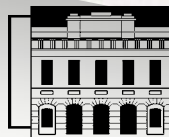




VISITING THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA
Observing Parliament in Action



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
Education Office

Soon you will be visiting the Parliament of Tasmania. We are looking forward to your visit.



Parliament of Tasmania



Hello! :)

When you arrive you will be greeted by Parliament House staff. They will welcome you and help you enter the building through the security area.



In the security area, you will walk through a scanner. It is like going through security at an airport. This helps to make sure everyone in the building is safe.



After you have passed through the security area you will leave any bags in a storage area. Your things will be safe and secure during your visit.



Safe and secure!

The staff member will lead your group from the foyer area to go upstairs.

If you need to use an elevator the staff member will assist you.



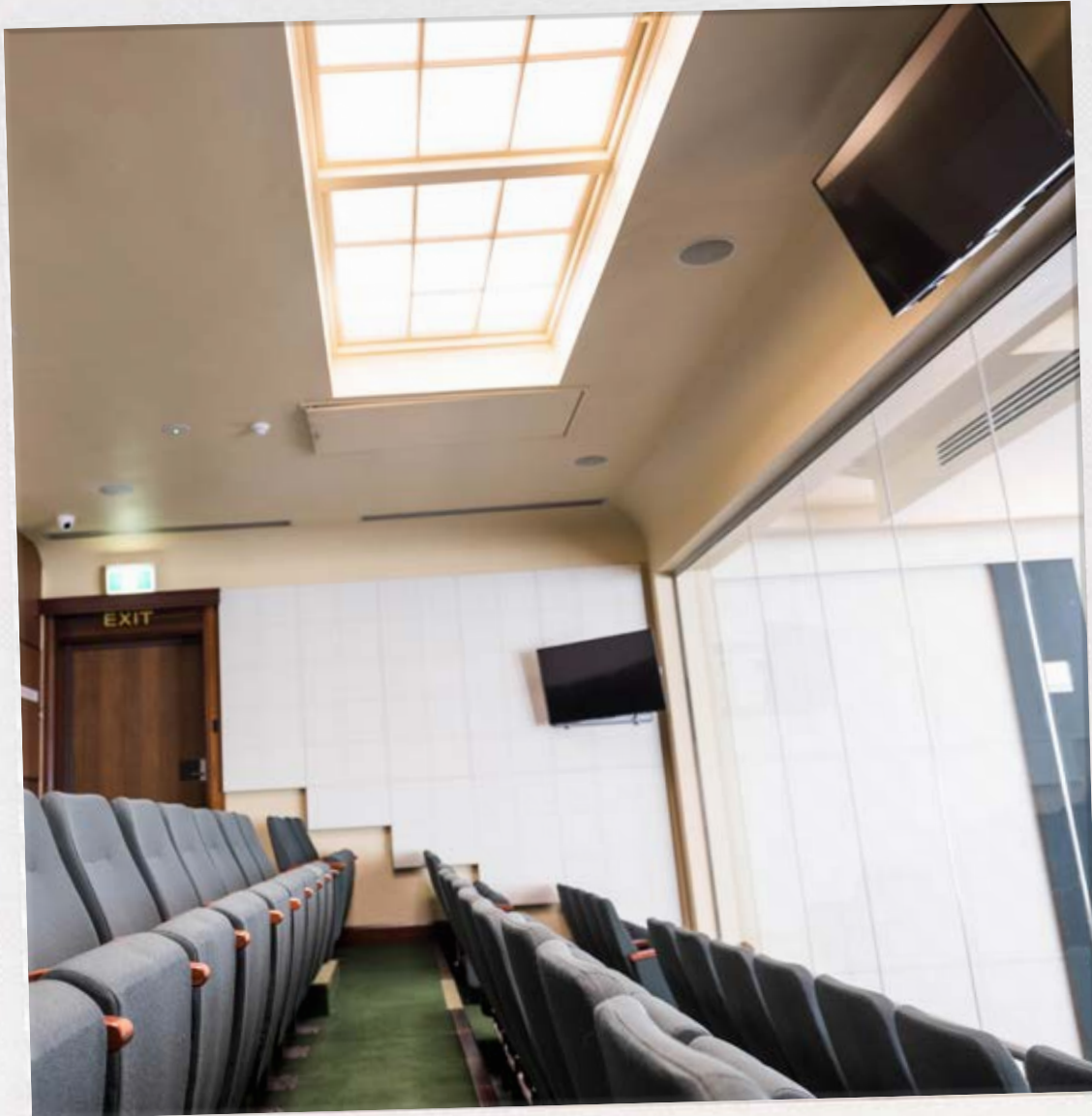
Going up...



Your group will be shown to the Public Gallery, where you will sit and be able to look down on the House of Assembly Chamber.



Nice view!



You can watch everything happening!



There are TV screens in the Public Gallery so that you can clearly see who is speaking and what is happening in the Chamber.

You may hear some bells ringing. The bells let the Members of Parliament know that they are needed in the Chamber. The bells will ring for a few minutes.

Red and green lights in most rooms of Parliament also light up when the bells ring.

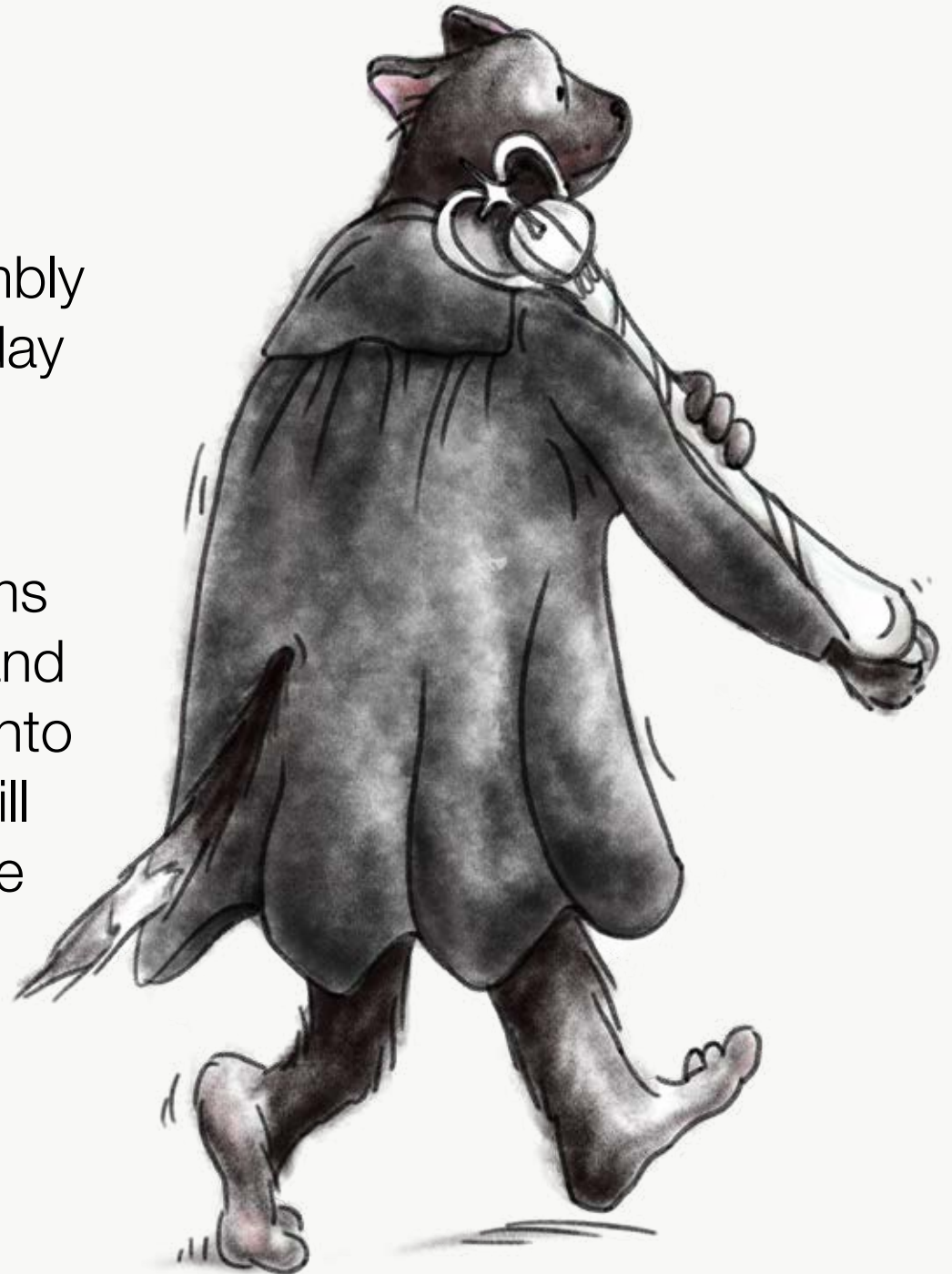


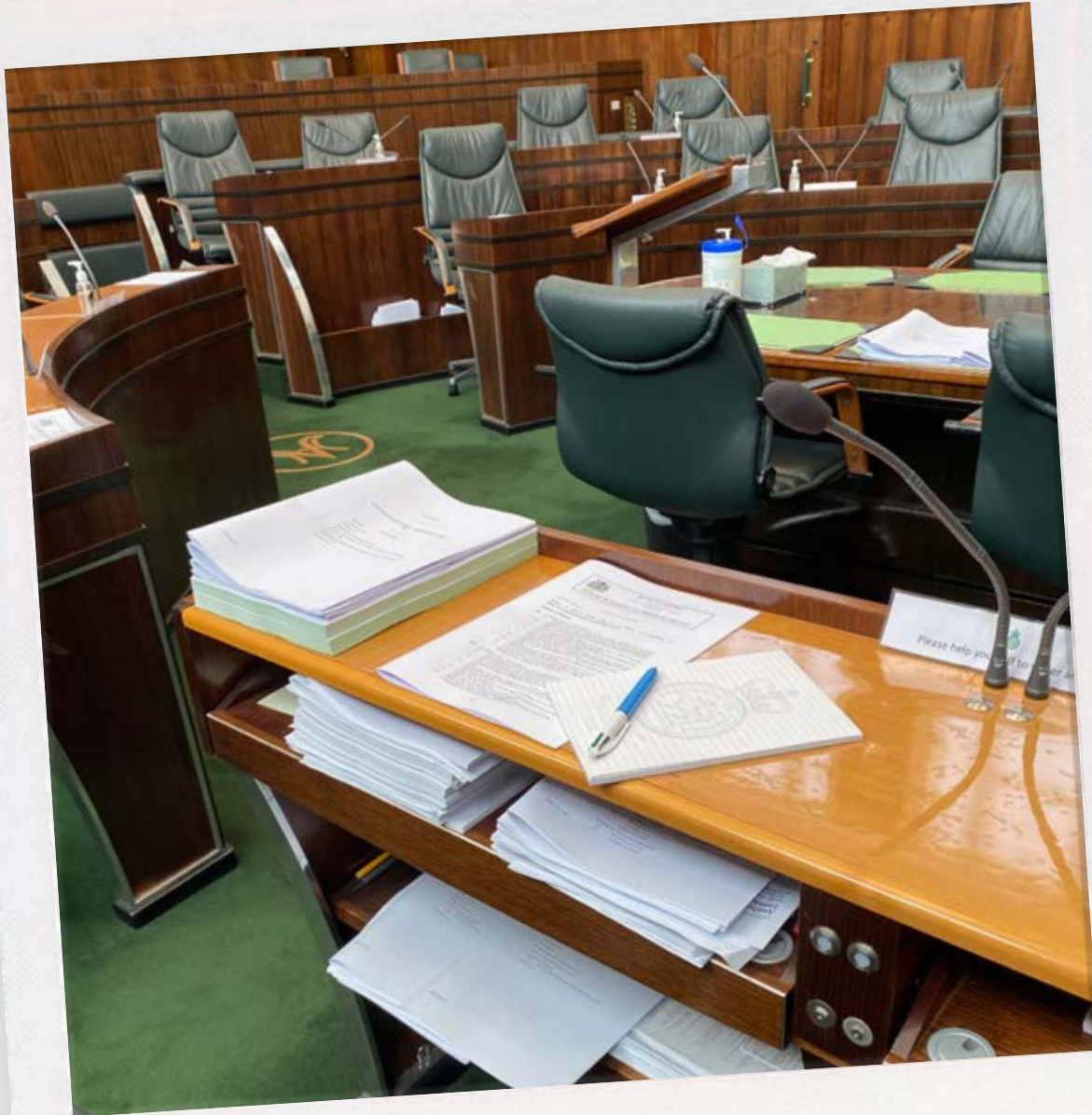
Brrrrriing!!!



The House of Assembly begins each sitting day with the Speaker's Procession.

The Sergeant-at-Arms will carry the Mace and escort the Speaker into the Chamber. You will stand silently until the Speaker sits down.





Time to answer questions!

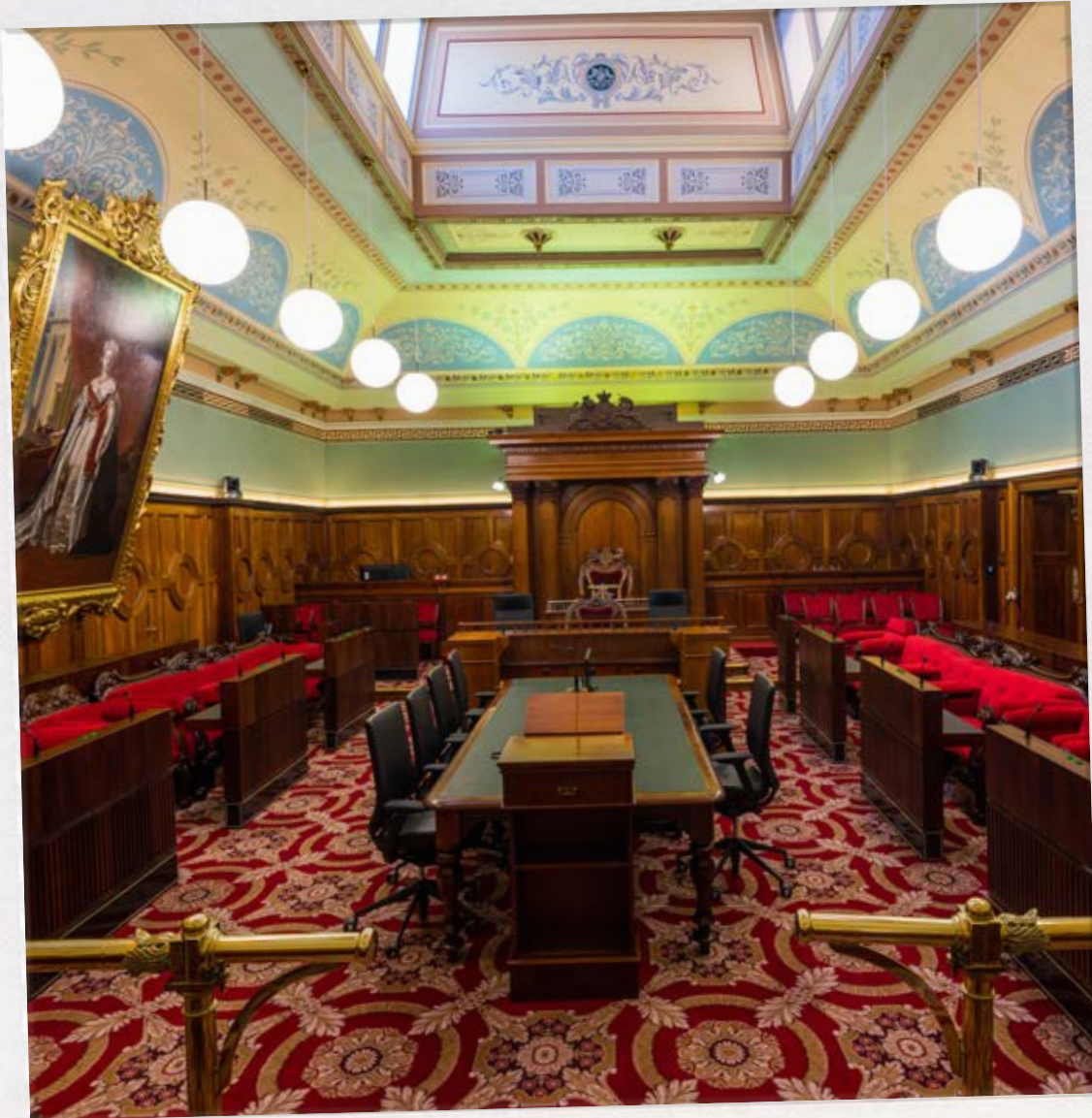
You will watch Question Time. This is when Members of Parliament ask questions of the Government about their decisions and actions.

Everything the Members say is recorded and the media can report it on the news.

Some Members may call out to make sure it is clear that they do not agree with what is being said. If they are too noisy the Speaker will call 'Order'. They will be asked to behave and be reminded of the rules.



At the lectern...



If there is time, you will visit the beautiful Legislative Council Chamber. Here the staff member will speak to you about the work of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Chamber

If there is time, you may be led downstairs to visit the Museum in the basement of Parliament House.



Come and explore...

We hope you will enjoy your visit to observe the Parliament of Tasmania at work.

You can see Parliament at work on sitting days by viewing the livestream online at www.parliament.tas.gov.au



If you would like some more information about visiting Parliament we would be very happy to hear from you.

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