

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**1st SESSION, 54th PARLIAMENT**  
**COMMITTEES**

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## **GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES**

*Resolution passed 10 May 2007, last amended on 17 June 2009, Legislative Council Minutes No. 106, item 4*

That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

### **Appointment**

1. Five General Purpose Standing Committees, reflecting Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, be appointed as follows:

(a) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premier  
Arts  
Treasury  
The Legislature  
Regulatory Reform  
Infrastructure  
Finance  
Ports & Waterways  
Roads

(b) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Health  
Central Coast  
Ageing  
Disability Services  
Aboriginal Affairs  
Education and Training  
Women  
Community Services

(c) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Police  
Rural Affairs  
Lands  
Local Government  
Mental Health  
Attorney General  
Industrial Relations  
Corrective Services  
Public Sector Reform  
Special Minister of States  
Gaming and Racing  
Sport and Recreation  
Juvenile Justice  
Volunteering  
Youth  
Veterans' Affairs

(d) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Transport  
Illawarra  
Planning  
Redfern Waterloo  
Fair Trading  
Citizenship  
Emergency Services  
Small Business  
Science & Medical Research  
Tourism  
Hunter  
Health (Cancer)

(e) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Energy  
Mineral Resources  
Primary Industries  
State Development  
Climate Change and the Environment  
Commerce  
Water  
Regional Development  
Housing  
Western Sydney.

**Initiation of inquiries**

2. (1) The committees may inquire into and report on:
  - (a) any matters referred to them by the House,
  - (b) the expenditure, performance or effectiveness of any department of government, statutory body or corporation, and
  - (c) any matter in any annual report of a department of government, statutory body or corporation.
- (2) A meeting of a committee to consider a self-reference under this paragraph may be convened at the request of any three members of the committee in writing to the Clerk of a committee.
- (3) The Clerk of a committee must convene a meeting of the committee within seven days of the receipt of the request providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice of that meeting.
- (4) The majority of the members of the committee will then be required to endorse the self reference for it to proceed.
- (5) The terms of the self-reference should be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

**Membership**

3. Each committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
  - (a) three Government members,
  - (b) two Opposition members, and
  - (c) two Cross Bench members.

**Substitute members**

4. (1) Government, Opposition or Cross Bench members may be appointed to a committee as substitutes for a member of the committee for any matter before the committee, by notice in writing to the Chair of a committee.
- (2) Nominations for substitute Government or Opposition members may be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whips or Deputy Whips, as applicable.
- (3) Nominations for substitute Cross Bench members may be made by another Cross Bench member.

**Participating members**

5. Unless the committee decides otherwise, a member of the House who is not a member of the relevant committee may take part in a private meeting of the committee but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division.