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**A Bill**

for

**An Act to amend the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* to provide for the Law, Justice and Safety Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee, and to make amendments to other Acts as stated in the schedule**

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**The Parliament of Queensland enacts—** 1

**Part 1 Introduction** 2

**Clause 1 Short title** 3

This Act may be cited as the *Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2009*. 4  
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**Part 2 Amendment of Parliament of Queensland Act 2001** 6  
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**Clause 2 Act amended** 8

This part amends the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*. 9

**Clause 3 Amendment of s 9 (Meaning of *proceedings in the Assembly*)** 10  
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Section 9(3), example, ‘Public Accounts Committee’— 12

*omit, insert—* 13

‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’. 14

**Clause 4 Amendment of s 79 (Definitions for ch 5)** 15

Section 79, definition *public works*, ‘section 96(1)’— 16

*omit, insert—* 17

‘section 95(1)’. 18

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<b>Clause 5</b>	<b>Replacement of s 80 (Establishment of statutory committees)</b>	1
	Section 80—	2
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	3
<b>'80</b>	<b>Establishment of statutory committees</b>	4
	'The following committees of the Assembly (the <i>statutory committees</i> ) are established—	5
	• Law, Justice and Safety Committee	6
	• Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee	7
	• Public Accounts and Public Works Committee	8
	• Scrutiny of Legislation Committee	9
	• Standing Orders Committee.'	10
<b>Clause 6</b>	<b>Replacement of ch 5, pt 4, div 1 hdg</b>	11
	Chapter 5, part 4, division 1, heading—	12
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	13
	<b>'Division 1 Law, Justice and Safety Committee'.</b>	14
<b>Clause 7</b>	<b>Replacement of s 85 (Areas of responsibility of Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee)</b>	15
	Section 85—	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
<b>'85</b>	<b>Areas of responsibility of Law, Justice and Safety Committee</b>	18
	'The Law, Justice and Safety Committee has the following areas of responsibility—	19
	• administrative review reform	20
	• constitutional reform	21
	• electoral reform	22

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- legal reform 1
- an area regarding law, justice or safety that is referred to the committee by the Assembly.’ 2  
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**Clause 8 Omission of ch 5, pt 4, div 3 (Public Accounts Committee)** 4  
Chapter 5, part 4, division 3— 5  
*omit.* 6

**Clause 9 Replacement of ch 5, pt 4, div 4 hdg** 7  
Chapter 5, part 4, division 4, heading— 8  
*omit, insert—* 9

**‘Division 3 Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.** 10  
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**Clause 10 Amendment and renumbering of s 96 (Areas of responsibility of Public Works Committee)** 12  
13  
(1) Section 96, heading— 14  
*omit, insert—* 15

**‘96 Areas of responsibility of Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.** 16  
17

(2) Section 96(1)— 18  
*omit, insert—* 19

‘(1) The Public Accounts and Public Works Committee has the following areas of responsibility— 20  
21

- (a) the assessment of the integrity, economy, efficiency and effectiveness of government financial management by— 22  
23
  - (i) examining government financial documents; and 24
  - (ii) considering the annual and other reports of the auditor-general; 25  
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	(b) works ( <i>public works</i> ) undertaken by an entity that is a constructing authority for the works if the committee decides to consider the works;	1 2 3
	(c) any major GOC works if the committee decides to consider the works.’.	4 5
	(3) Section 96, as amended— <i>renumber</i> as section 95.	6 7
<b>Clause 11</b>	<b>Insertion of new s 96</b> Before section 97— <i>insert</i> —	8 9 10
<b>‘96</b>	<b>Reference of issues to auditor-general</b> ‘The Public Accounts and Public Works Committee may refer issues within its area of responsibility mentioned in section 95(1)(a) to the auditor-general for consideration.’.	11 12 13 14
<b>Clause 12</b>	<b>Replacement of s 98 (Issues to which committee may have regard)</b> Section 98— <i>omit, insert</i> —	15 16 17 18
<b>‘98</b>	<b>Issues to which committee may have regard</b> ‘In considering works, the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee may have regard to the issues mentioned in section 95(2)(a) to (i).’.	19 20 21 22
<b>Clause 13</b>	<b>Amendment of ss 99–102</b> Section 99(1), 100(1)(a), 101(1) and 102(1), ‘Public Works Committee’— <i>omit, insert</i> — ‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee’.	23 24 25 26 27

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<b>Clause 14</b>	<b>Renumbering of ch 5, pt 4, divs 5–6</b>	1
	Chapter 5, part 4, divisions 5 and 6—	2
	<i>renumber</i> as chapter 5, part 4, divisions 4 and 5.	3
<b>Clause 15</b>	<b>Insertion of new s 164</b>	4
	Chapter 10—	5
	<i>insert</i> —	6
<b>‘164</b>	<b>Transitional provision for the Parliament of Queensland Amendment Act 2009</b>	7
		8
	‘(1) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee is taken to be a reference to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee.	9 10 11 12
	‘(2) In an Act or document, if the context permits, a reference to the Public Accounts Committee or the Public Works Committee is taken to be a reference to the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee.’.	13 14 15 16
<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Amendment of other Acts</b>	17
<b>Clause 16</b>	<b>Acts amended in the schedule</b>	18
	The schedule amends the Acts it mentions.	19

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Amendment of other Acts</b>	1
	section 16	2
<b>Electoral Act 1992</b>		3
<b>1</b>	<b>Section 3, definition <i>parliamentary committee</i>, ‘legal, constitutional and administrative review committee’—</b>	4
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	5
	‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.	6
		7
<b>Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977</b>		8
<b>1</b>	<b>Section 52(4), ‘Parliamentary Accounts Committee’—</b>	9
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	10
	‘parliamentary committee’.	11
<b>2</b>	<b>Section 92(3)(b)—</b>	12
	<i>omit.</i>	13
<b>3</b>	<b>Section 92(4), definition <i>Public Works Committee</i>—</b>	14
	<i>omit.</i>	15
<b>4</b>	<b>Schedule 3, definition <i>parliamentary committee</i>—</b>	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
	<i>‘parliamentary committee</i> means the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’.	18
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**Freedom of Information Act 1992** 1

- 1 Section 7, definition *parliamentary committee*, ‘Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee’—** 2  
3  
*omit, insert—* 4  
‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’. 5

**Government Owned Corporations Act 1993** 6

- 1 Schedule 3, part 4, section 92(3)(a) and (b)—** 7  
*omit, insert—* 8  
    ‘(a) the *parliamentary committee*; or 9  
        *Note—* 10  
            FA and A Act, schedule 3— 11  
            *parliamentary committee* means the Public Accounts and Public 12  
            Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’. 13
- 2 Schedule 3, part 5, section 92(3)(a) and (b)—** 14  
*omit, insert—* 15  
    ‘(a) the *parliamentary committee*; or 16  
        *Note—* 17  
            FA and A Act, schedule 3— 18  
            *parliamentary committee* means the Public Accounts and Public 19  
            Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly.’. 20

<b>Ombudsman Act 2001</b>	1
<b>1 Schedule 3, definition <i>parliamentary committee</i>, ‘Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee’—</b>	2 3
<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
‘Law, Justice and Safety Committee’.	5
<b>Whistleblowers Protection Act 1994</b>	6
<b>1 Schedule 3, Examples, under section 26(1)(b) of the Act, of disclosures made to appropriate entities because the disclosures are about something the entities have a power to investigate or remedy, example 3, ‘Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee’—</b>	7 8 9 10 11
<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
‘Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Legislative Assembly’.	13 14