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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3336–20 about electorate offices and electorate office staff, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2020.

In accordance with the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988* and Westminster parliamentary tradition, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is responsible for the Parliament's policies and administration, the enforcement of all Standing Orders to ensure orderly conduct in the Chamber, and the control of accommodation and services in the parliamentary precinct and those provided elsewhere to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Accommodation and services provided elsewhere to members is defined by section 59D(b) of the *Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013* and includes electorate offices and staffing support.

As such, any matters the petitioners have raised about electorate offices and electorate office staff are matters for the Speaker, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, to consider. Therefore, I ask that you bring this petition to the attention of the Speaker.

I hope this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
ACTING PREMIER