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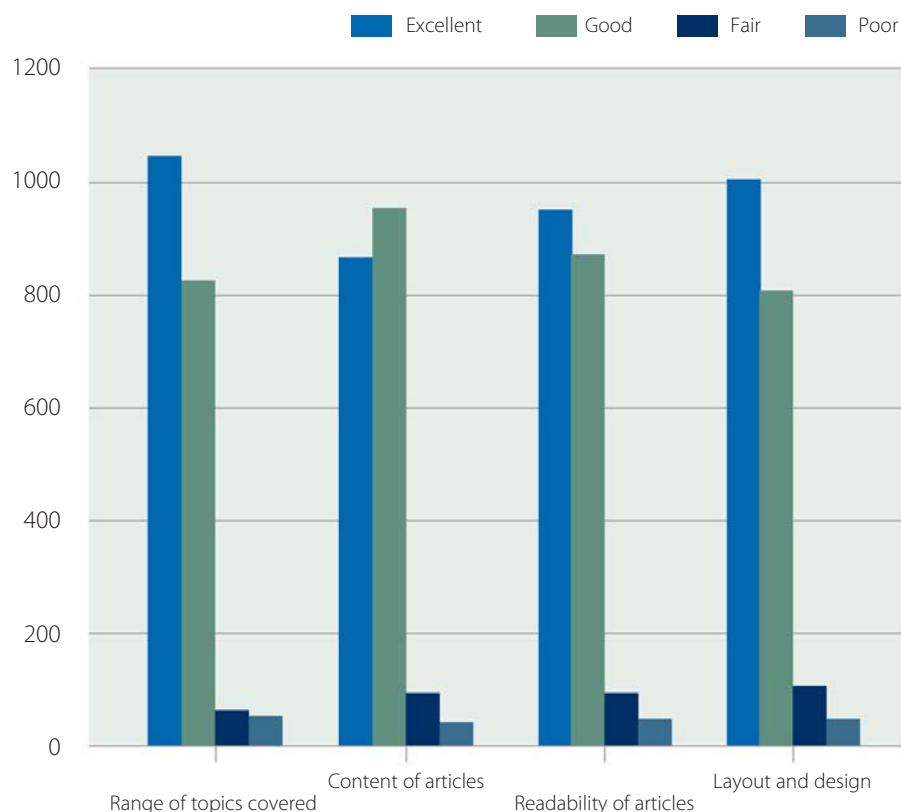
In the last issue of *About the House* (Issue 40) we asked you to fill out a survey to tell us what you think about the magazine. We received more than 2,000 surveys and the results are outlined in the graph below.

On the question of whether you prefer to read *About the House* in printed copy or online,

an overwhelming majority of respondents (88 per cent) said they preferred to read the printed copy.

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HOW DO YOU RATE THE MAGAZINE?



PACIFIC PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP SKILLS

The Australian parliament in conjunction with the United Nations Development Programme, and with funding from AusAID, has launched a three year parliamentary strengthening program for the Pacific island parliaments of Kiribati, Tonga and Tuvalu. The Pacific Parliamentary Partnerships program, which is also being supported by the ACT Legislative Assembly and the South Australian and Victorian parliaments, will help develop parliamentary skills among parliamentarians and

parliamentary staff of the three Pacific parliaments.

An induction program for newly elected Tongan parliamentarians and a study visit to Australia by the Tongan Speaker and Deputy Speaker helped launch the partnerships program. Tongan Speaker Lord Lasike said the induction program had been well received by the new parliamentarians, who not only learned in detail about the processes of parliament but also about parliamentary engagement with the community.