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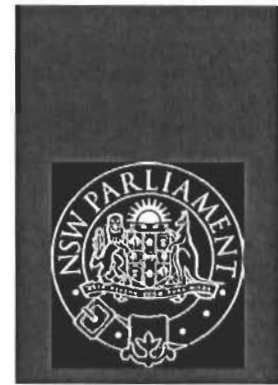
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OPERATING HOURS

The Legislative Assembly is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm weekdays on non-sitting days (excluding public holidays).

The Procedure Office is open from 8.30 am until the rising of the House on sitting days.

Tours are available at the following times:

Non-sitting days (weekends and public holidays excluded) — 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Tours are of approximately 45 minutes duration.

Sitting days — Tuesdays only. Tours commence at 1.30 pm and are followed by the opportunity to view Question Time (bookings essential).

Tours may be arranged by inquiring at the Legislative Assembly reception desk, located on the ground floor, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney or by phoning 9230 3444.

Wheelchair access is available. Please phone 9230 2219 before arrival so that assistance can be arranged.

Hearing loops have been installed in the Legislative Assembly Public Gallery and in the Theatre.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

25 November 2005

The Honourable John Aquilina MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY 2000

Dear Mr Speaker

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Legislative Assembly for the year ended 30 June 2005.

Despite an insufficient base level budget allocation, officers of the Department have continued to work hard during the 2004/05 financial year to maintain existing services and to deliver new and improved services to Members and to our other clients.

I believe that the Department has achieved a great deal in the reporting period across three main programs.

In the area of Procedural Support we continue to provide a high level of procedural support services and written procedure material to Members and others. A number of important procedural research and reference documents have been written and others enhanced. We have also commenced a more formal program for staff training in Parliamentary practice and procedure to strengthen the Legislative Assembly's future knowledge base and develop potential Clerks at-the-Table to serve the House.

In the provision of Services to Members we have focussed on improving our administrative practices including the approval processes for Electorate Mailout Accounts, and in the assessment and acquisition of new technology for Members.

The corporate management across the whole Parliament has also been in focus and, in conjunction with the Legislative Council, we have reviewed our corporate goals and aligned the Parliament's Results and Services Plan to our goals. We have commenced a project to revamp the strategic planning and reporting framework for the Parliamentary joint services.

I acknowledge, with appreciation, the commitment of the staff of the Legislative Assembly during this busy time. We look forward to working together to consolidate these achievements in the forthcoming year.

Russell D. Grove
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

year in review

- Advice to CATS on funding of the Human Rights Commission by the Legislature (October 2004)
- Advice to CATS on the adoption of days and hours of sitting and prohibition on secondary employment (October 2004)
- Advice to CATS on Chief Government Whips who are Ministers (October 2004)
- Advice to CATS on free votes (October 2004)
- Advice to Mr Seth B. Tillman (Law Clerk, USA) on the effect of prorogation on dissolution of bills and passage of bills in successive parliaments (November 2004)
- Advice to Legislative Council of Hong Kong on the display of signs in the Assembly during sittings (November 2004)
- Advice to CATS on adjournment to time and date other than those in standing orders (November 2004)
- Advice to CATS on appropriations for Parliament (December 2004)
- Comments to the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island on the case of *Pitcher v The administration of Norfolk Island* (December 2004)
- Advice to the Parliament of Victoria on staffing and uniforms (December 2004)
- Advice to the Parliament of Western Australia on evidence to committees (December 2004)
- Advice to the Senate on the disclosure of committee documents (January 2005)
- Advice to the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia on casting votes (February 2005)
- Advice to the Parliament of Namibia on legal advice provided to members (February 2005)
- Advice to CATS on Question Time (February 2005)
- Advice to CATS on privilege pertaining to documents (March 2005)
- Advice to the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia on conferences between the Houses (April 2005)
- Advice to the Parliament of Queensland on the broadcasting of proceedings (April 2005)
- Advice to the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island about closure of the public gallery (May 2005)

INTERNET REVIEW PROJECT

September 2004 saw the launch of the updated website, which was the first significant redesign since its inception in 1996. The Department took part in the Web Steering Committee convened by ITS to facilitate usability and access through an improved search engine and clearer architecture. As a result, usage has increased substantially, and telephone inquiries have decreased in number. User feedback reveals high expectations of retrospectivity and speed of updating. The Procedure Office continues to retrospectively update members' biographical entries and input information from earlier parliaments.