

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
IN RELATION TO THE
OMNIBUS REPORT – ACTIVITY DURING 38TH PARLIAMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 The purpose of this report is to:

- inform the Parliament of the activities of the Standing Committee on Public Administration (**Committee**) during the period 1 January 2009 to 26 September 2012;
- report to the Parliament on the Committee's consultation with statutory office holders;
- make recommendations to the Legislative Council about:
 - a) addressing the adequacy of the time limit placed on debating Committee reports in the Legislative Council; and
 - b) how the Committee receives information from the Ombudsman,
- assist the Committee in the next Parliament in undertaking its role by:
 - a) recording the experiences of the Committee in the 38th Parliament;
 - b) suggesting it remove the Ombudsman from the Committee's terms of reference in light of the restrictions placed on the Committee's ability to obtain information from the Ombudsman; and
 - c) giving an indication of some matters that have not been progressed to completion by the Committee due to time constraints.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2 Recommendations are grouped as they appear in the text at the page number indicated:

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Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council refer to the Procedure and Privileges Committee, for consideration and report back to the Legislative Council, the question of the adequacy of the 10 minute per member and 60 minute overall maximum time for debating Committee reports.

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Recommendation 2: The Committee recommends that section 23 of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971 (WA) be amended to restore the ancient privileges of the Parliament and all of its Committees with respect to the Ombudsman.