




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Economics and Governance Committee, Report

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (5.55 pm): I rise to endorse report No. 10 of the Economics and Governance Committee titled *2018-19 budget estimates—Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2018*. This year, this grand old House celebrated in some style its 150th birthday. Three thousand Queenslanders explored the House and listened to bands and choirs. It made for an exciting day. We can truly say that this is the people's house. It is worth remembering that so few democracies have operated continuously for 150 years. When we look at the wall outside this chamber and we see the many names written on it, we know that we are simply here for a period and, with that knowledge, we have a responsibility to maintain this House and this institution.

The Economics and Governance Committee heard that the Parliamentary Service's strategic objectives are to support the Legislative Assembly in fulfilling its functions within the institution of parliament; support members of the Legislative Assembly; provide information; and safeguard, promote and strengthen the institution of parliament.

I thank the Speaker for appearing before the committee, the committee members and guests, which included the member for Maiwar and the member for Kawana, and especially the deputy chair and member for Mermaid Beach, whom we learned today was the greatest and worst mayor of Albert. The committee endorses the report of the House. With that universal support, may this House continue to thrive for 150 more years.

On behalf of the committee—and the member for Mermaid Beach may wish to do this as well—I wish to thank the secretariat, and particularly Trudy Struber, for their assistance during the estimates hearing. It was Trudy's last hearing. I wish to thank her sincerely for her assistance and wish her well in her new role. I commend the report to the House.