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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

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## Our Year in Review

2023-24 presented significant challenges but also opportunities for the House of Assembly. Most notably with the election held on 23 March 2024 the House returned to 35 Members for the first time since it was decreased to 25 in 1998. The election saw the largest intake of new Members in recent times which presented an opportunity to redesign the House of Assembly's induction program for Members and produce more comprehensive publications to assist Members in their duties in the House and its Committees. The House of Assembly also provided a seminar for Members staff for the first time following the March 2024 election.

2023 saw a significant increase in committee activity, which presented some challenges with the existing structure of the House of Assembly. An analysis was undertaken of the existing structure with a view to ensuring that the House of Assembly was able to seek funding in the 2024-25 budget for additional staff resources to ensure the necessary staff resources were in place for the return to 35 Members. This structural design was based on ensuring gaps in service, particularly committee secretariat support, digital and web content support for House of Assembly information, and procedural research and support were closed. The review also highlighted the need to remove single person dependencies, retention of corporate knowledge and addressing workforce capability and succession planning.

2023-24 also saw the development of revised strategic goals for the House of Assembly. The existing corporate goals for the House of Assembly had not been reviewed since the year 2000 and are no longer forward thinking nor provide the necessary objectives for the House of Government in 2024. The revised strategic objectives align with those of the strategic objectives of the Parliament of Tasmania as a whole and will be reported against in the 2024-25 Annual Report.

## Our Department

The House of Assembly is one of three entities of the Parliament of Tasmania. The House of Assembly comprises procedural services to the House, its committees and Members; visitor services through reception and public tours, and education and outreach programs.

### ***Purpose, Vision, Mission and Core Values***

During 2023-24 the three entities of the Parliament of Tasmania adopted a new purpose, vision and mission statement. For the House of Assembly it is as follows:

***Purpose: To support and enable Parliamentary democracy in Tasmania.***

***Vision: Empowered people contributing excellence in Parliamentary administration.***

***Mission: 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.***

The Parliament of Tasmania also adopted core values during 2023-24. The core values apply to each of the three entities of the Parliament including the House of Assembly. The six core values 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.***

Staff of the House of Assembly will participate in workshops on the purpose, vision, mission and core values during 2024-25.

### ***Leadership Team***

The House of Assembly leadership team comprises the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms and Second Clerk-Assistant. The leadership team meets weekly which provides an opportunity to collaborate on the work of the House of

Assembly and its committees, strategic objectives, and corporate issues affecting the House of Assembly.

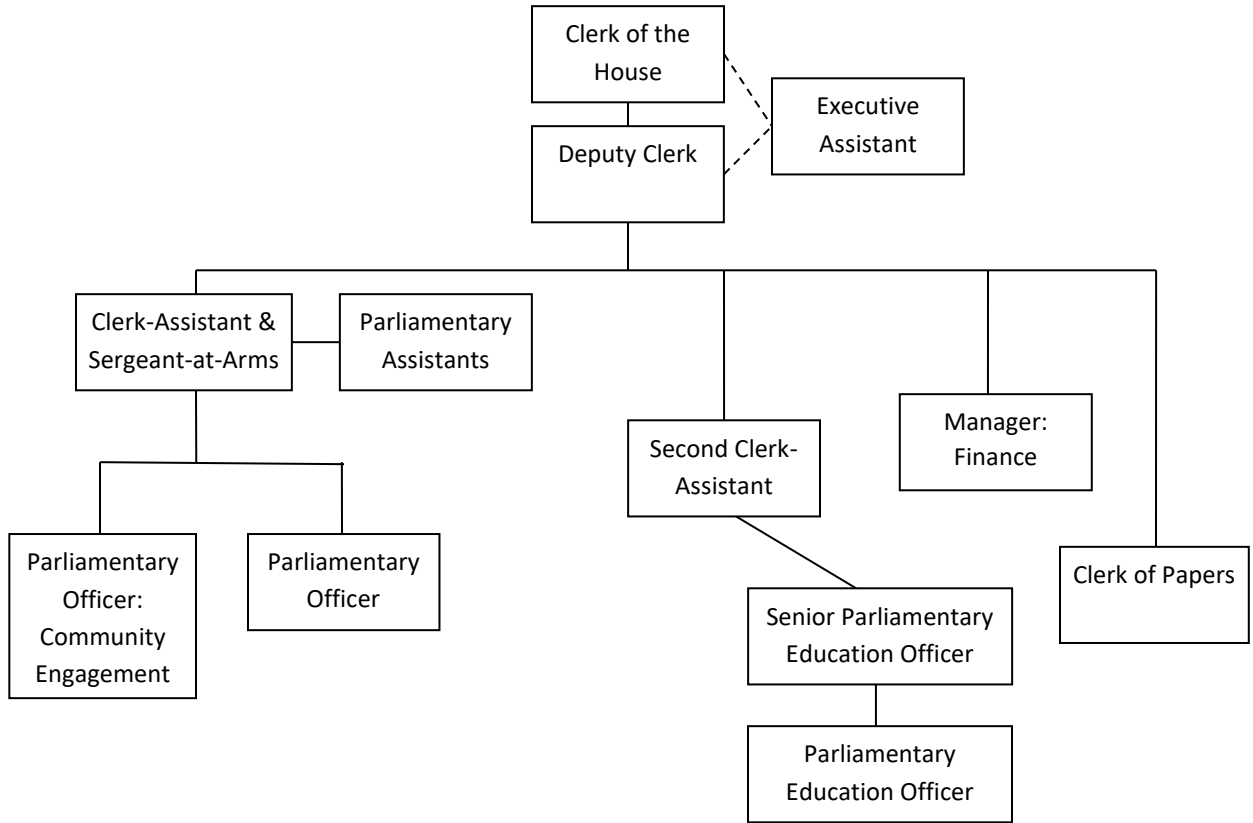
The Clerk and Deputy Clerk underwent leadership training during the 2023-24 year. Further leadership opportunities will be provided to the Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms and Second Clerk Assistant in future years.

### ***Departmental Structure***

The House of Assembly structure did not change during the 2023-24 year. Work was however conducted on an organisational review to ensure that the that House of Assembly would be able to provide the necessary support services to an expanded House of 35 Members.

The organisational review included an analysis of strategic objectives, existing staff resources, gaps in services and key person dependencies. Staff were consulted in relation to these aspects and a High Priority Budget Request was submitted for the 2024-25 financial year to ensure staff could be recruited in the lead up to the next election, which was due in 2025. With the election being held early in March 2024 this organisational review was timely. This new contemporary structure, which will deliver the strategic objectives of the House of Assembly now and into the future will be implemented during the 2024-25 Financial year.

## Organisation Chart



## Report on operations

### **Chamber operations:**

#### **Additional sitting days for 50<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

On 26 September 2023 the Government tabled the *Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings*. Following the tabling of this report the Premier committed to adding an additional sitting week to the parliamentary calendar of 2023 for the scrutiny of the Government's response to the Report, which was due to be released after the House had risen for the year.

On 15 November 2023 the House resolved to hold two days of hearings for the Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee during which the Premier and other Ministers were examined on the Government's response to the Commission of Inquiry Report. The hearings were held on 5 and 6 December following which the House sat for a day on 7 December to take note of the report of the Committee.

#### **Recall of Parliament**

On 5 December 2023 the Attorney-General, advised that Parliament would be recalled on 12 December for the consideration of legislation to establish an inquiry into the fitness of a Tasmanian Justice of the Supreme Court, who was facing charges to remain on the bench. A draft Bill on the matter was released by the Government for a short consultation period. Following this consultation the Government indicated that it would not proceed with the legislation but intended to move a motion in the House to suspend the Justice.

Both House of Parliament were recalled on 12 December but no motion to suspend the Justice was proceeded with.

#### **Committee Inquiries on potential contempt**

During the second half of 2023 two inquiries were established to look at the conduct of certain Members.

The first was a reference to the House of Assembly Privileges and Conduct Committee in relation to whether the then Minister for Energy and Renewables had failed to comply with an order for information on cost estimates for several energy projects. The motion agreed to by the House on 7 September was as follows:

*That the Minister for Energy and Renewables, the Hon. Guy Barnett MP, having been ordered by the House to – Outline to the House, before 6 pm on 16 August 2023, the latest cost estimate for:-*

- (a) Marinus Link;*
- (b) North West Transmission Developments; and*
- (c) Battery of the Nation projects,*



*and having failed to do so, this House refers the Minister to the Privileges and Conduct Committee.*

The Committee's inquiry was not completed and lapsed with the dissolution of the House for the March 2024 election.

The second reference was agreed to on 12 December 2023. The motion established a Select Committee on the Provision of Information to the Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee. This Committee was established to inquire into and report upon the information given by the Premier and the then Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to the Committee's 5 December hearing and whether or not information was misleading or withheld. The Committee was ordered to report by 5 March 2024.

The Committee's inquiry was not completed and lapsed with the dissolution of the House for the March 2024 election.

### **March 2024 election results**

The Government dissolved the House of Assembly in February 2024, over a year earlier than the election was due in accordance with Section 23 of the *Constitution Act 1934*. The election on 23 March 2024 saw the House of Assembly expand from 25 to 35 Members in accordance with the *Expansion of the House of Assembly Act 2022*. This expansion restored the number of Members in the House of Assembly to 35 following the reduction that had previously occurred in 1998.

The election saw 13 new Members elected to the House of Assembly, including a former Member of the House and 2 Members who had been Members of the Legislative Council. This was the biggest election of new Members in recent times.

The incumbent Liberal Government was returned in minority, winning 14 of the 35 seats in the House of Assembly. The Labor Party won 10, the Greens 5, the Jacqui Lambie Network (JLN) 3 and 3 seats went to Independent Members.

The return to 35 Members earlier than expected created some administrative issues most notably with the House of Assembly having to find office accommodation for all Members of the House of Assembly within the existing Parliamentary precinct. Several Members have been placed in temporary accommodation that it is hoped will be rectified with additional accommodation being provided to the House of Assembly for Members by the end of 2025.

### **Opening of 51<sup>st</sup> Parliament May 2024**

The Government requested an Opening of Parliament on 14 May 2024. Despite the election being called early staff from across the three entities of the Parliament collaborated together to ensure the Opening of Parliament was delivered 8 weeks after the election.

Members of both Houses meet at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 with Members of the House of Assembly attending in the Legislative Council to hear the Governor's

Commissioners open the 51<sup>st</sup> Parliament. Members of the House then returned to the House of Assembly Chamber where they were sworn in by the Clerk of the House taking the oath or affirmation as required by law and subscribing to the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament.

The Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, addressed Members of both Houses of Parliament just after 3.00 pm, and following her address, the Houses suspended for refreshments and proceedings of the House resumed just after 4.30 pm.

### **New Speaker and Chair of Committees elected May 2024**

Following the swearing in of all members of the House of Assembly the House proceeded to elect Michelle O’Byrne MP, Members for Bass, as Speaker of the House of Assembly. It was the first time that an Opposition Members has been elected as Speaker since 1959.

The Hon. Jacquie Petrusma MP, was elected as Chair of Committees/Deputy Speaker.

### **Sessional orders 51<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

The expansion of the number of Members and the makeup of the House following the March 2024 election has resulted in significant changes to the Standing and Sessional Orders being negotiated and agreed to by the House. Some of these changes included:

- An change to the quorum requirements (increased from 10 to 14, inclusive of the Speaker);
- A reduction in speaking time limits to each Member to account for the larger number of Members;
- An increase in time allocated to Private Members’ Business;
- Changes to enable Private Members’ Bills to pass through all stages in one time allocation of Private Members’ Business;
- Changes to Question Time including the removal of ‘Dorothy Dix’ questions and the introduction of Constituency Questions; and
- Adoption of a process to deal with cognate bills.

Additionally, in June 2024, the House agreed to a change in the Standing Orders following a recommendation from the Standing Orders Committee to introduce gender-neutral terminology in respect of the Speaker. The Standing Orders now require Members to refer to the Speaker as “Speaker’ or “Honourable Speaker” instead of “Mr/Madam Speaker”.

### ***Committee Operations:***

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

The House of Assembly Committees Secretariat supports Joint Standing Committees of the Parliament and Select Committees of the House of Assembly in fulfilling their role as scrutineers of public policy issues and Government legislation. The Secretariat provides

procedural advice, researches and analyses issues relating to committee inquiries, drafts committee reports, and provides administrative support.

At 30 June 2024, 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; and
- Scott Hennessy, Parliamentary Officer;
- Mary de Groot, Parliamentary Assistant.

During the 2023- 2024 financial year, the Secretariat provided support services to the following Committees:

- Estimates Committees;
- Government Businesses Scrutiny Committees;
- Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee;
- Joint House Committee;
- Library Committee;
- Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters;
- Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality;
- Joint Standing Committee on Integrity;
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works;
- Privileges and Conduct Committee;
- Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays (Ambulance Ramping);
- Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric health services in Tasmania;
- Select Committee on the Provision of Information to the Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee; and
- Standing Orders Committee.

A summary of the Committee work supported by the Secretariat is set out below:

### **Joint Select Committee on Electoral Matters**

- Function: (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed for the term of the 51st Parliament with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon –
- (a) Such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister, or established by the Committee's own motion that relate to:
- (i) the Electoral Act 2004;
  - (ii) the Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023;

(iii) provisions of the Constitution Act 1934 that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; and  
(iv) the administration, operation and practices associated with, the aforementioned electoral laws; and

(b) Any Bill relating to the electoral laws referred to in paragraph 1(a) and any other law relating to electoral matters as may be referred to it by either House of Parliament or a Minister.

(2) Any aspects of the administration, operation and conduct of the 23 March 2024 General Election of Members of the Assembly and the 2024 Legislative Council periodic elections, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make;

Members: As at 30 June 2024:  
Hon Meg Webb MLC (Chair); Mr Vica Bayley MP (Deputy Chair); Hon Mike Gaffney MLC; Hon Cassy O'Connor MLC; Ms Kristie Johnston MP; Hon Bec Thomas MLC; Ms Rebecca White MP; Mr Simon Wood MP

Staff: Secretary: Mr Scott Hennessy

Reports: none

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 2 occasions.

### **Joint Select Committee on Energy Matters**

Function: The Committee was established by both Houses of Parliament to inquire into and report upon energy matters in Tasmania. Full details of the Committee's terms of reference are available on the Committee's webpage.

Members: As at dissolution on 14 February 2024:  
Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair), Hon Luke Edmunds MLC, Hon Dean Harriss MLC, Hon Jane Howlett MLC, Mr Vica Bayley MP, Mr John Tucker MP (Deputy Chair), Mr Dean Winter MP, Mr Dean Young MP

Members: As at 30 June 2024:  
Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair), Hon Luke Edmunds MLC (Deputy Chair), Hon Dean Harriss MLC, Hon Kerry Vincent MLC, Mr Vica Bayley MP, Ms Janie Finlay MP, Mr Craig Garland MP, Mr Mark Shelton MP

Staff: Secretary: Mr Ben Foxe

Reports: none

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 4 occasions.

### **Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality**

Function: To inquire into and report upon  
(a) any Bill referred to it by either House in order to examine gender and equality impacts and any such Bill so referred shall be reported upon within 10 sitting days of its referral;  
(b) any matter related to gender and equality referred to it by either House; and  
(c) any matter related to gender and equality, initiated by its own motion

Members: As at dissolution on 14 February 2024:  
Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair); Ms Michelle O’Byrne MP (Deputy Chair)  
Hon Nick Duigan MLC; Hon Dean Harriss MLC; Ms Kristie Johnston MP;  
Hon Josh Willie MLC; Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP; and Mr Dean Young MP

As at 30 June 2024:  
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; Hon Jacquie Petrusma MP; and Ms Cecily  
Rosol MP.

Staff: Secretary: Ms Fiona Murphy and Ms Mary de Groot

Reports: none

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 11 occasions.

### **Joint Standing Committee on Integrity**

Function: The functions of the Committee are set out in section 24 of the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*, which provides as follows:

#### 24. Functions and powers of Joint Committee

(1) The Joint Committee has the following functions:

(a) to monitor and review the performance of the functions of an integrity entity;

(b) to report to both Houses of Parliament, as it considers appropriate, on the following matters:

(i) matters relevant to an integrity entity;

- (ii) matters relevant to the performance of an integrity entity's functions or the exercise of an integrity entity's powers;
  - (c) to examine the annual reports of an integrity entity and any other report of an integrity entity and report to both Houses of Parliament on any matter appearing in or arising out of such reports;
  - (d) to report to the Legislative Council or House of Assembly on any matter relevant to an integrity entity's functions that is referred to it by the Legislative Council or House of Assembly;
  - (e) to review the functions, powers and operations of the Integrity Commission at the expiration of the period of 3 years commencing on the commencement of this section and to table in both Houses of Parliament a report regarding any action that should be taken in relation to this Act or the functions, powers and operations of the Integrity Commission;
  - (f) to provide guidance and advice relating to the functions of an integrity entity under this Act;
  - (g) to refer any matter to the Integrity Commission for investigation or advice;
  - (h) to comment on proposed appointments to be made under section 14(1)(e), (f) or (g), section 15 and section 27.
- (2) Nothing in this Part authorises the Joint Committee –
- (a) to investigate any matter relating to a complaint that is being dealt with by the Integrity Commission; or
  - (b) to review a decision of the Integrity Commission to investigate, not investigate or discontinue an investigation or inquire into or not inquire into a particular complaint; or
  - (c) to make findings, recommendations, determinations or decisions in relation to a particular investigation or inquiry of a complaint that is being or has been dealt with by the Integrity Commission.

Members:

As at dissolution on 14 February 2024:

Hon. Rob Valentine MLC (Chair); Hon. Rosemary Armitage MLC (Deputy Chair); Hon. Jo Palmer MLC; Hon. Nic Street MP; Ms Michelle O'Byrne MP; and The Speaker, Hon. Mark Shelton MP

As at 30 June 2024:

Hon. Rosemary Armitage MLC; Hon. Cassy O'Connor MLC; Hon. Meg Webb MLC; Mr Andrew Jenner MP; Ms Rebecca White MP; and Mr

Simon Wood MP. (as at 30 June there had been no meeting post the election and no-one elected Chair or Deputy)

Staff: Secretary: Ms Fiona Murphy

Reports: Joint Standing Committee on Integrity Annual Report 2023.

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 7 occasions.

### **Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

Function: The Public Works Committee is established pursuant to the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* (No. 32 of 1914). The Committee considers and reports upon every proposed public work where the estimated cost of completing the work exceeds \$15,000,000 for roads and bridges works, or \$8,000,000 for building and construction works.

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

Members: As at dissolution on 14 February:  
Hon. Rob Valentine MLC (Chair), Hon. Tania Rattray (Deputy Chair), Ms Jenna Bulter MP, Mr John Tucker MP, Mr Simon Wood MP

As at 30 June 2024:  
Hon. Tania Rattray MLC (Chair), Ms Jenna Butler MP (Deputy Chair), Ms Helen Burnet MP, Hon Dean Harriss MLC and Mr Simon Wood MP.

Staff: Secretary: Mr Scott Hennessy

Reports: Great Eastern Drive Tourism Support

Greater Hobart Park and Ride

Launceston General Hospital Elevated Helicopter Landing Site

Major Redevelopment of Cambridge Primary School

New Bridgewater Police Station

Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub

Old Surrey Road - Massy-Greene Drive Upgrade

Royal Hobart Hospital Pharmacy Expansion Project

West Tamar Highway Duplication

Royal Hobart Hospital Emergency Department Expansion Phase 2

Meetings: During the reporting period, the Committee met on 12 occasions, such meetings being held in Burnie, Hobart, Launceston, and Swansea.

### **Select Committee on Transfer of Care Delays (Ambulance Ramping)**

Function: (1) A Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into and report upon transfer of care delays in Tasmania, with the following Terms of Reference: —

- (a) the causes of transfer of care delays, acknowledging Federal and State responsibilities;
- (b) the effect transfer of care delays has on: —
  - (i) patient care and outcomes;
  - (ii) ambulance response times and availability;
  - (iii) wellbeing of healthcare staff;
  - (iv) Emergency department and other hospital functions;
- (c) the adequacy of the State Government's data collection and reporting for transfer of care delays;
- (d) the State Government's response to transfer of care delays and its effects to date, and the efficacy of these measures;
- (e) measures taken by other Australian and international jurisdictions to mitigate transfer of care delays and its effects;
- (f) further actions that can be taken by the State Government in the short, medium, and long term to address the causes and effects of transfer of care delays; and
- (g) any other related matters incidental thereto.

Members: As at dissolution on 14 February 2014:  
Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP (Chair); Ms Anita Dow MP (Deputy Chair); Ms Michelle O'Byrne MP; Mrs Lara Alexander MP; Mr Simon Wood MP; Mr Simon Behrakis MP.

As at 30 June 2024:  
Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP (Chair); Ms Anita Dow MP; Ms Kristie Johnston MP; Ms Ella Haddad MP; Mr Simon Wood MP; Mr Simon Behrakis MP.



Staff: Secretary: Ms Fiona Murphy

Reports: not yet reported

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 14 occasions.

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

Function: (1) A Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons, papers and records to inquire into consider and report on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services in Tasmania with the following terms of reference:

(a) to assess the adequacy, accessibility and safety of the following services for Tasmanian parents and their children in relation to:—

- (i) reproductive health services;
- (ii) maternal health services;
- (iii) birth trauma;
- (iv) workforce shortages;
- (v) midwife professional Indemnity Insurance;
- (vi) perinatal mental health services;
- (vii) paediatric services for children aged 0-5 years;
- (viii) the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS).

(b) to examine disparities in the availability of services, staffing and outcomes between:—

- (i) Tasmania and other Australian states and territories;
  - (ii) Tasmanians living in rural, regional and metropolitan areas;
  - (iii) Tasmanians experiencing socio-economic disadvantage;
- and

(c) to make recommendations on actions that can be taken by the State Government to ensure reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services meet the needs of Tasmanian parents, families and children.

Members: As at dissolution on 14 February:  
Ms Anita Dow MP (Chair); Ms Michelle O’Byrne MP (Deputy Chair); Mr Simon Wood MP; Mr Simon Behrakis MP. Der Rosealie Woodruff; Ms Kristie Johnston MP.

As at 30 June 2024:  
Ms Ella Haddad (Chair); Hon Jaquie Petrusma MP (Deputy Chair); Ms Anita Dow MP; Mr Rob Fairs MP; Ms Cecily Rosol MP; Ms Kristie Johnston MP.

Staff: Secretary: Ms Mary de Groot

Reports: not yet reported

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 3 occasions.

### **Select Committee on the Provision of Information to the Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee**

Function: The Committee was established to inquire into and report upon whether the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, and the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Ms Jenny Gale, provided all relevant information to the Commission of Inquiry Scrutiny Committee at its hearing on 5 December 2023 in relation to the issuing of section 18 notices by the Commission of Inquiry and other matters; and whether information was withheld from the Committee or whether the Committee was misled

This Committee ceased at the prorogation of Parliament and dissolution of the House of Assembly on 14 February 2024.

Members: As at 30 June 2024: nil  
As at dissolution on 14 February 2024:  
Mr Simon Wood MP (Chair)  
Ms Kristie Johnston MP (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Anita Dow MP  
Ms Rebecca White MP  
Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP

Staff: Secretary: Mr Ben Foxe

Reports: none

Meetings: During the reporting period the Committee met on 5 occasions.

## **Community Engagement**

The House of Assembly promotes public awareness of the purpose, functions and work of the House and encourages and facilitates visits by the widest possible range of citizens.

The House of Assembly has a dedicated Education Office which aims to educate Tasmanian students and community groups about the Parliament, through education programs, tours, role plays and observing Parliament in action. The House of Assembly is also the base for several programs designed to educate the public about the parliamentary process, including the Youth Parliament.

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

The following information provides more detail on the ways through which it has promoted community engagement during 2023-2024.

### ***House of Assembly Education Office***

#### **Introduction**

The 2023-2024 financial year marked the ninth year of operation of the House of Assembly Education Office (HAEO). The HAEO aims to deliver high-quality parliamentary education services to teachers and students across Tasmania. The HAEO also delivers programs to community organisations and, when required, the public. Usually programs include outreach visits, guided tours, role-plays, online lessons, observing Parliament, and question and answer sessions with Members of Parliament.

#### **Staffing**

The HAEO has a staffing of two Education Officers with the occasional assistance of the Parliamentary Attendants. The office is under the supervision of the Second Clerk-Assistant.

#### **Public Tours of Parliament House**

Guided tours of Parliament House run on House of Assembly non-sitting days. Across the 2023-24 financial year, there were a total 3 199 tour attendees. The attendees fall into two main categories: schools (2 485 or 78%) and public (714 or 22%). The public visitors can be further categorised into two subgroups: organisations (e.g. Government departments or community groups) or the broad public (e.g. tourists). Of these subgroups, there were 178 attendees from organisations and 536 public visitors.

### Overview of House of Assembly Education Office Programs

The HAEO offers specialised parliamentary education programs. These programs are offered at Parliament House, online or the HAEO travels to regional Tasmania to deliver programs. There is no cost to education groups for any HAEO program.

### HAEO Parliament House Programs

There are 4 main Parliament House programs offered by the HAEO. Three programs operate on House of Assembly non-sitting days (Guided Tour of Parliament House, House of Assembly Role-play, or a combined Tour and Role-play) and one program is available on House of Assembly sitting days, being Observing Parliament in Action. Participation rates vary considerably outcross the programs.

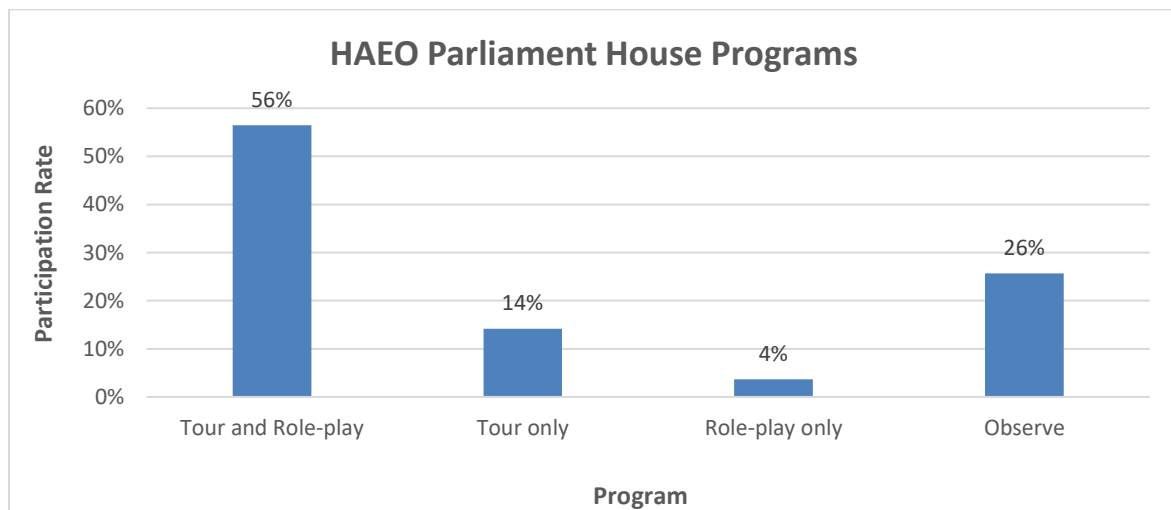


Figure 1: Participation rates of the 4 HAEO Parliament House programs

As shown in Figure 1, the combined Guided Tour and House of Assembly Role-play is the most popular HAEO program (56%), but is also the program with the longest duration at 2 hours. While the other programs have lower participation rates, they are shorter in duration (e.g. 30 minutes to 90 minutes). While less popular, the shorter programs remain important to open Parliament House to groups that may be encountering excursion barriers, such as distance from Hobart or inflexible school timetables.

## Consideration in detail: HAEO Parliament House Programs

Analysis of the 4 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 1 716 students and 172 adults attending in the 2023-24 financial year. As shown in Figure 2, most of these participants are primary school aged students, with 36 of the 45 (80%) participating schools, primary schools.

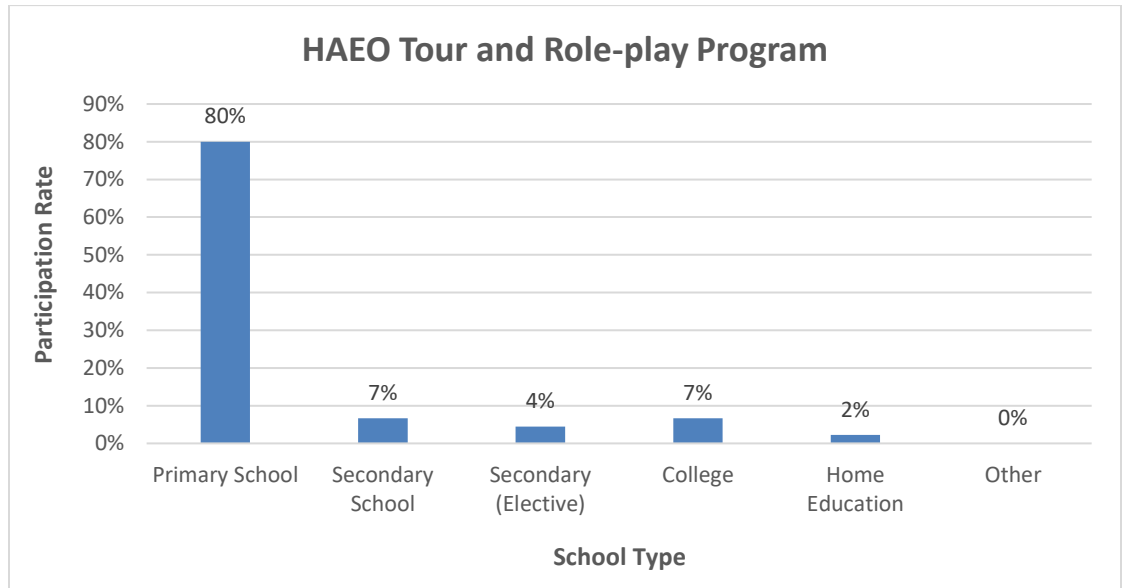


Figure 2: Participation in the HAEO tour and role-play program by school type

In addition, the distribution of participation by electorate is heavily skewed to the southern House of Assembly Divisions of Clark (36%) and Franklin (31%). Combined, these electorates account for two thirds of participants.

### *Guided Tours: Available on non-sittings days*

A Guided Tour of Parliament House is the second most requested non-sitting day Parliament House program (14%). 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.

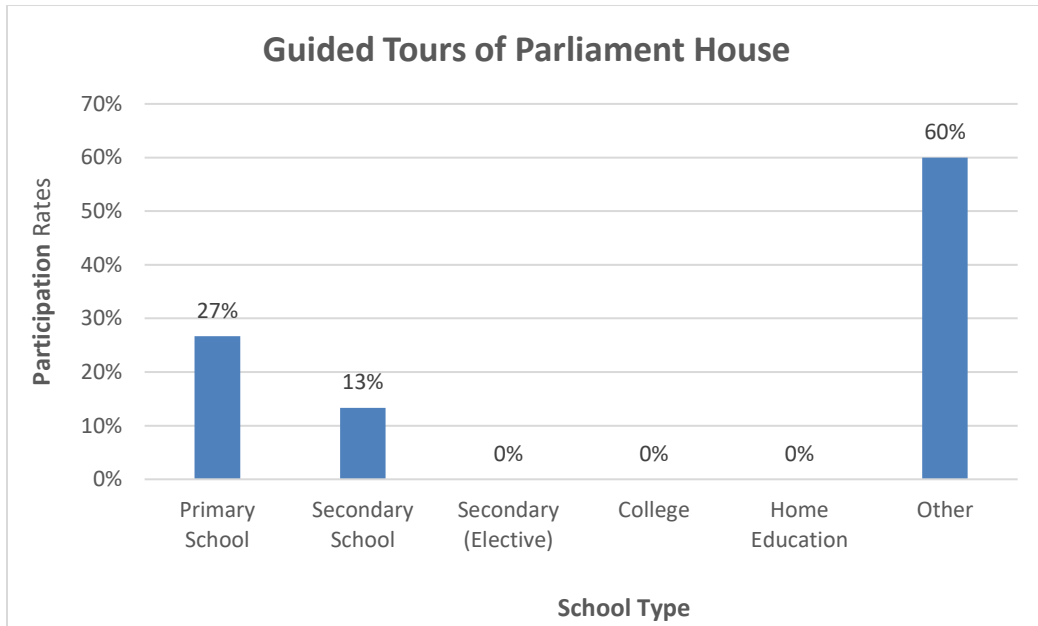


Figure 3: Participation in the HAEO Guided Tour program by school type

*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 (4%), with bookings largely from inner Hobart secondary schools. Despite a small number of bookings for this program, it remains on offer. Excursions for secondary students can be impeded by restrictive school timetables, and at approximately 75 minutes, this is the only HAEO program that may be completed within a typical secondary school double period. A role-play also directly addresses Australian Curriculum content about the passage of legislation.

*Observe Parliament in Action: Available on sittings days*

Education groups watching Parliament at work in the Chambers is the second most popular HAEO Parliament House program (26%). Of all HAEO programs, this program has the most even participation rates by school type. Primary schools are still the largest participating school cohort but other age groups are eager to watch Parliament too, with secondary schools and other groups frequent visitors, as per Figure 4.

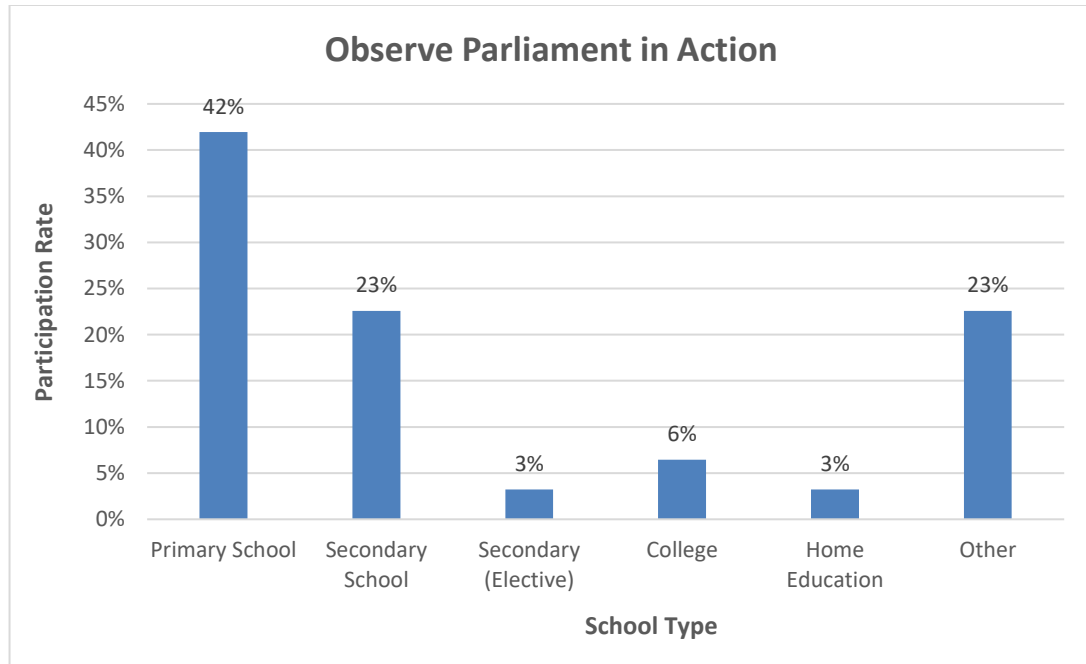


Figure 4: Observing the House of Assembly sitting by school type

### HAEO Online Programs

Online learning allows opportunities for school groups anywhere in Tasmania to learn about the Parliament of Tasmania without having to travel to Hobart. During the 2023-24 financial year, 301 students and 14 adults participated in a HAEO Online Lesson. Excluding School Outreach, the HAEO Online Lessons have the most evenly spread stateside participation rates, with the lowest House of Assembly Divisions at 13% and at 38%. Each House of Assembly Division's participation rate in the HAEO Online Lessons is shown in Figure 5.

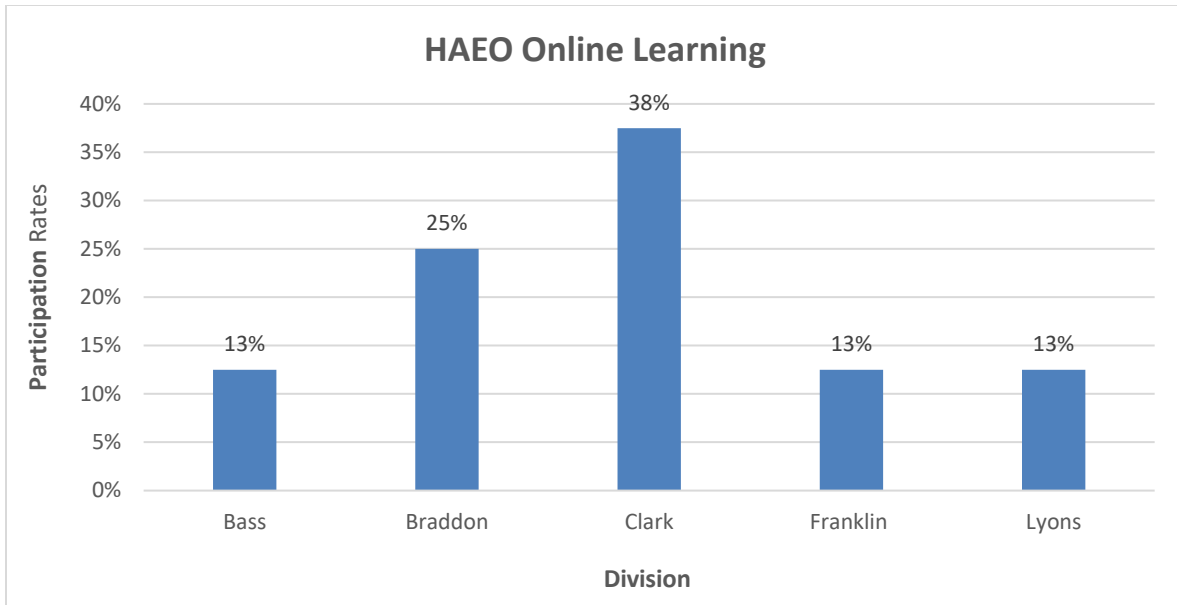


Figure 5: Participation in HAEO Online Lessons by House of Assembly Divisions

There are currently 3 online lessons for primary, secondary and Legal Studies classes, with more bespoke lessons at trial stage.

### HAEO Outreach Programs

COVID-19 nearly caused the complete discontinuation of the HAEO School Outreach Program. However, the HAEO fundamentally believes that all Tasmanian students have a right to access high-quality parliamentary education, regardless of where they live in the state. Therefore, despite enormous difficulties, the HAEO persevered to reestablish this program.

The 2023 school year saw one Outreach Program completed for Braddon (Burnie part 1\*) with 3 Outreach Programs planned for the 2024 school year, covering each of the 3 northern Tasmania House of Assembly Divisions (Braddon/Burnie part 2\*, Bass/Exeter and Lyons/St Helens). The early state election caused the postponement of the Lyons program, rolling it over the 2024-25 financial year but the Braddon/Burnie 2024 program did proceed. In summary, 333 Burnie students and 43 adults participated in the 2 Braddon Outreach programs. Pleasingly, during the Braddon 2024 Outreach Program, the HAEO trialed a brand-new program allowing Home Education Families to participate in the HAEO Outreach Program.

*\*The large number of schools in the Burnie area, required 2 HAEO trips to offer all schools in the local area an opportunity to participate if they so wished.*

### Tasmanian Regional School Travel Rebate

#### *Rationale*

The Tasmanian Regional School Travel Rebate (TRSTR) continued in the 2023 – 2024 financial year, providing a subsidy to schools more than 75 kms 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 10 subsidies available in Term 3 and Term 4 of the school year, with another 10 subsidies available in Term 1 and Term 2 of the following school year.

#### *Expenditure*

In Terms 3 and 4 2023, the scheme was fully subscribed, with 10 schools receiving the payment. An additional 8 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 2024, 6 schools received the rebate. In 2023 – 2024 the TRSTR provided funds for 16 schools to visit Parliament, with a total spend of \$6000.

Of the 16 schools claiming the rebate, 7 were in the electorate of Bass, 7 in Braddon and 2 in Lyons.

#### **YMCA Youth Parliament 2023**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Tasmanian Youth Parliament took place from Sunday 9 July to Saturday 15 July 2023, 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. Seventeen students took part from 10 schools and colleges across the state. The program had a specific focus on equipping young Tasmanians with the practical skills to critically engage with prominent issues and the political process. Youth Parliament passed 9 Bills over the course of the week, covering topics such as education, youth justice and climate management. These Bills were presented to the Government at the conclusion of the program.

#### **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.

#### **Outlook**

The House of Assembly Education Office is looking forward to continuing to support Tasmanian students in their parliamentary education.

## **TOUR FIGURES**

July 2023 to June 2024

<b>Month</b>	<b>Students</b>		<b>Public</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	No/s	Groups	No/s	Groups	No/s	Groups
July <b>2023</b>	87	4	48	11	135	15
August	444	18	47	11	491	29
September	303	12	24	7	327	19
October	73	3	47	13	120	16
November	290	14	41	6	331	20
December	29	2	30	12	59	14
January <b>2024</b>	56	3	158	31	214	34
February	78	3	95	21	173	24
March	376	16	115	17	491	33
April	170	7	57	14	227	21
May	241	10	29	7	270	17
June	338	12	23	8	361	20
<b>Totals:</b>	2,485	104	714	158	3,199	262

The table consists of data taken on non-sitting days, and covers tours conducted by the House of Assembly Parliamentary Assistants and/or the House of Assembly Education Officers.

Please note that the following data is not included -

- Student groups and members of the public who attended Question Time in the Public Gallery, and
- Tours personally conducted privately by a Member of Parliament.

## **Departmental Initiatives**

### ***Induction programs***

Following the March 2024 election, which saw 13 new Members elected to the House of Assembly, a two-day induction program was held for the new Members of the House. The program included sessions on:

- Parliamentary procedure;
- Opening day procedure;
- Parliamentary committees;
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;
- Pecuniary interest requirements;
- Security, guests and the media;
- Finance, facilities and services;
- House of Assembly Education Office;
- Parliamentary catering service;
- Parliamentary Library and Research Service;
- Parliamentary ICT;
- Parliamentary Reporting Service.

The Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, the Office of the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General and the Integrity Commission also provided information sessions for the new Members.

The House of Assembly also conducted an information session for staff of Members, both electorate officers and ministerial staff and advisers in May 2024. This was the first information held for this cohort of people. Information presented included:

- Members' work in the Chamber;
- Understanding and tracking the work of the House;
- Members' work on committees;
- Security/visitors and parliamentary offices; and
- Support services for Members.

### ***Procedural publications:***

Following the March 2024 election the Department reviewed the guides for Members to ensure they provided comprehensive information to assist the large intake of new Members.

The Members handbook, which has traditionally provided administrative information for members on such issues as salaries and allowances and some procedural information was

split into two guides. The first being the *Members Handbook* which provides information on the services and facilities available to Members and important information on the administration of the House and financial matters pertaining to the Members of the House of Assembly. The second guide is the *Members Guide to Procedure* which provides information to assist Members in interpreting Standing Orders, an understanding of the reasons why such rules exist, and in order to make Members more effective in using the forms of the House.

The *Members Guide to Committees* was also updated to include more comprehensive information about committee practices and procedures in anticipation of a more active committee system in the House of Assembly with the return to 35 Members.

### ***Departmental Planning:***

#### **Restructure:**

During 2023-24 a comprehensive structural review was undertaken by the Department to determine whether new positions were required for the return to 35 Members. The review considered gaps in services required to effectively support the House, its Members and its Committees. The review also considered how the structure of the Department aligned with the strategic objectives of the House of Assembly.

The review found significant gaps in committee secretariat supports services, procedural research and corporate support. It also identified key person dependencies. Accordingly, a high priority budget submission was made for the 2024-25 Financial Year to enable recruitment of 5 additional positions to align the Department's structure to the key objectives of supporting the 35 Member House, its Members and Committees, removing key person dependencies, providing career progression and retention of corporate knowledge. This new contemporary structure, which will deliver the strategic objectives of the House of Assembly now and into the future will be implemented during the 2024-25 Financial year.

#### **Development of strategic directions:**

During 2023-24 the Department commenced a review of its corporate objectives. The existing corporate objectives of the House have not been reviewed in over 20 years and no longer reflect the strategic objectives of the House of Assembly, or the overarching strategic priorities of the Parliament of Tasmania as a whole. The existing corporate objectives are as follows:

1. To support the House in its constitutional role;
2. To provide the highest levels of advice and procedural research and administrative services necessary for the effective functioning of the House, its Committees and Members;

3. To promote public awareness of the purpose, functions and work of the House and encourage and facilitate visits by the widest possible range of citizens;
4. To perform all of its functions at the highest attainable levels of professional competence and efficiency; and
5. To be a fair and responsible employer, maximising the potential of all its staff through effective human resource practices.

These corporate goals are usually reported against in the Department's annual report. However, over time their relevance in providing useful information on the work of the Department of the House of Assembly has waned. Given that 2023-24 has been a year of significant change for the Department of the House of Assembly, this annual report provides information on the Department's work throughout the year rather than attempting to address the dated corporate goals.

The strategic objectives of the House of Assembly, and the broader Parliament, developed during 2023-24 are as follows:

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 Department of the House of Assembly has developed a number of initiatives to address these strategic objectives, which will be reported on in the 2024-25 Annual Report.

**Capability and culture:**

Enhancing the Department's capability and culture is integral to ensuring it is able to achieve its strategic objectives. It is also vital to ensuring the Department is a place where people feel supported, valued and a great place to work.

Key initiatives commenced during 2023-24 have included:

- The implementation of new values across the three entities of the Parliament.
- A structural review of the Department of the House of Assembly that has identified gaps in services, single-person dependencies, and career progression, to inform a new structure for the Department.
- Staff surveys to monitor our performance and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Implementing, in collaboration with the other parliamentary entities, initiatives aligned with the recommendations in the *Motion for Respect* report, including the development and implementation of a comprehensive workplace policy and procedure framework covering all parliamentary entities. This policy and

procedure framework provides clarity and consistency across the full range of workplace matters

### **Development opportunities:**

#### **Leadership programs**

Leadership capability is vital for the Department of the House of Assembly to be a contemporary organisation. The Department recognises that good leadership is essential in bringing out the best performance of staff and ensuring the Department is able to achieve its strategic objectives.

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk undertook leadership training during 2023-24 in conjunction with senior staff from the Legislative Council and Legislature-General. This leadership training was provided by Human Synergistics and focused on individual personal styles of management and how this impacts on direct reports and other people in the organisation. The purpose of the training is to ensure senior managers are aware of their management styles and how they can adapt to bring out the best in their teams.

It is expected that other senior managers in the Department of the House of Assembly will undertake the leadership training in future years.

#### **PLPP Course**

The Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure Course is held annually and provides a development opportunity for Parliamentary staff across Australia and New Zealand. It is run by the University of South Australia in conjunction with the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the Table and includes session from Table Officers from Australia and New Zealand Parliaments in addition to key concepts in Parliamentary Law, practice and procedure.

The course is university accredited and undertaken online. It also has an in residence component in July each year. Fiona Murphy, Second Clerk-Assistant undertook the course during 2023.

#### **ANZACATT Professional Development Seminar**

The annual Australian and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table professional development seminar was held in Darwin from 21 to 24 January 2024. The seminar's theme was *What are we here for? The role of parliamentary departments and Clerks*. The seminar included sessions on the philosophical – *why are we here?*; the practical – *How do we do it?*; and the aspirational – *What does 'good' look like?*

Laura Ross, Clerk of the House of Assembly, and Stephanie Hesford, Deputy Clerk, attended the seminar.

## **Compliance Report**

### ***Asset management***

The House of Assembly Accounting 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 2024 through the House of Assembly. No consultancy contracts were awarded or acted on during the financial year.

### ***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.

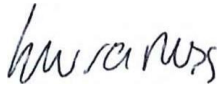
The following table provides the information required to be published by the House of Assembly in the Annual Report under Section 86 of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*:

The number and types of disclosures made to the House of Assembly	Total number of disclosures made - 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Ross', written in a cursive style.

Laura Ross  
**Clerk of the House of Assembly**

## ***External Scrutiny***

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

The report of the Auditor-General, dated 4 October 2024, on the financial statements, notes and supplementary information for the House of Assembly for the year ended 30 June 2024 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.

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**2023**



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For the Period 1 January to 31 December 2023

Third Session of the Fiftieth Parliament

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## **THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **PRESIDING OFFICERS**

The Speaker  
The Honourable Mark Shelton, MP

Chair of Committees  
John Tucker, MP

Deputy Chair of Committees  
Lara Alexander, MP  
Simon Wood MP

The Governor  
The Honourable Barbara Baker, AC

The Lieutenant-Governor  
The Honourable Justice Alan Blow OAM

### **THE MINISTRY AND OFFICE BEARERS**

#### Premier

The Honourable Jeremy Page Rockliff MP, Premier, Minister for State Development, Trade and the Antarctic, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

#### Deputy Premier

The Honourable Michael Darrell Joseph Ferguson MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Planning.

#### Ministry

The Honourable Guy Barnett MP, Barnett, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Health Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

The Honourable Felix Ashton Ellis MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management  
Minister for Skills, Training and Workforce Growth, Minister for Resources Minister for Racing.

The Honourable Roger Charles Jaensch MP, Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

The Honourable Madeleine Ruth Ogilvie MP, Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation, Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs, Minister for Science and Technology, Minister for Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries, Minister for the Arts.

The Honourable Nicholas Adam Street MP, Minister for Housing and Construction, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Sport and Recreation, Minister for Stadia and Events.

#### Leader of the Opposition

The Honourable Rebecca White MP.

#### Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Ms Anita Joy Dow MP.

Whips

Government: Mr Dean Geoffrey Young MP.

Opposition: Ms Michelle Anne O'Byrne MP.

Greens: Mr Vica Bayley MP.

**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

ALEXANDER, Lara Maria, B.A (Hons) Economics, CPA	Bass	Ind
BARNETT, The Honourable Guy LL.M	Lyons	LP
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### **OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

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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 2023

### GENERAL SUMMARY

Number of Sitting Days of the House .....	47
Number of Sitting Days - Budget Estimates, and Government Businesses	
Scrutiny Committees .....	6
Total Hours sat from Meeting to Adjournment (excluding Committees) .....	435 hrs 36 mins
Average length of each Day's Sitting .....	9 hrs 16 mins
Total number of Questions placed on Notice.....	80
Total number of Questions asked without Notice .....	740
Total number of Ministerial Statements .....	6
Matters of Public Importance raised .....	42
Want of Confidence Motions .....	2

### BILLS SUMMARY

Bills Introduced into House of Assembly .....	44
Resumed from previous session .....	13
Received from Legislative Council .....	0
Referred to Select Committee .....	0
Second Reading	
Agreed to and read Second time .....	40
Negatived upon Second Reading .....	2
Committal to Committee of the whole House Negatived .....	0
Third Reading .....	36
Legislative Council	
Agreed to by Council without amendment .....	28
Agreed to by Council with amendment .....	8
Bills amended by Council and agreed to by House.....	8
Agreed to by both Houses .....	39
Received Royal Assent .....	39
Miscellaneous	
Bills Withdrawn .....	1
Bills Declared Urgent.....	1
Bills debated under suspension of standing orders.....	0
Lapsed due to Prorogation.....	0
Bills ruled out of Order.....	0
Total Number of Private Members Bills .....	4

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS**

Armstrong, Reverend Lance John Edward, 19 October  
Devine, John Herbert, 23 February  
Iles, Eric Clifton, 21 March  
Page, Hon Graeme Reginald, 17 October

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

Access to Cabinet-in-Confidence Documents, 22 June  
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Vacant Property Levy, 23 May

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6. Gender and Equality, Joint Sessional Committee on: Short Inquiry Process Report on Gendered High Rates of Suicide Ideation and Suicide in Tasmania.
9. Gender and Equality, Joint Sessional Committee on: The Local Government (Code of Conduct) Amendment Bill 2022: Trial Bill Assessment.
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2. Public Accounts, Parliamentary Standing Committee of: South East Traffic Solution – Midway Point Intersection Project and the Sorell Bypass Highway Project.
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8. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on Murchison Highway Corridor Upgrade-Stitt River Bridge to Henty Main Road.
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11. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on Royal Hobart Hospital Pharmacy Expansion Project.
12. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Report on Launceston General Hospital Elevated Helicopter Landing Site.
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14. Subordinate Legislation, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Annual Report 2022-2023.
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29. Public Works, Parliamentary Standing Committee on: Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub.
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## 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.
44	2023	Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	16/11/2023								
43	2023	Industrial Hemp Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management	14/11/2023								
42	2023	Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Racing	15/11/2023								
41	2023	Racing Regulations and Integrity Bill 2023	Minister for Racing	15/11/2023								
40	2023	Police Offences Amendment (Begging Repeal) Bill 2023	Dr Woodruff	2/11/2023	15/11/2023	15/11/2023						
39	2023	Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	2/11/2023								
38	2023	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	1/11/2023								
37	2023	Sentencing Amendment (Presumption of Mandatory Sentencing) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	31/10/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023			14/11/2023			
36	2023	Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	31/10/2023								
35	2023	Aboriginal Lands Amendment (2024 Council Election) Bill 2023	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	31/10/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023			14/11/2023			14/11/2023
34	2023	Surveyors Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Environment and Climate Change	19/10/2023								
33	2023	Water Miscellaneous Amendments (Delegation and Industrial Water Supply) Bill 2023	Minister for Health	18/10/2023	31/10/2023	31/10/2023	1/11/2023	1/11/2023	1/11/2023	11/12/2023	36 of 2023	
32	2023	Firearms Amendment (Community Safety) Bill 2023	Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management	17/10/2023	31/10/2023	1/11/2023	1/11/2023	2/11/2023	2/11/2023	21/12/2023	39 of 2023	
31	2023	Appropriation (Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24) Bill 2023	The Treasurer	17/10/2023	17/10/2023	17/10/2023			17/10/2023	2/11/2023	29 of 2023	
30	2023	Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	28/09/2023	31/10/2023	31/10/2023	31/10/2023	31/10/2023	31/10/2023	27/11/2023	35 of 2023	
29	2023	Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No. 2) 2023	Minister for Justice	28/09/2023	16/11/2023	16/11/2023						
28	2023	State Litigator (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	14/09/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023	14/11/2023			
27	2023	Local Government (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Local Government	13/09/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023	20/11/2023	30 of 2023	
26	2023	Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	12/09/2023	16/11/2023	16/11/2023						
25	2023	Metro Tasmania (Free Public Transport) Amendment Bill 2023	Mr Bayley	5/09/2023	13/09/2023	13/09/2023						13/09/2023
24	2023	Sentencing Amendment (Breaches of Home Detention Orders) Bill 2023	Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation	6/09/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023			18/10/2023	20/11/2023	31 of 2023	
23	2023	North West Maternity (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2023	Minister for Health	5/09/2023	12/09/2023	12/09/2023	12/09/2023	12/09/2023	12/09/2023	16/10/2023	24 of 2023	
22	2023	Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	5/09/2023	12/09/2023	12/09/2023			12/09/2023	7/11/2023	28 of 2023	
21	2023	Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2023	Ms O'Byrne	17/08/2023								
20	2023	Residential Tenancies Amendment (Minimum Window Coverings for Social Housing Properties) Bill 2023	Mr O'Byrne	17/08/2023	6/09/2023	6/09/2023	6/09/2023	6/09/2023	6/09/2023	7/11/2023	26 of 2023	

19	2023	Forestry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Resources	16/08/2023									
18	2023	Work Health Safety Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	15/08/2023									
17	2023	Housing Land Supply Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Planning	9/08/2023	15/08/2023	16/08/2023	16/08/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	21/09/2023	18 of 2023		
16	2023	Criminal Code Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction of the Associate Judge) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	10/08/2023	14/09/2023	14/09/2023			14/09/2023	7/11/2023	27 of 2023		
15	2023	Victims of Crime Assistance Amendment Bill	Minister for Justice	8/08/2023	28/09/2023	17/10/2023			17/10/2023	27/11/2023	32 of 2023		
14	2023	State Policies and Projects Amendment Bill 2023	The Premier	22/06/2023	8/08/2023	8/08/2023	8/08/2023	10/08/2023	10/08/2023	31/08/2023	16 of 2023		
13	2023	Residential Building (Home Warranty Insurance Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	21/06/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	16/10/2023	25 of 2023		
12	2023	Justice and Related Legislation (Further Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	30/05/2023	17/10/2023	17/10/2023			17/10/2023	27/11/2023	33 of 2023		
11	2023	Taxation and Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2023	The Treasurer	25/05/2023	31/05/2023	31/05/2023			31/05/2023	12/07/2023	13 of 2023		
10	2023	Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2023	The Treasurer	25/05/2023	1/06/2023	1/06/2023	20/06/2023	22/06/2023	22/06/2023	7/07/2023	12 of 2023		
9	2023	Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2023	The Treasurer	25/05/2023	25/05/2023	1/06/2023	20/06/2023	22/06/2023	22/06/2023	7/07/2023	11 of 2023		
8	2023	Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation Amendment Bill 2023	The Treasurer	24/05/2023	5/09/2023	5/09/2023			5/09/2023	29/09/2023	22 of 2023		
7	2023	Vehicle and Traffic (Regulatory Reforms) Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	10/05/2023	10/08/2023	10/08/2023			10/08/2023	31/08/2023	17 of 2023		
6	2023	Fee Units Amendment Bill 2023	The Treasurer	9/05/2023	18/10/2023	18/10/2023			18/10/2023	27/11/2023	34 of 2023		
5	2023	Guardianship and Administration Amendment Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	28/03/2023	10/08/2023	15/08/2023	15/08/2023	17/08/2023	17/08/2023	29/09/2023	21 of 2023		
4	2023	Justice Miscellaneous (Removal of Outdated Sex Terminology) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	30/03/2023	11/05/2023	11/05/2023			11/05/2023	21/09/2023	19 of 2023		
3	2023	Validation Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	22/03/2023	9/05/2023	9/05/2023			9/05/2023	23/06/2023	8 of 2023		
2	2023	Police Offences Amendment (Nazi Symbol and Gesture Prohibition) Bill 2023	Minister for Justice	29/03/2023	24/05/2023	22/06/2023			22/06/2023	31/08/2023	14 of 2023		
1	2023	Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2022-23) Bill 2023	The Treasurer	21/03/2023	23/03/2023	23/03/2023			23/03/2023	19/04/2023	3 of 2023		
57	2022	Police Powers (Surveillance Devices) Amendment Bill 2022	Minister for Justice	24/11/2022	30/03/2023	9/05/2023			9/05/2023	21/09/2023	20 of 2023		
56	2022	Mental Health Amendment Bill 2022	Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing	23/11/2022	21/03/2023	21/03/2023	21/03/2023	21/03/2023	21/03/2023	20/04/2023	4 of 2023		
55	2022	Justice Miscellaneous (Royal Commission Amendments) Bill 2022	Minister for Justice	22/11/2022	24/11/2022	24/11/2022			24/11/2022	20/04/2023	2 of 2023		
54	2022	Child and Youth Safe Organisations Bill 2022	Minister for Justice	22/11/2022	30/03/2023	30/03/2023			30/03/2023	13/06/2023	6 of 2023		
52	2022	Local Government Amendment (Code of Conduct) Bill 2022	Minister for Local Government	10/11/2022	11/05/2023	11/05/2023	11/05/2023	11/05/2023	11/05/2023	29/09/2023	23 of 2023		
51	2022	Corrections Amendment Bill 2022	Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation	9/11/2022	11/05/2023	11/05/2023			11/05/2023	12/07/2023	10 of 2023		
50	2022	Land Titles Amendment Bill 2022	Minister for Parks	9/11/2022	30/03/2023	30/03/2023			30/03/2023	13/06/2023	7 of 2023		
44	2022	Residential Building (Miscellaneous Consumer Protection Amendments) Bill 2022	Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs	29/09/2022	28/03/2023	28/03/2023	28/03/2023	30/03/2023	30/03/2023	12/07/2023	9 of 2023		
43	2022	Justice and Related Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments	Minister for Justice	29/09/2022	18/10/2022	25/10/2022	25/10/2022	25/10/2022	25/10/2022	13/06/2023	5 of 2023		
33	2022	Carer Recognition Bill 2022	Minister for Community Services and Development	15/06/2022	24/11/2022	24/11/2022	24/11/2022	24/11/2022	24/11/2022	20/04/2023	1 of 2023		

26	2022	Electoral Matters (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002	Minister for Justice	31/05/2022	23/11/2022	23/11/2022	23/11/2022	23/11/2022	23/11/2022	11/12/2023	38 of 2023
25	2022	Electoral Disclosure and Funding Bill 2022	Minister for Justice	31/05/2022	27/10/2022	10/11/2022	10/11/2022	23/11/2022	23/11/2022	11/12/2023	37 of 2023
22	2021	Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament) Bill 2021	Dr Woodruff	23/06/2021	7/09/2022	7/09/2022			7/09/2022	31/08/2023	15 of 2023

**MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**MEMBERS RECORD OF SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	<b>DEFEATED</b>
<b>ALEXANDER, Lara Maria</b> Government Whip 16.8.22 –12.5.23	25.2.22 (on recount replacing S.J. Courtney)		
<b>BARNETT, Guy</b> Minister 18.7.16 –	15.3.14	3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>BAYLEY, Vica</b> Greens Whip 8.8.23 -	1.8.23 (on recount replacing C.S. O'Connor)		
<b>BEHRAKIS, Simon</b>	24.10.23 (on recount replacing E.N. Archer)		
<b>BROAD, Shane Thomas</b>	5.4.17 (on recount replacing B.A. Green)	3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>BUTLER, Jenna</b>	3.3.18	1.5.21	
<b>DOW, Anita Joy</b> Deputy Leader of the Opposition 15.6.21 -	3.3.18	1.5.21	
<b>ELLIS, Felix Ashton</b> Government Whip 1.3.22 – 27.7.22 Minister 27.7.22 -	17.8.20 (on recount replacing J.F. Rylah)	3.6.21 (on recount replacing A.R. Brooks)	1.5.21
<b>FERGUSON, Michael Darrel Joseph</b> Minister 31.3.14 – Deputy Premier 8.4.22 -	20.3.10	15.3.14 3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>FINLAY, Janie</b>	1.5.21		

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>RE-ELECTED</b>	<b>DEFEATED</b>
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<b>HADDAD, Eloise Rafia</b>	3.3.18	1.5.21	
<b>JAENSCH, Roger Charles</b> Government Whip 6.5.14 – 18.7.16 Minister 21.3.18 –	15.3.14	3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>JOHNSTON, Kristy Joy</b>	1.5.21		
<b>O'BYRNE, David James</b> Minister 21.04.10 – 31.3.14 Leader of the Oppositions 15.6.21 – 4.7.21	20.3.10	3.3.18 1.5.21	15.3.14
<b>O'BYRNE, Michelle Anne</b> Minister 27.10.06 – 31.3.14 Deputy Leader of the Opposition 31.3.14 – 15.6.21	18.3.06	20.3.10 15.3.14 1.5.21	
<b>OGILVIE, Madeleine Ruth</b> Minister 28.2.22 -	15.3.14	10.9.19 (on recount replacing S Bacon) 1.5.21	3.3.18
<b>ROCKLIFF, Jeremy Page</b> 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 -	20.7.02	18.03.06 20.3.10 15.3.14 3.3.18 1.5.21	

MEMBER	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED	DEFEATED
<b>SHELTON, Mark David</b> 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 - Minister 1.7.19 – 19.5.21	20.3.10	15.3.14 3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>STREET, Nicholas Adam</b> Minister 17.2.22 -	2.3.16 (on recount replacing P.A. Harriss)	5.2.20 (on recount replacing W.E.F Hodgman) 1.5.21	3.3.18
<b>TUCKER, John Ewart</b> Government Whip 1.7.19 -1.3.22 Chair of Committees 1.3.22 -	12.3.19 (on recount replacing M.T Hidding)	1.5.21	
<b>WHITE, Rebecca</b> 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 -	20.3.10	15.3.14 3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>Winter, Dean</b>	1.5.21		
<b>WOOD, Simon Robert Francis</b>	27.4.22 (elected on recount replacing P.C Gutwein)		
<b>WOODRUFF, Rosalie</b>	20.8.15 (on recount replacing N.J McKim)	3.3.18 1.5.21	
<b>YOUNG, Dean Geoffrey</b> Government Whip 23.5.23-	15.8.22 (elected on recount replacing J.A. Petrusma)		

## MEMBERS ACCUMULATED SERVICE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Years of Service	No. of Members
0 – 1 year	2
1 - 2 years	3
2 - 3 years	3
3 - 4 years	1
4 - 5 years	1
5 - 6 years	4
6 - 7 years	1
8 - 9 years	2
9 - 10 years	3
13 - 14 years	3
17 - 18 years	1
21 - 22 years	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>25</b>



**PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA**

**APPENDIX A - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**FOR 2022– 2023**

**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 2024 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, other explanatory notes 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 House's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) are in accordance with the, 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 Statements* 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 in the House's 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 Section 42 (1) of the *Financial Management Act 2016*. This responsibility includes such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Martin Thompson **Auditor-  
General** Tasmanian Audit  
Office

4 October 2024 Hobart

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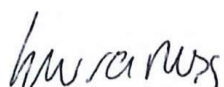
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## Statement of Certification

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 2024 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

4 October 2024

## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>				
Revenue from Government				
Appropriation revenue – operating	3.1	11,246	10,860	10,055
Other revenue	3.2	-	-	37
<b>Total revenue from continuing operations</b>		<b>11,246</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>10,092</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>				
Employee benefits	4.1	10,446	10,120	9,255
Depreciation	4.2	37	142	156
Supplies and consumables	4.3	789	547	693
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		<b>11,272</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>10,104</b>
<b>Net result from continuing operations</b>		<b>(26)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(12)</b>
<b>Comprehensive Result</b>		<b>(26)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(12)</b>

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 0.1 of the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9.1	4	4	4
Receivables	5.1	-	4	13
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Other assets	5.2	92	50	72
Plant and equipment	5.3	2,773	2,922	2,675
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,764</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Payables	6.1	16	77	20
Employee benefit liabilities	6.2	679	637	530
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>695</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Net assets (liabilities)</b>		<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,214</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Reserves	8.1	1,227	1,227	1,227
Accumulated funds		947	1,038	987
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,174</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,214</b>

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 0.2 of the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<i>Cash inflows</i>				
Appropriation receipts - operating		11,246	10,860	10,055
GST receipts		94	131	99
Other cash receipts		-	13	24
<b>Total cash inflows</b>		<b>11,340</b>	<b>11,004</b>	<b>10,178</b>
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Employee benefits		(10,417)	(9,964)	(9,347)
GST Payments		(94)	(131)	(99)
Supplies and consumables		(789)	(520)	(669)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(11,300)</b>	<b>(10,615)</b>	<b>(10,115)</b>
<b>Net cash from / (used by) operating activities</b>	9.2	<b>40</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Payments for acquisition of non-financial assets		(40)	(389)	(63)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(40)</b>	<b>(389)</b>	<b>(63)</b>
<b>Net cash from (used by) investing activities</b>		<b>(40)</b>	<b>(389)</b>	<b>(63)</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	9.1	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

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 2024

	Reserves \$'000	Accumulated Funds \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>2,214</b>
Total comprehensive result	-	51	51
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>2,266</b>

	Reserves \$'000	Accumulated Funds \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>2,226</b>
Total comprehensive result	-	(12)	(12)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>2,214</b>

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

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## Note 1 House Output Schedules

### Output Group Information

Comparative information has not been restated for external administrative restructures.

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

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

	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
Revenue from appropriation	3,095	3,046	3,080
Other revenue	-	-	37
<b>Total revenue from continuing operations</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>3,117</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Employee benefits	2,295	2,489	2,286
Depreciation and amortisation	37	142	156
Other expenses	789	547	693
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>3,135</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>(18)</b>
<b>Expense by output</b>			
House of Assembly Support Services	2,987	3,044	3,003
Select Committee Support Services	6	6	6
Investigatory Committee Support Services	128	128	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>3,135</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Total assets deployed for House of Assembly Support Services		2,980	2,764
Total liabilities incurred for House of Assembly Support Services		(647)	(546)
<b>Net assets deployed for House of Assembly Support Services</b>		<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,218</b>

#### Output Group 2 – Payments administered by the House of Assembly

	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
Revenue from appropriation	8,151	7,814	6,975
<b>Total revenue from continuing operations</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>6,975</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Travel and communication	597	635	543
Parliamentary salaries and allowances	7,415	6,844	6,279
Parliamentary travelling allowances	108	149	145
Parliamentary Committee fees and allowances	31	3	2
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>7,631</b>	<b>6,969</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Expense by output</b>			
Payments Administered by the House of Assembly	8,151	7,631	6,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>7,631</b>	<b>6,969</b>



## Net Assets

Total liabilities incurred for Payments administered by House of Assembly	(67)	(4)
<b>Net assets deployed for Payments administered by House of Assembly</b>	<b>(67)</b>	<b>(4)</b>

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

	2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Total comprehensive result of Output Groups</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(12)</b>
Change in Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-
<b>Comprehensive result</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(12)</b>

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

	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000
<b>Total net assets deployed for Output Groups</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,214</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,214</b>

## Explanations of Material Variances between Budget and Actual Outcomes

Budget information refers to original estimates as disclosed in the 2023-24 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.

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Depreciation	(a)	37	142	(105)	(283.3)
Supplies and Consumables	(b)	789	547	242	30.7

### Notes to Statement of Comprehensive Income variances

- (a) The increase in depreciation is due to recent years asset purchases. The budget will increase next 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.

## Statement of Financial Position

Budget estimates for the 2023-24 Statement of Financial Position were compiled prior to the completion of the actual outcomes for 2022-23. 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 2023 and 30 June 2024 actual balances.

		2024 Budget \$'000	2024 Actual \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Actual Variance \$'000
Other Assets	(a)	0	50	72	50	22
Payables	(b)	16	77	20	61	57
Accumulated Surplus	(c)	947	1108	987	161	121

## Notes to Statement of Financial Position variances

- (a) Other Asset are related to a prepaid media service fee reducing this year.
- (b) Payables are up due to June vehicle lease costs not being paid this year.
- (c) Accumulated surplus is high due to high asset purchase/construction due to the requirement to cater for an extra 10 Members of parliament

## Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Supplies and Consumables	(a)	(789)	(520)	269	34.6
GST	(b)	94	131	37	39.1
Acquisition of non-financial assets	(c)	(40)	(389)	(349)	(871.9)

### Notes to Statement of Cash Flows

- (a) 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.
- (B) GST is higher due to the additional asset purchase as a result of 10 extra Members of Parliament
- (c) The increase in acquisitions of non-financial assets is due to the additional asset purchase/construction to cater for 10 extra Members

## 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.

	<b>2024 Budget \$'000</b>	<b>2024 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>2023 Actual \$'000</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Appropriation revenue – operating			
Current year	3,692	3,880	3,622
Items Reserved by Law			
R003 Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances <sup>(1)</sup>	7,415	6,848	6,290
R004 Travelling Allowances <sup>(1)</sup>	108	129	141
R005 Members' Committee Fees and Allowances <sup>(1)</sup>	31	3	2
<b>Total revenue from Government from continuing operations</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>10,055</b>
<b>Total revenue from Government</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>10,860</b>	<b>10,055</b>

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

### 3.2 Other revenue

	<b>2024 \$'000</b>	<b>2023 \$'000</b>
Other revenue	-	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>

Other revenue is from funding of the purchase of two Premiers portraits.

## 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.

#### Employee expenses

	<b>2024 \$'000</b>	<b>2023 \$'000</b>
Wages and salaries	8,718	7,965
Annual leave	190	166
Long service leave	82	68
Superannuation – defined contribution scheme	793	691
Superannuation – defined benefit scheme	28	45
Fringe Benefits tax	309	320
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,120</b>	<b>9,255</b>

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 employer contribution is 12.95 per cent (2023: 12.95 per cent) of salary.

Superannuation expenses relating to defined contribution schemes are paid directly to superannuation funds at a rate of 11 per cent (2023: 10.5 per cent) of salary. In addition, departments are also required to pay into the Public Account a “gap” payment equivalent to 3.45 per cent (2023: 3.45 per cent) of salary in respect of employees who are members of contribution schemes.

## Remuneration of Key management personnel

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>950</b>

2023	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 – Mr S Donnelly (1 July 2022 – 31 January 2023)	192	20	24	1	-	237
Clerk – Ms L Ross (1 February – 30 June 2023)	114	9	16	8	-	147
Deputy Clerk – Ms L Ross (1 July 2022 – 31 January 2023)	153	13	21	-	-	187
Deputy Clerk – Ms S Hesford (6 February – 30 June 2023)	90	9	13	26	-	138
Clerk Assistant & Sergeant at Arms – Ms S Hesford (1 July 2022 – 5 February 2023)	128	12	18	-	-	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>867</b>

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 2023-24 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.

## 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.

### Depreciation

	Major depreciation Period	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Furniture and fittings	10 years	41	41
Plant and Equipment	10 years	25	25
Computer equipment	3 years	76	90
<b>Total</b>		<b>142</b>	<b>156</b>

## 4.3 Supplies and consumables

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Audit fees – financial audit	22	21
Supplies and consumables	80	82
Equipment costs	110	111
Communications	46	53
Information technology	86	137
Travel and transport	60	123
Entertainment	10	16
Conference/Training	6	27
Consultancy	35	22
Maintenance	38	16
Staff Recruitment	1	40
Other supplies and consumables	53	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>693</b>

Audit fees paid or payable to the Tasmanian Audit Office for the audit of the House's financial statements were \$22,200 (2022-23, \$21,100).

## 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.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
Settled within 12 months	4	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>

## 5.2 Other Assets

### Carrying amount

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Prepayments	50	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>
Recovered within 12 months	50	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>

## 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.

(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.

**Carrying amount**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Antique furniture</b>		
At fair value	951	951
<b>Total</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>Artworks and Artefacts</b>		
At fair value	1,209	1,209
At cost	38	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,247</b>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
At cost	286	287
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(145)	(121)
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>		
At cost	645	645
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(468)	(428)
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Computer equipment</b>		
At cost	735	602
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(505)	(509)
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Work in Progress</b>		
At cost	176	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>2,674</b>

Antique Furniture was independently re-valued on 30 June 2020 by Mr A F Colman, Approved Government Valuer. Artworks and Artefacts were independently re-valued at 30 June 2020 by Mr W N Hurst, Director, Masterpiece Gallery. Valuations were based on a replacement value. The revaluation movements are reflected in the comprehensive result and asset revaluation reserve.

## 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.

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

<b>2023</b>	<b>Antique Furniture Level 3</b>	<b>Artwork and Artefacts Level 3</b>	<b>Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Carrying value at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,767</b>
<i>Gains/losses recognised in other comprehensive income</i>						
Additions	-	38	-	9	16	63
Depreciation	-	-	(25)	(41)	(90)	(156)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,674</b>



### 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
	<b>\$'000</b>			
Antique Furniture	951	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	1,209	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.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Creditors	77	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>20</b>
Settled within 12 months	77	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>20</b>

### 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.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Accrued salaries	89	65
Annual leave	171	142
Long service leave	377	323
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>530</b>
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	306	338
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	331	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>530</b>

### 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.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
<b>By type</b>		
<b>Commitments held with Finance-General</b>		
Motor vehicles fleet (base usage charge)	510	275
<b>Total Commitments held with Finance-General</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Other commitments</b>		
Photocopiers	9	1
<b>Total other commitments</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Commitments (including GST)</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>By maturity</b>		
<b>Commitments held with Finance-General</b>		
One year or less	317	184
From one to five years	202	91
<b>Total Commitments held with Finance-General</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Other commitments</b>		
One year or less	3	1
From one to five years	6	-
<b>Total Other Commitments</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Commitments (including GST)</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>276</b>

## 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.

### 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

2024	Antiques, Artwork & Artefacts \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Asset revaluation reserve</b>		
Balance at the beginning of financial year	1,227	1,227
<b>Balance at end of financial year</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,227</b>
<b>2023</b>		
	Antiques, Artwork & Artefacts \$'000	Total \$'000

**Asset revaluation reserve**

Balance at the beginning of financial year	1,227	1,227
<b>Balance at end of financial year</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,227</b>

## 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.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Specific Purpose Account balances</b>		
House of Assembly operating account	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

### 9.2 Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash from Operating Activities

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Net result	51	(12)
Depreciation	142	156
Decrease (increase) in Receivables	9	(13)
Decrease (increase) in Other assets	22	19
Increase (decrease) in Employee entitlements	107	(91)
Increase (decrease) in Payables	57	4
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>63</b>

## Note 10 Financial Instruments

### 10.1 Risk Exposures

#### 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.

## 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:

## 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:

2024	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities							
	1 Year \$'000	2 Years \$'000	3 Years \$'000	4 Years \$'000	5 Years \$'000	More than 5 Years \$'000	Undisco unted Total \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
<b>Financial liabilities</b>								
Payables	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77</b>

2023	Maturity analysis for financial liabilities							
	1 Year \$'000	2 Years \$'000	3 Years \$'000	4 Years \$'000	5 Years \$'000	More than 5 Years \$'000	Undisco unted Total \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000
<b>Financial liabilities</b>								
Payables	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>

## 10.2 Categories of Financial Assets and Liabilities

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Receivables	4	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors	77	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>20</b>

## 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 2024.

## 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 on 14 August 2024.

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**

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

AASB 2021-2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates – This standard amends AASB Standards to improve accounting policy disclosures and clarify the distinction between accounting policies and accounting estimates.

Specifically, AASB 2021-amends:

AASB 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* (August 2015);

AASB 101, *Presentation of Financial Statements* (July 2015);

AASB 108, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* (August 2015);

AASB 134, *Interim Financial Reporting* (August 2015.); and

AASB Practice Statement 2, *Making Materiality Judgements* (December 2017).

This standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The amendments to individual Standards may be applied early, separately from the amendments to other Standards, where feasible.

There is no financial impact in adopting AASB 2021-2.

AASB 2021-6 Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards – This standard assists to provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful to the users of financial statement, AASB 2021-6 makes amendments to certain Australian Accounting Standards.

Specifically, AASB 2021-6 amends:

AASB 1049 *Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting* (October 2007); ;

AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* (May 2011); and

AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* (March 2020);

to require entities to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies and to clarify that information about measurement bases for financial instruments is expected to be material to an entity's financial statements.

The amendments made by AASB 2021-6 are consistent with amendments made by AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates*.

This Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

There is no financial impact in adopting AASB 2021-6.

AASB 2022-7 *Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards* – This standard makes editorial corrections to six Standards and to Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements*.

Specifically, AASB 2022-7 amends:

AASB7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* (August 2015);

AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment* (August 2015);

AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* (July 2015);

AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* (August 2015);

AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* (August 2015);

AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* (May 2011); and

AASB Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements* (December 2017)

This Standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

The repeal of superseded principal Standards and of redundant amending Standards does not change the application of any Standards or requirements. The repealed Standards cease to be classified as in-force legislative instruments on the Federal Register of Legislation.

There is no financial impact in adopting AASB 2022-7.

## **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 and are indicated by the symbol "...".

## **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.