

2021-22 and 2022-23 Financial and Performance Outcomes Hearing

Questions Taken on Notice

Q1 Provide a copy of the policy on release of CCTV footage.

The process for managing requests for the release of CCTV footage is set out in the Electronic Security Data Policies. These are internal policies and are available to Members on the Members' Intranet.

Q2 How many electorate offices were available for members at that point just after the election on 20 December 2022.

As at 20 December 2023:

- 115 Members had electorate offices within their electorate boundaries.
- 1 Member continued (from the 59th Parliament) to be accommodated in a temporary office outside their electorate boundary, while repairs were completed on their existing permanent electorate office which in inside their electorate boundary.
- 2 Members remained in their respective 59th Parliament electorate offices that were and continue to be outside their respective electorate boundaries.
- 3 Members who were re-elected to electorates with changed boundaries, remained in their 59th Parliament electorate offices while new electorate offices were arranged inside the redistributed electorate boundaries.
- 7 Members were in temporary electorate office arrangements including serviced offices and use of temporary electorate offices located on the Parliamentary Precinct.

Q3 Provide overall cost of the Members' Annexe building?

The cost of the Members' Annexe was \$42.4 million. Funding of \$41.2 million was provided as specific funding for the construction and \$1.2 million was funded through the annual Department of Parliamentary Services budget.

Q4 Provide number of security incidents recorded since May 2022?

In early June 2023, in answers to Questions on Notice PAEC was advised that there had been 286 incidents across the parliamentary precinct and electorate offices as at May 2023. The full year figure for 2022-23 was 292, that is there were six further incidents.

Q5 Is occupational violence and security awareness training mandatory for chamber staff?

These topics are covered in mandatory OHS and security training modules completed by all parliamentary officers.

Q6 How many times the Victorian Parliament, both upper and lower houses have been suspended in 2023? Provide historical data on the number of suspensions in previous years.

Legislative Assembly

In recent years, the Assembly has suspended for various reasons including disruptions in the gallery, disorder in the House by members, and extraneous events such as evacuation alarms and power outages. The precedents of the Chair suspending the sitting due to disruptions in the gallery are:

- 14 November 2023: 8 minutes
- 19 February 2020: 6 minutes, then 9 minutes
- 15 August 2019: 15 minutes
- 13 August 2019: 15 minutes
- 19 June 2018: 17 minutes
- 14 September 2016: 25 minutes.

Should the committee require information from prior to 2016, this can be provided.

Legislative Council

On 15 November 2023, the President adjourned the Legislative Council due to disorder. There have been no suspensions due to disruptions in 2023. Our records since 1999 only identify two suspensions due to disruptions in the gallery. On 11 March 2014 the President suspended the sitting for 23 minutes and on 9 November 2011 the President suspended the House for 5 minutes.

Q7 Data in relation to people accessing new Parliament website.

The number of unique browsers¹ accessing the Parliament of Victoria's website is 1.36 million for YTD 2023, compared to 1.26 million for the 2022 full calendar year (noting that there were fewer sitting days and committee events during 2022 due to the election).

(¹ data sourced through Google Analytics - one person could use multiple devices and/or browsers which may be recorded as a unique visitor each time).