



2024-2025 Budget Estimates Hearing

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Monday 20 May 2024

Hon Maree Edwards
Speaker
Legislative Assembly

Hon Shaun Leane
President
Legislative Council

Acknowledgement of Country

Parliament of Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which Parliament House stands.

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



Parliament for the people

Creating greater awareness and access to Parliament through direct community engagement and education (2023/24)

- + • public tours
 - group tours
 - architecture tours
 - parliamentary gardens tours
- + • school student visitors
 - parliamentary role play participants
 - online incursion school students
 - metropolitan school visits
 - regional school hub sessions
- + • VCE Legal Studies role play across Victoria
- + • Closed captioning for broadcast
- + • Parliament Prize for Victorian schools
- + • Parliamentary interns from universities
- + • tertiary engagement workshops for pre-service teachers
- + • teachers engaged in online panel sessions, workshops and Teacher Open House events

Regional Sitting – Legislative Council

- Held on 18 April 2024 at the Campaspe Library, Echuca
- Provided opportunities at the Welcome Reception and the Farmers Market Lunch for Members to speak to locals and learn about the challenges and opportunities of the region.
- Local Aboriginal elder Uncle Rick Ronan performed a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country at the start of the day.
- Local young people, Tara Atley and Cameron Barnes, spoke from the floor of the chamber at the beginning of the day, with a focus on growing up in the area and the challenges they face.
- 95 young people and 11 Members participated in youth forums in Shepparton and Kyabram in the lead up to the regional sitting, developing a series of recommendations for Parliament.
- 57 students from 6 schools participated in programs, with a focus on smaller schools that may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.
- Committee hearings also took place in the lead up for the Inquiry into the state education system in Victoria.
- A series of social media posts were made for the regional sitting, with video reels attracting 37,000 views.



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
- Focus in 2023-24 on professional development for members, including in supporting members in our region



Supporting our Pacific Partners

- Under the Pacific Partnership Programme, 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
- Member-led support for parliamentary activities



