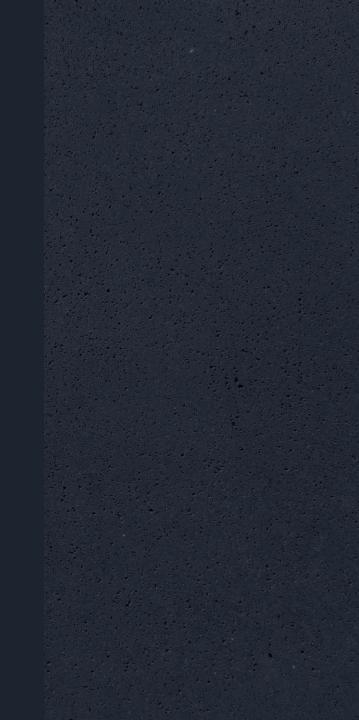


# 2025-2026 Budget Estimates Hearing

**Public Accounts and Estimates Committee** 

Thursday 12 June 2025

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



- Continued progress on parliamentary departments' Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- All parliamentary officers participated in cultural competency training
- Aboriginal youth partnership with Koorie Academy
- Installation of the First Nations plaque in the Vestibule



# Carers' facility

- A new carers' facility at Parliament House has been opened, named after Charlotte Marshall
- Charlotte Marshall was allowed to stay in the chamber on 18 March 2003 as she was fed by her mother, former Forest Hill MP Kirstie Marshall after a landmark ruling by then Speaker Judy Madigan
- 'Charlotte's Room' provides a dedicated space for all members to provide care for their young children







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

#### $\star$ Parliament House tours

- public and group
- architecture
- gardens

#### $\star$ 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

#### $\star$ Engaging teachers and university students

- Parliamentary interns from universities
- tertiary engagement workshops for preservice teachers
- teachers engaged in online panel sessions, workshops and Teacher Open House events



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

- women first responders
- Special Olympics athletes
- artists with disability
- Lifeline
- Red Cross
- rural youth organisation YouThrive





- 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:
  - Swan Hill area (5 schools)
  - Portland area (10 schools)
  - Warragul area (8 schools)
  - Horsham area (5 schools)
  - Rosebud area (6 schools)
  - Bendigo area (6 schools)





- More than 450 teachers and pre-service teachers participated in our professional development programs on civics education
- Our social media content on committees, legislation, MPs and community activities reached more than 2 million people across various channels
- Young people produced a variety of content for our website and social media through programs such as Youth Associates, Parliament Express and Unpack Parliament





## 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 Sydney in November 2024
- Victorian Branch Delegate, Michael Galea, presented on the topic: How can Legislatures Best Support and Promote LGBTQ+ Participation?



# Twinned Parliaments

- Under the Pacific Partnership Program, each CPA Australia Region Branch is 'twinned' with a Pacific legislature
- Parliament of Victoria is twinned with the respective Parliaments of Fiji, Nauru and Tuvalu

#### • Fiji

- Support for Floating Budget Office
- ICT staff attachment and committee delegation visit
- Support for gender sensitive audit
- Speaker visit next week
- Nauru
  - Hosting Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference in July 2025
  - Training and support provided by Victoria
- Tuvalu
  - Support for new member induction





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