
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL
(COMMITTEE STAGE)
9 November 1921**

Edith Cowan used this debate to briefly argue that she did not believe that members of Parliament should receive pecuniary gain for Public Works committee work. The latter committee was not strictly a Select or Standing Committee of the Parliament.

Mrs. COWAN: I am not in favour of members being paid for work which should be rendered as part of their ordinary parliamentary duties. We were not brought here in the expectation of receiving extra pay for work that will amount to that of ordinary select committee work. I support the member for Roebourne and the member for Gascoyne in their attitude on this question. If members have the necessary ability and are competent to do the work they should be allowed to do it for out of pocket expenses, at all events for the first 12 months, or until they have proved that they have suffered such a pecuniary loss as a result of the services they have rendered that they cannot do it further without payment.