

Parliamentary Education

Parliamentary Education Office

The Parliamentary Education Office provides an education function on behalf of both houses of Parliament of Western Australia. The Education Office manages and delivers services for the promotion, awareness, knowledge and understanding of the history, role and function of the Western Australian Parliament. Programs and resources are also aimed at developing positive and informed attitudes towards parliamentary democracy.



The Parliamentary Education Office works closely with the other education sectors and civic education organisations to support civics and citizenship education and active citizenship in schools and tertiary institutions, and to support the related professional development needs of teachers. Tours of Parliament House can be booked by community and education groups for an informative and stimulating insight into the State parliament.

Both sitting day and non-sitting days of Parliament will provide a unique educational program for visiting educational centres and community groups.

Parliamentary Research Program

The Parliamentary Research Program is designed primarily for tertiary students of politics, law and journalism. It is a cooperative arrangement between the Western Australian Parliament and the State universities through which students undertake the research of topics nominated by members of Parliament. Students assume the role of a research assistant under the guidance of a member of Parliament. Positive outcomes for Parliament include increased resources and the production of specific research reports covering many complex and demanding issues. The program is coordinated by the Parliamentary Education Office and is supported by the Parliamentary Library.



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Student Parliaments

The Parliamentary Education Office also coordinates student Parliaments, either incorporating students from around the State (Statewide Student Parliament) or from a particular region (Regional Student Parliament). Statewide Student Parliaments are held at Parliament House in Perth.

Regional Student Parliaments are often held alongside regional sittings of one house of Parliament and sometimes independently of either house.

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Publications

The Parliamentary Education Office offers the following resources:

- **Second Reading:** Parliamentary Government in Western Australia. Harry Phillips, 2009 (Online edition)
- **Parliament of Western Australia: Structure and Function**
- **About Parliament fact sheet series**

Other Parliamentary Publications

- A Citizen's Guide to the Western Australian Parliament. Harry Phillips, 2013.
- The House on the Hill. A History of the Parliament of Western Australia 1832-1990. David Black (ed.), 1991.
- Making a Difference: A Frontier of Firsts: Women in the Western Australian Parliament 1921-2012. David Black and Harry Phillips, 2012.
- The Western Australian Parliamentary Handbook, 23rd edition, David Black (ed.), 2013
- House to House. The Story of Western Australia's Government and Parliament Houses over 175 years. Phillip Pandal and David Black, 2004.
- Parliament: Mirror of the People? Members of the Parliament of Western Australia 1890 - 2007. Phillip Pandal, David Black, and Harry Phillips, 2007.

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