



Set the Standard

Implementation Update

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Update from Kerri Hartland Chair, Parliamentary Leadership Taskforce

With the new government established, there will be changes to the membership of the Parliamentary Leadership Taskforce. After a hiatus due to caretaker, I

look forward to meeting again with the Taskforce when the 47th Parliament meets in July 2022.

Taskforce updates will continue to be published on the [Taskforce website](#) after each meeting.

The Implementation Group, which supports the Taskforce, has continued to meet fortnightly to progress several recommendations from the Set the Standard Report, including project planning, induction for new Parliamentarians and their staff, reviewing work health and safety arrangements and alcohol policies, and consideration of diversity and inclusion strategies.

The Implementation Group consists of the Head of Taskforce Secretariat, Department of the House of Representatives, Department of the Senate, Department of Parliamentary Services, Parliamentary Budget Office and the Department of Finance. Observers include the Parliamentary Workplace Support Service, Australian Human Rights Commission, Comcare and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards will be re-established once Parliament resumes to consider the development of codes of conduct for those in Commonwealth parliamentary workplaces.

Induction program

I am pleased to report that following the election, new Parliamentarians have completed a refreshed induction program, and a new induction program is being rolled out for their staff. Further training and support will be available post induction.

I also encourage new starters to participate in the Safe and Respectful Workplace training program. The program supports people to understand their rights and responsibilities in the workplace, what is unacceptable behaviour and how to respond to serious incidents.

Further information about Safe and Respectful Workplace training can be found on the [Ministerial and Parliamentary Services website](#).

Commissioner Jenkins video briefing

A video from Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Kate Jenkins, has been published on the [Taskforce website](#). This video is a useful resource summarising the findings and recommendations from the Set the Standard report. I encourage you to share the video with participants to the Report and those working in Commonwealth parliamentary workplaces.

Review of the MOP(S) Act

The time for submissions to the MOP(S) Act review is quickly running out. Submissions have been extended until 5pm AEST Friday 1 July 2022. You can [make a submission to the review here](#).

Parliamentary Workplace Support Service

The [Parliamentary Workplace Support Service](#) (PWSS) provides confidential support for current and former workers or volunteers in Commonwealth parliamentary workplaces who have been impacted by workplace conflict, misconduct or serious incidents.

You can contact the PWSS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 747 977, email support@pwss.gov.au, SMS 0487 112 755 or visit the PWSS office inside the Parliamentary Library at Parliament House.