

An Evolving Assembly

In the autumn of 2007 a comprehensive review of the Assembly Secretariat was undertaken which examined the organisations structure and processes and provided the Assembly Commission with a framework from which the Secretariat could make a fresh start. The Assembly Commission accepted the review report in full and set in place the mechanisms to take forward its implementation.



The Speaker and Commission Members receive the Review Report from Chair George Reid and Director John Hunter at Stormont on 2 November 2007.

The review included 47 key recommendations within key business areas and unveiled a dynamic approach to corporate and business planning. A new Clerk / Director General to the Assembly and five directors were recruited as part of this exercise.

Also arising from the review, were proposals for organisational restructure which resulted in the formation of four main directorates, those of:

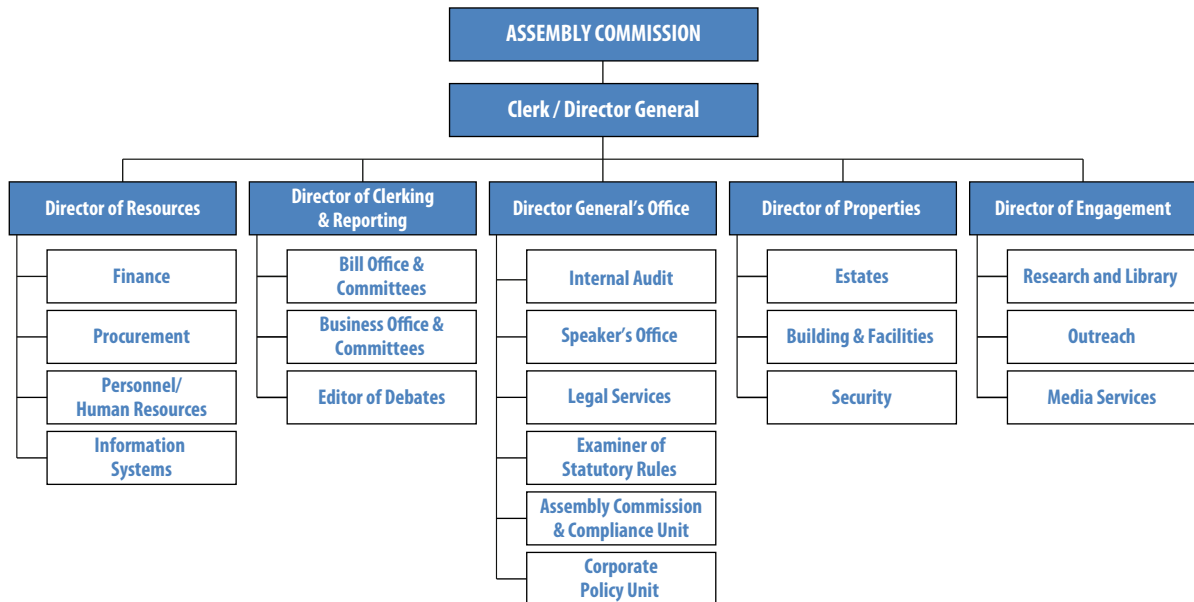
- The Clerking and Reporting Directorate which is responsible for covering business areas including Clerking Assistant and Official Report;

"We were impressed by the strength of commitment and dedication to the Assembly shown by staff."

"Our over-riding purpose is to strengthen democracy in partnership with all the people of Northern Ireland"

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- The Resources Directorate which is responsible for covering business areas including Finance, Personnel and IT;
- The Properties Directorate which is responsible for covering business areas including Accommodation, Facilities Management and Security; and
- The Engagement Directorate which is responsible for covering business areas including the Information Office, Outreach and Research and Library.



The Assembly Commission has also agreed the establishment of an independent parliamentary service by 2010 and work is progressing to develop bespoke staff and operational systems for the Secretariat.