



**Speech by**

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**Report**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (5.55 p.m.): I stand today to speak to the report of Estimates Committee D. I was very proud to be involved in this committee and publicly recognise the excellent work performed by the support staff assisting the committee: research director, Mr David Thannhauser; research officer, Ms Penny Sullivan; and executive assistant, Ms Maree Lane. I also congratulate the committee chairman, the member for Chermside, on his chairmanship of the committee.

During the hearings of the committee the expenditure of three departments was analysed. I was very impressed with the Ministers' and their officers' responses to questions. I observed various members of the public sitting in on the hearings, and in this regard I support the continuation of the public hearings of the Estimates committees. After the hearings, I spoke to a number of members of the public about the conduct of the hearings. All those with whom I spoke indicated to me that they were very impressed with the conduct of the hearings and were disappointed that more Queenslanders were not aware that the hearings were open to the public. In this regard, I hope that more members of the public will come along next year to these hearings.

I thank my fellow committee members for their cooperation during the hearings and commend the report to the Chamber.

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