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An Act to amend the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 to provide for the Law, Justice and Safety Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee, and to make amendments to other Acts as stated in the schedule

[Assented to 28 May 2009]

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

Part 1 Introduction

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2009*.

Part 2 Amendment of Parliament of Queensland Act 2001

2 Act amended

This part amends the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

3 Amendment of s 9 (Meaning of *proceedings in the Assembly*)

Section 9(3), example, ‘Public Accounts Committee’—
omit, insert—
‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.

4 Amendment of s 79 (Definitions for ch 5)

Section 79, definition *public works*, ‘section 96(1)’—
omit, insert—
‘section 95(1)’.

5 Replacement of s 80 (Establishment of statutory committees)

Section 80—

omit, insert—

‘80 Establishment of statutory committees

‘The following committees of the Assembly (the *statutory committees*) are established—

- Law, Justice and Safety Committee
- Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee
- Public Accounts and Public Works Committee
- Scrutiny of Legislation Committee
- Standing Orders Committee.’.

6 Replacement of ch 5, pt 4, div 1 hdg

Chapter 5, part 4, division 1, heading—

omit, insert—

‘Division 1 Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.

7 Replacement of s 85 (Areas of responsibility of Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee)

Section 85—

omit, insert—

‘85 Areas of responsibility of Law, Justice and Safety Committee

‘The Law, Justice and Safety Committee has the following areas of responsibility—

- administrative review reform
- constitutional reform
- electoral reform

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- legal reform
- an area regarding law, justice or safety that is referred to the committee by the Assembly.’.

8 Omission of ch 5, pt 4, div 3 (Public Accounts Committee)

Chapter 5, part 4, division 3—

omit.

9 Replacement of ch 5, pt 4, div 4 hdg

Chapter 5, part 4, division 4, heading—

omit, insert—

‘Division 3 Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.

10 Amendment and renumbering of s 96 (Areas of responsibility of Public Works Committee)

(1) Section 96, heading—

omit, insert—

‘96 Areas of responsibility of Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.

(2) Section 96(1)—

omit, insert—

‘(1) The Public Accounts and Public Works Committee has the following areas of responsibility—

- (a) the assessment of the integrity, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of government financial management by—
 - (i) examining government financial documents; and
 - (ii) considering the annual and other reports of the auditor-general;

- (b) works (*public works*) undertaken by an entity that is a constructing authority for the works if the committee decides to consider the works;
 - (c) any major GOC works if the committee decides to consider the works.’.
- (3) Section 96, as amended—
renumber as section 95.

11 Insertion of new s 96

Before section 97—

insert—

‘96 Reference of issues to auditor-general

‘The Public Accounts and Public Works Committee may refer issues within its area of responsibility mentioned in section 95(1)(a) to the auditor-general for consideration.’.

12 Replacement of s 98 (Issues to which committee may have regard)

Section 98—

omit, insert—

‘98 Issues to which committee may have regard

‘In considering works, the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee may have regard to the issues mentioned in section 95(2)(a) to (i).’.

13 Amendment of ss 99–102

Section 99(1), 100(1)(a), 101(1) and 102(1), ‘Public Works Committee’—

omit, insert—

‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.

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14 Renumbering of ch 5, pt 4, divs 5–6

Chapter 5, part 4, divisions 5 and 6—

renumber as chapter 5, part 4, divisions 4 and 5.

15 Insertion of new s 164

Chapter 10—

insert—

‘164 Transitional provision for the Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2009

- ‘(1) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee is taken to be a reference to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee.
- ‘(2) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Public Accounts Committee or the Public Works Committee is taken to be a reference to the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee.’.

Part 3 Amendment of other Acts

16 Acts amended in the schedule

The schedule amends the Acts it mentions.

Schedule Amendment of other Acts

section 16

Electoral Act 1992

- 1 **Section 3, definition *parliamentary committee*, ‘legal, constitutional and administrative review committee’—**
omit, insert—
‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.

Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977

- 1 **Section 52(4), ‘Parliamentary Accounts Committee’—**
omit, insert—
‘parliamentary committee’.
- 2 **Section 92(3)(b)—**
omit.
- 3 **Section 92(4), definition *Public Works Committee*—**
omit.
- 4 **Schedule 3, definition *parliamentary committee*—**
omit, insert—
‘*parliamentary committee* means the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’.

Freedom of Information Act 1992

- 1 Section 7, definition *parliamentary committee*, ‘Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee’—**
omit, insert—
‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.

Government Owned Corporations Act 1993

- 1 Schedule 3, part 4, section 92(3)(a) and (b)—**
omit, insert—
‘(a) the *parliamentary committee*; or
Note—
FA and A Act, schedule 3—
parliamentary committee means the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’.
- 2 Schedule 3, part 5, section 92(3)(a) and (b)—**
omit, insert—
‘(a) the *parliamentary committee*; or
Note—
FA and A Act, schedule 3—
parliamentary committee means the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’.

Ombudsman Act 2001

- 1 **Schedule 3, definition *parliamentary committee*, ‘Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee’—**
omit, insert—
‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.

Whistleblowers Protection Act 1994

- 1 **Schedule 3, Examples, under section 26(1)(b) of the Act, of disclosures made to appropriate entities because the disclosures are about something the entities have a power to investigate or remedy, example 3, ‘Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee’—**
omit, insert—
‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly’.