Speaker's Foreword

Parliamentary practice and procedure is a topic that few parliamentarians ever really appreciate and become experts in. Accordingly the knowledge and experience of the Clerks at the Table are vital to the effective functioning of the Parliament and to the Presiding Officers in particular.

This publication is valuable piece of work that will assist all parliamentarians and parliamentary staff in their understanding of the way Parliament works in New South Wales. The current Table Officers of the Legislative Assembly have produced practice manual that consolidates and builds on the knowledge that Clerks have accumulated over the past 151 years.

This publication goes beyond anything previously produced by the Legislative Assembly and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the current Table Officers and other Parliamentary staff.

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