17/04/2008	1 of 2008
69	2007	Legislation Repeal	Premier	13/11/2007	4/03/2008	13/03/2008	13/03/2008	3/04/2008	17/04/2008	5 of 2008
1	2008	Acts Enumeration Amendment	Premier	3/04/2008						
2	2008	Bill Pro Forma								
3	2008	Health Professionals Registration (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Health and Human Services	3/04/2008		13/03/2008	13/03/2008	4/03/2008	17/04/2008	2 of 2008
4	2008	Powers of Attorney Amendment	Primary Industries, Water and Energy	3/04/2008		4/08/2008	4/08/2008	28/05/2008	13/06/2008	14 of 2008
5	2008	Liquor Licensing Amendment	Premier	3/04/2008		4/01/2008	4/01/2008	4/10/2008	5/02/2008	7 of 2008
6	2008	Security-Sensitive Dangerous Substances Amendment	Infrastructure	3/04/2008		4/08/2008	4/08/2008	17/06/2008	26/06/2008	20 of 2008
7	2008	Animal Welfare Amendment	Primary Industries, Water and Energy	3/04/2008		3/12/2008	13/03/2008	7/10/2008	29/07/2008	26 of 2008
8	2008	Human Tissue Amendment	Health and Human Services	3/04/2008		13/03/2008	13/03/2008	4/03/2008	17/04/2008	3 of 2008
9	2008	Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Premier	3/04/2008		4/02/2008	4/03/2008	16/04/2008	5/02/2008	8 of 2008
10	2008	Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment	Mr Hodgman (Franklin)	3/04/2008						
11	2008	Fixed Term Parliament	Ms Putt	3/04/2008						
12	2008	Post-Ministerial Probity	Ms Putt	3/06/2008						
13	2008	Animal Welfare (Ban Battery Hens)	Mr McKim	3/11/2008						
14	2008	Tasmanian Development Amendment	Economic Development and Tourism	4/01/2008			4/09/2008	17/06/2008	26/06/2008	22 of 2008
15	2008	Tourism Tasmania Amendment	Economic Development and Tourism	4/01/2008			4/09/2008	17/06/2008	26/06/2008	23 of 2008
16	2008	Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges)	Infrastructure	4/01/2008		4/08/2008	4/08/2008	16/04/2008	5/02/2008	11 of 2008
17	2008	Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Novice Driver Licensing)	Infrastructure	4/01/2008		4/03/2008	4/03/2008	16/04/2008	5/02/2008	10 of 2008
18	2008	Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Monetary Penalties Enforcement (Consequential Amendments)	Police and Emergency Management	4/01/2008		4/03/2008	4/03/2008	16/04/2008	5/02/2008	9 of 2008
19	2008	Housing Indemnity Amendment	Justice	4/01/2008		4/03/2008	4/03/2008	4/09/2008	17/04/2008	6 of 2008
20	2008	Building Practitioners Accreditation (Miscellaneous Provisions)	Attorney General	4/03/2008		27/05/2008	27/05/2008	6/12/2008	26/06/2008	17 of 2008
21	2008	Payroll Tax Bill	Mr Harris	27/05/2008						
22	2008	Water and Sewerage Corporations Bill 2008	Premier	4/08/2008		29/05/2008	29/05/2008	6/11/2008	26/06/2008	16 of 2008
23	2008	Water and Sewerage Industry Bill 2008	Mr Aird	27/05/2008		28/05/2008	28/05/2008	30/05/2008	13/06/2008	12 of 2008
24	2008	National Gas (Tasmania) Consolidated Fund Appropriation (Supplementary Appropriation for 2007-2008)	Mr Aird	27/05/2008		28/05/2008	28/05/2008	30/05/2008	13/06/2008	13 of 2008
25	2008	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Energy and Resources	27/05/2008		29/05/2008	29/05/2008	17/06/2008	26/06/2008	19 of 2008
26	2008	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Premier	27/05/2008		29/05/2008	29/05/2008	29/05/2008	23/06/2008	15 of 2008
27	2008	Water Legislation Amendment	Justice	27/05/2008		29/05/2008	29/05/2008	6/12/2008	26/06/2008	18 of 2008
28	2008	Vehicle and Traffic Amendment	Primary Industries, Water and Energy	27/05/2008		15/10/2008	16/10/2008		16/12/2008	56 of 2008
29	2008	Chemical Trespass	Infrastructure	27/05/2008		6/11/2008	6/11/2008	17/06/2008	26/06/2008	21 of 2008
30	2008		Mr Morris	29/05/2008						

31	2008	Dangerous Goods and Substances Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Planning	6/11/2008		23/09/2008	23/09/2008	22/10/2008	37 of 2008
32	2008	Consolidated Fund Appropriation (No. 1)	Treasurer	6/12/2008		19/06/2008	7/03/2008	16/07/2008	24 of 2008
33	2008	Consolidated Fund Appropriation (No. 2)	Treasurer	6/12/2008		19/06/2008	7/03/2008	16/07/2008	25 of 2008
34	2008	Civil Liability Amendment	Justice	17/06/2008		23/09/2008	23/09/2008	22/10/2008	39 of 2008
35	2008	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment	Justice	6/11/2008		23/09/2008	23/09/2008	22/10/2008	38 of 2008
36	2008	Pulp Mill Assessment Repeal	Mr Booth	19/08/2008					
37	2008	Repeal of Fair Trading (Code of Practice for Retail Tenancies) Regulations Postponement	Justice	7/01/2008					
38	2008	Monetary Penalties Enforcement (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2)	Justice	7/01/2008		7/03/2008	7/03/2008	29/07/2008	27 of 2008
39	2008	Poisons Amendment (Poppy Advisory and Control Board)	Justice	7/01/2008		27/08/2008	27/08/2008	22/10/2008	35 of 2008
40	2008	Climate Change (State Action)	Deputy Premier	7/01/2008		20/08/2008	28/08/2008	22/10/2008	36 of 2008
41	2008	Same-Sex Marriage (Dissolution and Annulment)	Mr McKim	7/01/2008					
42	2008	Same-Sex Marriage (Celebrant and Registration)	Mr McKim	7/01/2008					
43	2008	Same-Sex Marriage	Mr McKim	7/01/2008					
44	2008	Taxi and Luxury Hire Car Industries	Infrastructure	19/08/2008		26/08/2008	26/08/2008	16/09/2008	30 of 2008
45	2008	Taxi and Luxury Hire Car Industries (Consequential Amendments)	Infrastructure	19/08/2008		26/08/2008	26/08/2008	16/09/2008	31 of 2008
46	2008	Criminal Code Amendment	Justice	19/08/2008		28/08/2008		22/10/2008	33 of 2008
47	2008	Racing Regulation Amendment (Race Fields)	Police and Emergency Services	19/08/2008		27/08/2008	27/08/2008	16/09/2008	32 of 2008
48	2008	Consolidated Fund Appropriation (Supplementary Appropriation for 2008-2009)	Premier	19/08/2008		21/09/2008	21/09/2008	9/05/2008	28 of 2008
49	2008	Food Amendment	Health and Human Services	19/08/2008		14/10/2008	14/10/2008	12/04/2008	47 of 2008
50	2008	Tamar Valley Power Station	Resources	19/08/2008		21/08/2008	21/08/2008	9/05/2008	29 of 2008
51	2008	Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2)	Premier	26/08/2008		28/10/2008	28/10/2008	18/11/2008	46 of 2008
52	2008	Living Marine Resources Management Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	23/09/2008		13/11/2008	13/11/2008	27/04/2009	6 of 2009
53	2008	Inland Fisheries Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	23/09/2008		13/11/2008	13/11/2008	27/04/2009	7 of 2009
54	2008	Fair Trading (Reinstatement of Regulations)	Corrections and Consumer Protection	23/09/2008		28/10/2008	28/10/2008	12/04/2008	48 of 2008
55	2008	Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Amendment	Mr Hidding	24/09/2008					
56	2008	Self's Point Land Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	14/10/2008		13/11/2008	13/11/2008	6/09/2009	11 of 2009
57	2008	Education and Training (Tasmanian Academy)	Premier	14/10/2008		21/10/2008	21/10/2008	18/11/2008	42 of 2008
58	2008	Education and Training (Tasmanian Polytechnic)	Premier	14/10/2008		21/10/2008	21/10/2008	18/11/2008	41 of 2008
59	2008	Education and Training (Tasmanian Skills Institute)	Premier	14/10/2008		16/10/2008	16/10/2008	18/11/2008	40 of 2008
60	2008	Education and Training (Repeals and Transitional Provisions)	Premier	14/10/2008		21/10/2008	21/10/2008	18/11/2008	43 of 2008
61	2008	Education and Training (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments)	Premier	14/10/2008					
62	2008	Education and Training (Further Consequential Amendments)	Premier	14/10/2008					
63	2008	Police Service Amendment	Police and Emergency Management	14/10/2008		3/03/2009	3/12/2009	18/11/2008	45 of 2008
64	2008	Consumer Credit (Limitation on Advertising)	Corrections and Consumer Protection	14/10/2008					
65	2008	Long Service Leave Amendment	Premier	14/10/2008		28/10/2008	28/10/2008	16/12/2008	61 of 2008
66	2008	National Parks and Reserves Management Amendment	Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts	14/10/2008		11/12/2008	11/12/2008	16/12/2008	54 of 2008

67	2008	Wills	Attorney General	14/10/2008			11/12/2008	11/12/2008	15/12/2008	59 of 2008
68	2008	Audit	Premier	21/10/2008			29/10/2008	29/10/2008	12/04/2008	49 of 2008
69	2008	Audit (Consequential Amendments)	Premier	21/10/2008			29/10/2008	29/10/2008	12/04/2008	50 of 2008
70	2008	Repeal of Regulations Postponement	Premier	21/10/2008			28/10/2008	28/10/2008	12/04/2008	53 of 2008
71	2008	Water and Sewerage Industry Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	28/10/2008			30/10/2008	30/10/2008	12/04/2008	51 of 2008
72	2008	Water and Sewerage Industry (Consequential and Transitional)	Primary Industries and Water	28/10/2008			30/10/2008	30/10/2008	12/04/2008	52 of 2008
73	2008	Property Agents and Land Transactions Amendment	Corrections and Consumer Protection	28/10/2008			13/11/2008	13/11/2008	6/09/2009	13 of 2009
74	2008	Public Health Amendment	Health	28/10/2008			13/11/2008	13/11/2008	16/12/2008	55 of 2008
75	2008	Local Government (Kerbside Recycling) Amendment	Mr Hidding	30/10/2008						
76	2008	Director of Public Prosecutions Amendment	Mr Hodgman (Denison)	30/10/2008						
77	2008	Aboriginal Lands Amendment	Premier	11/12/2008			18/11/2008	18/11/2008	16/12/2008	60 of 2008
78	2008	Racing Regulation Amendment (Governance Reform) (Transitional and Consequential Provisions)	Racing	13/11/2008			20/11/2008	20/11/2008	12/11/2008	63 of 2008
79	2008	Racing Regulation Amendment (Governance Reform)	Racing	13/11/2008			19/11/2008	20/11/2008	12/11/2008	62 of 2008
80	2008	Building Amendment	Premier	11/12/2008			28/04/2009	28/04/2009	27/05/2009	18 of 2009
81	2008	Legal Profession Amendment	Justice	11/12/2008			18/11/2008	18/11/2008	16/06/2009	18 of 2009
82	2008	Occupational Licensing Amendment	Infrastructure	11/12/2008			19/11/2008	18/11/2008	16/12/2008	57 of 2008
83	2008	Heavy Vehicle Road Transport	Infrastructure	18/11/2008			3/03/2009	3/03/2009	16/06/2009	19 of 2009
84	2008	Public Works Committee Amendment	Mrs Napier	18/11/2008						
85	2008	Workplace Safety (Additional Measures)	Mr Rockliff	18/11/2008						
86	2008	Corrections (Victims of Crime) Amendment	Mr Hodgman (Denison)	19/11/2008			4	2		





MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
RECORD OF SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED
<i>BARTLETT, David John</i> Minister 5.4.06 - Deputy Premier 9.4.08 - 26.5.08 Premier 26.5.08 -	1.4.04 (on recount repl. J.A. BACON)	18.03.06
<i>BEST, Brenton Roy</i> Chair of Committees 7.4.04 -	24.2.96	29.8.98 20.7.02 18.03.06
<i>BOOTH, Kim Dion</i>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<i>BUTLER, Alan Ross</i>	10.6.08 (on recount repl. P.A. Lennon)	
<i>BUTLER, Heather Rose</i> Government Whip 26.5.08 -	10.5.05 (on recount repl. K.J. BACON)	18.03.06
<i>COX, James Glennister</i> Opposition Whip 7.6.89-29.6.89 Government Whip 29.6.89-1.2.92 Chair of Committees 6.10.98 - 8.8.02 Minister 9.8.02 -	13.5.89 (defeated 1.2.92)	24.2.96 29.8.98 20.7.02 18.03.06
<i>GIDDINGS, Larissa Tahireh</i> Government Whip 6.8.02 - 15.3.04 Minister 7.4.04 - Deputy Premier 26.5.08 -	24.2.96 (defeated 29.8.98)	20.7.02 18.03.06
<i>GREEN, Bryan Alexander</i> Government Whip 15.9.98 - 16.5.00 Minister 9.8.02 - 14.7.06 Deputy Premier 5.4.06 - 14.7.06	29.8.98	20.7.02 18.03.06
<i>GUTWEIN, Peter Carl</i>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<i>HIDDING, Marinus Theodoor</i> Opposition Whip 14.9.98 - 2.7.99 Deputy Leader of the Opposition 2.7.99 - 20.8.01 Leader of the Opposition 6.8.02 - 30.3.06	24.2.96	29.8.98 20.7.02 18.03.06
<i>HODGMAN, William Edward Felix</i> Deputy Leader of the Opposition 6.8.02 - 30.3.06 Leader of the Opposition 30.3.06 -	20.7.02	18.03.06
<i>HODGMAN, William Michael</i>	1.2.92 (defeated 29.8.98)	24.2.96 21.8.01 (on

		recount repl. R.J. GROOM)
		20.7.02
		18.03.06
<i>KONS, Steven</i>	29.8.98	20.7.02
Cabinet Secretary 28.10.02 - 9.4.08		18.03.06
Minister 2.2.04 -9.4.08		
Deputy Premier 27.10.06 - 9.4.08		
<i>LENNON, Paul Anthony</i>	17.10.90 (on	1.2.92
Opposition Whip 20.2.92-14.3.96	recount repl. K.S.	24.2.96
Deputy Leader of the Opposition 14.3.96 - 14.9.98	WRIEDT)	29.8.98
Deputy Premier 14.9.98 - 21.3.04		20.7.02
Premier 21.3.04 - 26.5.08		18.03.06
<i>LLEWELLYN, David Edward</i>	8.2.86	13.5.89
Opposition Whip 14.12.88-1.2.89		1.2.92
Minister 3.7.89-17.2.92		24.2.96
Minister 18.9.98 -		29.8.98
Deputy Premier 22.3.04 - 5.4.06		20.7.02
		18.03.06
<i>McKIM, Nicholas James</i>	20.7.02	18.03.06
Leader of the Tasmanian Greens 7.7.08 -		
<i>MORRIS, Timothy Bryce</i>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<i>NAPIER, Suzanne Deidre</i>	1.2.92	24.2.96
Minister 9.10.95-18.3.96		29.8.98
Deputy Premier 18.3.96 - 14.9.98		20.7.02
Deputy Leader of the Opposition 14.9.98 - 2.7.99		18.03.06
Leader of the Opposition 2.7.99 - 20.8.01		
<i>O'BYRNE, Michelle Anne</i>	18.03.06	
Minister 27.10.06 -		
<i>POLLEY, Michael Robert</i>	22.04.72	22.04.72
Government Whip 15.7.74-22.12.76		11.12.76
Minister 22.12.76-25.2.80		28.7.79
Speaker 28.6.89-14.4.92		26.5.82
Speaker 6.10.98 -		8.2.86
		13.5.89
		1.2.92
		24.2.96
		29.8.98
		20.7.02
		18.03.06
<i>PUTT, Margaret Ann</i>	26.2.93 (on	24.2.96
Leader of the Tasmanian Greens 20.7.02 - 7.7.08	recount repl. R.J.	29.8.98
	BROWN	20.7.02
		18.03.06
<i>ROCKLIFF, Jeremy Page</i>	20.7.02	18.03.06
Opposition Whip 6.8.02 - 30.3.06		

Deputy Leader of the Opposition 30.3.06 -

*SINGH, Lisa Maria*

18.03.06

*STURGES, Graeme Lindsay*

20.7.02

18.03.06

Government Whip 15.3.04 - 26.5.08

Minister 26.5.08 -

*WHITELEY, Brett David*

20.7.02

18.03.06

Opposition Whip 30.3.06 -

*WRIEDT, Paula Catherine*

24.2.96

29.8.98

Opposition Whip 14.3.96 - 28.8.98

Minister 18.9.98 - 15.10.01

20.7.02

Minister 29.01.02 - 12.09.08

18.03.06

MEMBERS ACCUMULATED SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Years of Service	No. of Members
Less than one year	2
Two and less than three years	2
Three and less than four years	1
Four and less than five years	1
Six and less than seven years	8
Eight and less than nine years	2
Ten and less than eleven years	2
Twelve and less than thirteen years	3
Fifteen and less than sixteen years	1
Sixteen and less than seventeen years	1
Twenty-two and less than twenty-three years	1
Thirty-six and less than thirty-seven years	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>25</u></b>