



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH**

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## **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) (2020-2021) BILL**

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#### **Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)**

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#### **Economics and Governance Committee, Report**

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (11.23 am): I rise to speak briefly on the Appropriation (Parliament) (2020-2021) Bill report. In our statement of reservation we referred to the Speaker's request that more investment was required in the ageing facilities of the Queensland parliament, which our Manager of Opposition Business has referred to in his speech to this particular report. The chair of the committee has also been supportive and positive in that regard.

I have had quite a lot of experience through the CLA over a number of years in relation to the issue of looking after the No. 1 asset of the Queensland parliament. It is time to take the politics out of the refurbishment of a very ageing—40-plus years—facility. As highlighted by the Manager of Opposition Business, there are pieces of concrete falling off the building. There used to be a golf practice green in that area, but these golf ball sized pieces that are falling off the building are not there for practice. I endorse the work that has been done by the Parliamentary Service over the period and request the CLA to take the politics out of it, as the Speaker has alluded to, and put in some formula that enables the repatriation of the building to a proper state over a number of years.