




Speech By  
**Hon. Fiona Simpson**

**MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE**

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**COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Reports**

 **Madam SPEAKER:** I table report No. 8 of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly titled *2012-13 annual report*. I commend the report to the House.

*Tabled paper:* Committee of the Legislative Assembly: Report No. 8—2012-13 annual report [\[3403\]](#).

Honourable members, I also table report No. 9 of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly titled *Absence from the House and vacating of seats by members*.

*Tabled paper:* Committee of the Legislative Assembly: Report No. 9—Absence from the House and vacating of seats by members [\[3404\]](#).

The report recommends amendments to standing orders to provide that a member must provide written notice to the Speaker if they will be absent for a period of more than four consecutive sitting days or for more than four sitting days within any period of nine consecutive sitting days, and in both instances to be supported by a medical certificate or any other acceptable evidence. The report also recommends amendments to the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 to reduce the number of days a member can be absent without the leave of the House from 21 to 12 sitting days. I commend the report to the House.