



2026-2027 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Monday 25 May 2026

Hon Maree Edwards
Speaker
Legislative Assembly

Hon Shaun Leane
President
Legislative Council

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which Parliament House stands, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

We also acknowledge Traditional Owners across Victoria, and Elders past and present.



First Nations focus



- Ongoing implementation of parliamentary departments' Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan
- Cultural protocols guide developed for parliamentary departments
- Youth Yarning with Mob podcast series produced with Koorie Academy
- Consideration of Treaty provisions relevant to Parliament





Parliament for the people

Creating greater awareness and access to Parliament through direct community engagement and education

★ Parliament House tours

- public and group
- architecture
- gardens

★ Engaging school students and schools

- school student tours
- parliamentary role play participants
- online incursions
- metropolitan school visits
- regional school hub sessions
- VCE Legal Studies role play across Victoria
- Parliament Prize for Victorian schools

★ Engaging teachers and university students

- parliamentary interns from universities
- online and in-person professional learning programs for teachers
- programs at Parliament House for law, justice and journalism students
- Teacher Open House

Parliament for the people



We welcomed a diverse range of people from across Victoria and recognised their community work and achievements, including:

- women in community sport
- horticultural industry
- carers
- autism organisations
- culturally and linguistically diverse groups
- women's health services network





Parliament for the people

- Tours and Customer Service Unit have a regional school visits program
- Deliver role play activities to schools in country areas by visiting schools in that area
- We visited:
 - Shepparton and Echuca areas (2 schools)
 - Colac area (3 schools)
 - Stawell area (4 schools)
 - Wonthaggi area (5 schools)





Parliament for the people

- More than 200 teachers and pre-service teachers participated in our professional learning programs
- Parliament in Auslan series of videos produced with Deaf Victoria
- New partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to deliver 13 civic projects
- 10 young people engaged to gather information from peers for inquiry into student pathways to in-demand industries
- More than 1 million views of videos on Parliament's YouTube channel



Supporting members



- Three new purpose-built committee hearing rooms at 55 St Andrews Place opened in February 2026
- The hearing rooms provide an enhanced experience for Members, witnesses and the public
- The new hearing rooms support the full range of committee operations in a single location, with enhanced broadcasting capability, safety and security
- The new facilities also include meeting rooms and dedicated witness rooms to provide additional privacy and support where needed
- The purpose-built design significantly reduces room set-up costs and improves scheduling efficiency for support services





Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- Active CPA Branch of 75 members and many more associate members
- Aims to support democratic systems and build capacity for members, staff and institutions
- Victorian Branch members attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados in October 2025
- Victorian Branch hosted Women's Talanoa Workshop for Pacific Women MPs in April 2026



Twinned Parliaments

Under the Pacific Partnership Program, each CPA Australia Region Branch is 'twinned' with a Pacific legislature

- **Fiji**
 - Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights inquiry visit in July 2025
 - Two Victorian MPs participated in Fiji Parliament Bill Review seminar in October 2025
- **Nauru**
 - Nauru Parliament staff induction in October 2025
 - CPA Benchmarking Exercise
 - Standing Orders Review support
 - Committee hearing room has been renamed the Eragow Room to honour our twinning relationship
 - Nauru has gifted a replica Eragow to display in the room
- **Tuvalu**
 - Speaker and members visited Victoria In November 2025



