



Speech by

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 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (8.36 pm): It is a privilege to rise to speak in favour of report No. 1 to the Legislative Assembly by the Finance and Administration Committee. It is a marvellous report. I extend my congratulations to the chair, the member for Ipswich West, and all of the members of the committee for producing an insightful and informative report.

Although I am not a member of the Finance and Administration Committee, I am pleased to be provided with an opportunity to speak to the report about the actual and proposed expenditure for the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service. This report by the committee examined the performance of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service for the 2010-11 financial year and the proposed expenditure for the 2011-12 financial year. It is important for me to take this opportunity to commend the staff of the Parliamentary Service. To the attendants, to the support staff, to the Hansard reporters, to the committee staff, to the library staff, to the cleaners, to the IT staff, to the property services staff, to the HR and financial services staff, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our parliament and to the people of Queensland. Without you our parliament and our democracy would not operate effectively and efficiently.

I should take this opportunity to particularly commend the ladies in the cafeteria from our catering service for making the most marvellous strawberry thickshakes. I would say that they are the best strawberry thickshakes in all of Queensland and I encourage all members to take the opportunity to enjoy one of the strawberry thickshakes from the cafeteria. I am sure they will be pleasantly surprised. I extend my thanks to all the parliamentary staff.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all the staff connected to the Legislative Assembly, especially my electorate staff, Russell Vieritz, Kris Day and Kirsten Burnett who is on maternity leave. Their hard work in the Morayfield electorate is not only appreciated by me but is essential to continuing our proud tradition of supporting the good people who call the Morayfield state electorate their home.

The Finance and Administration Committee heard during this year's estimates about some of the outstanding achievements of the Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Service. I particularly note the rollout of new computers and new fast speed broadband internet services in the electorate offices, the new parliamentary website, the on-demand public access to video recordings of members' speeches and the very successful regional sittings in Mackay. I thought that was a particularly marvellous highlight of the last financial year.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Speaker on his superb performance during the estimates hearing. I acknowledge, with a sense of history, that this will be the last time that the Speaker appears before an estimates hearing. I commend the report to the House and encourage members to support it.