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In a ground-breaking ceremony today, Speaker, Vicki Dunne MLA, presided over the swearing-in of the inaugural Officers of the Legislative Assembly.

"Today the ACT Auditor-General, ACT Ombudsman and members of the ACT Electoral Commission formalised their appointments as Officers of the Legislative Assembly, which became effective on 1 July 2014," Mrs Dunne said.

"This is an important development in the history of the Legislative Assembly," Mrs Dunne said. "It affirms the independence of these officers from the government and any individual ministers. They will report through the Speaker to the Legislative Assembly and will have separate and independent budget allocations."

Those taking part in today's swearing-in were:

Mr Roger Beale AO, chair of the ACT Electoral Commission;

Ms Dawn Casey, member of the ACT electoral Commission;

Mr Phillip Green, ACT Electoral Commissioner;

Dr Maxine Cooper, ACT Auditor-General; and

Mr Colin Neave AM, ACT Ombudsman.

"I look forward to working with these officers to provide the people of Canberra with continuing good service, but with a new level of independence," Mrs Dunne said.

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