



Speech by  
**Judy Spence**

**MEMBER FOR SUNNYBANK**

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## **ORDERS OF APPOINTMENT; MEMBERSHIP; REFERRALS**

**Ms SPENCE** (Sunnybank—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.25 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders, that the motion to establish four new parliamentary committees; the motion to appoint members to parliamentary committees and the motions to refer matters to the Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee; the Economic Development Committee; the Social Development Committee and the Environment and Resources Committee circulated in my name be adopted.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

- (1) The following parliamentary committees be established—
    - Economic Development Committee;
    - Environment and Resources Committee;
    - Law, Justice and Safety Committee; and
    - Social Development Committee.
  - (2) Membership of the committees shall be—
    - Economic Development Committee—Mr Moorhead (Chair), Ms Davis; Ms Jarratt; Mr Knuth; Mr O'Brien; Ms Simpson; Ms van Litsenburg;
    - Environment and Resources Committee—Mrs Sullivan (Chair), Mrs Attwood; Mr Dowling; Mr Finn; Mr Foley; Mr Ryan, Mr Seeney;
    - Law, Justice and Safety Committee—Ms Stone (Chair), Mr Bleijie; Mr Cripps; Mr Kilburn; Mr McLindon, Mr Watt, Mr Wells;
    - Social Development Committee—Ms Nelson-Carr (Chair), Ms Bates; Mr Choi, Mrs Cunningham; Ms Johnstone, Mr McArdle; Mrs Scott;
  - (3) The Economic Development Committee will monitor and report on issues in the policy areas of employment, infrastructure, transport, trade, industry development, agriculture and tourism.
  - (4) The Environment and Resources Committee will monitor and report on issues in the policy areas of environmental protection, climate change, land management, water security and energy.
  - (5) The Law, Justice and Safety Committee will, in addition to any other statutory responsibilities, report on issues in the policy areas of policing and public safety, emergency services, corrective services, justice and industrial relations.
  - (6) The Social Development Committee will monitor and report on issues in the policy areas of health, education and training, social welfare services, community development, housing, child safety, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy. The Committee will also monitor and report on the following commissions—
    - Family Responsibilities Commission;
    - Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian; and
    - Health Quality and Complaints Commission.
- With respect to each commission the Committee will have the following functions—
- (a) to monitor and review the performance by the commissioner of the commissioner's functions;
  - (b) to report to the Legislative Assembly on any matter concerning the commissioner, the commissioner's functions or the performance of the commissioner's functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention;

- (c) to examine the annual report tabled in the Legislative Assembly and, if appropriate, to comment on any aspect of the report; and
  - (d) to report to the Legislative Assembly any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the commission that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the commission or the Act which establishes it.
- (7) Each of the committees mentioned in (1) may—
- (a) investigate any matter referred to it by separate resolution of the Legislative Assembly;
  - (b) instigate their own inquiries into legislative and policy issues with respect to the policy areas allocated to it, however, in carrying out their functions, the committees must give priority to those matters referred to them by any separate resolution of the Assembly; and
  - (c) seek information from Ministers of the Crown, Directors-General of Government departments, and Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of Statutory Bodies, regarding current issues in the policy areas mentioned in (3-6).
- (8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this resolution, the committees mentioned in (1)—
- (a) do not have the power to investigate and report on events, incidents or operational matters within the policy areas mentioned in (3-6); and
  - (b) do not have the power to investigate and report on any matters that fall within the responsibilities of statutory committees established by the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001, or Estimates Committees and any other parliamentary committee established by resolution of the House.
- (9) Each of the committees mentioned in (1) shall have power to call for persons, documents and other things.
- (10) As soon as practicable after the end of each year ending 30 June each of the committees mentioned in (1) shall prepare a report on the operations of the committee during that year.
- (11) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they may be inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
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#### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES FOR THE 53RD PARLIAMENT—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

That for this Session, unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, the appointment of members to parliamentary committees, circulated in my name, be adopted.

That members be appointed to parliamentary committees as follows—

Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee—

Ms Stone (Chair), Mr Bleijie, Mr Cripps, Mr Kilburn, Mr McLindon, Mr Watt and Hon Wells

Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee—

Mr Shine (Chair), Mrs Keech, Ms Male, Mr Nicholls, Mr Pitt, Mr Robinson and Mr Sorensen

Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee—

Mr Hoolihan (Chair), Mr Dempsey, Mr Dickson, Mr Emerson, Mrs Kiernan, Mr Ryan and Mr Wettenhall

Public Accounts Committee—

Mr Wendt (Chair), Mr Crandon, Ms Farmer, Mr Hopper, Ms O'Neill, Mr Rickuss and Mrs Smith

Public Works Committee—

Mr Wendt (Chair), Mr Crandon, Ms Farmer, Mr Hopper, Ms O'Neill, Mr Rickuss and Mrs Smith

Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—

Mrs Miller (Chair), Ms Croft, Ms Darling, Dr Douglas, Ms Grace, Mr Powell and Mr Wellington

Standing Orders Committee—

Mr Speaker (ex officio) (Chair), Ms Bligh, Mr Langbroek, Mr Lucas, Mr Seeney, Ms Spence and Mr Springborg

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#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

That the Economic Development Committee identify world's best practice by governments to effectively stimulate employment opportunities to ensure that Queensland is well positioned to create employment opportunities in readiness for an economic upturn.

In undertaking this inquiry, consideration should be given to established and new and emerging industries, and specifically:-

- (a) Queensland's significant science, research and technology infrastructure;
- (b) Queensland's natural resources;
- (c) Areas in which Queensland has a demonstrated comparative advantage;
- (d) the current and future skills requirements of the Queensland economy; and
- (e) the impact of regulation on economic growth and recovery.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly by 30 October 2009.

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#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

That the Social Development Committee consider the impact of chronic diseases on Queensland communities and the steps that can be taken to reduce the incidence of chronic disease in our communities.

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In undertaking this inquiry, the Committee should consider:

- (a) programs that can help communities embrace healthier lifestyles;
- (b) potential enhancements to service delivery, particularly improvements that foster coordinated approaches and which focus on prevention and early intervention;
- (c) the impact of potential investment in new and innovative research focused on chronic disease prevention; and
- (d) programs that can encourage children and young people to develop and maintain individual responsibility for their own health and well-being throughout their adult lives.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly by 29 January 2010.

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

That the Environment and Resources Committee investigate the economic and environmental potential provided by energy efficiency improvements for households; communities; industry; and government.

In undertaking this inquiry, consideration should be given to:-

- (a) the economic and environmental costs and benefits arising from energy efficiency improvements;
- (b) potential barriers and impediments to improved energy efficiency;
- (c) potential policy options for energy efficiency improvements, with an emphasis on initiatives that are cost effective for individual producers and consumers; and
- (d) the role of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and other Commonwealth Government initiatives in encouraging energy efficiency.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly by 30 November 2009.

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#### LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. The Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee develop options for modernising the oaths or affirmation of allegiance as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Constitution of Queensland 2001 and a draft preamble for insertion in the Constitution of Queensland 2001 which contains:
  - (i) an aspirational statement on the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Queensland; and
  - (ii) a statement of due recognition to Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
2. In developing the draft preamble, regard should be had to ensuring that the text of the preamble does not purport to include information to be used as an aid in statutory interpretation.
3. Stakeholders should be consulted during the development of the draft preamble including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council.
4. The Committee report, including its proposed text for the preamble, to the Legislative Assembly by 6 June 2009.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.