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Committee of the Legislative Assembly



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Committee of the Legislative Assembly

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1. Introduction

This report details the activities of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the 57th Parliament, from 1 July to 30 September 2024, and the 58th Parliament, from 28 November 2024 to 30 June 2025.

In accordance with section 108 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, this report includes a summary of issues considered by the committee, a statement of revenue and spending for the year, and a list of committee meetings and names of members attending or absent from each meeting.

2. Functions of the Committee

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the committee) is a statutory committee established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (POQA).

Section 84 of the POQA provides that the committee's areas of responsibility are as follows:

(a) *the ethical conduct of Members;*

Note—

However, under section 104C(2), a complaint about a particular member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the Ethics Committee.

(b) *parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;*

(c) *standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;*

(d) *any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders;*

(e) *any matter referred to the committee by the Speaker.*

Standing Order 135A Role of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall:

(a) monitor and review the business of the Legislative Assembly to aim for the effective and efficient discharge of business;

(b) monitor and review the operation of committees, particularly the referral of Bills to committees, and where appropriate vary the time for committees to report on Bills or vary the committee responsible for a Bill.

Standing Order 136 Portfolio committee reports on a Bill provides:

(1) A portfolio committee must finally report to the House on a Bill within six calendar months of the Bill being referred to it unless an alternative report date on the Bill has been set by the House or the Committee of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with (2) and (3) below.

(2) The House may by order vary a portfolio committee's report date on a Bill to a period of not less than 6 weeks.

(3) The Committee of the Legislative Assembly may vary the time for a portfolio committee to report on a Bill provided that:

(a) the House has not by order already set the time for report under (2) above or SO 137 below; and

(b) the report date is not less than 6 weeks after the Bill has been referred to the portfolio committee; and

(c) the Committee of the Legislative Assembly reports its decision to the House at the earliest opportunity.

(4) The House or the Committee of the Legislative Assembly may vary the portfolio committee responsible for a Bill (notwithstanding the nomination of the member who introduced the Bill in accordance with SO 129(3)(c)). If the Committee of the Legislative Assembly varies the committee responsible for a Bill it must report such decision to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Standing Order 194B, Consideration of Auditor-General reports by Portfolio Committees provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall as soon as practicable after a report of the Auditor-General is tabled in the Assembly refer that report to the relevant portfolio committee(s) for consideration.

3. Summary of issues considered by the committee

The committee tabled the following reports during the reporting period:

- Report No. 37, 57th Parliament – Annual Report 2023-2024, tabled 10 September 2024
- Report No. 38, 57th Parliament – Annual Reports of Former Portfolio Committees 1 July 2023-12 February 2024 and 12 October 2023-17 April 2024 and 7 March 2024 to 31 May 2024, tabled 10 September 2024
- Report No. 39, 57th Parliament - Report on the 2024 Budget Estimates Process, tabled 13 September 2024.

The committee considered numerous briefings from the Parliamentary Service with respect to its areas of responsibility under the POQA.

The committee also exercised its responsibility under Standing Orders in setting or varying the time for portfolio committees to report on a bill, or varying the committee responsible for a bill, on 16 occasions; and referred 16 Auditor-General reports to committees during the period.

The committee considered the following recommendations referred to it by the Ethics Committee:

- *Report No. 225, 57th Parliament – Matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 5 March 2024 regarding the spying of a member’s phone in the Chamber:*
 - (3) that the Committee of the Legislative Assembly consider the committee’s suggested amendments to House’s resolution regarding the use of electronic devices and the Guide to the Code of Ethical Standards.
- *Report No. 232, 57th Parliament – Matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 7 June 2024 relating to an allegation of publishing a false or misleading account of proceedings of the House:*
 - (2) that the Committee of the Legislative Assembly:
 - (a) review the Broadcast Footage Terms and Conditions to reflect the use of social media by members of Parliament, and
 - (b) review the complaints process for dealing with potential breaches of the Broadcast Footage Terms and Conditions.

The committee also considered a number of operational matters, including:

- Suggested amendments to Standing Orders
- Security and safety of members
- Post Cyclone Alfred and rain event issues at the Parliamentary Precinct and in Electorate Offices
- Workplace health and safety of members.

4. Ministerial responses to committee recommendations

Section 107 of the POQA provides that where a committee recommends the Government or a Minister should take particular action, or not take particular action, about an issue; or a report of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly recommends a motion be moved in the Assembly to implement a recommendation of the committee, the Minister responsible is required to provide the Legislative Assembly with a response.

There were no recommendations within the reporting period requiring a ministerial response.

5. Committee Expenditure

Committees are funded from the appropriation made to the Legislative Assembly and rarely generate revenue. After funding is allocated for the committee office as a whole, expenditure by individual committees is determined by their specific requirements and volume of work. Travel expenditure is subject to an additional approval process.

In the reporting period, the committee had no specific budget allocation for 2024-2025, however funds were available from the General Committee Office budget. The committee expended \$4,657 on technology and meeting expenses during the period. The committee did not receive any revenue.



Hon Pat Weir MP

**Speaker, Legislative Assembly and
Chair, Committee of the Legislative Assembly**

Appendix A – Attendance record

The table below shows the attendance of committee members at committee meetings during the reporting period.

Standing Order 202(1) provides that in the case of a committee members' illness or inability to attend, another member may be appointed to attend that meeting or stand in for a particular inquiry. The details of these appointments are included in the footnotes.

57th Parliament

Private Meeting Date	Hon C Pitt MP	Mr J Bleijie MP	Mr D Brown MP ¹	Hon M de Brenni MP	Hon S Hinchliffe MP ²	Mr S Knuth MP	Mr A Powell MP	Mr R Stevens MP ³
22 August 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 September 2024	✓	✓	x ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

58th Parliament

Private Meeting Date	Hon P Weir MP	Hon J Bleijie MP	Hon M de Brenni MP	Hon C Dick MP	Mr S Knuth MP	Hon A Powell MP ⁵	Dr C Rowan MP	Hon M Ryan MP ⁶	Mr R Stevens MP ⁷
12 December 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
20 February 2025	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
14 March 2025	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 April 2025	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 May 2025	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x ⁸

¹ Mr D Brown MP, Member for Capalaba, was the Premier's alternate.

² Hon S Hinchliffe MP, Member for Sandgate, was the Deputy Premier's alternate.

³ Mr R Stevens MP, Member for Mermaid Beach, was the Leader of the Opposition's alternate.

⁴ The Member for Capalaba was substituted by the Member for Bundaberg.

⁵ Hon A Powell MP, Member for Glass House, is the Deputy Premier's alternate from 14 March 2025.

⁶ Hon M Ryan MP, Member for Morayfield, is the Leader of the Opposition's alternate.

⁷ Mr R Stevens MP, Member for Mermaid Beach, is the Premier's alternate.

⁸ The Member for Mermaid Beach was substituted by the Member for Theodore.

Private Meeting Date	Hon P Weir MP	Hon J Bleijie MP	Hon M de Brenni MP	Hon C Dick MP	Mr S Knuth MP	Hon A Powell MP ⁵	Dr C Rowan MP	Hon M Ryan MP ⁶	Mr R Stevens MP ⁷
22 May 2025	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 June 2025	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27 June 2025	✓		✓	x ⁹	x ¹⁰	✓	✓	✓	✓

⁹ The Member for Woodridge was substituted by the Member for Logan.

¹⁰ The Member for Hill was substituted by the Member for Noosa.