



Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020

Speaker's Response

Recommendations 16, 17 and 18

Recommendation 16:

The Committee recommends that the Office of the Legislative Assembly increase staffing for the committee secretariat within the Committee Support Office.

Recommendation 17:

The Committee recommends that the Office of the Legislative Assembly increase the level of administrative support provided to Committee Secretaries.

Speaker's Response:

The recommendations are noted. The Speaker will discuss these recommendations with the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure when it considers the OLA budget submission for the 2020-21 Budget. It should be noted that in the 2017-18 Budget the Assembly received funding for 2 additional secretaries reflecting that the Assembly had, in the 9th Assembly, increased the number of general purpose standing committees by 2 committees.

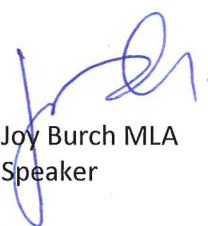
In the 2018-19 Budget the Assembly received supplementation for the life of the 9th Assembly for administrative assistance to assist in digitising committee records, and OLA had already intended to seek funding to continue that funding once the structure of the committee system is known for the 10th Assembly.

Recommendation 18

The Committee recommends that the Office of the Legislative Assembly implement the Legislative Assembly searchable Questions on Notice database.

Speaker's Response:

The recommendation is noted. It should be noted that in last year's budget the Assembly received funding for preliminary work on digital transformation projects. Work will continue on a digital system for asking and answering questions.



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Speaker

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