



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





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
- tertiary engagement workshops for pre-service teachers
- teachers engaged in online panel sessions, workshops and Teacher Open House events

Parliament for the people



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



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:
 - 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)



Parliament for the people



- 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



