

## Executive Summary

On 24 June 2025, the Honourable David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership introduced the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2025 (Bill) into the Legislative Assembly. The Bill was referred to the Governance, Energy and Finance Committee (committee) for consideration.

The estimates process is one of the key mechanisms to examine government expenditure, performance and effectiveness. By examining and reporting on the proposed expenditures contained in the Bill, the committee assists the Parliament in its scrutiny of the Government's proposed expenditure.

As outlined in the Bill, the Appropriation for 2025-26 for the Legislative Assembly of Queensland and Parliamentary Service is \$146,459,000.<sup>1</sup>

On 28 July 2025, the committee conducted a public hearing and took evidence about the proposed expenditure from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and other witnesses.

This report summarises the estimates referred to the committee and highlights some of the issues the committee examined including information contained in the:

- budget papers
- answers to pre-hearing questions on notice
- evidence taken at the hearing
- answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing.

The committee made one recommendation (found at page v of this report) that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Bill, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2025, s 2.