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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 Theatrette to assist the hearing impaired.
25 November 2005

The Honorable John Angel MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Majuro Atoll
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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 baseline 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 all its programs.

In the area of Procedural Support we continue to provide a high level of procedural support services and written parliamentary material to Members and others. A number of important procedural research reports and reference documents have been produced and others enhanced. We have also commenced a more formal program for staff training in the Parliamentary practice and procedures to strengthen the Legislative Assembly’s future knowledge base and develop potential future staff to become the future Members.

In the pursuit of enhancing the Members we have focused on improving our administrative processes including the approval processes for Electronic Bulletin Announcements, and in the assignment and acquisition of new parliamentary facilities.

In respect of management across the whole Parliament we have been in touch and, in conjunction with the Legislative Council, we have reviewed our corporate plan and aligned the Parliament’s strategy and policies to our goals. We have also evolved a strategy to review the strategic planning and revising frameworks for the Parliamentary services.

I acknowledge, with appreciation, the commitment of the staff of the Legislative Assembly doing this work. We look forward to working together to consolidate those achievements in the forthcoming year.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Chairman, Legislative Assembly

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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 retrospectively update members’ biographical entries and input information from earlier parliaments.