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FOR 2006

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Balloon's Eye View, 1879

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## **Part One: Introduction and Message from the Clerk**

It is the responsibility of the Tasmanian Parliament to consider and enact legislation, to authorise the raising of revenue and the expenditure of such within the State. The Parliament of Tasmania comprises the House of Assembly, the Legislative Council and His Excellency the Governor. The following is the Annual Report for the Tasmanian House of Assembly for 2006-2007.

### **Mission and Corporate Goals**

The office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly operates under the following Mission Statement:

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.

From the above Mission Statement are derived the five corporate goals:

- 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; and
- 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.

This excellence is sought through continued efforts to improve performance and by meeting the programme objectives. The corporate goals form the basis of the

performance measures put in place. This report summarises the achievements of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly over the financial year 2006-2007 according to its points of reference: the corporate goals. The following five chapters each provide more detailed information on the goals of the House individually and on how efforts are made to meet and exceed these goals.

## **Clerk's Message**

Welcome to the annual report for the Tasmanian House of Assembly 2006-2007. The past year has thrown us many challenges, and with them, chances to excel in supporting the operations of the Parliament and its democratic function.

The year included further celebrations of the sesquicentenary of responsible government in Tasmania such as the Open Day including the burial of the Time Capsule, and the Ceremonial Sitting. The year also involved Tasmania's first Regional Sitting since the beginning of responsible government in the State, also the first regional sitting of both Houses of Parliament at the same time to occur in Australia. Details of these can be found later in this report.

As always, it has been a pleasure to continue to serve the Parliament and through their democratically chosen representatives the Tasmanian people. We look forward to many more years of growth and continued improvement upon and development in our work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P R Alcock', written in a cursive style.

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. The office of the Clerk of the House maintains a strict political impartiality as the principal support provider for the House of Assembly in its parliamentary function.

The aim of this section is to provide a general overview of the work of the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly. Further information on how the office supports the House in its parliamentary role may 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.

Support is offered to Members in a variety of ways, both formally and informally. Primarily such support is provided through the provision of procedural advice in the Standing and Sessional Orders and Rules, published with each parliamentary session. Alternatively, support is provided through services within the Chamber, offering procedural advice informally and assisting the Speaker or the Chair of Committees, and taking minutes of the proceedings and handling the tabled documents and Bills.

Much of the support provided, both within the Chamber and outside the Chamber, comprises the major documents produced by the House. These documents include the Votes and Proceedings (the minutes) as well as the Notice Paper, among others. A comprehensive list of such documents produced in the last financial year is provided below.

### **Documents and Publications Produced**

**Annual Report 2005-2006** - The annual report on the operations of the House of Assembly (incorporating the House of Assembly Digest for 2004), 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>

. **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, April 2007

**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, 1st session 2006 - 2007, Nos. 8-48

**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, 1st session 2006 -2007, Nos. 1-16

**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, 1st session, Nos. 9-49

As well as providing support to the procedures of the House of Assembly by producing major documents including procedural advice and official records, the office of the Clerk of the House supports the Members through Committee work. Such support for the Committees is primarily 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 2007. No consultancy contracts were awarded or acted on during the financial year.



*House of Assembly Chamber, 1940*



## 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 meeting this goal, 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.

Outputs that pertain 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. Information on these outputs and the related performance measures may be found in Tables One and Two.

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 2006-2007 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 2006-2007. 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 2006-2007 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>
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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 2007, the staff of the Secretariat was:

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

During the 2006 - 2007 financial year, the Secretariat provided support services to the following Committees:

- Joint Select Committee on the Working Arrangements of the Parliament
- Joint Standing Committee on Community Development
- Parliamentary Select Committee on Government Business Enterprises and Government Corporations
- Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts
- 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 performs the function by:-

- providing procedural advice;
- researching and analysing issues relating to committee inquiries;
- drafting committee reports; and
- providing 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 MHA; Ms M. A. Putt MHA; Hon S. D. Napier MHA; and Hon P. Wriedt MHA.
- Staff:** Joint Secretaries: Mr Peter Alcock and Mrs Sue McLeod
- Reports:** During the 2006-2007 year the Committee did not complete any reports. Investigations into are still underway.
- Meetings:** During the reporting period, the Committee met on three 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. S. L. Smith; Mrs H. R. Butler MHA; Mr J. P. Rockliff MHA; and Mr G. L. Sturges MHA.

Staff:              Secretary:      Mrs. Heather Thurstans

Reports:            The Committee tabled the “Statement of Understanding between the Auditor-General and the Tasmanian Standing Committee of Public Accounts” on 13 June 2007.  
  
An inquiry is ongoing into the administration of Crown Lands (shack sites).

Meetings:          The Committee met on nine occasions during 2006-2007.

### **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 A. M. Ritchie MLC; Hon T. L. Martin MLC; Hon J. S. Wilkinson MLC; Mr B. R. Best MHA; Mrs H. R. Butler MHA; Mr T. B. Morris MHA and Mr B. Whiteley MHA.

Staff: Secretary: Mr Charles Casimaty

Reports: The Committee is currently conducting inquiries into:

- Young People with Disabilities in Nursing Homes
- Suicide Prevention
- The Firearms Act 1996 - Part Three, Divisions One and Two: Minors' Permits and the Granting of Permits to Acquire Firearms

Meetings: During the reporting period, the Committee met on nine 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 proposed public work the cost of which is defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund where the estimated cost of completing the work exceeds \$2 000 000.

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 MHA; Hon. S. D. Napier MHA; and Mr G. L. Sturges.

Staff: Secretary: Mr Shane Donnelly

Reports: Bass Highway—Sisters Hills Upgrade: West of Cutting Realignment and Climbing Lane, East of Cutting Climbing Lane Extension, Wilsons Creek Bridge Replacement and Realignment of Approaches, West of Montumana Road (East) Realignment (Paper No. 15 of 2006)

Lilydale to Scottsdale, Hurst Creek to Oak Dene Road—Road Deviation (Paper No. 1 of 2007)

Mayfield Primary School Redevelopment (Paper No. 8 of 2007)

Natural Gas Energy Solution for the Launceston General Hospital (Paper No. 3 of 2007)

Smithton District Hospital Redevelopment (Paper No. 7 of 2007)

Tasman Highway, Bourkes Road to Barrow Creek—Roadworks (Paper No. 2 of 2007)

Meetings: During the reporting period, the Committee met on seven occasions, such meetings being held in Cradle Mountain, Mayfield, Hobart and by teleconference.

## **Part Four: Corporate Goal Three**

The third of the corporate goals 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. This is a very important aspect of the functioning of the House, as it can only truly fulfil its parliamentary and constitutional role when it is guided by and accountable to the citizens it represents.

The office of the Clerk of the House is the base for several youth-focused education programs, including the Youth Parliament and the United Nations Youth Assembly, in order to promote this important public involvement with the operations of the Parliament. It is also involved in the Adult Education program, Corridors of Power, through the Speaker, as well as raising public awareness of current parliamentary business through such things as media releases and maintaining the contact list through which citizens are able to communicate with Members.

At the end of this chapter, the abovementioned 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. Full transcripts of the business of both Houses are available through Hansard on the Parliament website. Additionally, members of the public can view current Bills before Parliament and their progress through both Houses from the Passage of Bills database also available from the Parliament website. This site also includes informative backgrounders on the history of the Tasmanian Parliament and electoral system.

One of the primary means by which the office of the Clerk of the House aims to fulfil its third corporate goal is by its role in supporting educational programs for all ages. The following information provides more detail in some of the ways through which the office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly 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 the 2006-2007 financial year.



## **Youth Parliament**

The 2006 YMCA Tasmanian Youth Parliament conducted during September 2006 was opened by the Premier, the Hon. Paul Lennon MHA. During the three sitting days a number of Members of Parliament from both Houses assisted the students by taking the role of the Presiding Officer, a gesture greatly appreciated by the students.

Teams from schools from all parts of the state participated in debating a total of fourteen bills. As in previous years the topics selected reflected the interests and concerns of youth and the subjects included the disclosure of political donations, pulp mill regulations, license plates, agriculture incentive programs, biofuel incentives and poker machine bans. All participating teams took on the role of sponsoring a Bill and the role of Opposition. The student's knowledge of parliamentary procedure and their research of the subject matter were reflected in vigorous and informative debating.

The Youth Motion concluded the proceedings and the session finished with a reception where the resolutions passed by the Youth Parliament were presented to Ms Lisa Singh MHA who was representing the Premier.

## **United Nations Youth Association**

The United Nations Youth Association, a national organisation comprised of a number of divisions involved in educating young people about the role of the United Nations, international affairs and the democratic process, conducted various debating activities and competitions over a number of weekends using the House of Assembly chamber and the Committee Rooms.

## **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 in session as staff are required to provide services to the Members while in the Chamber. In 2006-2007, the number of visitors touring Parliament House and watching the Parliament while in session increased from the numbers visiting in 2005-2006, even without including the number of people who came to watch Parliament in session during the regional sitting in Launceston.

As in previous years the Speaker participated in the Adult Education Programs which attracted considerable interest to the session entitled Corridors of Power.

### **Regional Sitting**

On Tuesday 17 October 2006, The Parliament of Tasmania became the first Parliament in Australia to conduct a regional sitting involving both Houses at the same time. Between 17 and 19 October, both Houses met in the Royal Albert Hall in Launceston, marking the historic occasion of 150 years of bicameral Parliament and responsible Government in Tasmania. During that time, over 1300 people registered as visitors wishing to watch the Parliament carrying out its democratic function. In addition, many other members of the public came to watch the Parliament in session during the regional sitting in Launceston who had not registered and thus are not included in the total visitor numbers.



*The House of Assembly at the regional sitting in the Royal Albert Hall, Launceston*

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

<b>Agency:</b>	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
<b>Output Grouping (No &amp; name):</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>	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>

## Contact Points and Officers

### Postal Address:

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HOBART TAS 7000

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<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/>

### Enquiries:

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## **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 office of the Clerk of the House employs two strategies. Firstly, it is necessary to provide excellent human resource management and so maintain 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 and maintains interest. The subjects covered by training courses that were undertaken by staff members included the following: 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P R Alcock', written in a cursive style.

P R Alcock  
Clerk of the House of Assembly

The second means by which the Office of the Clerk of the House of Assembly strives to meet 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 22 October 2007, on the financial statements, notes and supplementary information for the House of Assembly for the year ended 30 June 2007 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. Considerable information relating to this corporate goal is also provided in Part Five, amongst the details on staff training, development and security within the Office of the Clerk of the House. 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 2006-07 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 \$1,270m 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 2006-2007 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 2006-2007 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.

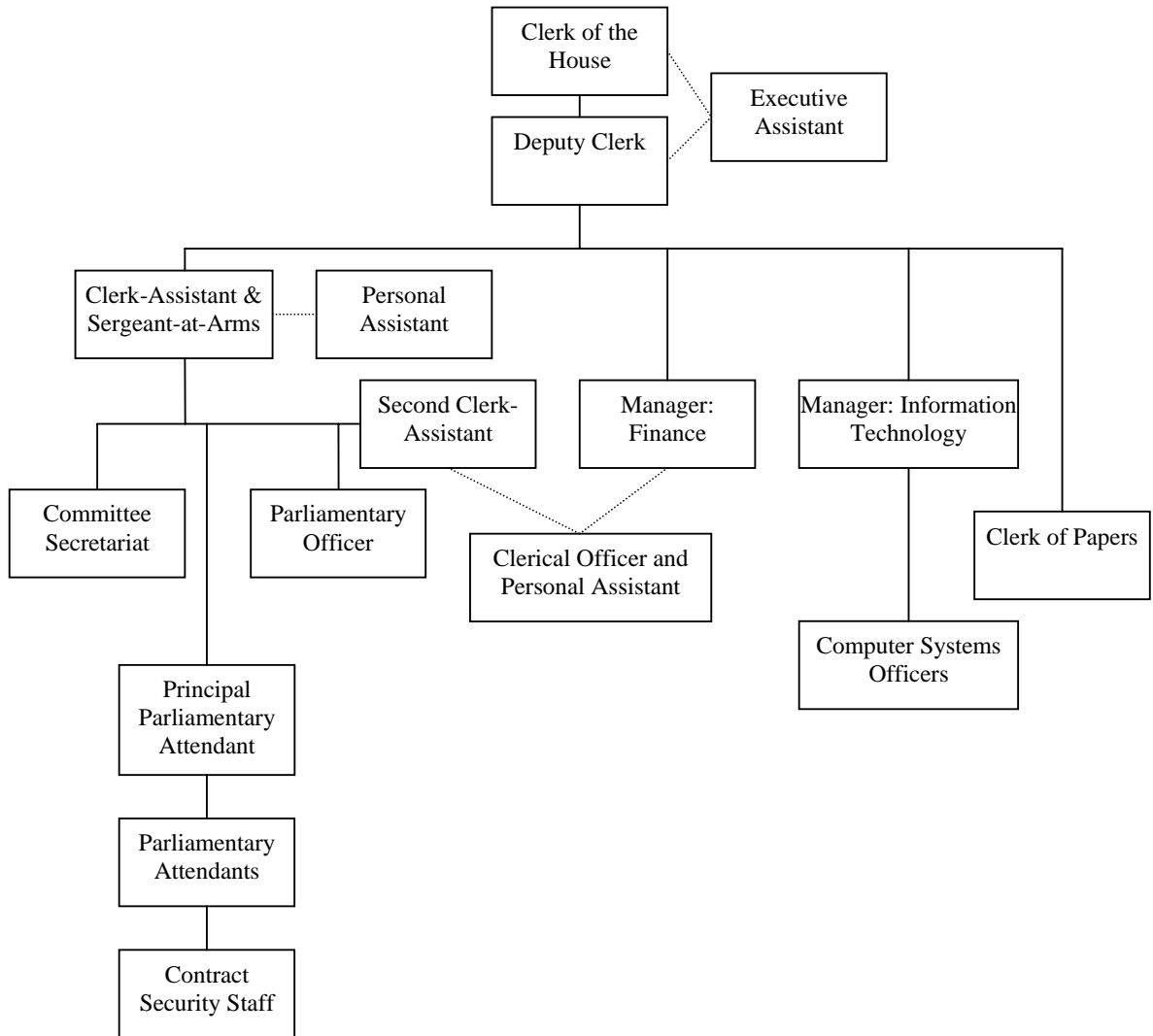
### Risk Management

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
<b>AIDS TO ACCESS</b>		
	Table of Contents.	i
	Alphabetical Index (for annual reports greater than 50 pages).	N/I
	Glossary of abbreviations and acronyms.	N/I
<b>OVERVIEW</b>		
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) TSS s.33AB(1)(B)	A report by any statutory office holder employed in or subject to S.27(2) 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
<b>STATUTORY/NON-STATUTORY BODIES AND COMPANIES</b>		N/A
	A list of statutory and non-statutory bodies. A list of names of companies	
<b>LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED AND MAJOR DOCUMENTS PRODUCED</b>		
TSS(AR)R 3(e)	A list of legislation administered by the Department.	4
TSS(AR)R 3(d)(i)	A list of major documents or publications produced.	3
<b>ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE</b>		
TSS(AR)R 3(a)(ii)	Organisation Chart as at the end of the reporting year.	22
TSS(AR)R 3(a)(iii)	Details of relationship between corporate and program structure	21

REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
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#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

TI 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, 15, 21
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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).	20
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(ii)	Eligible training courses and staff development activities.	17
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(iii)	Equal Employment Opportunity.	17
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.	17
TSS(AR)R 3(c)(v)	Occupational health and safety strategies.	18
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> .	18

#### 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.	21
TI 701 (1)(c)	Pricing policies of goods and services.	N/A
TI 701 (1)(f)	Risk management policies, activities or initiatives.	21
TI 701 (1)(h)	Support for local business	5

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL SCRUTINY

	Consultants engaged during the period.	19
	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).	19

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	15
TSS(AR)R 3(d)(i)	Activities undertaken to develop community awareness of the services the department provides.	12-16
	Freedom of Information details.	N/A

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

TI 701(1)(j)	Any other matters considered relevant for inclusion	23-28
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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.	29-48
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**P R ALCOCK  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

**30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2007**



**PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA**

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR 2006 - 2007**



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

**To Members of the Parliament of Tasmania**

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2007**

**Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements**

This audit report relates to the financial statements published in both the annual report and on the website of the House of Assembly (the House) for the year ended 30 June 2007. The Clerk of the House is responsible for the integrity of both the annual report and the website.

The audit report refers only to the financial statements and notes named below. It does not provide an opinion on any other information, which may have been hyperlinked to/from the audited financial statements.

If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements in the House's annual report.

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the House, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenses and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement from the Clerk.

*Clerk's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

The Clerk is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Section 27 (1) of the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based upon my audit. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I

comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the House's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the House's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Clerk, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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 my audit, I have met applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

### **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 as at 30 June 2007, 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 (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

### **TASMANIAN AUDIT OFFICE**



G R Morffew  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**Delegate of the AUDITOR-GENERAL**

HOBART  
22 October 2007



## 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 2007 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 2007

## House of Assembly

### Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$'000 Budget	2007 \$'000 Actual	2006 \$'000 Actual
<b>Income</b>				
Appropriation revenue - recurrent	2.1, 3.1, 12.1	5,379	6,088	5,196
Contract Works CIP-EM Funding		-	-	100
Other revenue	3.2	-	3	4
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,379</b>	<b>6,091</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee and member benefits	4.1, 12.1	4,446	5,393	4,498
Depreciation	4.2	39	51	46
Supplies and Consumables	4.3, 12.2	878	644	624
Other	4.4	57	81	74
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>5,420</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>5,242</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the State</b>		<b>(41)</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>58</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.*

## House of Assembly

### Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$'000 Budget	2007 \$'000 Actual	2006 \$'000 Actual
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash on hand and deposit accounts	9(a)	7	8	8
Prepaid expenses	6.4	-	9	-
Receivables	6.1	16	14	16
<b>Non-financial Assets</b>				
Plant and equipment	6.2 12.3	1172	1,415	1,405
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,195</u>	<u>1,446</u>	<u>1,429</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Payables	7.2,12.4	70	151	85
Employee benefits	7	554	567	599
Advance from Treasury	7.3	4	4	4
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>628</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>688</u>
<b>NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>567</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>741</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Accumulated surplus	8	353	449	527
Asset revaluation reserve		214	275	214
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>567</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>741</u>

*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.*

**House of Assembly**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2007**

	Note	2007 \$'000 Budget	2007 \$'000 Actual	2006 \$'000 Actual
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Cash Inflows</b>				
Appropriation receipts - recurrent	12.1	5,379	6,088	5,196
GST receipts	12.5	67	93	187
Contract Works CIP-EM Funding		-	-	100
Other cash receipts		-	3	4
<b>Total cash inflows</b>		<u>5446</u>	<u>6184</u>	<u>5487</u>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Employee and member benefits	12.1	(4,424)	(5,376)	(4,408)
Supplies and Consumables	12.2	(878)	(636)	(609)
Other		(57)	(79)	(75)
GST payments	12.5	(67)	(93)	(186)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<u>(5,426)</u>	<u>(6,184)</u>	<u>(5,278)</u>
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	9	20	-	209
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Payments for acquisition of assets		(20)	-	(208)
<b>Net cash from (used by) investing activities</b>		<u>(20)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		-	-	1
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period		7	8	7
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

*This Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.  
Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.*

## House of Assembly

### Statement of Recognised Income and Expense for the year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
<b>Income and expenses recognised directly in equity</b>			
Increase/(decrease) in Asset Revaluation Reserve	8	61	80
<b>Net Income recognised directly in equity</b>		<u>61</u>	<u>80</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period		(78)	58
<b>Total recognised income and expense for the period</b>		<u>(17)</u>	<u>138</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 2007

### 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.

In the process of preparing accrual based reports for the House as a single entity, all intra-entity transactions and balances have been eliminated.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### *Basis of Accounting*

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

- the Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*; and
- Australian Accounting Standards in particular *AAS 29 Financial reporting by Government Departments*.

From 1 January 2005, Australian Accounting Standards include Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS). Accordingly, the House's Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with AEIFRS requirements. Compliance with AEIFRS may not result in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as AEIFRS includes a number of 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 AEIFRS that do not comply with IFRS.

*Assets and liabilities are recognised in the Balance Sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow and the amounts of the assets or liabilities can be reliably measured.*

*Revenues and expenses are recognised in the Income Statement when the flow or consumption or loss of economic benefits has occurred and can be reliably measured. Control arises in the period of appropriation.*

#### *Impact of new Accounting Standards*

The House has not adopted any new or revised Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period.

#### *Impact of new Accounting Standards yet to be applied*

The following new standard has been issued by the AASB and is yet to be applied:

- *AASB 2007-4 Amendments of Australian Standards arising from ED151 and Other Amendments.*

The adoption of the above standard in the 2007-08 financial year is not expected to result in any financial impact on the House.

The Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars.

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

## **2.1 Revenue**

*The revenues described in this Note are revenues relating to the ordinary activities of the House.*

Income is recognised in the Income Statement when it is probable that the inflow or other enhancement or saving in outflows of future economic benefits has occurred and can be measured reliably.

### *a) Revenues from Government - Appropriations*

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.

## **2.2 Expenses**

*The expenses described in this note are expenses arising from the ordinary activities of the House.*

Expenses are recognised in the Income Statement when it is probable that the consumption or loss of future economic benefits resulting in a reduction in assets and/or an increase in liabilities has occurred and the consumption or loss of future economic benefits can be measured reliably.

### *a) Employee Benefits*

Employee benefits include entitlements of members and staff to wages, salaries and allowances, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and other post-employment benefits.

### *b) Depreciation and Amortisation*

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

## **2.3 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 on Hand and Deposit Accounts*

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-current assets*

#### *(i) Valuation basis*

Long lived plant and equipment and 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.

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

## **2.4 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 accruals not yet billed, are recognised when the House becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services.



b) *Provisions for 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.

**2.5 Comparative Figures**

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

**2.6 Rounding**

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

**2.7 Taxation**

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

In the Cash Flow Statement the GST component of cash flows arising from 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.

### 3 Revenues

#### 3.1 Revenue From State Government

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.

	<b>2007 Original Budget \$'000</b>	<b>2007 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>2006 Actual \$'000</b>
Recurrent Appropriation	1,992	1,986	1,961
Items Reserved by Law			
R003 Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	3,247	3,618	3,145
R004 Travelling Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	109	467	79
R005 Members' Committee Fees and Allowances ( <i>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 1973</i> )	31	17	11
<b>Total Revenue From Government</b>	<b>5,379</b>	<b>6,088</b>	<b>5,196</b>

#### 3.2 Other Revenues From Ordinary Activities

	<b>2007 \$'000</b>	<b>2006 \$'000</b>
Miscellaneous	3	4
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

### 4. Expenses from Ordinary Activities

#### 4.1 Employee and member Benefits

	<b>2007 \$'000</b>	<b>2006 \$'000</b>
Wages and salaries (including fringe benefits and non monetary components)	5,101	4,185
Annual leave	16	26
Long service leave	(10)	30
Superannuation	286	257
	<b>5,393</b>	<b>4,498</b>

#### 4.2 Depreciation

	<b>2007 \$'000</b>	<b>2006 \$'000</b>
Computer equipment	14	16
Furniture and fittings	24	17
Plant and Equipment	13	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>

#### 4.3 Other Supplies and Consumables

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Audit expenses	12	11
Fringe benefits tax	127	70
Supplies and consumables	31	23
Equipment costs	9	16
Communications	115	145
Travel	173	135
Information Technology	52	53
Other	125	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>624</b>

#### 4.4 Other Expenses

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Payroll tax	81	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>

### 5. Outputs of the House

#### 5.1 House's Outputs

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>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Recurrent appropriations	1,992	1,986	1,961
Contract Works CIP-EM Funding	0	0	100
Other revenue from ordinary activities	0	3	4
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>2,065</b>
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs)</b>			
Employee benefits	1,234	1,270	1,239
Depreciation and amortisation	39	51	33
Communications (Note 12.2)	236	115	145
Travel (Note 12.2)	193	173	135
Information technology	58	52	53
Other expenses from ordinary activities (Note 12.2)	273	385	378
<b>Total expenses from ordinary activities</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>1,983</b>
<b>Total changes in equity other than those resulting from contributions of the Tasmanian Government as owner</b>	<b>( 41)</b>	<b>( 57)</b>	<b>82</b>

<b>Output Group 2 - Payments administered by the House of Assembly</b>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Recurrent appropriations (Note 12.1)	3,387	4,102	3,235
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activity</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>3,235</b>
<b>Expenses from ordinary activities (excluding borrowing costs)</b>			
Parliamentary salaries and allowances (Note 12.1)	3,387	3,616	3,149
Parliamentary travelling allowances (Note 12.1)	109	489	100
Parliamentary Committee fees and allowances	40	18	10
<b>Total expenses from ordinary activities</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>4,123</b>	<b>3,259</b>
<b>Total changes in equity other than those resulting from contributions of the Tasmanian Government as owner</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>(24)</b>

## 6. Assets

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
<b>6.1 Receivables</b>		
Other receivables	14	16
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	0	0
	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>
Settled within 12 months	14	16
<b>Total</b>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>6.2 Furniture, Fittings and Computer Equipment</b>		
<b>Antique Furniture</b>		
At fair value * (18 October 2005)	716	717
Less: accumulated depreciation		
<b>Total Antique Furniture</b>	<u>716</u>	<u>717</u>
<b>Artworks and Artefacts</b>		
At fair value** (July 2006)	402	304
At cost		36
Less: accumulated depreciation		
<b>Total Artworks and Artefacts</b>	<u>402</u>	<u>340</u>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
At cost	130	130
Less: accumulated depreciation	26	13
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>104</u>	<u>117</u>
<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>		
At cost	237	237
Less: accumulated depreciation	62	39
<b>Total Furniture and Fittings</b>	<u>175</u>	<u>198</u>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>		
At cost	204	204
Less: accumulated depreciation	186	171
<b>Total Computer Equipment</b>	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>
<b>Total furniture, fittings and computer equipment</b>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>1,405</u>

\* Antique furniture was valued by Mr A F Colman.

\*\* 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
2007	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at start of year	717	340	198	117	33	1,405
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluations increments (decrements)	(1)	62				61
Depreciation/amortisation expense			23	13	15	51
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<u>716</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1,415</u>

	Antique Furniture	Artworks and Artefacts	Furniture and Fittings	Plant and Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
2006	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount at start of year	637	308	112	100	11	1,168
Additions		32	103	30	38	203
Disposals						
Revaluations increments (decrements)	80					80
Depreciation/amortisation expense			17	13	16	46
<b>Carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,405</b>

## 7. Liabilities

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
<b>7.1 Employee Benefits</b>		
Accrued salaries	25	39
Annual leave	210	194
Long service leave	332	341
<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>574</b>
Due within 12 months	258	256
Due in more than 12 months	309	318
<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>7.2 Payables</b>		
Creditors	122	83
Accrued expenses	29	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>110</b>
Due within 12 months	136	95
Due in more than 12 months	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>7.3 Other Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		
Advance from Treasury	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

## 8. Equity and Movements in Equity

	Accumulated Results		Asset revaluation Reserve		Total Equity	
	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Balance at 1 July	527	469	214	134	741	603
Net surplus (deficit)	(78)	58			(78)	58
Asset revaluation			61	80	61	80
	(78)	58	61	80	(17)	138
Balance at 30 June	449	527	275	214	724	741

## 9. Cash Flow Reconciliation

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash per Balance Sheet to Cash Flow Statement</b>		
Special Deposits and Trust Fund balance	8	8
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Net surplus (deficit)	(78)	58
Depreciation/Amortisation	51	46
Decrease (increase) in other financial assets	(8)	1
Increase (decrease) in employee benefits	(7)	60
Increase (decrease) in payables	42	44
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>209</u>

## 10. Financial Instruments 2007

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate %	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed Interest Maturing in:						Non- Interest Bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			1 Year	2 Years	3 years	4 years	5 Years	More than 5 Years		
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
<b>Financial Assets</b>										
Cash in Special Deposits and Trust Fund	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	8	8
Receivables	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	14	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>										
Payables	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	151	151
Other financial liabilities	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	4	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>155</b>

## 2006

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate %	Floating Interest Rate \$'000	Fixed Interest Maturing in:						Non- Interest Bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
			1 Year	2 Years	3 years	4 years	5 Years	More than 5 Years		
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
<b>Financial Assets</b>										
Cash in Special Deposits and Trust Fund	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	8	8
Receivables	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	16	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>										
Payables	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	110	110
Other financial liabilities	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	4	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>N.A.</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>114</b>

## 11. Commitments and Contingencies

### Schedule of Commitments

By Type	• 2007	• 2006
	• \$'000	• \$'000
<i>Lease Commitments</i>		
Operating leases	6	12
Other	0	0
<i>Total lease commitments</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Other commitments</i>		
Corporate Credit Card (Total Limit)	5	5



<i>Total other commitments</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>By Maturity</b>		
<i>Operating lease commitments</i>		
One year or less	<b>3</b>	4
From one to five years	<b>3</b>	8
More than five years	<b>0</b>	0
<i>Total operating lease commitments</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>
<i>Other commitments</i>		
One year or less	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Total other commitments</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>

## **12. Budget Variances**

12.1 The increase in Appropriation receipts and Employee and member benefits reflects 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.

12.2 The decrease in Supplies and Consumables reflects a reduction in communications and travel expenditure and an increase in fringe benefits tax associated with new member benefits included in note 12.1.

12.3 The increase in Plant and Equipment reflects a prior period asset revaluation.

12.4 The increase in payables reflects increases associated with new member benefits included in note 12.1.

12.5 The amount of GST payments and receipts was greater than expected when preparing budget figures.



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First Session of the Forty-sixth Parliament

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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006**

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# FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

Sesquicentenary of Bicameral Parliament and Responsible Government: Joint Sitting, 21 November.  
The Late Bruce Gregson Murphy: Condolence, 29 August.  
The Late Honourable Doctor Reginald John David Turnbull: Condolence, 29 August.  
The Late Honourable Geoffrey Donald Chisholm, AM: Condolence, 31 May.  
The Late Kevin Patrick Sean Corby: Condolence, 26 September.  
The Late Stephen Gordon Salter: Condolence, 31 May.  
The Late William Eric Beattie, CBE: Condolence, 31 May.

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

Ministerial Appointments, 30 May.  
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Tasmanian Compliance Corporation, 4 July.

## **PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Dog Control Act 2000: Be amended to strengthen powers over noxious barking of dogs, 31 May.  
Jack Jumper Vaccine: Funding to widen the distribution of, funding of, 31 May.  
Kingston Bypass and Access Roadway: Be made an urgent priority in the road works programme, 30 May.  
Pulp Mill: Construction of in the Tamar River Valley not proceed, 18 October.  
Southport Lagoon Track: House review decision to close, 31 August.  
St Helens District Hospital: Full-time doctor appointment of, ambulance services provision of, oversight health system implementation of, 30 May.  
St Mary's Hospital (Davey Street and Salamanca Place): Conversion of into a Tasmanian Health Resource Centre for Education and Research, 28 November.  
Upper Florentine Valley: Imposition of a moratorium on further logging and roading operations until undertaking of a values assessment, 29 November.

## **PAPERS TABLED AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED**

19. (L.C.) Accreditation of Building Practitioners and Administration of the Building Act 2000, Special Report: Legislative Council Select Committee on.
9. Auditor-General: Report No. 1 – Completion of June 2004-05 and December 2005 Audits and update on Infrastructure Funds.
13. Auditor-General: Report No. 2 – Government Departments and Public Bodies 2005-2006 Executive Summary, Volumes 1 and 2.
7. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 59 – Delegations in Government Agencies, Local Government Delegations and Overseas Travel.
8. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 60 – Building Security and Contracts Appointing Global Value Management.
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18. Auditor-General: Special Report No. 64 – Implementation of Aspects of the Building Act 2000.
14. (L.C.) Environment, Resources and Development, Joint Standing Committee on: Waste Management in Tasmania.
11. (L.C.) Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee 'B' 2006: Report with Minutes of Proceedings.

16. (L.C.) Planning Schemes: Legislative Council Select Committee on.
3. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Bass Highway, Sisters Hills Upgrade Dallas Hill Climbing Lanes and Myalla Road to Rulla Road.
15. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Bass Highway – Sisters Hills Upgrade: West of Cutting Realignment and Climbing Lane, East of Cutting Climbing Lane Extension, Wilsons Creek Bridge Replacement and Realignment of Approaches, West of Montumana Road (East) Realignment.
6. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: George Town District Hospital Redevelopment.
1. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Redevelopment of Riverside High School.
4. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Royal Hobart Hospital Short-Term Works Project.
5. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Tasman Highway, Maclaines Creek Bridge and Approaches Redevelopment.
2. Public Works: Parliamentary Standing Committee on: West Tamar Highway, Supply River Bridges Upgrade.

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2006**

Bill No.	Bill name	Introduced by	HA - 1st	HA - 2R	Committed	Reported	Amend	HA - 3rd	HA Agree	Both Agree	Royal Asst	Act No.
1 of 2006	Acts Enumeration Amendment (Pro-forma)		30/05/2006									
2 of 2006	Partition Bill (Pro Forma)	Leader for Government in Legislative Council										
3 of 2006	Associations Incorporation Amendment	Justice and Workplace Relations	30/05/2006	14/06/2006				14/06/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	10 of 2006
4 of 2006	Health Service Establishments	Health and Human Services	20/06/2006	12/07/2006				12/07/2006		19/10/2006	1/11/2006	17 of 2006
5 of 2006	Marine and Safety Authority	Infrastructure	30/05/2006	14/06/2006				14/06/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	8 of 2006
6 of 2006	Trustee Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Justice and Workplace Relations	30/05/2006	14/06/2006				14/06/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	9 of 2006
7 of 2006	Gaming Control Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Premier	30/05/2006	13/07/2006				13/07/2006		7/09/2006	20/09/2006	13 of 2006
8 of 2006	Emergency Management	Police and Emergency Management	30/05/2006	11/07/2006	11/07/2006	11/07/2006		11/07/2006		7/09/2006	20/09/2006	12 of 2006
9 of 2006	Taxation and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Premier	30/05/2006	1/06/2006				1/06/2006		15/06/2006	26/06/2006	3 of 2006
10 of 2006	Retirement Benefits (Tasmanian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme)	Premier	30/05/2006	1/06/2006				1/06/2006		15/06/2006	26/06/2006	2 of 2006
11 of 2006	Consolidated Fund Supply	Premier	30/05/2006	1/06/2006				1/06/2006		15/06/2006	26/06/2006	1 of 2006
12 of 2006	Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Amendment	Premier	1/06/2006	14/06/2006				14/06/2006		15/06/2006	26/06/2006	4 of 2006
13 of 2006	Consolidated Fund Appropriation	Premier	15/06/2006	22/06/2006	4/07/2006	6/07/2006		6/07/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	5 of 2006
14 of 2006	Racing Regulation Amendment	Infrastructure	14/06/2006	11/07/2006				11/07/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	6 of 2006
15 of 2006	Consumer Affairs Amendment	Justice and Workplace Relations	14/06/2006	31/10/2006				31/10/2006	28/11/2006	28/11/2006	18/12/2006	32 of 2006
16 of 2006	Financial Management and Audit Amendment	Premier	14/06/2006	11/07/2006				11/07/2006		13/07/2006	27/07/2006	7 of 2006
17 of 2006	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Attorney General	20/06/2006	12/07/2006				12/07/2006		19/10/2006	1/11/2006	16 of 2006
18 of 2006	Forest Practices Amendment (Threatened Native Vegetation Communities)	Economic Development and Resources	4/07/2006	29/08/2006	29/08/2006	29/08/2006		29/08/2006	28/11/2006	28/11/2006	18/12/2006	35 of 2006
19 of 2006	Nature Conservation Amendment (Threatened Native Vegetation Communities)	Primary Industries and Water	4/07/2006	13/07/2006	29/08/2006	29/08/2006		29/08/2006	28/11/2006	28/11/2006	18/12/2006	36 of 2006
20 of 2006	Guardianship and Administration Amendment	Justice and Workplace Relations	5/07/2006	11/07/2006				11/07/2006		7/09/2006	13/09/2006	11 of 2006
21 of 2006	Commonwealth Powers (De Facto Relationships)	Attorney General	11/07/2006	17/10/2006				17/10/2006		2/11/2006	10/11/2006	18 of 2006

22 of 2006	Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol)	Police and Emergency Management	11/07/2006	31/10/2006					31/10/2006		23/11/2006	18/12/2006	25 of 2006
23 of 2006	Forensic Procedures Amendment	Attorney General	11/07/2006										
24 of 2006	Ban on Canal Estate Development	Mr McKim	12/07/2006										
25 of 2006	Building Amendment Bill	Mr Whiteley	13/07/2006										
26 of 2006	Ralphs Bay Conservation Area (Clarification)	Primary Industries and Water	29/08/2006	31/08/2006	31/08/2006	31/08/2006			31/08/2006	26/09/2006	26/09/2006	10/10/2006	14 of 2006
27 of 2006	Theatre Royal Management Amendment	Tourism, Arts and the Environment	29/08/2006	31/08/2006					31/10/2006	28/11/2006	28/11/2006	18/12/2006	31 of 2006
28 of 2006	Baptist Union Incorporation Amendment	Premier	29/08/2006	31/08/2006					31/10/2006		23/11/2006	18/12/2006	27 of 2006
29 of 2006	Weed Management Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	29/08/2006	14/03/2007	14/03/2007	14/03/2007			14/03/2007			17/04/2007	3 of 2007
30 of 2006	Local Government Amendment	Local Government and Community Development	26/09/2006	2/11/2006					2/11/2006		23/11/2006	18/12/2006	29 of 2006
31 of 2006	Repeal of Regulations Postponement	Energy	26/09/2006	17/10/2006					17/10/2006		19/10/2006	1/11/2006	15 of 2006
32 of 2006	Fire Service (Continuity of Regulatory Arrangements)	Police and Emergency Management	26/09/2006	21/11/2006	22/11/2006	22/11/2006			22/11/2006		29/11/2006	18/12/2006	41 of 2006
33 of 2006	Valuation of Land Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	26/09/2006	2/11/2006	2/11/2006	2/11/2006			2/11/2006	23/11/2006	23/11/2006	18/12/2006	39 of 2006
34 of 2006	Police Powers (Surveillance Devices)	Justice and Workplace Relations	26/09/2006	1/11/2006	1/11/2006	1/11/2006	Yes		1/11/2006		22/11/2006	18/12/2006	22 of 2006
35 of 2006	Police Powers (Assumed Identities)	Justice and Workplace Relations	26/09/2006	1/11/2006					1/11/2006		22/11/2006	18/12/2006	23 of 2006
36 of 2006	Police Powers (Controlled Operations)	Justice and Workplace Relations	26/09/2006	1/11/2006	1/11/2006	1/11/2006	Yes		1/11/2006		22/11/2006	18/12/2006	21 of 2006
37 of 2006	Witness (Identity Protection)	Justice and Workplace Relations	26/09/2006	1/11/2006					1/11/2006		22/11/2006	18/12/2006	24 of 2006
38 of 2006	Human Tissue Amendment	Health and Human Services	26/09/2006	17/10/2006	18/10/2006	18/10/2006			18/10/2006		2/11/2006	10/11/2006	19 of 2006
39 of 2006	Anatomical Examinations	Health and Human Services	27/09/2006	31/10/2006					31/10/2006		22/11/2006	18/12/2006	26 of 2006
40 of 2006	Strata Titles Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	17/10/2006	2/11/2006							28/11/2006	18/12/2006	33 of 2006
41 of 2006	Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use)	Primary Industries and Water	17/10/2006	17/4/2007	17/4/2007	17/4/2007			17/4/2007				
42 of 2006	Living Marine Resources Management (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Primary Industries and Water	17/10/2006	13/03/2007	13/03/2007	13/03/2007	Yes		13/03/2007			30/04/2007	7 of 2007
43 of 2006	Marine Farming Planning Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	17/10/2006	13/03/2007					13/03/2007			30/04/2007	8 of 2007
44 of 2006	Building Amendment (No. 2)	Attorney General	17/10/2006	31/10/2006	31/10/2006	31/10/2006			31/10/2006		2/11/2006	10/11/2006	20 of 2006
45 of 2006	Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment	Leader of the Opposition	17/10/2006	29/11/2006									
46 of 2006	National Trust	Tourism, Arts and the Environment	31/10/2006	2/11/2006					2/11/2006	28/11/2006	28/11/2006	18/12/2006	30 of 2006

47 of 2006	Water Management Amendment	Primary Industries and Water	31/10/2006	2/11/2006				2/11/2006		23/11/2006	18/12/2006	28 of 2006
48 of 2006	Health Practitioners Registration (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Health and Human Services	31/10/2006	13/03/2007				14/03/2007			17/04/2007	2 of 2007
49 of 2006	Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children	Premier	31/10/2006	21/11/2006				21/11/2006		28/11/2006	18/12/2006	34 of 2006
50 of 2006	Mineral Resources Development Amendment	Economic Development and Resources	21/11/2006	23/11/2006	23/11/2006	23/11/2006		23/11/2006		29/11/2006	18/12/2006	38 of 2006
51 of 2006	Tasmanian International Velodrome Management Authority (Winding-up)	Community Development	21/11/2006	23/11/2006				23/11/2006		29/11/2006	18/12/2006	37 of 2006
52 of 2006	Taxation Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Premier	21/11/2006	23/11/2006				23/11/2006	29/11/2006	29/11/2006	18/12/2006	40 of 2006
53 of 2006	Mental Health (Miscellaneous Amendments)	Health and Human Services	21/11/2006	29/11/2006							17/04/2007	1 of 2007
54 of 2006	Justice and Related Legislation (Further Miscellaneous Amendments)	Justice and Workplace Relations	21/11/2006	23/11/2006				29/11/2006	30/11/2006	30/11/2006	18/12/2006	43 of 2006
55 of 2006	Public Health Amendment	Health and Human Services	22/11/2006	28/11/2006	29/11/2006	29/11/2006		29/11/2006		29/11/2006	18/12/2006	42 of 2006
56 of 2006	Building Practitioners Accreditation (Miscellaneous Provisions)	Mr Harriss	28/11/2006	29/11/2006								
57 of 2006	Uranium Mining and Nuclear Facilities Prohibition	Mr McKim	22/11/2006									
58 of 2006	Medical Practitioners Registration Amendment Bill	Mrs Smith	29/11/2006									
59 of 2006	Liquor Licensing Amendment Bill 2006	Mr Wilkinson										
60 of 2006	Building Practitioners Accreditation (Financial Audit)	Mr Booth	30/11/2006	14/03/2007								

**MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**  
**RECORD OF SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>Re-elected</b>
<b>BARTLETT, David John</b> Minister 5.4.06 -	1.4.04 (on recount repl. J.A. BACON)	18.03.06
<b>BEST, Brenton Roy</b> Chair of Committees 7.4.04 -	24.2.96	29.8.98 20.7.02 18.03.06
<b>BOOTH, Kim Dion</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<b>BUTLER, Heather Rose</b>	10.5.05 (on recount repl. K.J. BACON)	18.03.06
<b>COX, James Glennister</b> 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
<b>GIDDINGS, Larissa Tahireh</b> Government Whip 6.8.02 – 15.3.04 Minster 7.4.04 -	24.2.96 (defeated 29.8.98)	20.7.02 18.03.06
<b>GREEN, Bryan Alexander</b> 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
<b>GUTWEIN, Peter Carl</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<b>HIDDING, Marinus Theodoor</b> 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
<b>HODGMAN, William Edward Felix</b> Deputy Leader of the Opposition 6.8.02 – 30.3.06 Leader of the Opposition 30.3.06 -	20.7.02	18.03.06
<b>HODGMAN, William Michael</b>	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

<b>KONS, Steven</b>	29.8.98	20.7.02
Cabinet Secretary 28.10.02 -		18.03.06
Minister 2.2.04 -		
Deputy Premier 27.10.06 -		
<b>LENNON, Paul Anthony</b>	17.10.90 (on recount repl. K.S. WRIEDT)	1.2.92
Opposition Whip 20.2.92-14.3.96		24.2.96
Deputy Leader of the Opposition 14.3.96 - 14.9.98		29.8.98
Deputy Premier 14.9.98 - 21.3.04		20.7.02
Premier 21.3.04 -		18.03.06
<b>LLEWELLYN, David Edward</b>	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
<b>McKIM, Nicholas James</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<b>MORRIS, Timothy Bryce</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06
<b>NAPIER, Suzanne Deidre</b>	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		
<b>O'BYRNE, Michelle Anne</b>	18.03.06	
Minister 27.10.06 -		
<b>POLLEY, Michael Robert</b>	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
<b>PUTT, Margaret Ann</b>	26.2.93 (on recount repl. R.J. BROWN)	24.2.96
Leader of the Tasmanian Greens		29.8.98
		20.7.02
		18.03.06
<b>ROCKLIFF, Jeremy Page</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06
Opposition Whip 6.8.02 - 30.3.06		
Deputy Leader of the Opposition 30.3.06 -		
<b>SINGH, Lisa Maria</b>	18.03.06	
<b>STURGES, Graeme Lindsay</b>	20.7.02	18.03.06

Government Whip 15.3.04 -

**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

20.7.02

Minister 18.9.98 - 15.10.01

18.03.06

Minister 29.01.02 -



*MEMBERS ACCUMULATED SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006*

Years of Service	No. of Members
Less than one year	2
One and less than two years	1
Two and less than three years	1
Four and less than five years	8
Six and less than seven years	1
Eight and less than nine years	2
Ten and less than eleven years	3
Eleven and less than twelve years	1
Thirteen and less than fourteen years	2
Fourteen and less than fifteen years	1
Sixteen and less than seventeen years	1
Twenty and less than twenty-one years	1
Thirty-four and less than thirty-five years	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>25</u></b>