



Session 3 — Opposition-Led Committees

Session Aims:

This session aims to allow delegates to develop ideas on how to maximise the effectiveness of opposition-led committees.

Context:

Some jurisdictions have long experience with opposition-led committees, for others it's a new experience.

Following a presentation by Professor Clem Macintyre, a panel comprised of members from Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory will share their ideas and experiences.

A lively discussion exploring the pitfalls as well as the benefits of opposition-led committees is envisaged.

Questions/issues for consideration:

- What are the implications for orderly operation of committees?
- Do opposition-led committees have enhanced independence?
- Is the impact of committee reports blunted by minority reports?
- Do opposition-led committees face specific procedural challenges?
- Does the absence of a government Chair impact on the effectiveness of the committee?