



Australian Government international office and by officers from the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation in Perth. Western Australian Trade Commissioners have usually accompanied delegations.

The principal aims of these visits have been to develop friendship and understanding at a high level between the Western Australian Parliament and Western Australia's partners and neighbours, and to involve members in discussions with businesses and others with significant interests in Western Australia. In this way, these visits have helped to broaden the understanding of Western Australian members of political, governmental, economic, educational and cultural matters in those countries and to pursue the aims of sister-state arrangements where they exist.

In 2010 Speaker Woodhams led a multi-party parliamentary delegation to India, visiting Bangalore, Mysore, Chennai, Delhi, Goa and Mumbai, while in 2012 he led a delegation to India and Sri Lanka, with the members visiting Delhi, Mumbai, Kochi, Chennai, and Colombo. In April 2020 Speaker Watson was due to take a three-member delegation to India but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reciprocal visits have been made to Western Australia from time to time by parliamentary delegations from Western Australia's major trading partners. As part of these visits, the Western Australian Parliament has hosted delegations and provided briefings. However, I am not aware of any Indian state parliamentary delegations visiting the Western Australian Parliament in recent years.

Parliamentary delegations play an important role in promoting Western Australia with our major trading partners and close neighbours, and in enabling a proper understanding by our members of the continuing importance of these links. I look forward to leading a parliamentary delegation to India at some stage in the future once overseas travel can be safely resumed.

Yours sincerely



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