



House of
Assembly

Annual Report

2024-2025

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



44

Government bills initiated

34

Government bills passed

9

Private Members' bills initiated

5

Private Members' bills passed

39

Bills assented

*Bills introduced in 2024



254 hrs 58 mins

Sitting hours

10 hrs **36** mins

Longest sitting day

*During 2024



42

Questions on Notice asked

539

Questions without Notice asked

219

Constituency Questions asked

*During 2024



21

Committee inquiries established

58

Public hearings

781

Submissions received

12

Committee reports tabled

*During 2024-25 FY



4,083

Student visited Parliament House

494

Students reached online

1,209

Students observing Parliament

29

Youth Parliament participants

4,825

Students reached

*During 2024-25 FY



16

Petitions tabled

19,515

Signatures on petitions

*During 2024



166

Public tours conducted

637

Tour visitors

*During 2024-25 FY

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Introduction

The Department of the House of Assembly provides procedural and administrative support to the House and its Committees, enabling Members to perform their legislative, representative and scrutiny functions.

The Department also provides education and outreach programs to students, and visitor services to the public.

The 2024-2025 reporting period saw a high volume of work in the House and in Committees, sustained since the recent expansion of the House to 35 Members.

The period concluded with the early prorogation of the Parliament in June, providing the Department with the opportunity to review resources and plan for the opening of the 52nd Parliament.

This annual report details the Department's progress throughout the first reporting period after the adoption of the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

Mission Statement

The House of Assembly Mission Statement, from which the five strategic objectives are derived, is detailed below. Together, these underpin the workings of the Department of the House of Assembly.

We provide professional, impartial and trusted advice and support to the House of Assembly and its Members to enable them to discharge their duties in the interest of the people of Tasmania.



Strategic Objectives

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

1. Supporting Members to fulfil their parliamentary duties;
2. Fostering community engagement in the work of the Parliament;
3. Maintaining a strong and independent Parliament;
4. Enhancing the workforce of the Parliament; and
5. Modernising the Parliament.

The Strategic Objectives form the basis of our performance measurement. Achievements of the 2024-2025 financial year are set out against each Strategic Objective. In some cases, our work is aligned with one objective; in many cases there is overlap. This report is structured so that achievements are detailed under the objective they are most aligned to.

Values

The House of Assembly's core values, shared with the Legislative Council and the Legislature-General are as follows:

Respect: We treat others with dignity and courtesy while valuing their contribution.

Integrity: We value honesty and transparency, and act ethically and impartially.

Trust: We build trust and feel confident in each other to behave in a professional manner.

Inclusivity: We embrace and value difference and diversity.

Empowerment: We enable our people to take ownership of their work, while recognising and celebrating achievement.

Collaboration: We value each other's skills and experiences, creating excellence by actively working together across the organisation.

The House of Assembly staff demonstrate these values in all aspects of service delivery to Members, and to the broader community.

The Department



Leadership Team

The House of Assembly is led by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms, and Second Clerk-Assistant.

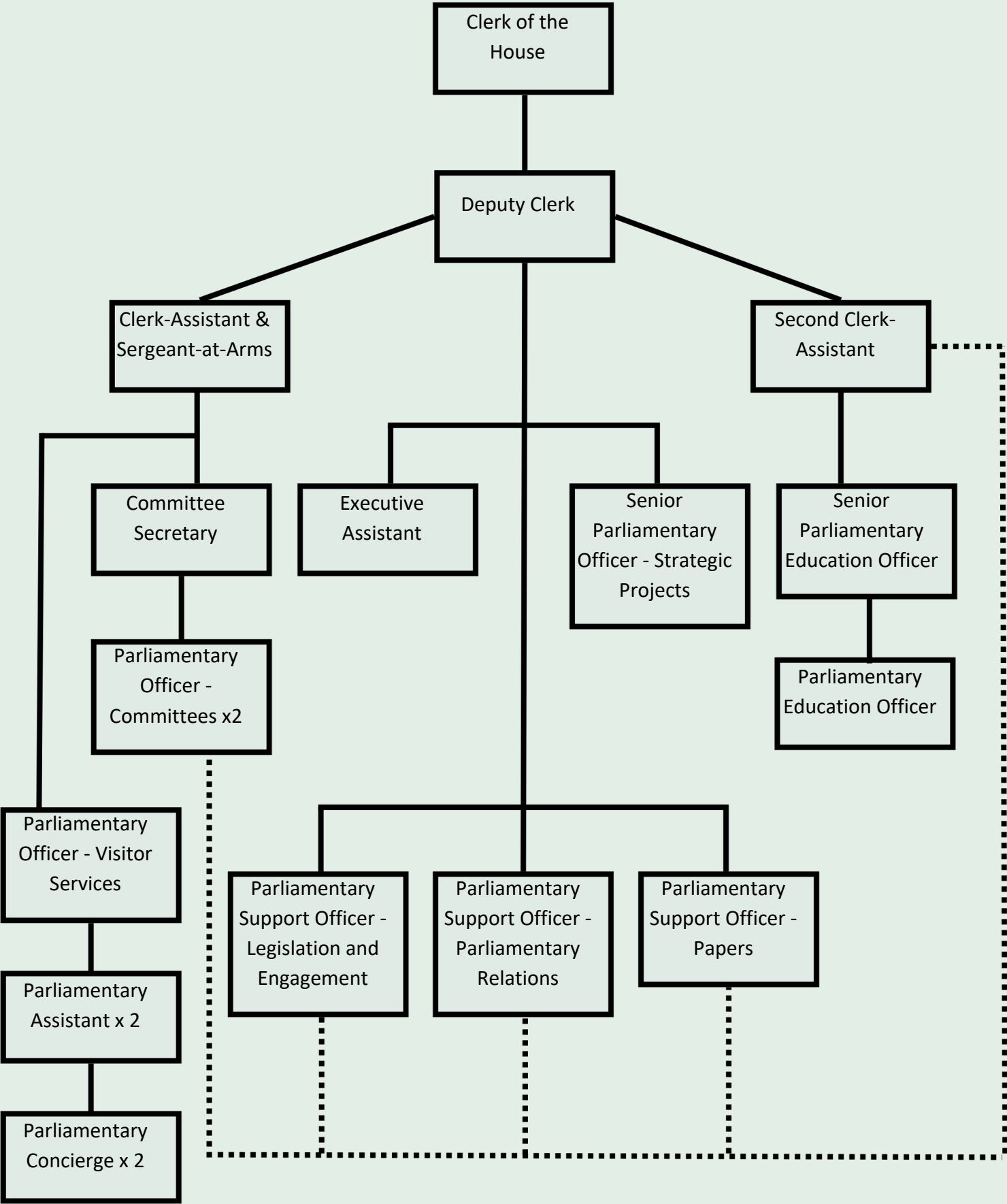
Departmental Structure

There were some changes to the House of Assembly structure during the 2024-25 year.

The 2023-2024 Annual Report detailed the organisational review undertaken to ensure the Department's ability to provide the highest level of support to the recently expanded membership of the House.

In line with the review, several roles were established and recruited during the reporting period. The organisation chart as of 30 June 2025 is below.

Organisation Chart



Strategic Objective 1

Supporting Members to fulfil their parliamentary duties

The Department of the House of Assembly provides advice, and procedural and administrative support to the Members of the House of Assembly, to enable them to perform their roles in the Chamber and on Parliamentary Committees.

The high volume of work arising from the expansion of the House to 35 Members continued through the reporting period, reflected in both House and Committee activity.

The Department consistently met its goal for all sittings of the House to take place as planned. All parliamentary documents were prepared accurately and made available in hard copy and digital formats to Members and the public in a timely manner. Such documents include the Notice and Motion Papers, Votes and Proceeding, Notice of Questions Paper, and reports of all House of Assembly Committees.

The Department is responsible for the provision of a range of procedural publications intended to support Members in performing their roles. These include the Members' Handbook, Members' Guide to Procedure, and Members' Guide to Committees. The early prorogation in June prompted a review of these resources aimed at ensuring they remain fit-for-purpose into the new Parliament.

To measure performance levels, the Department designed and delivered targeted surveys to Members in the specific roles of Deputy Speaker and Chairs of Committees. The surveys yielded qualitative feedback that the Department is providing appropriate training and support to Members in these roles.

The Department inducted a new Member to the House in March 2025, providing sessions with the Clerks and Parliamentary Officers on Parliamentary Procedure, operation of Parliamentary Committees and the House of Assembly Education Office.

A Joint Sitting of both Houses to elect a Senator was conducted on 27 May 2025, with the Hon Josh Dolega elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon Anne Urquhart.

A range of Sessional Orders were adopted in the previous reporting period, intended to ensure equitable opportunities for the increased number of Members to participate in proceedings.

During this reporting period, the Speaker initiated a Standing Orders Committee inquiry into the operation of the Sessional Orders. The Department provided secretariat and research support to the inquiry, which resulted in recommendations to amend some Sessional Orders and continue to monitor others.

Following the early prorogation of the Parliament, the reporting period concluded with an intensive resource review and induction planning for the opening of the 52nd Parliament.



Strategic Objective 2

Fostering community engagement in the work of the Parliament

The Department progressed work on its goal to increase community engagement and public awareness of the work of the House and Committees during the reporting period.

Much of the House of Assembly's engagement with the community occurs through:

- the work of Parliamentary Committees, including stakeholder management, regional hearings and site visits;
- interaction with students through the House of Assembly Education Office programs; and
- direct engagement with the public via tours of Parliament House.

The Department's achievements in relation to this Strategic Objective are set out in detail in this section.

Establishment of Parliamentary Concierge

The Department established a dedicated concierge service during the reporting period. The concierge assists Members, their staff and guests in navigating the precinct, and enhances the visitor experience for all members of the public attending Parliament House.

Public Tours of Parliament House

On non-sitting days, Parliament House is open for public tours and education programs. Across the 2024-2025 financial year, there were a total 3,589 attendees on non-sitting days. Education groups accounted for 2,992 of these attendees in 113 discrete groups (83 per cent) and the public the remaining 637 attendees in 166 discrete groups (17 per cent).



Committee Highlights

The House of Assembly Committees Secretariat support Joint Committees of the Parliament and Standing, Sessional and Select Committees of the House of Assembly to assist Members fulfilling their role as scrutineers of public policy issues and Government legislation. The Secretariat provides procedural advice, performs research and analysis of issues relating to committee inquiries, drafts committee reports, and provides administrative support.

At 30 June 2025, the Committee Secretaries were:

- Laura Ross, Clerk of the House;
- Stephanie Hesford, Deputy Clerk;
- Ben Foxe, Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms;
- Fiona Murphy, Second Clerk-Assistant;
- Michael Barnier, Committee Secretary;
- Scott Hennessy, Parliamentary Officer; and
- Mary de Groot, Parliamentary Officer.

A particular highlight of the reporting period was the introduction of new practices for public hearings to support inquiry participants through the process of giving evidence about highly sensitive matters. Members of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania resolved to support lived experience witnesses by:

- Inviting witnesses to bring a support person to hearings;
- Arranging for a dedicated breakout space for witnesses;
- Engaging with lived experience witnesses prior to formal commencement of hearings; and
- Providing onsite clinical support from the Gidget Foundation Australia.



Committee Operations

During the 2024-2025 financial year, the Secretariat provided support services to the following Committees:

- Estimates Committees;
- Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee;
- Privileges and Conduct Committee;
- Standing Orders Committee;
- Joint House Committee;
- Library Committee;
- Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters;
- Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters;
- Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality;
- Joint Standing Committee on Integrity;
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works;
- Select Committee on the performance, governance and ownership structure of Government businesses;
- Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric health services in Tasmania;
- Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays;
- Government Administration Committee A;
- Government Administration Committee B; and
- Standing Orders Committee.

A summary of the Committee work supported by the Secretariat is set out here.

Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters - site visit to John Butters Hydroelectric Power Station in Queenstown



Committees and Inquiries

The 51st Parliament saw the creation of two Government Administration Committees to inquire into and report upon any issues and legislative proposals within the Government portfolios. These Committees allowed for the use of proxy members for the duration of inquiries should a substantive member wish to grant this. These committees can receive references via resolution of the House, a Minister of the Crown, or by the Committee's own motion.

Government Administration Committee A

The scope of Government Administration Committee A was the following portfolios: (i) Treasury; (ii) Infrastructure; (iii) Energy and Renewables; (iv) Parks and Environment; (v) Children and Youth; (vi) Community Services; (vii) Aboriginal Affairs; (viii) Finance; (ix) Local Government; (x) Sports and Events; (xi) Business, Industry and Resources; (xii) Transport; (xiii) Education; and (xiv) Disability Services.

Substantive members of the Government Administration Committee A were:

Mr David O'Byrne MP (Chair);
Ms Anita Dow MP (Deputy Chair);
Ms Tabitha Badger MP;
Mrs Miriam Beswick MP;
Mr Michael Ferguson MP;
Mr Mark Shelton MP; and
Mr Josh Willie MP.

Government Administration Committee B

The scope of Government Administration Committee B was: (i) Tourism and Hospitality; (ii) Trade and Major Investment; (iii) Primary Industries and Water; (iv) Racing; (v) Housing and Planning; (vi) Police, Fire and Emergency Management; (vii) Skills and Training; (viii) Small Business and Consumer Affairs; (ix) Corrections and Rehabilitation; (x) Arts; (xi) Women and the Prevention of Family Violence; (xii) Attorney-General; (xiii) Justice; (xiv) Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing; and (xv) Veterans Affairs.

Substantive members of the Government Administration Committee B were:

Ms Ella Haddad MP (Chair);
Mr Simon Behrakis MP (Deputy Chair);
Ms Kristy Johnston MP;
Mrs Rebekah Pentland MP;
Ms Cecily Rosol MP;
Hon Dean Winter MP; and
Mr Simon Wood MP.

During 2024-2025, the Government Administration Committee A commenced one inquiry, and the Government Administration Committee B commenced three inquiries.

Government Administration Committee A - Inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools

At the beginning of the 2024-2025 reporting period, the Government Administration Committee A continued its inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools which it commenced in June 2024. This inquiry was tasked with inquiring into direct and indirect discrimination, prohibited conduct, unequal and disadvantageous treatment, and bullying and harassment in Tasmanian schools for both students and staff. The Terms of Reference also included prevention and remedies to address bullying and discrimination, an examination of statutory obligations of schools, in particular of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*, the impacts of discrimination and bullying, as well as legislative and policy reforms.

The inquiry received 294 submissions, 178 of which were proforma submissions received through One Click Politics and CiviClick. The Committee were initially to report in November 2024, but this was extended to April 2025 and then later further extended to August 2025. The Committee held hearings in October and November of 2024, and in February and March of 2025. At the time of prorogation, the Committee was considering its draft report.

Inquiry membership at prorogation:

Ms Anita Dow MP (Chair);

Mrs Miriam Beswick MP (Deputy Chair);

Mr Vica Bayley MP;

Mr Michael Ferguson MP;

Ms Kristie Johnston MP;

Mr Mark Shelton MP; and

Mr Josh Willie MP.

Government Administration Committee B – Inquiry into the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 9)

On 12 June 2024, the House of Assembly referred the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 9) to the Standing Committee on Government Administration B for inquiry and report thereon.

The Bill sought to amend the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* to introduce electoral expenditure limits for Assembly Elections, amend the donation disclosure threshold, introduce truth in political advertising provisions, and related matters.

The Committee invited submissions from the public. The Committee received 16 submissions and held three public hearings at Parliament House, Hobart. The report was tabled on 17 September 2024.

Inquiry membership:

Ms Rebecca White MP (Chair);

Mr Simon Behrakis MP (Deputy Chair);

Ms Kristie Johnston MP;

Mrs Rebekah Pentland MP;

Ms Cecily Rosol MP;

Hon. Dean Winter MP; and

Mr Simon Wood MP.

Government Administration Committee B - Inquiry into the assessment and treatment of ADHD and support services

On 19 June 2024, the House of Assembly agreed to a reference to the Committee to inquire into and report upon the availability and efficiency of the assessment and treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and support services for adults and children with ADHD in Tasmania.

The inquiry's Terms of Reference included considering the adequacy of access to ADHD diagnosis, adequacy of access to supports after an ADHD assessment, the availability, training and attitudes of treating practitioners, regulations regarding access to ADHD medications, the adequacy of, and interaction between the State Government and Commonwealth services, the social and economic cost of failing to provide adequate and appropriate ADHD services, and any other related matters.

The Committee invited submissions from the public and received 60 submissions. The Committee held six public hearings and one informal, private roundtable of individuals with lived experience of ADHD at Parliament House, Hobart.

The inquiry was to report by 31 March 2025; however, the reporting date was extended to 26 August 2025. The inquiry ceased with prorogation of Parliament and dissolution of the House of Assembly on 11 June 2025 before reporting.

Inquiry membership at prorogation:

Ms Ella Haddad MP (Chair);
Mr Simon Behrakis MP (Deputy Chair);
Mrs Miriam Beswick MP;
Ms Meg Brown MP;
Ms Kristie Johnston MP;
Ms Cecily Rosol MP; and
Mr Simon Wood MP

Joint Standing Committee on Integrity

The Joint Standing Committee on Integrity is established under the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*.

The Committee's main role is to monitor and review the functions of integrity entities, as defined in the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*, specifically the Tasmanian Integrity Commission, the Ombudsman, and the Custodial Inspector. The Committee's functions and powers are outlined in more detail in section 24 of the relevant Act.

The Committee cannot investigate matters being dealt with by the Integrity Commission; review decisions of the Integrity Commission not to investigate or discontinue investigations into complaints; or make findings, determinations, or decisions in relation to particular inquiries, or investigations of complaints dealt with by the Integrity Commission.

During the 2024-2025 reporting period the Committee met 16 times. The Committee commenced an inquiry into the Establishment of a Parliamentary Privilege Protocol between the Parliament of Tasmania and the Integrity Commission Tasmania in December of 2024. The Committee received 12 submissions to its inquiry and was about to commence public hearings when Parliament prorogued.

Members at prorogation:

Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC (Chair);
Hon Meg Webb MLC (Deputy Chair);
Hon Cassy O'Connor MLC;
Ms Jen Butler MP;
Mr Craig Garland MP; and
Mr Simon Wood MP.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters was established by resolution of both Houses on 13 June 2024 for the term of the 51st Parliament. The resolution established the Terms of Reference, which were to examine matters relating to the *Electoral Act 2004*; the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*; the provisions of the *Constitution Act 1934* relating to elections for Members of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council; and the administration, operation and practices associated with these laws, and which were referred to it by either House of Parliament, a Minister or of its own motion.

The Committee also had the power to examine the 2024 House of Assembly general election and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, and any bill relating to the above-mentioned legislation or any other law relating to electoral matters.

Pursuant to its Terms of Reference, during the reporting period the Committee commenced two inquiries.

Members at prorogation:

Hon Meg Webb MLC (Chair);
Mr Vica Bayley MP (Deputy Chair);
Hon Mike Gaffney MLC;
Hon Cassy O'Connor MLC;
Hon Bec Thomas MLC;
Ms Ella Haddad MP;
Ms Kristie Johnston MP; and
Mr Michael Ferguson MP

Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2024 House of Assembly General Election and 2024 Legislative Council elections

As part of the resolution establishing the Committee, it was tasked with an examination of any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the House of Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections.

The Committee commenced this inquiry on 28 June 2024. The Committee received 28 submissions and held public hearings on 5 and 6 November 2024, and 12 February 2025. At the time of prorogation, the Committee had not reported.

Inquiry into the Electoral Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 25 of 2024)

On 23 October 2024, the Legislative Council resolved to refer the Electoral Bill 2024 (No. 25 of 2024) to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for consideration and report. The purpose of this Bill was to amend s.196 of the *Electoral Act 2004*, which reduces its scope, such that the amended s.196 would only prohibit the use of a candidate's name, likeness, or photograph, without the candidate's written consent, on how to vote cards in the period between the issue of the writ for an election and the close of poll for that election. The existing s.196 prohibition on the use of a candidate's name, photograph or a likeness without their consent applies more broadly, to use in any advertisement, how to vote card, handbill, pamphlet, poster, or notice in the same period.

The Committee received ten submissions and held public hearings on 24 and 25 March 2025. At the time of prorogation, the Committee had not reported.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works 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 where the estimated cost of completing the work exceeds \$15,000,000 for road and bridge works, or \$8,000,000 for building and construction works. No such public work can commence until it is approved by the Public Works Committee.

When considering a proposed public work, the Committee shall have 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.

During the reporting period the Committee met 16 times and completed the following reports:

- Redevelopment of Montello Primary School;
- New Risdon Prison Kitchen Project;
- Redevelopment of Hobart City High School;
- Tasmania JackJumpers High Performance Centre;
- Kingston Bypass Duplication and Algona Road Roundabout Upgrade;
- Bridport Road Freight and Safety Improvements;
- Launceston General Hospital Charles and Howick Street Multistorey Car Park; and
- Royal Hobart Hospital Diagnostic Breast Imaging.

Members at prorogation:

Hon Tania Rattray MLC (Chair);

Ms Jen Butler MP (Deputy Chair);

Hon Dean Harriss MLC;

Ms Helen Burnet MP; and

Mr Simon Wood MP.

Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters

The Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters was appointed in June 2024 to inquire into energy prices and related matters in Tasmania.

The Committee effectively re-established the Joint Select on Energy Matters from the 50th Parliament, which arose from the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A Inquiry into Energy Prices, and ceased at the prorogation of the 50th Parliament and dissolution of the House of Assembly on 14 February 2024. The establishing resolution of the Committee gave it access to the submissions of the two previous inquiries.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee's consideration included factors that impact energy prices, opportunities and challenges related to energy supply and energy costs, Tasmania's participation in the National Electricity Market, and Marinus Link Pty Ltd and associated energy power developments.

In total, the Committee received 108 written submissions. The submissions comprised 38 submissions from the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A Inquiry, 21 submissions from the first Joint Select Committee Inquiry, and 49 submissions received for the current inquiry.

The Committee held eight public hearings at Parliament House, Hobart, and one public hearing in Launceston. The Committee also undertook site visits to energy stakeholders throughout Tasmania in October 2024 and March 2025, including visits to Tarraleah, Robbins Island, and Bell Bay.

The Committee ceased with the prorogation of Parliament and dissolution of the House of Assembly on 11 June 2025 before reporting.

Members at prorogation:

Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair);
Hon Luke Edmunds MLC (Deputy Chair);
Hon Dean Harriss MLC;
Hon Sarah Lovell MLC;
Mr Vica Bayley MP;
Ms Janie Finlay MP;
Mr Craig Garland MP; and
Mr Michael Ferguson MP.

Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality

The Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality was appointed in June 2024. The Committee has been re-established after each prorogation since its original establishment in August 2022.

The Committee's establishing resolution prescribes a trio of opportunities for inquiries including referrals of a bill from either House, referral of a matter relating to gender and equality from either House, and the establishment of own motion inquiries. Any such inquiry must relate to a matter of gender and/or equality.

Members at prorogation:

Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair);
Hon Dean Harriss MLC (Deputy Chair);
Hon Luke Edmunds MLC;
Hon Bec Thomas MLC.
Mrs Miriam Beswick MP;
Ms Meg Brown MP;
Ms Cecily Rosol MP; and
Mr Nic Street MP.

Inquiry into the Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 35 of 2024)

On 20 November 2024 the Legislative Council referred the Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 35 of 2024) (the Bill) to the Committee. The referral from the Legislative Council specified that the proposed payment of compensation under the Bill be considered for gender and equality impacts. The Committee considered the proposed inclusion of redress for individuals who had had historical charges or offences of cross dressing or homosexuality expunged from their record.

Under the Committee's Terms of Reference, bills referred by the Houses must be reported upon by the Committee within ten sitting days of its referral. The Committee opened submissions on 12 December 2024 and received a total of seven submissions. Due to the targeted nature of the inquiry, only one hearing was held, at which seven witnesses participated.

The report was tabled on 12 March 2025.

Select Committee on the performance, governance and ownership structure of Government businesses

The Select Committee on the performance, governance and ownership structure of Government businesses was established on 12 March 2025. The Committee was tasked with inquiring into the Tasmanian Government's plans to sell government businesses and other entities, the potential impacts of any sale, and the current performance of Government Businesses. The Committee met twice during the reporting period. At the time of the prorogation, the Committee had formally received 15 submissions and were planning hearings.

Members at prorogation:

Mrs Miriam Beswick MP (Chair);
Mr Josh Willie MP (Deputy Chair);
Mr Vica Bayley MP;
Mr Simon Behrakis MP;
Mr Michael Ferguson MP; and
Hon Dean Winter MP.

Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric health services in Tasmania

The Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric health services in Tasmania was established on 13 June 2024. Under the establishing resolution of the Committee, it was given access to the Committee of the same name which operated in the fiftieth Parliament. The Committee of the 50th Parliament was not able to report prior to the prorogation of the Parliament on 14 February 2024.

The substantive Terms of Reference of the Committee guided an inquiry into the adequacy, accessibility and safety of access to reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania, including the occurrence of birth trauma, perinatal mental health services, and workforce shortages and conditions.

Collectively the Committees received 135 submissions, including seven updated submissions. Seven public hearings were held around the state, in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston. Participants in the submission and hearing process included medical professionals, academic experts, and lived experience witnesses.

Due to the highly personal and sensitive nature of the topic of the Committee, a number of provisions were made for individuals participating in, or engaging with, the work of the Committee. This included inviting individual lived experience witnesses to meet with Members prior to the commencement of their hearing and the ability of witnesses to bring a support person with them.

Additionally, for the first time in the House of Assembly's history, onsite clinical support was provided for lived experience witnesses participating in hearings. This support was provided by Gidget Foundation Australia, a national organisation providing mental health support, including for perinatal depression and anxiety.

At the time of the prorogation of the fifty-first Parliament, the Committee had not yet reported.

Members at prorogation:

Ms Ella Haddad MP (Chair);

Ms Anita Dow MP (Deputy Chair);

Mr Rob Fairs MP;

Ms Kristie Johnston MP;

Ms Cecily Rosol MP; and

Mr Nic Street MP.

Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays

The Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays was established on 13 June 2024. Under the establishing resolution of the Committee, it was given access to the committee of the same name which operated in the 50th Parliament. The Committee of the 50th Parliament was not able to report prior to the prorogation of the Parliament on 14 February 2024.

Both versions of the Committee shared the same substantive Terms of Reference, to investigate the causes and effects of transfer of care delays in Tasmania, the actions of the Tasmanian Government in managing transfer of care delays, and potential measures which could be installed in the system to improve transfer of care.

The Committee of the 50th Parliament received 72 submissions and undertook nine public hearings, including one in Launceston. This evidence was all transferred to the Committee of the fifty-first Parliament, which received another two submissions, bringing the total received to 74. The Committee completed its final report, which was tabled in the House of Assembly on 21 November 2024.

Members at tabling of final report:

Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP (Chair);
Ms Ella Haddad MP (Deputy Chair);
Mr Simon Behrakis MP;
Ms Anita Dow MP;
Ms Kristie Johnston MP; and
Mr Simon Wood MP.

Standing Orders Committee

The Standing Orders Committee met four times during the reporting period to consider matters in relation to the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly.

A Report of the Standing Orders Committee on Operation of Sessional Orders was tabled in May 2025. This report outlined the Committee's review of current Sessional Orders at the conclusion of the 2024 sitting year. The review was completed on the basis that significant changes to sessional orders were agreed to by the House at the commencement of the 51st Parliament, which also coincided with the increase in the size of the House to 35 Members.

The Report made five recommendations. These recommendations were in relation to; sessional orders concerning the allocation of constituency questions; the scheduling of Private Members' Business; the process for the consideration of bills in Private Members' Business; the speaking times in Private Members' Business; and the reinstatement of the Same Question Rule.

The Committee concluded its report noting the need for a regular cycle of review of the Standing and Sessional Orders, ideally towards the end of a Parliament.

Membership of the Committee at prorogation:

Hon Michelle O'Byrne MP (Chair);
Mr Nic Street MP;
Hon Eric Abetz MP;
Mr Vica Bayley MP;
Mr Simon Behrakis MP;
Dr Shane Broad MP; and
Ms Anita Dow MP.

House of Assembly Education Office

Introduction

The 2024-2025 financial year marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of the House of Assembly Education Office (HAEO). The HAEO's purpose is to strengthen Tasmanian democracy through education by delivering high-quality parliamentary education services to teachers and students across Tasmania. The HAEO also delivers programs to community organisations and, when required, the public. Programs include outreach visits, guided tours, role-plays, online lessons, observing Parliament, and question and answer sessions with Members of Parliament. In developing and delivering programs the HAEO gives thought to reach, access and equity, acknowledging the significant barriers that affect some students' ability to access quality civics education.

Staffing

The HAEO has a staffing of two Education Officers, with the occasional assistance of the Parliamentary Assistants. Due to staff turnover, there was only one Education Officer in the HAEO from December 2024 to June 2025, which necessitated the streamlining of some programs and meant focus was solely on delivery and management of existing programs rather than expansion or resources development. The office is under the supervision of the Second Clerk-Assistant.

Overview of House of Assembly Education Office Programs

The HAEO offers specialised parliamentary education programs. These programs are offered onsite at Parliament House, online or through the HAEO Outreach Program, which brings parliamentary education directly to regional areas. There is no cost to education groups for any HAEO program.

HAEO Parliament House Programs

The type of program offered by the HAEO is governed by Parliament's sitting schedule. On non-sitting days, education groups can choose between a guided tour or a tour and role-play. On rare occasions, time-limited groups elect to do a role-play only. On sitting days, education groups can observe Parliament in action, accompanied by an Education Officer who can interpret proceedings and answer questions. Participation rates vary considerably outcross the programs.



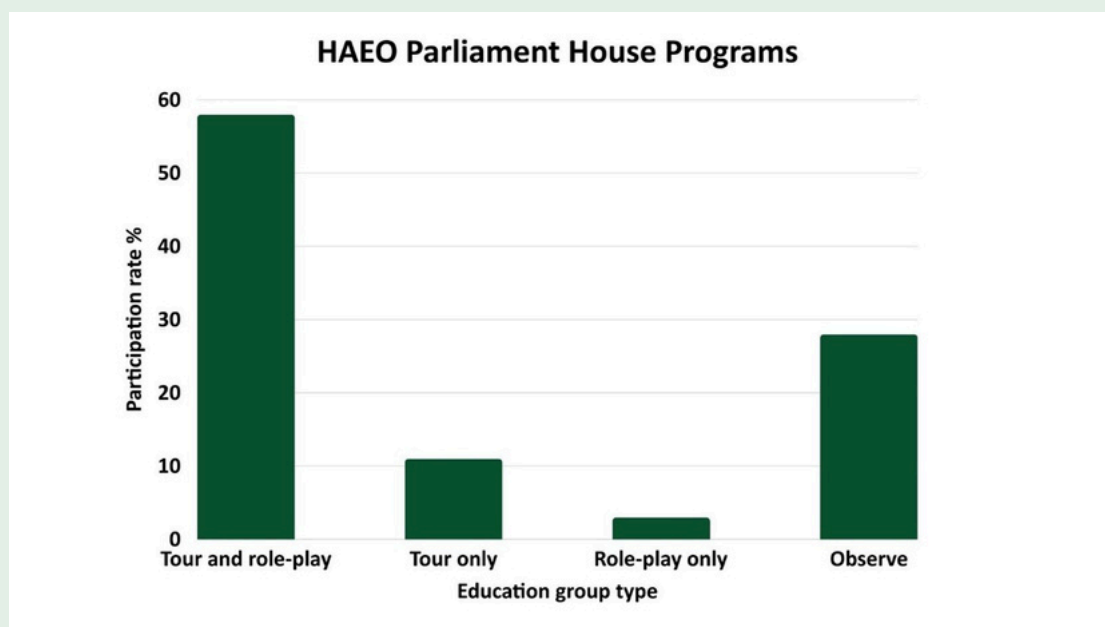


Figure 1: Participation rates of HAEO Parliament House programs

As shown in Figure 1, the combined tour and House of Assembly role-play is the most popular HAEO program (58 per cent). It allows for the most active student learning and is available to primary, secondary, college, and home education groups, with material curriculum-aligned to the specific group. The guided tour program is suitable for groups with time constraints, mixed age ranges, adult learners and on Mondays of a sitting week, when the House of Assembly Chamber is off limits to school groups. The only option available for groups on sitting days is to observe the Parliament in action.

Consideration in detail: HAEO Parliament House Programs

Analysis of the four HAEO Parliament House programs reveals further trends.

Tour and Role-Play: Available on non-sittings days

The combined tour and role-play program had the highest participation rate of all HAEO programs, with 1,986 students and 189 adults taking part in the 2024-2025 financial year. As shown in Figure 2, most of these participants are primary school aged students, with 80 per cent of the participating schools being primary schools.

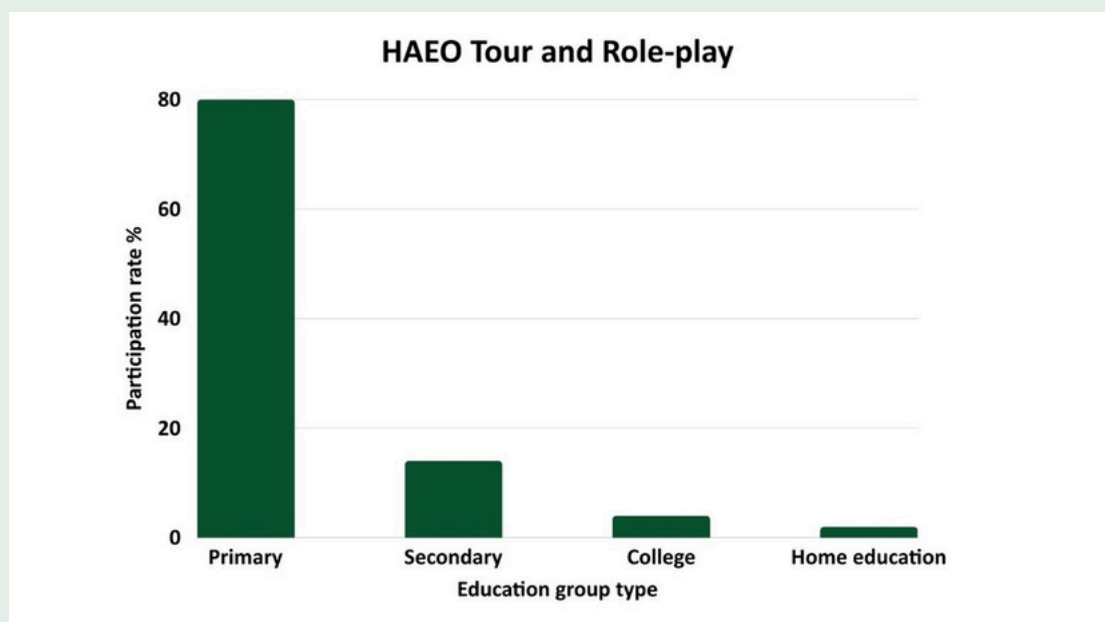


Figure 2: Participation in the HAEO tour and role-play program by education type

Guided Tours: Available on non-sittings days

A guided tour of Parliament House is the second most requested non-sitting day Parliament House program (11 per cent). As shown in Figure 3, this program is not dominated by primary schools but by other groups. Other groups are predominantly adults, such as community groups and migrant communities, for whom a role-play may not be suitable. Home education groups are also more likely to participate in a tour, due to either low numbers per group or younger students.

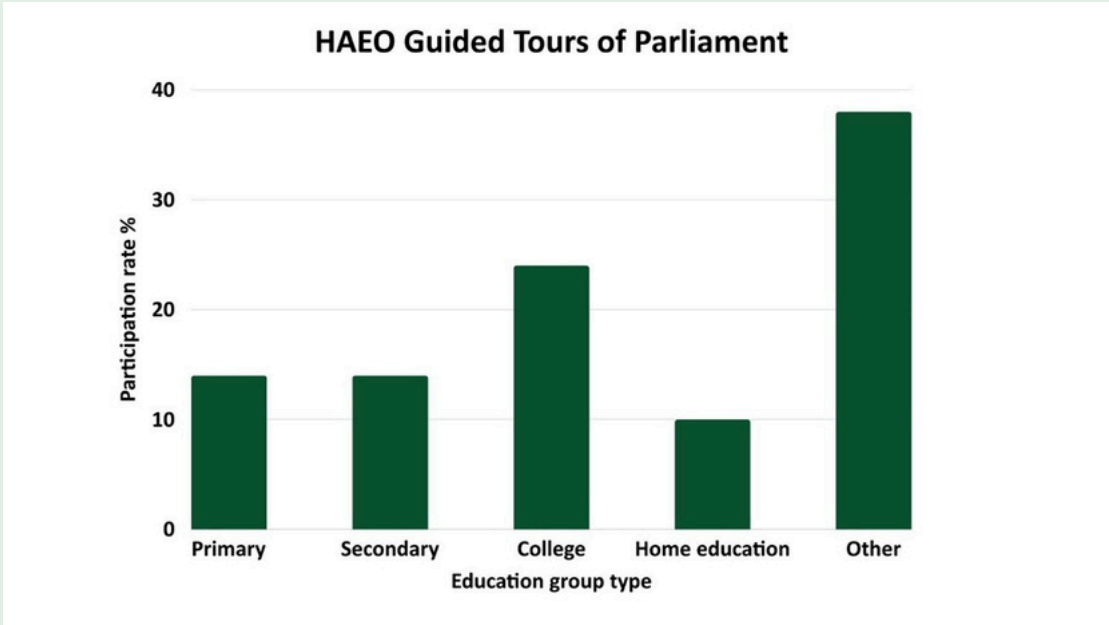


Figure 3: Participation in the HAEO Guided Tour program by education group type

Role-Play: Available on non-sittings days

A House of Assembly role-play (without a tour of Parliament House) is the least popular HAEO program (3 per cent), with bookings solely from one Hobart secondary school. This program specifically meets their needs of addressing the curriculum goal of understanding the passage of legislation, within a short time frame available in a restrictive secondary school timetable.

Observe Parliament: Available on sittings days

Education groups watching Parliament at work in the Chambers is the second most popular HAEO Parliament House program (28 per cent). It is the only program available on sitting days. Some groups opt to observe Parliament because this is the date and time available for their excursion and some groups actively choose this option – most notably secondary and college legal studies classes. Observing Parliament is specifically requested by many college classes as it contextualises the study they do of Westminster parliamentary principles. Of all HAEO programs, this program has the most even participation rates by school type.

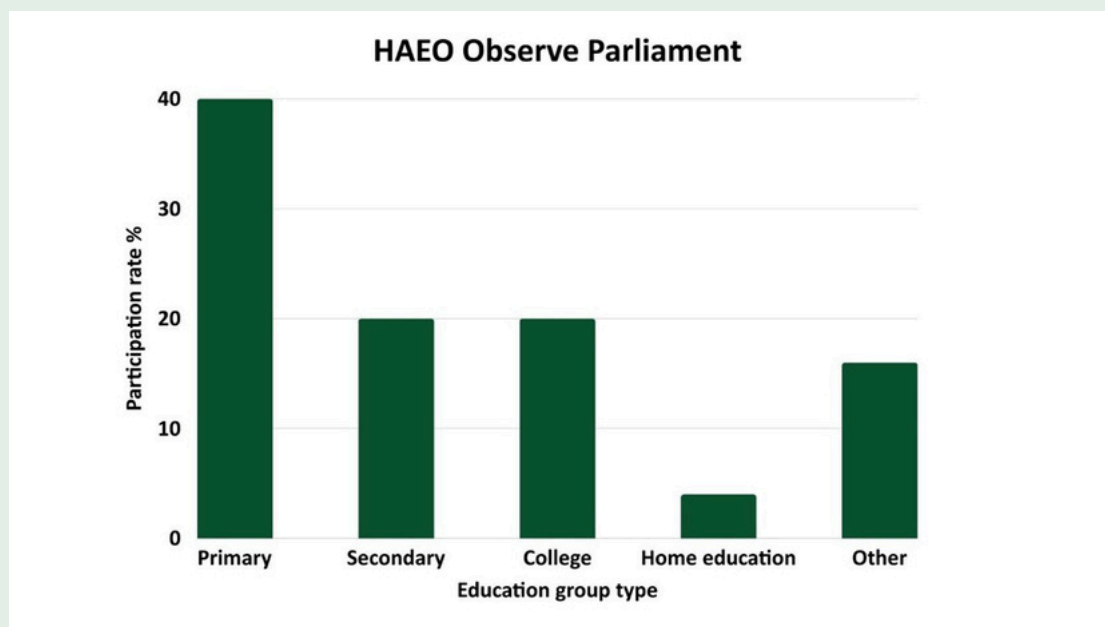


Figure 4: Observing the House of Assembly sitting by education group type

Feedback

At the beginning of 2025 the HAEO started to collect digital feedback from onsite groups using MS Forms. 39 responses were captured from teachers, with an average satisfaction rating of 4.85 out of 5. Teachers at primary, secondary and college level remarked on the high level of student engagement during the programs and commended the HAEO for providing an excellent educational experience. One teacher particularly appreciated the opportunity for students “to build their political literacy in a safe space”.

For the first time feedback could also be gathered from Year 11 and 12 students who had access to their phones. Most of these students are studying Legal Studies and generally have strong levels of interest in Parliament. From the 45 students who completed the survey, the average rating was 4.5 out of 5, with highlights being the opportunity to observe Parliament in action and participating in the role-play, which allowed them to deepen their understanding of the legislative process.

HAEO Online Programs

Online learning allows students anywhere in Tasmania to learn about the Parliament of Tasmania without having to travel to Parliament House. During the 2024-2025 financial year, 472 students and 33 adults participated in a HAEO Online Lesson, a 54 per cent increase on the previous year. Online lessons are curriculum aligned for primary, secondary, legal studies, and home education groups.

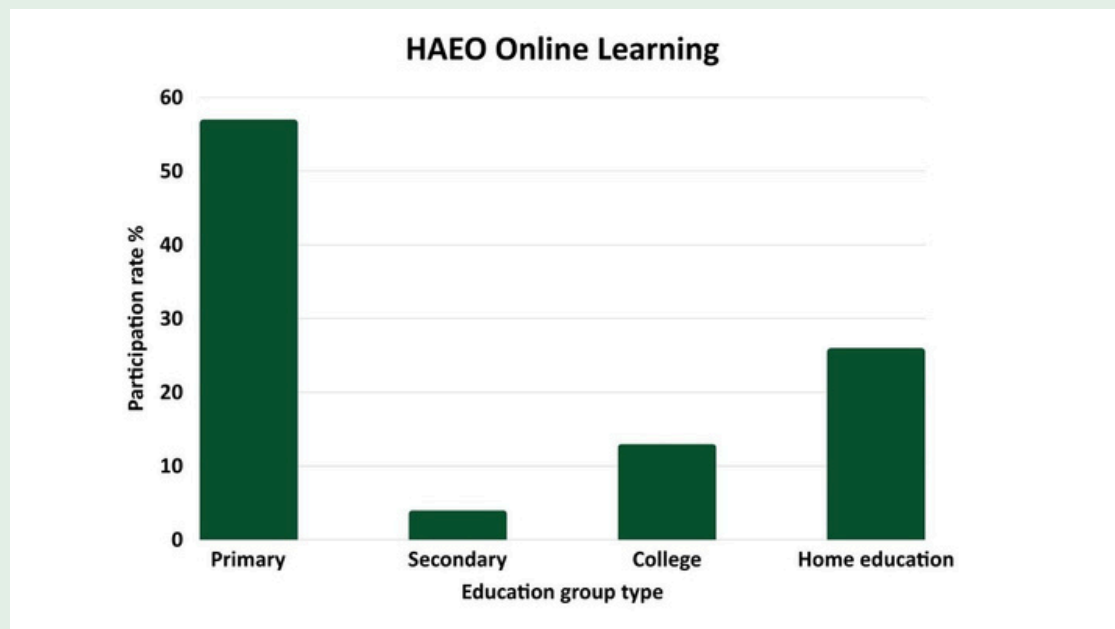


Figure 5: Online program participation by education group type

Home education

The home education community is a growing sector in Tasmanian education, with a 35 per cent increase from 2019 to 2023^[1], with 1,479 students from 889 families currently registered^[2]. The HAEO realised it was not enough to simply extend the programs on offer to home education groups, as current programs were very school-focused and cater to a specific year group, reflecting the structure of schools in Tasmania. Two specific innovations were planned to meet the needs of home education students for 2024: a tailored online lesson, and the extension of the Outreach program to include a lesson for home education groups. The HAEO faced challenges in reaching this community through marketing channels, and also technical challenges in connecting, reflecting the variety of technical set ups and understandings that home education families have. Despite this, work continues to build ongoing relationships with the home education communities and better reach students who are learning outside the formal school environment.

HAEO Outreach Programs

The HAEO is committed to ensuring equity of access for schools across Tasmania, and the Outreach program is part of this commitment. Two Outreach programs went ahead in the 2024–2025 financial year; one to St Helens in the electorate of Lyons, and one to Exeter in the electorate of Bass. The St Helens program was based at St Helens District School and offered lessons to 143 students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. The Exeter program was based at Exeter Primary School and reached 150 students from Exeter Primary School, Beaconsfield Primary School and Exeter High School. The feedback for both programs was excellent.

[1] <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/nov/26/we-havent-looked-back-home-schooling-in-australia-seeing-post-lockdown-boom>

[2] From Budget Estimates Committee in Legislative Council, Monday 23 September 2024

Tasmanian Regional School Travel Rebate

The Tasmanian Regional School Travel Rebate (TRSTR) continued in the 2024-2025 financial year, providing subsidies to schools more than 75 kilometres from Hobart to travel to Parliament House and take part in a HAEO program. The scheme is limited to 20 school subsidy payments per calendar or school year. Schools may only claim one payment per school year. To ensure payments comply with the financial year, there are ten subsidies available in Term 3 and Term 4 of the school year, with another ten subsidies available in Term 1 and Term 2 of the following school year.

In Terms 3 and 4 of 2024, the scheme was fully subscribed, with 10 schools receiving the payment. Other schools enquired about the rebate but were informed that it was fully subscribed and put on a waitlist. This indicates an unmet demand for the scheme in schools outside of the Hobart region. In Term 1 and Term 2 of 2025, eight schools received the rebate. In 2024-2025 the TRSTR provided funds for 18 schools to visit Parliament, with a total spend of \$6,200. Of the 18 schools claiming the rebate, four were in the electorate of Bass, eight in Braddon and six in Lyons.

YMCA Youth Parliament 2024

The 35th Tasmanian Youth Parliament took place from Sunday 14 July to Saturday 20 July 2024, with Parliament House being a key venue for debates, speakers' panels and workshops. The program is run by a Taskforce with the support of the YMCA, and financial support provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The HAEO assisted the Youth Parliament Taskforce in the lead up to the event and during their time at Parliament House. 29 students took part from 17 schools and colleges across the state. The program had a specific focus on equipping young Tasmanians with the practical skills to critically engage with current issues and the political process. Youth Parliament passed 11 Bills over the course of the week, covering topics such as gender equality, youth crime, and education. These Bills were presented to the Government at the conclusion of the program.

Youth Parliament has seen steady growth in numbers after the shock of COVID and has developed strong processes and culture to ensure its survival in the future.

Education Resources

The HAEO continues to work behind the scenes on education resources for students and teachers. Over time, these resources will be available on the HAEO section of the Parliament of Tasmania website for easy access for schools and other interested groups across Tasmania. Staffing constraints for six months severely hampered progress in this area for 2024-2025. Despite this, resources to assist Members in working with school groups and members of the public were launched.

Broader themes and outlook

Uptake of, and satisfaction with HAEO programs is strongest with primary schools and college legal studies groups. The HAEO does not connect with as many secondary school groups, in part because of the nature of secondary school timetables. The secondary school groups the HAEO does connect with tend to be independent secondary schools with a more flexible timetable, and secondary schools in Hobart on camp. A focus for the next year will be to improve reach to this critical cohort of students, a group identified in the National Assessment Program Civics and Citizenship Report for 2024 as lacking the knowledge and skills to be active and informed citizens, with only 20 per cent of Year 10 students in Tasmania meeting the benchmark.

[3] <https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/nap-sample/nap-cc-2024-public-report.pdf>



Role play at Parliament House



Outreach program - St Helens District School



Role play at Parliament House

Strategic Objective 3

Maintaining a strong and independent Parliament

The organisational review outlined in the 2023-2024 Annual Report was implemented in this reporting period. As previously mentioned, several newly established roles were recruited, to ensure adequate support for the expanded membership of the House.

As part of its efforts to ensure accountability, sustainability and fiscal responsibility, the Department conducted all activity within its allocated budget.

Additionally, the Speaker wrote to the Premier to progress the development of a budget protocol between the Speaker and the Executive, founded on the principles of the separation of powers.

The Department continued to provide secretariat support to Members interacting with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, a membership association made up of MPs from over 180 legislatures across the Commonwealth.

CPA membership provides opportunities to Members and Parliamentary staff to share knowledge on all aspects of parliamentary democracy, and ultimately improve processes.

Planning commenced during the reporting period for the CPA Australia and Pacific Joint Regional Conference due to be held in Hobart in November 2026.



Strategic Objective 4

Enhancing the workforce of the Parliament

Work on the revised department structure continued during the reporting period. The organisational review identified gaps in reporting lines. It is intended that the revised structure will address these gaps and provide staff with development and career progression opportunities. The structure is due to be implemented early in the 2025-2026 reporting period.

The Parliament of Tasmania conducted its annual employee satisfaction and engagement survey in November 2024. Following the release of results, the House of Assembly Leadership Team held a meeting to offer all staff the opportunity to share feedback. In response to the feedback received, the Leadership Team identified key focus areas and prepared an action plan for implementation before the next staff survey.

In response to recommendations of the Motion for Respect report, all House of Assembly staff completed the Appropriate Workplace Behaviour training module administered by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

To address gaps in feedback and recognition, identified through the staff survey process, the Department commenced a Professional Development Plan process for all staff. The process includes regular meetings between staff and managers to discuss ongoing work and identify development opportunities, and documentation of progress against work plans.

House of Assembly staff were also offered development opportunities through relevant professional and academic associations.

The annual Australian and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table (ANZACATT) Professional Development Seminar was hosted by the New Zealand Parliament in Wellington in January 2025 and the theme was 'Influencers and Influencing in the parliamentary environment'. Ben Foxe, Clerk Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms and Michael Barnier, Committee Secretary, attended the seminar.

The Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure course is offered annually by the University of South Australia, with support from ANZACATT. The course includes a range of sessions delivered by academics and Table Officers. Mary de Groot, Parliamentary Officer – Committees completed the PLPP course, writing a research paper titled 'Managing public expectations: Challenges in facilitating public engagement for parliamentary committees'.

All professional development was conducted within the budget management mentioned in relation to Strategic Objective 3.

ANZACATT Professional Development Seminar 2025



Strategic Objective 5

Modernising the Parliament

The Parliament completed the transition to Microsoft Office 365 during the reporting period. The Department is now making use of relevant applications to improve provision of information to Members.

Examples include sharing committee documents with Members via OneDrive, engaging with Members on service provision through surveys created in Forms, and developing video training resources for Members and staff using Clipchamp.

Further use of Office 365 included the transition of the historical precedents database into Microsoft Access. The previous database was not fit-for-purpose and the technology was soon to be unsupported. The transfer of data into Access ensures that it remains secure and accessible, and available for use by the Clerks and the Speaker.

The Department commenced a project to design and deliver online learning modules for Members and their staff. Each module focuses on an aspect of parliamentary procedure, using House footage and recent case studies to illustrate the procedures. As of 30 June 2025, modules on bills, petitions, questions and answers and an overview of parliamentary committees were published, with more modules in development for publication later in 2025.

The Department commenced an initiative to decrease its carbon footprint through the increased provision of information via the Parliament's website and targeted reduction of printed materials received on sitting days.



Compliance Report

Asset management

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

Audit and risk management

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

The House of Assembly is represented on the Parliament of Tasmania Audit and Risk Management Committee, which consists of the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council, Deputy Clerk of the House of Assembly and an independent Chair. The Audit and Risk Management Committee oversees the internal and external audit functions and assists to identify and manage risks across the Legislative Council, House of Assembly and Legislature-General.

Legislation Administered by the House of Assembly

The legislation that the Office of the Clerk of the House operates under and administers provides some insight into how the office provides support for the House and its Members. 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 2012*, the *Public Works Committee Act 1914*, the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970*, the *Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969*, the *Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996* and the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*.

Procurement

The Department of the House of Assembly complies with Treasurer's Instructions issued under the *Financial Management Act 2016* in relation to procurement, including providing Tasmanian businesses with opportunities to compete for the Department's business. The Department adheres to the Government's Buy Local Policy through supporting Tasmanian businesses whenever they offer best value for money.

No tenders were called with a value greater than \$50,000 during the financial year ended 30 June 2025 through the House of Assembly. No consultancy contracts were awarded or acted on during the financial year.

Compliance Report

Public Interest Disclosures

The House of Assembly operates under the provisions of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2002*. The House of Assembly supports the aims and objectives of this Act and does not tolerate improper conduct by Members of the House, its employees or officers, or the taking of detrimental action against those who come forward to disclose such conduct.

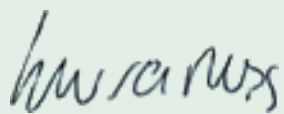
Pursuant to Section Part 7 of the Act, the Parliament of Tasmania has procedures that establish a system for reporting disclosures of improper conduct or detrimental action by the House of Assembly or, officers or employees of the House of Assembly, or Members of the House of Assembly. The procedures are also intended to assist officers and employees to understand the way in which the Act operates and needs to be administered.

The following table provides the information required to be published by the House of Assembly in the Annual Report under Section 86 of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*:

	Total number of disclosures made:
The number and types of disclosures made to the House of Assembly	0
The number of disclosures determined to be public interest disclosures	0
The number of disclosures investigated	0
The number and types of disclosed matters referred to the House of Assembly by the Ombudsman	0
The number and types of disclosed matters referred by the House of Assembly to the Ombudsman to investigate	0
The number and types of investigations of disclosed matters taken over by the Ombudsman from the House of Assembly	0
The number and types of disclosed matters that the House of Assembly has decided not to investigate	0
The number and types of disclosed matters that were substantiated upon investigation and the action taken on completion of the investigation	0
Any recommendations under the Act made by the Ombudsman that relate to the House of Assembly	0

Superannuation Declaration

I, Laura Elizabeth Ross, 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.



Laura Ross

Clerk of the House of Assembly

External Scrutiny

Reports by the Auditor-General

The report of the Auditor-General, dated 29 September 2025, on the financial statements, notes and supplementary information for the House of Assembly for the year ended 30 June 2025 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.

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.



PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

APPENDIX 1

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DIGEST

2024



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DIGEST

For the Period 1 January to 31 December 2024

First Session of the Fifty First Parliament

Sessional Summary No. 40

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Acts of Parliament are accessible on the Internet at the following address: <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/>
Bills and Printed Papers are available from the Clerk of Paper's Office, House of Assembly, Parliament House, Hobart, 7000.
General enquiries regarding the Digest can be made by contacting the Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms (03) 6212 2366.
The website of the Parliament of Tasmania is: <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/>

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

PRESIDING OFFICERS

The Speaker
The Honourable Michelle O'Byrne, MP

Chair of Committees

Nicholas Street, MP

Deputy Chair of Committees
Simon Behrakis, MP
Miriam Beswick, MP
Janie Finlay, MP

GOVERNOR

The Governor
The Honourable Barbara Baker, AC

The Lieutenant-Governor
The Honourable Christopher Shanahan SC

THE MINISTRY AND OFFICE BEARERS

Premier

The Honourable Jeremy Page Rockliff MP, Premier, Minister for Tourism and Minister for Trade and Major Investment

Deputy Premier

The Honourable Guy Barnett MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Attorney-General, and Minister for Justice.

Ministry

The Honourable Eric Abetz MP, Minister for Business, Industry and Resources, Minister for Transport and Leader of the House.

The Honourable Felix Ashton Ellis MP, Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and Minister for Skills and Training.

The Honourable Jane Howlett MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Hospitality and Small Business, and Minister for Racing.

The Honourable Roger Charles Jaensch MP, Minister for Children and Youth, Minister for Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Community Services, and Minister for Finance.

The Honourable Madeleine Ruth Ogilvie MP, Minister for Innovation, Science, and the Digital Economy, Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts and Heritage.

The Honourable Jacqueline Anne Petrusma MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs,
and Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Leader of the Opposition

The Honourable Rebecca White MP.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Ms Anita Joy Dow MP.

Whips

Government: Mr Simon Wood MP.

Opposition: Ms Meg Brown MP.

Greens: Mr Vica Bayley MP.

**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

ABETZ, The Honourable Eric, BA, LLB	Franklin	LP
BADGER, Tabatha, MTech	Lyons	TG
BARNETT, The Honourable Guy, LLM	Lyons	LP
BAYLEY, Vica, BBus, BEd	Clark	TG
BEHRAKIS, Simon, BEc	Clark	LP
BESWICK, Miriam	Braddon	Ind
BROAD, Dr Shane Thomas, B.Agr.Sc, PhD	Braddon	ALP
BROWN, Meg	Franklin	ALP
BURNET, Helen Christina, DipAppSci	Clark	TG
BUTLER, Jenna (Jen), MHRM, BA	Lyons	ALP
DOW, Anita Joy, B.N	Braddon	ALP
ELLIS, The Honourable Felix Ashton	Braddon	LP
FAIRS, Rob	Bass	LP
FERGUSON, Michael Darrel Joseph, B.App.Sci, B. Ed, TTC	Bass	LP
FINLAY, Janie, BA	Bass	ALP
GARLAND, Craig	Braddon	Ind
HADDAD, Eloise Rafia (Ella), BA, LLB	Clark	ALP
HOWLETT, The Honourable Jane	Lyons	LP
JAENSCH, The Honourable Roger Charles, B.Sc (Hons)	Braddon	LP
JENNER, Andrew	Lyons	JLN
JOHNSTON, Kristie Joy, BA, LLB, MCrimCorr	Clark	Ind
O'BYRNE, David James, B.L.S	Franklin	Ind
O'BYRNE, Michelle Anne, BA	Bass	ALP
OGILVIE, The Honourable Madeleine Ruth, BA, LLB, GCM	Clark	LP
PENTLAND, Rebekah	Bass	Ind

PETRUSMA, The Honourable Jacqueline (Jacquie) Anne, BCom, RN	Franklin	LP
ROSOL, Cecily Ann, BAppSci	Bass	TG
ROCKLIFF, The Honourable Jeremy Page, Dip. Farm Mgmt	Braddon	LP
SHELTON, The Honourable Mark David	Lyons	LP
STREET, Nicholas Adam (Nic), BCom	Franklin	LP
WILLIE, Joshua Barton (Josh), BA, BTeach	Clark	ALP
WHITE, The Honourable Rebecca, BA, B.Com	Lyons	ALP
WINTER, Dean, B.Ec	Franklin	ALP
WOOD, Simon Robert Francis	Bass	LP
WOODRUFF, Dr Rosalie, BA, MPH, PhD	Franklin	TG

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Clerk of the House of Assembly	Laura Elizabeth Ross, BA, LLB (Honours)
Deputy Clerk	Stephanie Kate Hesford, B.Soc.Sci (Honours)
Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms	Ben Foxe, BA, MPP
Second Clerk Assistant	Fiona Murphy BA, GCCrimCorr, BCCJ, and LLB.
Clerk of Papers	Alison Morrison

OFFICERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Editor of Debates	Helen Allmich
Parliamentary Librarian	Marijana Bacic

THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE DURING 2024

GENERAL SUMMARY

Number of Sitting Days of the House	33
Number of Sitting Days - Budget Estimates, and Government Businesses	
Scrutiny Committees	13
Total Hours sat from Meeting to Adjournment (excluding Committees)	254 hours 58 minutes
Average length of each Day's Sitting	7 hours 43 minutes
Total number of Questions placed on Notice.....	42
Total number of Questions asked without Notice	539
Total number of Ministerial Statements	3
Matters of Public Importance raised	32
Want of Confidence Motions	1

BILLS SUMMARY

Bills Introduced into House of Assembly	53
Resumed from previous session.....	0
Received from Legislative Council	0
Referred to Committee by the House of Assembly	1
Referred to Committee by the Legislative Council	2
Second Reading	
Agreed to and read Second time	42
Negatived upon Second Reading	1
Committal to Committee of the whole House Negatived	0
Third Reading	42
Legislative Council	
Agreed to by Council without amendment	22
Agreed to by Council with amendment.....	8
Bills amended by Council and agreed to by House.....	8
Agreed to by both Houses	30
Received Royal Assent.....	32
Miscellaneous	
Bills Withdrawn.....	0
Bills Declared Urgent.....	0
Bills debated under suspension of standing orders.....	3
Lapsed due to Prorogation.....	37
Bills ruled out of Order.....	0
Total Number of Private Members Bills	9

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

Bladel, The Honourable Fran Mary, 30 July

Groom, The Honourable Francis Roger, 19 September

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Ministerial Appointments, 14 May

Commission of Inquiry Implementation Progress, 23 May

Ministerial Appointments, 19 November

PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Social Poker, 15 May

Southern Transport System (2), 15 May

Glenorchy War Memorial Pool, 21 May

Permanent Residency for Mr Devarshi Deka, 12 June

Puppy Farms, 17 September

Service Tasmania Service Centre, Swansea, 19 September

Hate Crimes, 17 October

Derwent River Catchment, 19 November

Underground Power Cables, Evandale, 20 November

TASC Student Advisory Board, 21 November

CCTV in Moonah, Glenorchy and Claremont, 26 November

Meander Valley Prison (2), 26 November

Access to Okines Beach, 27 November

Renewable Energy Zoning (2), 27 November

PAPERS TABLED AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED

1. Auditor-General: Report No. 4 of 2023-24 – Report on the Financial Statements of State Entities – Volume 2 – Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities.
2. Auditor-General: Report No. 5 of 2023-24 – Access to Oral Health Services.
4. Auditor-General: Report No. 6 of 2023-24 – Management of Major Office Accommodation.
5. Auditor-General: Report No. 1 of 2024-25 – Alignment of duration of custodial stays at Ashley Youth Detention Centre with related sentencing orders.
15. Auditor-General: Report No. 2 of 2024-25 – Tasmanian Community Fund referendum support and assessment of grant funding to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd.
25. Auditor-General: Report No. 3 of 2024-25 – Follow-up of Report No. 2 of 2019-20 University of Tasmania’s management of student accommodation.
26. Auditor-General: Report No. 4 of 2024-25 – Follow-up of Report No.1 of 2020-21 Effectiveness of Internal Audit.
27. Auditor-General: Report No. 5 of 2024-25 – Follow-up of Report No. 2 of 2020-21 Management of underperformance in the Tasmanian State Service.
28. Auditor-General: Report No. 6 of 2024-25 – Volume 1 – Public Financial Corporations and Public Non-Financial Corporations.
24. Commission of Inquiry Recommendations Scrutiny, Joint Select Committee on: Interim Report.
29. Energy Matters, Joint Select Committee on: Special Report on the use of excerpts from a Committee hearing broadcast.
13. Gender and Equality, Joint Sessional Committee on: Inquiry into Experiences of Gendered Bias in Healthcare in Tasmania.
20. Government Administration ‘B’, Standing Committee on: Inquiry into the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 9).
32. Integrity, Joint Standing Committee on: Annual Report 2024.
11. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Annual Report 2023-24.
33. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Follow-up of Auditor-General Report No. 2 of 2015-16 – Capital Works Programming and Management.
21. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Follow-up of Auditor-General Report No. 4 of 2019-20 – Rostering of Specialists in Tasmania’s Major Hospitals.
8. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Inquiry into Hydro Tasmania and the Termination of the Basslink Service Agreement.
7. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Short Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Proposed Tasmanian Fire and Emergency Services Funding Model.
16. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Short Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s use of Provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* to Fund Election Commitments in 2021.
18. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: Statement of Understanding – Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts and Auditor-General of Tasmania.
12. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report of the Redevelopment of Montello Primary School.
35. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on the Kingston Bypass Duplication and Algona Road Roundabout Upgrade.
14. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on the New Risdon Prison Kitchen Project.
3. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on the Royal Hobart Hospital Emergency Department Expansion Phase 2.
34. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on the Tasmanian JackJumpers High Performance Centre.
6. Standing Orders, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Title of the Speaker.
22. Subordinate Legislation, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Annual Report 2023-24.
23. Workplace Culture Oversight, Joint Sessional Committee on: Interim Report.

BILLS 2024

No.	Year	Bill_Name	Introduced By	HA_1st	HA_2RM	HA_2R	HA_Comm	HA_Report.	HA_3rd	Royal_ass.	Act_No.	HA_Neg.
3	2024	Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24) Bill 2024	Treasurer	14/05/2024	16/05/2024	16/05/2024			16/05/2024	7/06/2024	1	
4	2024	Supply (No. 1) 2024 Bill 2024	Treasurer	14/05/2024	16/05/2024	16/05/2024			16/05/2024	7/06/2024	2	
5	2024	Supply Act (No. 2) 2024 Bill 2024	Treasurer	14/05/2024	16/05/2024	16/05/2024			16/05/2024	7/06/2024	3	
7	2024	Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	16/05/2024	23/05/2024	23/05/2024	23/05/2024	23/05/2024	23/05/2024	30/08/2024	8	
8	2024	State Litigator (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	15/05/2024	23/05/2024	23/05/2024			23/05/2024	30/08/2024	7	
9	2024	Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024	Dr. R. Woodruff	15/05/2024	12/06/2024	Referred to Standing Committee on Government Administration B, lapsed at prorogation						
10	2024	Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill 2024	Minister for Racing	21/05/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	18/06/2024	18/06/2024	2/10/2024	16	
11	2024	Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2024	Minister for Racing	21/05/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	18/06/2024	18/06/2024	5/09/2024	14	
12	2024	Surveyors Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Transport	22/05/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024			11/06/2024	5/07/2024	4	
13	2024	Taxation Legislation (Affordable Housing and Employment Support) Bill 2024	Treasurer	23/05/2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024			11/06/2024	28/06/2024	5	
14	2024	Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	23/05/2024	13/06/2024	13/06/2024			13/06/2024	5/07/2024	6	
15	2024	Work Health and Safety Amendment (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2024 (15 of 2024)	Mr D. O'Byrne	21/05/2024	Lapsed at prorogation							
16	2024	Police Offences Amendment (Begging Repeal) Bill 2024	Ms T. Badger	21/05/2024	19/06/2024	19/06/2024	19/06/2024	19/06/2024	19/06/2024	30/08/2024	10	
17	2024	Industrial Hemp Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Primary Industries and Water	11/06/2024	30/07/2024	30/07/2024			30/07/2024	8/11/2024	22	
18	2024	Human Tissue Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Health	12/06/2024	20/06/2024	20/06/2024			20/06/2024	5/09/2024	11	
19	2024	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	19/06/2024	1/08/2024	1/08/2024			1/08/2024	23/12/2024	27	
20	2024	Forestry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2024	Minister for Business, Industry and Resources	12/06/2024	20/06/2024	20/06/2024	20/06/2024	30/07/2024	30/07/2024	2/10/2024	19	
21	2024	Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs	12/06/2024	30/07/2024	30/07/2024			30/07/2024	5/09/2024	12	
22	2024	Taxation Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2024	Treasurer	13/06/2024	18/06/2024	18/06/2024			18/06/2024	30/08/2024	9	
23	2024	Sentencing Amendment (Presumptive Sentencing for Assaults on Frontline Workers) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	12/06/2024	18/06/2024	18/06/2024			18/06/2024	13/12/2024	29	
24	2024	Work Health and Safety Amendment (Safer Workplaces) Bill 2024	Mr D. Winter	13/06/2024	19/06/2024	19/06/2024			19/06/2024	2/10/2024	15	
25	2024	Electoral Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	18/06/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024			6/08/2024	Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters by the Legislative Council, lapsed at prorogation		
26	2024	Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	18/06/2024	30/07/2024	1/08/2024	1/08/2024	1/08/2024	1/08/2024	2/10/2024	17	
27	2024	Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs	20/06/2024	26/11/2024	1/04/2025	1/04/2025	1/04/2025	1/04/2025	Lapsed at prorogation		

28	2024	Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	19/06/2024	1/08/2024	1/08/2024			1/08/2024	2/10/2024	18
29	2024	Disability Inclusion and Safeguarding Bill 2024	Minister for Disability Services	17/09/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024			17/10/2024	8/11/2024	21
30	2024	Sentencing Amendment (Presumption of Mandatory Sentencing) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	19/06/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024			6/08/2024	Negated by Legislative Council	
31	2024	University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 (31 of 2024)	Minister for Arts	20/06/2024	28/11/2024	28/11/2024	28/11/2024	28/11/2024	28/11/2024	Lapsed at prorogation	
32	2024	Historic Cultural Heritage Amendment	Minister for Arts	31/07/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024	15/11/2024	25
33	2024	Farm Debt Mediation Bill 2024	Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs	31/07/2024	6/08/2024	6/08/2024			6/08/2024	2/10/2024	20
34	2024	Tasmanian Development Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Trade and Major Investment	30/07/2024	8/08/2024	8/08/2024	8/08/2024	8/08/2024	8/08/2024	5/09/2024	13
35	2024	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	1/08/2024	6/08/2024	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	11/09/2024	11/09/2024	Referred to Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality by the Legislative Council, lapsed at prorogation	
36	2024	Justice Miscellaneous (Administrative Review Tribunal) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	6/08/2024	13/03/2025	13/03/2025			13/03/2025	16/05/2025	8 of 2025
37	2024	Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill 2024	Premier	7/08/2024	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	10/09/2024	13/12/2024	26
38	2024	Family Violence Amendment (Protecting People and their Pets) Bill 2024	Mr D. O'Byrne	6/08/2024	20/11/2024	20/11/2024	20/11/2024	20/11/2024	20/11/2024	13/12/2024	30
39	2024	Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024	Treasurer	12/09/2024	12/09/2024	19/09/2024	15/10/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024	1/11/2024	23
40	2024	Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2024	Treasurer	12/09/2024	19/09/2024	19/09/2024	15/10/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024	1/11/2024	24
41	2024	Judicial Commissions Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	10/09/2024	19/09/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024	17/10/2024	13/12/2024	28
42	2024	Defamation Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	17/09/2024	11/03/2025	11/03/2025			11/03/2025	16/06/2025	12 of 2025
43	2024	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024	Small Business and Consumer Affairs	11/09/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024			26/11/2024	Lapsed at prorogation	
44	2024	Nature Conservation Amendment (Brushy Creek Conservation Area) Bill 2024	Ms T. Badger	10/09/2024	Withdrawn 5/03/2025						
45	2024	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No. 2) 2024	Minister for Justice	15/10/2024	3/04/2025	3/04/2025	3/04/2025	8/04/2025	8/04/2025	Lapsed at prorogation	
46	2024	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Additional Jurisdictions) Bill 2024	Minister for Justice	19/09/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024			26/11/2024	16/05/2025	7 of 2025
47	2024	Public Health Amendment (Vaping) Bill 2024	Minister for Health	18/09/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	16/04/2025	2 of 2025
48	2024	Health Miscellaneous Bill 2024	Minister for Mental Health	21/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	26/11/2024	16/04/2025	3
49	2024	Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Supporting Development) Bill 2024	Minister for Housing and Planning	16/10/2024	19/11/2024	19/11/2024	19/11/2024	19/11/2024	19/11/2024	13/12/2024	31
50	2024	Hobart Cenotaph Bill 2024	Mr V. Bayley	17/10/2024	20/11/2024	Negated 20/11/2024					20/11/2024
51	2024	Family Violence Amendment Bill 2024	Ms K. Johnston	19/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024			27/11/2024	16/04/2025	5 of 2025
52	2024	Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Stony Rise Development Approval) Bill 2024	Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs	19/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024			21/11/2024	13/12/2024	32

53	2024	Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2024	Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs	19/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024	21/11/2024	Negated by Legislative Council
54	2024	Tasmanian Community Fund Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Community Services	20/11/2024	13/03/2025	6/05/2025	6/05/2025	6/05/2025	6/05/2025	6/05/2025	Lapsed at prorogation
55	2024	Electoral Disclosure and Funding (Donation Disclosure) Amendment Bill 2024	Dr R Woodruff	21/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	27/11/2024	16/04/2025 1 of 2025
56	2024	Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill 2024	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management	28/11/2024	8/05/2025	Lapsed at prorogation					

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS RECORD OF SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

MEMBER	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED	DEFEATED	YEARS OF SERVICE
ABETZ, Eric Minister 14.5.24 –	23.3.2024			0-1 year
BADGER, Tabatha	23.3.2024			0-1 year
BARNETT, Guy Minister 18.7.16 – Deputy Premier – 23.10.24 –	15.3.2014	3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		10-11 years
BAYLEY, Vica Greens Whip 8.8.23 – Deputy Leader of the Greens 14.5.24 –	1.8.2023 (on recount replacing C. O'Connor)	23.3.2024		1-2 years
BEHRAKIS, Simon	24-10-2023 (on recount replacing E. Archer)	23.3.2024		1-2 years
BESWICK, Miriam	23.3.2024			0-1 year
BROAD, Shane Thomas	4.4.2017 (on recount replacing B. Green)	3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		7-8 years
BROWN, Meg Opposition Whip 14.5.24 –	23.3.2024			0-1 year
BURNET, Helen Christine	23.3.2024			0-1 year
BUTLER, Jenna	3.3.2018	1.5.2021 23.3.2024		6-7 years
DOW, Anita Joy Deputy Leader of the Opposition 15.6.21 –	3.3.2018	1.5.2021 23.3.2024		6-7 years
ELLIS, Felix Ashton Government Whip 1.3.22 – 27.7.22 Minister 27.7.22 –	17.8.2020 (on recount replacing J. F. Rylah)	3.6.2021 (on recount replacing A. R. Brooks) 23.3.2024	1.5.2021	4-5 years
FAIRS, Rob	23.3.2024			0-1 year
FERGUSON, Michael Darrel Joseph Minister 31.3.14 – 15.10.24 Deputy Premier 8.4.22 – 15.10.24	20.3.2010	15.3.2014 3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		14-15 years
FINLAY, Janie	1.5.2021	23.3.2024		3-4 years
GARLAND, Craig	23.3.2024			0-1 year
HADDAD, Eloise Rafia	3.3.2018	1.5.2021 23.3.2024		6-7 years
HOWLETT, Jane Minister 11.4.24 –	23.3.2024			0-1 year

MEMBER	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED	DEFEATED	YEARS OF SERVICE
JAENSCH, Roger Charles Government Whip 6.5.14 – 18.7.16 Minister 21.3.18 –	15.3.2014	3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		10-11 years
JENNER, Andrew	23.3.2024			0-1 year
JOHNSTON, Kristie Joy	1.5.2021	23.3.2024		3-4 years
O'BYRNE, David James Minister 21.4.10 – 31.3.14 Leader of the Opposition 15.6.21 – 4.7.21	20.3.2010	3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024	15.3.2014	10-11 years
O'BYRNE, Michelle Anne Minister 27.10.06 – 31.3.14 Deputy Leader of the Opposition 31.3.14 – 15.6.21 Speaker 14.5.24 –	18.3.2006	20.3.2010 15.3.2014 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		18-19 years
OGILVIE, Madeleine Ruth Minister 28.2.22 –	15.3.2014	10.9.2019 (on recount replacing S. Bacon) 23.3.2024	3.3.2018	9-10 years
PENTLAND, Rebekah	23.3.2024			0-1 year
PETRUSMA, Jacqueline Anne Minister 31.3.14 – 2.7.19 19.5.21 – 25.7.22 23.10.24 – Chair of Committees 30.7.19 – 22.6.21 14.5.24 – 20.10.24	20.3.2010	15.3.2014 3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024	25.7.22 (resigned)	13-14 years
ROCKLIFF, Jeremy Page Opposition Whip 6.8.02 – 30.3.06 Deputy Leader of the Opposition 30.3.06 – 31.3.14 Minister 31.3.14 – Deputy Premier 31.3.14 – 8.4.22 Premier 8.4.22 –	20.7.2002	18.3.2006 20.3.2010 15.3.2014 3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		22-23 years
ROSOL, Cecily Ann	23.3.2024			0-1 year
SHELTON, Mark David Chair of Committees 6.5.14 – 17.10.17 1.5.18 – 1.7.19 Speaker 17.10.17 – 1.5.18 22.6.21 – 14.5.24 Minister 1.7.19 – 19.5.21	20.3.2010	15.3.2014 3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		14-15 years
STREET, Nicholas Adam Minister 17.2.22 – 23.10.24 Chair of Committees 19.11.24 –	2.3.2016 (on recount replacing P. A. Harris)	5.2.2020 (On recount replacing W. E. F. Hodgman) 23.3.2024	3.3.2018	6-7 years

MEMBER	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED	DEFEATED	YEARS OF SERVICE
WHITE, Rebecca Peta Government Whip 6.12.10 – 31.3.14 Minister 17.1.14 – 31.3.14 Leader of the Opposition 17.3.17 – 15.6.21 7.7.21 – 12.2.25	20.3.2010	15.3.2014 3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		14-15 years
WILLIE, Joshua Barton	23.3.2024			0-1 year
WINTER, Dean Leader of the Opposition 14.5.24 –	1.5.2021	23.3.2024		3-4 years
WOOD, Simon Robert Francis Government Whip 14.5.24 –	27.4.2022 (on recount replacing P. C. Gutwein)	23.3.2024		2-3 years
WOODRUFF, Rosalie Leader of the Greens 8.8.23 – Greens Whip 22.6.21 – 8.8.23	20.8.2015 (on recount replacing N. J. McKim)	3.3.2018 1.5.2021 23.3.2024		9-10 years

MEMBERS ACCUMULATED SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Years of Service	No. of Members
0-1 year	12
1-2 years	2
2-3 years	1
3-4 years	3
4-5 years	1
6-7 years	4
7-8 years	1
9-10 years	2
10-11 years	3
13-14 years	1
14-15 years	3
18-19 years	1
22-23 years	1
TOTAL	35



PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

APPENDIX 2

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2025

Independent Auditor's Report
To the Members of Parliament
House of Assembly
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of House of Assembly (the House), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement of certification signed by the Clerk of the House (the Clerk).

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- (a) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the House as at 30 June 2025 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) is in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2016* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the House in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

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

My audit is not designed to provide assurance on the accuracy and appropriateness of the budget information included in the financial statements.

Responsibilities of the Clerk for the Financial Statements

The Clerk is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Section 42 (1) of the *Financial Management Act 2016* and for such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Clerk is responsible for assessing the House's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the House is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament, or the Clerk intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the House's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Clerk.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Clerk's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the House's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to

the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the House to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Clerk regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Thompson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Thompson
Auditor-General
Tasmanian Audit Office

29 September 2025
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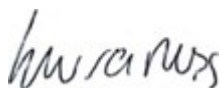
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Statement of Certification

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 the Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2025 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.



Laura Ross

Clerk

26 September 2025

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Income from continuing operations				
Revenue from Government				
Appropriation revenue – operating	3.1	14,564	13,270	10,860
Total revenue from continuing operations		14,564	13,270	10,860
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits	4.1	13,584	12,573	10,120
Depreciation	4.2	137	188	142
Supplies and consumables	4.3	969	581	547
Total expenses from continuing operations		14,690	13,342	10,809
Net result from continuing operations		(126)	(72)	51
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified to net result in subsequent periods				
Changes in property plant and equipment revaluation surplus	8.1	-	27	-
Total other comprehensive income		-	27	-
Comprehensive Result		(126)	(45)	51

This Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2.1 of the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Assets				
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9.1	4	4	4
Receivables	5.1	13	5	4
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Other assets	5.2	72	33	50
Plant and equipment	5.3	2,581	2,930	2,922
Total assets		2,670	2,971	2,980
Liabilities				
Payables	6.1	20	63	77
Employee benefit liabilities	6.2	588	688	637
Total liabilities		608	751	714
Net assets		2,062	2,220	2,266
Equity				
Reserves	8.1	1,227	1,254	1,227
Accumulated funds		835	966	1,038
Total equity		2,062	2,220	2,266

This Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2.2 of the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
<i>Cash inflows</i>				
Appropriation receipts - operating		14,564	13,270	10,860
GST receipts		94	126	131
Other cash receipts		-	-	13
Total cash inflows		14,658	13,396	11,004
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Employee benefits		(13,555)	(12,522)	(9,964)
GST Payments		(94)	(126)	(131)
Supplies and consumables		(789)	(579)	(520)
Total cash outflows		(14,638)	(13,227)	(10,615)
Net cash from (used by) operating activities	9.2	40	169	389
Cash flows from investing activities				
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Payments for acquisition of non-financial assets		(40)	(169)	(389)
Total cash outflows		(40)	(169)	(389)
Net cash from (used by) investing activities		(40)	(169)	(389)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		4	4	4
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	9.1	4	4	4

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.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2.3 of the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Reserves	Accumulated Funds	Total Equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2024	1,227	1,038	2,266
Net result	-	(72)	(72)
Other comprehensive income	27	-	27
Balance as at 30 June 2025	1,254	966	2,220

	Reserves	Accumulated Funds	Total Equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2023	1,227	987	2,215
Net result	-	51	51
Balance as at 30 June 2024	1,227	1,038	2,266

This Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

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Note 1 House Output Schedules

1.1 Output Group Information

Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

Output Group 1 – House of Assembly Support Services

	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Income from continuing operations			
Revenue from appropriation	3,637	3,636	3,046
Total revenue from continuing operations	3,637	3,636	3,046
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits	2,657	2,965	2,489
Depreciation	137	188	142
Other expenses	969	581	547
Total expenses from continuing operations	3,763	3,734	3,178
Net result	(126)	(98)	(132)
Expense by output			
House of Assembly Support Services	3,626	3,600	3,044
Select Committee Support Services	6	6	6
Investigatory Committee Support Services	131	128	128
Total	3,763	3,734	3,178
Net Assets			
Total assets deployed for House of Assembly Support Services		2,969	2,980
Total liabilities incurred for House of Assembly Support Services		(705)	(647)
Net assets deployed for House of Assembly Support Services		2,264	2,333

Output Group 2 – Payments administered by the House of Assembly

	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Income from continuing operations			
Revenue from appropriation	10,927	9,634	7,814
Total revenue from continuing operations	10,927	9,634	7,814
Expenses from continuing operations			
Travel and communication	881	868	635
Parliamentary salaries and allowances	9,907	8,439	6,844
Parliamentary travelling allowances	108	292	149
Parliamentary Committee fees and allowances	31	9	3
Total expenses from continuing operations	10,927	9,608	7,631
Net result	0	26	183
Expense by output			
Payments Administered by the House of Assembly	10,927	9,608	7,631
Total	10,927	9,608	7,631

Net Assets

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Total assets deployed for Payments administered by House of Assembly	2	-
Total liabilities incurred for Payments administered by House of Assembly	(46)	(67)
Net assets deployed for Payments administered by House of Assembly	(44)	(67)

1.2 Reconciliation of Total Output Groups Comprehensive Result to Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Total comprehensive result of Output Groups	(126)	(72)	51
Change in Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	27	-
Comprehensive result	(126)	(45)	51

1.3 Reconciliation of Total Output Groups Net Assets to Statement of Financial Position

	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Total net assets deployed for Output Groups	2,220	2,266
Net Assets	2,220	2,266

Note 2 Explanations of Material Variances between Budget and Actual Outcomes

Budget information refers to original estimates as disclosed in the 2024-25 Budget Papers and is not subject to audit.

Variances are considered material where the variance exceeds 10 per cent of Budget estimate and \$10,000.

2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Depreciation	(a)	137	188	(51)	(37.2)
Supplies and Consumables	(b)	969	581	388	40

Notes to Statement of Comprehensive Income variances

(a) The increase in depreciation is due to purchases made in the prior year, being depreciated for the full year.

(b) The decrease in supplies and consumables is due to the Members salary packaged leased vehicles costs were included in supplies and consumables budget by Treasury, the House classify expense as Members benefits.

2.2 Statement of Financial Position

Budget estimates for the 2024-25 Statement of Financial Position were compiled prior to the completion of the actual outcomes for 2023-24. As a result, the actual variance from the Original Budget estimate will be impacted by the difference between estimated and actual opening balances for 2023-24. The following variance analysis therefore includes major movements between the 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025 actual balances.

		2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Actual Variance \$'000
Other Assets	(a)	72	33	50	39	17
Payables	(b)	20	63	77	43	14

Notes to Statement of Financial Position variances

(a) Other Asset are related to a prepaid media service fee reducing this year.

(b) The increase in Payables to budget is due to June vehicle lease costs invoice outstanding at 30 June. The reduction in Payables to the previous year is due to parliament prorogation in early June.

2.3 Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Supplies and Consumables	(a)	(789)	(579)	210	26.6
GST receipts and payments	(b)	(94)	(126)	(32)	34
Payments for non-financial assets	(c)	(40)	(169)	(129)	322

Notes to Statement of Cash Flows

(a) The decrease in supplies and consumables is due to the Members salary packaged leased vehicles costs being included in supplies and consumables budget by Treasury. The House classify expense as Members benefits.

(b) GST is higher due to the additional expenses as a result of 10 extra Members of Parliament for a full year

(c) The increase in acquisitions of non-financial assets is due to the purchase of new chamber chairs.

Note 3 Revenue

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

Income is recognised in accordance with the requirements of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*, dependent on whether there is a contract with a customer defined by AASB 15.

3.1 Revenue from Government

Appropriations, whether operating or capital, are recognised as revenues in the period in which the House gains control of the appropriated funds as they do not contain enforceable and sufficiently specific obligations as defined in AASB 15. Except for any amounts identified as carried forward, control arises in the period of appropriation.

Revenue from Government includes revenue from appropriations, unexpended appropriations rolled over under section 23 of the *Financial Management Act 2016* and Items Reserved by Law.

Section 23 of the Financial Management Act allows for an unexpended appropriation at the end of the financial year, as determined by the Treasurer, to be issued and applied from the Public Account in the following financial year. The amount determined by the Treasurer must not exceed five per cent of the House's appropriation for the financial year.

The Budget information is based on original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

	2025 Budget \$'000	2025 Actual \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000
Continuing operations			
Appropriation revenue – operating			
Current year	4,518	4,512	3,880
Items Reserved by Law			
R003 Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances ⁽¹⁾	9,907	8,465	6,828
R004 Travelling Allowances ⁽¹⁾	108	280	129
R005 Members' Committee Fees and Allowances ⁽¹⁾	31	13	23
Total revenue from Government from continuing operations	14,564	13,270	10,860
Total revenue from Government	14,564	13,270	10,860

(1) (Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 2012 (No. 18 of 2012))

Note 4 Expenses

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

4.1 Employee benefits

Employee benefits include, where applicable, entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits.

(a) Employee expenses

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Wages and salaries	10,782	8,718
Annual leave	288	190
Long service leave	59	82
Superannuation – defined contribution scheme	1,026	793
Superannuation – defined benefit scheme	24	28
Fringe Benefits tax	394	309
Total	12,573	10,120

Superannuation expenses relating to defined contribution schemes are paid directly to superannuation funds at a rate of 11.5 per cent (2023-24: 11 per cent) of salary, which is the Superannuation Guarantee rate set by the Australian Government. In addition, departments are also required to pay into the Public Account a “gap” payment equivalent to 3.45 per cent (2023-24: 3.45 per cent) of salary in respect of employees who are members of contribution schemes.

Superannuation expenses relating to defined benefit schemes relate to payments into the Public Account. The amount of the payment is based on an employer contribution rate determined by the Treasurer, on the advice of the State Actuary. The current department contribution is 12.95 per cent (2023-24: 12.95 per cent) of salary.

(b) Remuneration of Key management personnel

2025	Short-term benefits		Long-term benefits			
	Salary	Other Benefits	Superannuation	Other Benefits and Long-service Leave	Termination Benefits	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Key management personnel</i>						
Clerk – Ms L Ross	338	22	51	(6)	-	405
Deputy Clerk – Ms S Hesford	277	21	41	6	-	345
Clerk Assistant & Sergeant at Arms – Mr B Foxe	228	21	34	19	-	302
Total	843	64	126	19	-	1,052

2024	Short-term benefits		Long-term benefits			
	Salary	Other Benefits	Superannuation	Other Benefits and Long-service Leave	Termination Benefits	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Key management personnel</i>						
Clerk – Ms L Ross	309	22	45	1	-	377
Deputy Clerk – Ms S Hesford	255	20	37	17	-	329
Clerk Assistant & Sergeant at Arms – Mr B Foxe (2 August 2023 – 30 June 2024)	192	15	20	17	-	244
Total	756	57	102	35	-	950

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the House, directly or indirectly.

Remuneration during 2024-25 for key personnel is set by the *Parliamentary Privilege Act 1898*. Remuneration and other terms of employment are specified in employment contracts. Remuneration includes salary, motor vehicle and other non-monetary benefits. Long-term employee expenses include long service leave and superannuation obligations.

Acting Arrangements

When members of key management personnel are unable to fulfil their duties, consideration is given to appoint other members of senior staff to their position during their period of absence. Individuals are considered members of key management personnel when acting arrangements are for more than a period of one month.

(c) Related party transactions

In accordance with *AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, related party transactions are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the economic decisions that users make on the basis of the financial statements judged in the surrounding circumstances. The size or nature of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor. The Clerk is required to determine the materiality of any related party transactions.

The Clerk is also required to determine if additional action is required to ensure compliance with the disclosure requirements of *AASB 124 Related Party Transactions*, including identification of related parties, identification of related party transactions and the adequacy of these disclosures.

There are no related party transactions requiring disclosure.

4.2 Depreciation

All applicable Non-financial assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of their service potential.

Key estimate and judgement

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

(d) Depreciation

	Major depreciation Period	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Furniture and fittings	10 years	50	41
Plant and Equipment	10 years	30	25
Computer equipment	3 years	108	76
Total		188	142

4.3 Supplies and consumables

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Audit fees – financial audit	25	22
Supplies and consumables	40	80
Equipment costs	38	110
Communications	55	46
Information technology	84	86
Travel and transport	99	60
Entertainment	10	10
Conference/Training	7	6
Consultancy	34	35
Maintenance	17	38
Staff Recruitment	6	1
Insurance	18	-
Uniforms	7	-
Committee Expenses	25	-
Other supplies and consumables	116	53
Total	581	547

Audit fees paid or payable to the Tasmanian Audit Office for the audit of the House's financial statements were \$25,000 (2023-24, \$22,200).

Note 5 Assets

Assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the House and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

5.1 Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at the transaction price.

Receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any subsequent changes are recognised in the net result for the year when impaired, derecognised or through the amortisation process. An allowance for expected credit losses is recognised for all debt financial assets not held at fair value through profit and loss. The expected credit loss is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For trade receivables, a simplified approach in calculating expected credit losses is applied, with a loss allowance based on lifetime expected credit losses recognised at each reporting date.

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Total	5	4
Settled within 12 months	5	4
Total	5	4

5.2 Other Assets

(e) Carrying amount

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Prepayments	33	50
Total	33	50
Recovered within 12 months	33	50
Total	33	50

5.3 Plant and equipment

(i) Valuation basis

Heritage assets comprising antique furniture, artworks and artefacts are recorded at fair value. All other Non-current physical assets, including work in progress, are recorded at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. All assets within a class of assets are measured on the same basis.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of plant and equipment.

Fair value is based on the highest and best use of the asset. Unless there is an explicit Government policy to the contrary, the highest and best use of an asset is the current purpose for which the asset is being used or build occupied.

The recognised fair value of non-financial assets is classified according to the fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making these measurements.

Level 1 the fair value is calculated using quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2 the fair value is estimated using inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices); and

Level 3 the fair value is estimated using inputs for the assets or liability that are not based on observable market data.

(ii) Subsequent Costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the House and its costs can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of day to day servicing of plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Asset recognition threshold

The asset capitalisation threshold adopted by the House is \$10,000. Assets valued at less than \$10,000 are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year of purchase (other than where they form part of a group of similar items which are material 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.

(iv) Revaluations

The House has adopted a revaluation threshold of \$10,000.

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

Assets are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure they reflect fair value at balance date. Revaluations are shown on a fair value, five-year basis.

The latest revaluation as at 30 June 2025 were independently conducted. The valuer for Antique Furniture and Artefacts was Mr Mark Howard of Lauder and Howard Antiques and Fine Art and the Artworks valuer was Ms Trudi Curtis of Coville Gallery. The Antique Furniture revaluations were based on local and national auction results, proprietary online sales, consultation with qualified valuers and market experience. The Parliament artefacts have been valued at replacement cost. The Artwork revaluation was based on conformed values.

(v) *Assets in respect of leases where the House is the lessor*

The House leases motor vehicles under operating leases with rental payments payable monthly. Lease payments include lease and operating costs.

(f) Carrying amount

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Antique furniture		
At fair value	756	951
Total	756	951
Artworks and Artefacts		
At fair value	1,469	1,209
At cost	-	38
Total	1,469	1,247
Plant and Equipment		
At cost	371	286
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(175)	(145)
Total	196	141
Furniture and Fittings		
At cost	906	645
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(519)	(468)
Total	387	177
Computer equipment		
At cost	735	735
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(613)	(505)
Total	122	230
Work in Progress		
At cost	-	176
Total	-	176
Total plant and equipment	2,930	2,922

(g) Reconciliation of movements

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below. Carrying value means the net amount after deducting accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

2025	Antique Furniture Level 3	Artwork and Artefacts Level 3	Plant and Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying value at 1 July 2024	951	1,247	141	177	230	176	2,922
Additions	-	-	54	115	-	-	169
Depreciation	-	-	(30)	(50)	(108)	-	(188)
Transferred from WIP			31	145		(176)	-
Asset Revaluation increment / (decrement)	(195)	222					27
Carrying value at 30 June 2025	756	1,469	196	387	121	-	2,930

2024	Antique Furniture Level 3	Artwork and Artefacts Level 3	Plant and Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying value at 1 July 2023	951	1,247	166	217	93	-	2,674
Additions	-	-	-	-	213	176	389
Depreciation	-	-	(25)	(41)	(75)		(142)
Carrying value at 30 June 2024	951	1,247	141	177	230	176	2,922

(h) Level 3 significant valuation inputs and relationship to fair value

Description	Fair value at 30 June	Significant unobservable inputs used in valuation	Possible alternative values for level 3 inputs	Sensitivity of fair value to changes in level 3 inputs
	\$'000			
Antique Furniture	756	A – Rarity of asset B – Age of asset C – Condition of asset	Valuing antique furniture is an inexact science and it is not likely, that alternative values, applying other inputs would result in materially different values.	Not applicable
Artwork and Artefacts	1,469	A – Rarity of asset B – Age of asset C – Condition of asset	Valuing artwork and artefacts is an inexact science and it is not likely, that alternative values, applying other inputs would result in materially different values.	Not applicable

Note 6 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will result from the settlement of a present obligation and the amount at which the settlement will take place can be measured reliably.

6.1 Payables

Payables, including goods received and services incurred but not yet invoiced, are recognised at amortised cost, which due to the short settlement period, equates to face value, when the House becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets and services.

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Creditors	63	77
Total	63	77
Settled within 12 months	63	77
Total	63	77

6.2 Employee benefit liabilities

Key estimate and judgement

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised when an employee becomes entitled to receive a benefit. Those liabilities expected to be realised within 12 months are measured as the amount expected to be paid. Other employee entitlements are measured as the present value of the benefit at 30 June, where the impact of discounting is material, and at the amount expected to be paid if discounting is not material.

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.

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Accrued salaries	86	89
Annual leave	191	171
Long service leave	411	377
Total	688	637
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	314	306
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	374	331
Total	688	637

6.3 Superannuation

(i) Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense when they fall due.

(ii) Defined benefit plans

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan.

Key estimate and judgement

The House does not recognise a liability for the accruing superannuation benefits to House employees. This liability is held centrally and is recognised with the Finance-General Division of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Note 7 Commitments and Contingencies

7.1 Schedule of Commitments

Commitments represent those contractual arrangements entered by the House that are not reflected in the Statement of Financial Position. These commitments are recorded below at their nominal value and inclusive of GST.

Leases are recognised as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position, excluding short term leases and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value, which are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
By type		
Commitments held with Finance-General		
Motor vehicles fleet (base usage charge)	572	510
Total Commitments held with Finance-General	572	510
Other commitments		
Photocopiers	7	9
Total other commitments	7	9
Total Commitments (including GST)	579	519
By maturity		
Commitments held with Finance-General		
One year or less	403	317
From one to five years	169	202
Total Commitments held with Finance-General	572	519
Other commitments		
One year or less	3	3
From one to five years	4	6
Total Other Commitments	7	9
Total Commitments (including GST)	579	519

7.2 Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position due to uncertainty regarding any possible amount or timing of any possible underlying claim or obligation.

(i) Quantifiable contingencies

A quantifiable contingent asset is any possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity.

A quantifiable contingent liability is any possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity; or any present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. To the extent that any quantifiable contingencies are insured, details provided below are recorded net.

The House of Assembly has no contingent Assets and Liabilities.

Note 8 Reserves

8.1 Reserves

2025	Antiques, Artwork & Artefacts \$'000	Total \$'000
Asset revaluation reserve		
Balance at the beginning of financial year	1,227	1,227
Revaluation increment / (decrement)	27	27
Balance at end of financial year	1,254	1,254
2024	Antiques, Artwork & Artefacts \$'000	Total \$'000
Asset revaluation reserve		
Balance at the beginning of financial year	1,227	1,227
Balance at end of financial year	1,227	1,227

Note 9 Cash Flow Reconciliation

Cash means notes, coins, any deposits held at call with a bank or financial institution, as well as funds held in the Special Deposits and Trust Fund, being short term of three months or less and highly liquid. Deposits are recognised at amortised cost, being their face value.

9.1 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes the balance of the Specific Purpose Accounts held by the House, and other cash held, excluding those accounts which are administered or held in a trustee capacity or agency arrangement.

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Specific Purpose Account balances		
House of Assembly operating account	4	4
Total	4	4
Total cash and cash equivalents	4	4

9.2 Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash from Operating Activities

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Net result	(72)	51
Depreciation	188	142
Decrease (increase) in Receivables	(1)	9
Decrease (increase) in Other assets	17	22
Increase (decrease) in Employee entitlements	51	107
Increase (decrease) in Payables	(14)	57
Net cash from (used by) operating activities	169	389

Note 10 Financial Instruments

10.1 Risk Exposures

(j) Risk management policies

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

- credit risk; and
- liquidity risk.

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

(k) Credit risk exposures

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

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the Financial Statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the House's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking into account any collateral or other security.

The value of receivables as at 30 June is immaterial and with an expected loss rate of 0% the value of receivables is recorded at the gross carrying amount as at balance date. There is no history of impairment of receivables. The value of receivables is recorded at the gross carrying amount as at balance date, the carrying amount is not past due date, in either year.

reconcile to the carrying amounts presented in the Statement of Financial Position:

(l) Liquidity risk

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

The House does not have any significant exposure to liquidity risk.

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

2025	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities						More	Undiscou	Carrying
	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	More than 5	nted	Total	Amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	Years	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial liabilities									
Payables	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
Total	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63

2024	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities						More	Undiscou	Carrying
	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	More than 5	nted	Total	Amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	Years	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial liabilities									
Payables	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Total	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77

10.2 Categories of Financial Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets.		
Cash and deposits	4	4
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	5	4
Total	9	8
Financial Liabilities.		
Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost	63	77
Total	63	77

Note 11 Events Occurring After Balance Date

There have been no events subsequent to balance date which would have a material effect on the House's financial statements as at 30 June 2025.

Note 12 Other Material Accounting Policy Information and Judgements

12.1 Objectives and Funding

The House of Assembly (the House), together with the Legislative Council and Her 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 funded by Parliamentary appropriations and Reserved-by Law allocations. The financial statements encompass all funds through which the House controls resources to carry on its functions.

12.2 Basis of Accounting

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

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
- The Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016*.

The Financial Statements were signed by the Clerk 26 September 2025.

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

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and, except where stated, are in accordance with the historical cost convention. The accounting policies are consistent with the previous year except for those changes outlined in Note 12.5.

The Financial Statements have been prepared as a going concern. The continued existence of the House in its present form, undertaking its current activities, is dependent on continuing appropriations by Parliament for the House's administration and activities.

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

12.3 Reporting Entity

The Financial Statements include all the controlled activities of the House.

12.4 Functional and Presentation Currency

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

12.5 Changes in Accounting Policies

(a) Impact of new and revised Accounting Standards

There were no new or revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that have a material impact on the reporting of the House of Assembly's operations for the current annual reporting period.

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

The House of Assembly has considered the new accounting standards and assessed that they will not have a material impact on the financial statements once adopted in future reporting periods.

12.6 Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect any changes in accounting policy or the adoption of new standards.

12.7 Rounding

All amounts in the Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated. As a consequence, rounded figures may not add to totals. Amounts less than \$500 are rounded to zero.

12.8 Taxation

The House is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax.

12.9 Goods and Services Tax

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

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

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