



Speech By  
**Hon. Patrick Weir**


**MEMBER FOR CONDAMINE**

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**SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

**Hanlon, Ms S**

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I advise of the retirement of Sue Hanlon from the Parliamentary Service after 52 years of service. We believe that Sue is the longest serving officer of this parliament, eclipsing the record of the first clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Lewis Adolphus Bernays, who served for 48 years.

Sue Hanlon commenced employment with the Queensland parliament on 26 March 1973 as a stenographer with the Parliamentary Library. In February 1984, Sue was appointed as a Parliamentary Library research aide. In April 1990 Sue resigned from her position at Parliament House to commence working as an electorate secretary for the then member for Redlands, Mr Darryl Briskey. In January 1991, Sue returned to the Parliamentary Library, having been appointed as an information systems support officer. In November 1992 Sue again resigned from her position at Parliament House to return to work for Mr Briskey in his electorate office.

In October 2006, Sue commenced working for Mr Phil Weightman in the Cleveland electorate office. In April 2009, Sue commenced working for Dr Mark Robinson who had been elected as the member for Cleveland, now Oodgeroo. Finally, until her retirement Sue continued to work for the current member, the Hon. Amanda Stoker. Not only has Sue worked at the precinct in various roles; she has also worked as an electorate officer for four different members, from both sides of the House.

After completing over 52 years of service, Sue's final day of employment was 16 May 2025. Sue, ever humble, did not want a celebration for her retirement and refused any talk of a major celebration. Sue eventually agreed to a lunch with a small group of long-serving colleagues, hosted by the Clerk in the Strangers' Dining Room last month. We cannot let Sue go without the House recognising her service. I am sure all honourable members will join me in thanking Sue for her contribution to the Parliamentary Service and the Queensland parliament and in wishing her the very best in retirement.

**Honourable members:** Hear, hear!