



Committee of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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COMMITTEE CONSIDERS DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

At its meeting earlier today, the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA) considered a proposal to Standing Orders to make the Register of Related Persons a public document.

It was noted that this proposal had only recently been publically aired and that it was desirable that detailed consideration of policy, legal and logistical issues occurs.

Furthermore, the persons to be affected, that is, related persons, had not been directly consulted about the proposal.

The CLA stresses that there is no evidence or suggestion that the current arrangements have failed and that the public interest is not being served.

In circumstances where no impediment to accountability has been revealed, the CLA has determined that it is important that before recommending any changes to the Legislative Assembly the persons to be affected are provided procedural fairness and the courtesy of direct consultation and that considered advice be obtained regarding all policy, legal and logistical issues.

Therefore, the CLA has at a full meeting today, unanimously agreed to consult and inquire further into this matter before recommending changes.

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