
Message from the President

15 August 2006

Delegates to the 2005 Conference in Sydney will recall the initiative to instigate a research program on behalf of ASPG and that we would also support research being conducted by Ken Coghill at Monash University. This work has proceeded and resulted in two papers being presented to the Seventh Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians, Wroxton College, Oxfordshire in July 2006 on the subject of Professional development programmes for MPs, and the release of a Discussion Paper entitled "Why Accountability Must be Renewed" which has received good media coverage and interest.

The paper has been written by a group of ten academics and former members of parliament and is seen very much as the start point for a broad ranging debate on this most important issue.

I am forwarding your Chapter a copy of the Paper and would appreciate your Chapter meeting to consider it with a view to providing comment,

I believe ASPG can play a significant role in this way. Needless to say the success of the paper to date has raised ASPG's profile considerably.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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