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TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

4 December 2011	Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Act 2011 (PBO Act) receives Royal Assent
December 2011	Presiding Officers seek advice from Remuneration Tribunal on remuneration of Parliamentary Budget Officer
23 January 2012	President of the Remuneration Tribunal advises Presiding Officers of proposed remuneration for Parliamentary Budget Officer
early February 2012	Process commences to second **Executive Officer**, if recommendation supported*
mid February 2012	**PBO Act to obtain Proclamation**
mid February 2012	Budget appropriation for PBO available to be drawn on following Proclamation
late February 2012	Remuneration of Officer set after further consultations with Parliamentary Service Commissioner and Remuneration Tribunal
late February 2012	Process commences to appoint an **Acting** Parliamentary Budget Officer if desired* ; POs to notify JCPAA of approach
late February 2012	Process commences to appoint **permanent** Parliamentary Budget Officer
early March 2012	Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer appointed, if desired*
late April 2012	Recommendation made by the Parliamentary Service Commissioner for appointment of Parliamentary Budget Officer
Early May 2012	POs advise JCPAA of proposed appointment of Parliamentary Budget Officer
mid May 2012	JCPAA advises POs of approval of Parliamentary Budget Officer
late May-early June 2012	Parliamentary Budget Officer commences duties
June 2012	Recruitment of staff for PBO commences
August 2012	PBO fully established and operational

*Our recommendation is for the immediate secondment of an Executive Officer to undertake administrative functions for the establishment of the office while a recruitment proccess for a permanent Parliamentary Budget Officer is underway. The appointment of an Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer is also provided for by the Act, though it is not apparent that this would be the most advantageous path.