



Speech By  
**Hon. Fiona Simpson**

**MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE**

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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL**

**Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Report**

 **Madam SPEAKER:** The question is—

That the report of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly be adopted.

I will take this opportunity to speak as chair of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly. I will make a few comments on behalf of committee members in relation to the committee's report of its examination of the budget estimates contained in the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill for the 2014-15 financial year. I am confident that all members of the 54th Parliament, no matter the political affiliation they have, go about their business in this precinct mindful of their service to the state as they seek to represent their constituents. In this we are supported by the many excellent staff that the Parliamentary Service has—from the chamber services, to committee staff, to finance and administration personnel, to function staff and many others. The role of the non-political staff of the parliament who ensure the smooth operation and the institutional integrity of the parliament is vital to allow the Legislative Assembly to function. I speak on behalf of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly and on behalf of each member of parliament when I express my sincere appreciation for the valuable assistance provided by each and every staff member. Through the Clerk of the Parliament, we convey our thanks to everybody—to the Clerk and all of his supporting staff, everyone who makes working in this parliament possible.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank the members of the committee for their contribution throughout the year as we worked together for the good of the parliament and for Queensland.