

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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To the Clerk Legislative Council

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Legislative Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Legislative Council as at 30 June 2025, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures.

The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2025
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2025
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2025
- notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Clerk, Legislative Council and Chief Finance Officer, Joint Parliamentary Service.

Basis for opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the Legislative Council. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* have been met.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Clerk for the financial report

The Clerk is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Clerk is responsible for assessing the Legislative Council's ability to continue as a going concern, taking into account any policy or funding decisions the government has made which affect the continued existence of the Legislative Council. The Clerk is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the assessment indicates that it is not appropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by section 31(1)(a) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, I have audited the financial report of the Legislative Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Legislative Council's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Clerk

- conclude on the appropriateness of the Clerk's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Legislative Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Legislative Council to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the Legislative Council on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Clerk about, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.



Andrew Blaskett
Auditor-General

16 March 2026

Legislative Council
Certification of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

We certify that the:

- financial statements of the Legislative Council:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Legislative Council;
 - are in line with relevant Treasurer's Instructions;
 - comply with relevant accounting standards;
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Legislative Council at the end of the financial year and the result of its operation and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls employed by the Legislative Council for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of financial statements have been effective.



Clerk
Legislative Council

18/02/2026



Chief Finance Officer
Joint Parliamentary Service

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Legislative Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2025

| | Note | 2025 \$'000 | 2024 \$'000 |
|--|------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Appropriation | 2.1 | 11 523 | 11 646 |
| Intra-government transfers | 2.2 | 1 433 | 1 411 |
| Resources received free of charge | 2.3 | 30 | - |
| Other income | | 85 | 63 |
| Total income | | 13 071 | 13 120 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Employee related expenses | 3.1 | 2 834 | 2 707 |
| Members' salaries and allowances | 3.2 | 6 515 | 6 316 |
| Supplies and services | 3.3 | 2 176 | 2 297 |
| Depreciation | 4.3 | 18 | 22 |
| Assets provided for nil consideration to the Joint Parliamentary Service | 2.3 | 624 | 232 |
| Cash alignment transfers to Consolidated Account | | 182 | 1 846 |
| Total expenses | | 12 349 | 13 420 |
| Net result | | 722 | (300) |
| Total comprehensive result | | 722 | (300) |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The net result and comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government.

Legislative Council
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2025

| | Note | 2025 \$'000 | 2024 \$'000 |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4.1 | 4 628 | 3 486 |
| Receivables | 4.2 | 104 | 35 |
| Total current assets | | 4 732 | 3 521 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4.3 | 919 | 1 366 |
| Total non-current assets | | 919 | 1 366 |
| Total assets | | 5 651 | 4 887 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Payables | 5.1 | 146 | 233 |
| Employee related liabilities | 5.2 | 284 | 333 |
| Provisions | 5.3 | 11 | 12 |
| Total current liabilities | | 441 | 578 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Employee related liabilities | 5.2 | 1 579 | 1 391 |
| Provisions | 5.3 | 36 | 45 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 1 615 | 1 436 |
| Total liabilities | | 2 056 | 2 014 |
| Net assets | | 3 595 | 2 873 |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained earnings | | 3 557 | 2 835 |
| Asset revaluation surplus | | 38 | 38 |
| Total equity | | 3 595 | 2 873 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The total equity is attributable to the SA Government.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2025

| | Asset Revaluation Surplus \$'000 | Retained earnings \$'000 | Total equity \$'000 |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2023 | 38 | 3 135 | 3 173 |
| Net result for 2023-24 | - | (300) | (300) |
| Total comprehensive result for 2023-24 | - | (300) | (300) |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | 38 | 2 835 | 2 873 |
| Net result for 2024-25 | - | 722 | 722 |
| Total comprehensive result for 2024-25 | - | 722 | 722 |
| Balance at 30 June 2025 | 38 | 3 557 | 3 595 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government.

Legislative Council
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2025

| | Note | 2025 \$'000 | 2024 \$'000 |
|---|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cash inflows | | | |
| Appropriation | | 11 523 | 11 646 |
| Intra-government transfers | | 1 433 | 1 411 |
| GST recovered | | 236 | 256 |
| Other receipts | | 85 | 66 |
| Cash outflows | | | |
| Employee related payments | | (2 583) | (2 626) |
| Members' salaries and allowances | | (6 515) | (6 316) |
| Payments for supplies and services | | (2 661) | (2 435) |
| Cash alignment transfers to Consolidated Account | | (182) | (1 846) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | <u>1 336</u> | <u>156</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | (194) | (520) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | <u>(194)</u> | <u>(520)</u> |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | <u>1 142</u> | <u>(364)</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | | 3 486 | 3 850 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period | 4.1 | <u><u>4 628</u></u> | <u><u>3 486</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Legislative Council
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2025

1. About the Legislative Council

The Legislative Council is a not-for-profit entity and is established pursuant to the *Constitution Act 1934*. The Legislative Council consists of twenty-two Members elected by the inhabitants of the State legally qualified to vote.

The Legislative Council, together with the House of Assembly, constitute the Parliament of South Australia. The principal purpose of Parliament is to legislate for peace, order and responsible governance of South Australia.

The Legislative Council does not control any other entity and has no interests in unconsolidated structured entities. The financial statements and accompanying notes include all the controlled activities of the Legislative Council.

1.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in line with:

- section 23 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*;
- Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements issued by the Treasurer under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*; and
- relevant Australian Accounting Standards, applying simplified disclosures.

The financial statements are prepared based on a 12-month reporting period and presented in Australian currency. The historical cost convention is used unless a different measurement basis is identified in the notes associated with the item measured.

All amounts in the financial statements and the accompanying notes are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods or services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item applicable. and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

Assets and liabilities that are to be sold, consumed or realised as part of the normal 12 month operating cycle have been classified as current assets. Liabilities that are due to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting period or for which the Legislative Council has no right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period are classified as current liabilities. All other assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. However, the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Material accounting policies are set out below and throughout the notes.

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2. Income

2.1. Appropriation

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Appropriation from Consolidated Account pursuant to the <i>Appropriation Act</i> | 5 962 | 6 050 |
| Appropriation received under the <i>Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990</i> and the <i>Parliamentary Committees Act 1991</i> | 5 561 | 5 596 |
| Total appropriation | 11 523 | 11 646 |

Appropriations are recognised on receipt.

2.2. Intra-government transfers

During the year, the Legislative Council received funds from the Joint Parliamentary Services Committee's Administered items. These funds reflect on-costs and supplementation for Members of Parliament's salaries and allowances. Intra-government transfers are recognised on receipt.

2.3. Resources received and provided free of charge

The Legislative Council:

- received audit services free of charge from the Audit Office of South Australia in relation to work performed under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. No other services were provided by the Audit Office of South Australia; and
- donated completed building works (amenities and canopy) within Parliament House to the Joint Parliamentary Service. This donated asset is also reflected in the asset movement schedule at note 4.3.

3. Expenses

3.1. Employee related expenses

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Salaries and wages | 2 427 | 2 276 |
| Superannuation | 268 | 259 |
| Other employee related expenses | 136 | 129 |
| Workers compensation | 3 | 43 |
| Total employee related expenses | 2 834 | 2 707 |

The superannuation employment expense represents the Legislative Council's contributions to superannuation plans in respect of current services of current employees.

Employee remuneration

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| \$252 001 – \$272 000 | 1 | 1 |
| \$352 001 – \$372 000 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 2 | 2 |

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The total remuneration received by those employees for the year was \$604 000 (2024: \$607 000).

The table includes all employees whose normal remuneration was equal to or greater than the base executive remuneration level during the year. Remuneration of employees reflects all costs of employment including salaries and wages, payments in lieu of leave, superannuation contributions, salary sacrifice benefits and fringe benefits, and any fringe benefits tax paid or payable in respect of those benefits.

The remuneration table does not include any Members of Parliament, as Members are elected to their respective position, that is, they do not have employment contracts.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel of the Legislative Council include the President and the Clerk. Total compensation for key management personnel was \$928 000 (2024: \$928 000).

Apart from the remuneration for key management personnel, the Legislative Council does not have material transactions with key management personnel, their close family members and/or their controlled or jointly controlled entities.

3.2. Members' salaries and allowances

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Members' salaries and electorate allowances | 5 575 | 5 409 |
| Superannuation | 896 | 864 |
| Other employee related expenses | 44 | 43 |
| Total members' salaries and allowances | 6 515 | 6 316 |

Members' salaries, electorate allowances and other related payments are funded via Appropriations provided under the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* and the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1991* and intra-government transfers from the Joint Parliamentary Services Committee's administered items.

Ministers' salaries and allowances totalling \$1.4 million (2024: \$826 000) and superannuation of \$156 000 (2024: \$117 000) are not reported in these financial statements but in the financial statements of each Minister's respective Department.

Under the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990*, Members of Parliament have an option to a motor vehicle for private use in lieu of their remuneration. Members lease the vehicles from Fleet SA through the Department of Treasury and Finance (Electorate Services). There is no added cost to the Legislative Council due to this scheme, as payments for the vehicles are made from Members' remuneration packages disclosed above.

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3.3. Supplies and services

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Supplies and services - Members of Parliament | | |
| Country members accommodation | 108 | 98 |
| Postage | 97 | 110 |
| Printing, stationery and publications | 74 | 78 |
| Advertisements and constituent communications | 104 | 68 |
| Telephone | 52 | 48 |
| Minor asset purchases | 25 | 26 |
| Information technology | 25 | 60 |
| Fringe benefits tax | 52 | 109 |
| Travelling expenses | 16 | 13 |
| Administrative services | 18 | 16 |
| Ex-members allowances | 14 | 29 |
| Other | 12 | 16 |
| Total supplies and services - Members of Parliament | 597 | 671 |
| Supplies and services - other | | |
| Security | 620 | 568 |
| Information technology | 12 | 107 |
| Printing, stationery and publications | 340 | 270 |
| Consultants fees | 1 | 13 |
| Accommodation | 69 | 69 |
| Advertising | 38 | 65 |
| Community engagement | 48 | 157 |
| Travelling expenses | 122 | 48 |
| Minor works and equipment | 29 | 62 |
| Audit services | 30 | 28 |
| Uniforms and allowances | 12 | 10 |
| Subscription television | 7 | 6 |
| Souvenirs | 26 | 9 |
| Agency staff hire | - | 37 |
| Commonwealth Parliamentary Association | 45 | 42 |
| Fringe benefits tax | 19 | 30 |
| Other | 161 | 105 |
| Total supplies and services - Other | 1 579 | 1 626 |
| Total supplies and services | 2 176 | 2 297 |

Supplies and services to Members of Parliament

Members of Parliament are able to access the country members' accommodation allowance, determined by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia. The South Australian Government Cabinet approves the various travel entitlements and the stationery allowance provided to Members. Former Members of Parliament are entitled to an allowance for rail travel, as approved by the Executive Council.

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Accommodation

The Legislative Council's accommodation is provided by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport under Memoranda of Administrative Arrangement (MoAA) issued in accordance with Government-wide accommodation policies. These accommodation costs are recognised as expenses as they become due, as the arrangements do not meet the definition of a lease set out in *AASB 16 Leases*.

Audit services

Audit services were performed by the Audit Office of South Australia relating to work performed under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. No other services were provided by the Audit Office of South Australia.

4. Assets

4.1. Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Deposits with the Treasurer (Special deposit accounts): | | |
| Accrual Appropriation Excess Funds | 3 265 | 3 070 |
| Operating bank account | 1 363 | 416 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 4 628 | 3 486 |

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at nominal amounts.

Deposits with the Treasurer

Special deposit accounts are established under section 8 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. Special deposit accounts must be used in accordance with their approved purpose.

Some of the Legislative Council's appropriation is deposited into the Accrual Appropriation Excess Funds account. Although the Legislative Council controls the money reported above in the Accrual Appropriation Excess Funds Account, its use must be approved by the Treasurer. The Legislative Council does not earn interest on its deposits with the Treasurer.

4.2. Receivables

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Members remuneration recovery | 5 | 6 |
| Prepayments | - | 29 |
| Other | 99 | - |
| Total current receivables | 104 | 35 |

Receivables and prepayments are non-interest bearing. Receivables are held with the objective of collecting the cash flows and they are measured at amortised cost.

The Legislative Council does not hold any receivables arising from contracts with customers, as specified in *AASB 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

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4.3. Property, plant and equipment by class

Reconciliation of movements in carrying amount of property, plant and equipment

| | Plant and equipment \$'000 | Fixtures and fittings \$'000 | Computer equipment \$'000 | Works of art \$'000 | Capital works in progress \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Carrying amount at the beginning of the period | 10 | 509 | 11 | 383 | 453 | 1 366 |
| Additions | - | 23 | - | - | 171 | 194 |
| Transfers from CWIP | - | 624 | - | - | (624) | - |
| Assets provided for nil consideration* | - | (624) | - | - | - | (624) |
| Depreciation | (5) | (6) | (7) | - | - | (18) |
| Carrying amount at the end of the period | 5 | 526 | 4 | 383 | - | 918 |
| Gross carrying amount | | | | | | |
| Gross carrying amount | 34 | 546 | 28 | 383 | - | 991 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (29) | (20) | (24) | - | - | (73) |
| Carrying amount at the end of the period | 5 | 526 | 4 | 383 | - | 918 |

* Legislative Council donated completed building works (amenities and canopy) to Parliament House to the Joint Parliamentary Service. Also refer to note 2.3.

Initial recognition

Non-current tangible assets are initially recorded at cost or at the value of any liabilities assumed, plus any incidental cost involved with the acquisition. Where assets are acquired at no value, or minimal value, they are recorded at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position.

Property, plant and equipment with a value equal to or in excess of \$5 000 is capitalised, otherwise it is expensed.

Property, plant and equipment is subsequently measured at fair value, except capital works in progress which are recorded at cost.

Useful Life

With the exception of land, works of art, antiques and capital work in progress all property, plant and equipment are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of their service potential. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis. Property, plant and equipment depreciation is calculated over the estimated useful life as follows:

| Class of asset | Useful life (years) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Plant and equipment | 5 – 30 years |
| Fixtures and fittings (non-antique) | 5 – 10 years |
| Computer equipment | 3 – 10 years |

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Works of art and antiques (fixtures and fittings) controlled by the Legislative Council are anticipated to have very long and indeterminate useful lives. Their service potential has not, in any material sense, been consumed during the reporting period. Consequently, no amount for depreciation has been recognised during the reporting period for these classes of assets.

Review of accounting estimates

Assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are regularly reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate. Changes in the expected life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for prospectively by changing the time period or method, as appropriate.

Impairment

Property, plant and equipment have not been assessed for impairment as they are non-cash generating assets, that are specialised in nature and held for continual use of their service capacity and are subject to regular revaluation.

Revaluation

Revaluation is undertaken on a regular cycle and an independent valuation occurs at least every six years. However, if at any time management considers that the carrying amount of an asset materially differs from its fair value, then the asset will be revalued regardless of when the last valuation took place. The revaluation process is reviewed by the Chief Finance Officer.

Any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amounts of the assets and the net amounts are restated to the revalued amounts of the asset.

An independent valuation of the property, plant and equipment owned by the Legislative Council was conducted as at 30 June 2021 by Fred Taormina B.App.Sc.(Val.), A.A.P.I. (Associate member of the Australian Property Institute) Certified Practising Valuer on behalf of Valcorp Pty Ltd.

5. Liabilities

5.1. Payables

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Current | | |
| Creditors | 47 | 75 |
| Accrued expenses | 99 | 158 |
| Total payables | 146 | 233 |

Payables and accrued expenses are recognised for all amounts owing but unpaid. All payables are non-interest bearing. Contractual payables are normally settled within 30 days from the date the invoice is first received. Payables are measured at amortised cost and the carrying amount of payables represents fair value due to their short-term nature.

Statutory payables do not arise from contracts.

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5.2. Employee related liabilities

| | 2025 \$'000 | 2024 \$'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Current</u> | | |
| Annual leave | 151 | 172 |
| Long service leave | 13 | 70 |
| Skills and experience retention leave | 47 | 43 |
| Employment on-costs | 43 | 47 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | 30 | 1 |
| Total current employee related liabilities | 284 | 333 |
| <u>Non-current</u> | | |
| Annual leave | 263 | 222 |
| Employment on-costs | 236 | 202 |
| Long service leave | 1 080 | 967 |
| Total non-current employee related liabilities | 1 579 | 1 391 |
| Total employee related liabilities | 1 863 | 1 724 |

Employee related benefits accrue as a result of services provided up to the reporting date that remain unpaid. Apart from long service leave liability, employee related benefits liabilities are measured at nominal amounts.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. The expected timing and amount of long service leave payments are determined through whole-of-government actuarial calculations, which are based on actuarial assumptions on expected future salary and wage levels, experience of employee departures and periods of services. These assumptions are based on employee data over SA Government entities across government. The long-term salary inflation rate remained at 3.5%. The discount rate is reflective of the yield on long-term Commonwealth Government bonds. The yield on long-term Commonwealth Government bonds remained at 4.25%. The current portion of long services leave is estimated based on historical experience.

Employment on-costs

Employment on-costs include payroll tax, fringe benefits tax, ReturnToWorkSA levies and superannuation contributions. They are settled when the respective employee benefits that they relate to are discharged. These on-costs primarily relate to the balance of leave owing to employees. The estimated proportion of long service leave estimated to be taken as leave, rather than paid on termination, affects whether certain on-costs are recognised as a consequence of long service leave liabilities.

The Legislative Council contributes to several State Government and externally managed superannuation schemes. These contributions are treated as an expense when they occur. There is no liability for payments to beneficiaries as they have been assumed by the respective superannuation schemes. The only liability outstanding at reporting date relates to any contributions due but not yet paid to the respective superannuation schemes.

As a result of an actuarial assessment performed by Department of Treasury and Finance, the proportion of long service leave taken as leave remained at 44%. The average factor for the calculation of employer superannuation cost on-costs has changed from the 2024 rate (11.5%) to 12%. These rates are used in the employment on-cost calculation. The net financial effect of these changes in the current financial year is immaterial.

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5.3. Provisions

All provisions relate to workers compensation.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| <i>Provision movement</i> | | |
| Carrying amount at the beginning of the period | 57 | 15 |
| Additional provisions recognised | - | 42 |
| Reduction in provisions recognised | (10) | - |
| Carrying amount at the end of the period | <u>47</u> | <u>57</u> |

A provision has been reported to reflect unsettled workers compensation claims. The workers compensation provision is based on an actuarial assessment of the outstanding liability as at 30 June 2025 provided by a consulting actuary engaged through the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. The provision is for the estimated cost of ongoing payments to staff as required under current legislation.

The Legislative Council is responsible for the payment of workers compensation claims.

6. Outlook

6.1. Unrecognised commitments

Commitments arising from contractual sources are disclosed at their nominal value and inclusive of non-recoverable GST.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Commitments in relation to arrangements contracted at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows: | | |
| Not later than one year | 152 | 81 |
| Later than one year but not longer than five years | 168 | 119 |
| Total expenditure commitments | <u>320</u> | <u>200</u> |

The Legislative Council's contractual commitment is largely for office accommodation, through MoAAs with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. Rent is payable in arrears.

6.2. Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value.

The current Enterprise Agreement has a preserved date of 1 April 2024 for the effective date of any subsequent agreement to apply. The Enterprise Agreement negotiations commenced prior to 30 June. As at the time of finalising these statements, the Enterprise Agreement is contingent on approval of the *Staff Employed under the Parliament (Joint Services) Act 1985 Enterprise Agreement* by the South Australian Employment Tribunal. Any salary increases will be back dated for the first full pay period after 8 April 2024.

The Legislative Council is not aware of any contingent assets or other liabilities.

6.3. Events after reporting period

There are no known events after balance date that affect these financial statements.