



Australasian Study of Parliament Group

2013 Annual Conference

OVERSIGHT:

*Parliamentary Committees, Corruption Commissions and
Parliamentary Statutory Officers*



Perth

2 – 4 October 2013



Hosted by the Parliament of Western Australia



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PARLIAMENT HOUSE, PERTH

Day 1: Wednesday 2 October 2013

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| 2.15 – 4.00 | ASPG Executive Meeting & <i>Australasian Parliamentary Review</i> Editorial Board Meeting |
| 4.15 – 5.15 | ASPG Annual General Meeting |
| 5.30 – 7.00 | Welcome Reception – including Conference registration |

Welcome Reception — Parliament House Courtyard

***Hon Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative Council, to introduce
His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC, Governor of Western Australia,
who will formally welcome delegates***



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Day 2: Thursday 3 October 2013

8.30 – 9.00

Registration and tea and coffee

9.00 – 9.10

Hon Michael Mischin MLC, Attorney General, to open Conference

Session 1 (Chair: Emeritus Professor David Black AM)

9.10 – 9.30

Dr Yvonne Haigh

Locating the Ethical in the Integrity Branch: Towards a Theoretical Framework for Ethics in Oversight Bodies

9.30 – 9.50

Hon Dr Ken Coghill et al

Developing Parliament's Oversight Capacity Through MPs' Professional Development

9.50 – 10.10

Hon Wayne Martin AC

Reflections on a Fourth Branch of Government

10.10 – 10.40

General Discussion

10.40 – 11.00

Morning tea

Session 2 (Chair: Dr Julia Lawrinson)

11.00 – 11.20

Mr Chris Field

A Fourth Branch of Government? The Evolution and Role of Parliamentary Statutory Officers

11.20 – 11.40

Dr David Solomon AM

The Integrity Branch – Parliament's Failure or Opportunity?

11.40 – 12.00

Professor John McMillan AO

Commonwealth Oversight Arrangements – Successes and Challenges

12.00 – 12.30

General Discussion

12.30 – 1.30

Lunch

1.00 – 1.30

Optional Parliament House Tour

Session 3 (Chair: Mr Peter McHugh)

1.30 – 1.50

Ms Jacquie Stepanoff

Watching our Watchdogs: Current Models for Accountability and Independence

1.50 – 2.10

Mr Colin Murphy PSM

Independent Officers and Oversight Committees – the Western Australian Audit Experience

2.10 – 2.30

Mr Des Pearson

Oversight of Independent Statutory Roles — Is it Time for More Comprehensive Codification?

2.30 – 3.00

General Discussion

3.00 – 3.20

Afternoon Tea

Session 4 (Chair: Ms Isla Macphail)

3.20 – 3.40

Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP

Financial Overseers and Their Oversight – A New South Wales Public Accounts Committee Perspective

3.40 – 4.00

Mr Shane Armstrong

Evolving Oversight – The Australian Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

4.00 – 4.20

Mr Paul Goldsmith MP

Recent Developments in Financial Scrutiny in New Zealand

4.20 – 4.50

General Discussion

Conference Dinner at Parliament House — Featuring Mr Lance Boil MP (Defeated)

Pre-dinner drinks from 7.00 pm



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Day 3: Friday 4 October 2013

8.15 – 8.45

Tea and coffee

Session 5 (Chair: Hon Kevin Rozzoli AM)

8.45 – 9.05

Professor Colleen Lewis

The Relationship Between Anti-Corruption Commissions and Parliaments

9.05 – 9.25

Professor Scott Prasser

Queensland's Crime and Misconduct Commission: To Be or Not to Be...That Should Be the Question!

9.25 – 9.45

Mr Stephen Finnimore

Tales of Watchdogs and Lapdogs: A Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into the Crime and Misconduct Commission's Treatment of Fitzgerald Inquiry Records

9.45 – 10.15

General Discussion

10.15 – 10.35

Morning tea

Session 6 (Chair: Mr Paul Grant)

10.35 – 10.55

Professor Bruce Stone
Mr Michael Sheldrick

Anti-Corruption Authorities and Accountability: The Western Australian Case

10.55 – 11.15

Mr Roger Macknay QC

Oversight as it Intersects with Parliament

11.15 – 11.35

Hon Michael Murray QC

Combating Corruption: Parliament's Man – An Effective Tool?

11.35 – 12.15

General Discussion

12.15 – 1.15

Lunch

Session 7 (Ms Bridget Noonan)

1.15 – 1.35

Mr Clem Newton-Brown MP
Mr Philip Davis MLC

Victoria's New Integrity System

1.35 – 1.55

Hon Don Harwin MLC

The Parliament of New South Wales and the Independent Commission Against Corruption: Recent Interactions on Matters of Privilege and Future Issues

1.55 – 2.15

Mr Brian Toohey

Closing the Gap: The Case for a Commonwealth Anti-Corruption and Misconduct Commission

2.15 – 2.45

General Discussion

2.45 – 3.05

Afternoon Tea

Session 8 (Chair: Dr Harry Phillips)

3.05 – 3.25

Ms Madeleine Foley

Committee Review of Executive Decisions: Rubber Stamp or Game Changer?

3.25 – 3.45

Mr Michael Tatham

The Council of Territory Cooperation in the 11th Assembly – An Experiment in Parliamentary Committee Oversight in the Northern Territory

3.45 – 4.05

Professor Scott Prasser

There's a Touch Too Much Integrity – A Time to Wind Back Rather Than Wind Up?

4.05 – 4.30

General Discussion

ASPG President to close the Conference – Followed by farewell drinks

Swan River Evening Cruise (Departs from Barrack St Jetty at 7.00 pm)