**Overview**

* Began c1987 with Bicentennial secondment from NSW Department of Education
* **STAFF**: 3 full-time
  + Manager (Jeannie)
  + Education Officer seconded from NSW DEC (currently shared by Daniela and Rita)
  + Administrative Assistant (Kathy)
* **BUDGET**: $270,000
* **ORGANISATIONAL POSITION**: Since 2008, part of Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS).

**Role**

* support active and informed citizenship
* support Members' education needs (e.g. invite Members to participate programs, address Members invited school students/guests, provide resources for school visits and notes for class presentations)
* provide educational activities, support and resources for schools, educational institutions
* extend community understanding of Parliament’s role and operation
* offer professional development and seminar programs for educators and the community.

**Overview of Programs**

* Student programs (school and tertiary)
* Community Programs – linking in with state wide events e.g. History week, Australia Day, International Women's Day, NAIDOC week
* Resources, Publications, Information – move towards more online material
* Exhibitions …

**School Programs and Tours**

* Assist Parliamentary tours program (364 tours – 14, 616 school students)
* Other Programs (35 events – 5039 students and general public)
* School Leadership Program (10 + 110 members)
* Young Women’s Leadership program (3)
* Regional Youth Parliament, Solomon Islands
* Schools Constitutional Convention (November and June) - 220 students
* ESL workshops 3
* Tours for tertiary groups
* Joint teacher preview with Macquarie Bank

**Programs supported and facilitated by Education**

* YMCA Youth Parliament and Junior Parliaments in 2013 (Yrs 7 & 8)
* Indigenous Students Debate, secondary and primary
* Climate Change Forum
* Global Dignity Day (148 students and 25 teachers)
* University Internship programs (20 per year)

**Community Engagement events and talks**

* Electorate Office Staff Inductions
* Law week (assisted Law Society with Year 7 and Year 6 program)
* *A Little Night Sitting x 3 (100)*
* *Australia Day 2,300 visitors*
* *Family Fun Day 1,100 visitors*
* *Twenty Five* exhibition launched January 17, featuring the Parliament's own collection of artefacts, archives and artworks, viewed by approximately 10,00 over 3 months

**Plans for the next year …**

* Continue to refresh and update programs, respond to students' interests eg Head of State debate for NSW Constitutional Convention
* Develop Secondary program with LA and LC attendants, including role play with amendment e.g. Increase age of drinking to 21 years!
* Ongoing Challenge … How to engage the youth audience 18-30 years!
* Regional Youth Parliament across all Australian states and territories twinned with a Pacific parliament
* Video Conferencing for regional schools – roll out in 2014
* Launch Facebook Page 4 February, 2014
* Continue to build relations with cultural institutions