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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2017 – 2018 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.

2. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Thursday 31 August 2017

PC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm
PC 3	Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 4	Police, Emergency Services	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Friday 1 September 2017

PC 5	Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 6	Environment, Heritage, Local Government	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 5	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 6	Resources, Energy and Utilities, Arts	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Three: Monday 4 September 2017

PC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.15 pm
PC 1	Innovation and Better Regulation	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm
PC 3	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Tuesday 5 September 2017

PC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 4	Corrections, Counter Terrorism, Veterans Affairs	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 2	Mental Health, Women, Ageing	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
PC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Wednesday 6 September 2017

PC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 5	Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport	9.00 am – 11.00 am
PC 5	Lands and Forestry, Racing	11.15 am – 1.15 pm
PC 2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 5	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – .00 pm

Day Six: Thursday 7 September 2017

PC 1	Premier	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 2	Disability Services, Multiculturalism	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Seven: Friday 8 September 2017

PC 6	Planning, Housing, Special Minister of State	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 3 to 6 October 2017.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin not earlier than 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.
6. That the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
7. That ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 15 December 2017.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm, within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

These terms of reference were referred to the committee by the House: *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

Committee details

Committee members

The Hon Lou Amato MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Mr Justin Field MLC	The Greens	
The Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party	
Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party
Ms Dawn Walker MLC	The Greens
Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018. This annual inquiry into the Budget Estimates ensures parliamentary oversight of the Budget, and provides an important mechanism for the accountability of the executive government to the Legislative Council.

The inquiry consisted of four hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
- Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business
- Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
- Education.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the Ministers and their officers who assisted the committee during this important inquiry. I am grateful to my fellow committee members and the secretariat staff for their contributions to the inquiry process.



The Hon Lou Amato MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2017-2018 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 21 June 2017, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2017-2018 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report’.¹ The resolution (hereafter referred to as the Budget Estimates resolution) requires each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 15 December 2017.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings be held from 31 August to 8 September 2017 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 3-6 October 2017.³

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Thursday 31 August 2017 – Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
 - Thursday 31 August 2017 – Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business
 - Monday 4 September 2017 – Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
 - Tuesday 5 September 2017 – Education.

Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.4 Transcripts of the hearings, questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and answers to these questions are available on the Budget Estimates web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates.

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

This chapter provides a brief summary by portfolio of the key issues raised during the hearings.

Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, and Aboriginal Affairs was held on Thursday 31 August 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Regulation and monitoring of family day care services
- The practice of 'child swapping'
- National Partnership Agreement regarding preschool education
- Child to educator ratios in family day care services
- Pay rates for early childhood educators
- Indigenous deaths in institutions, including in custody
- Date of Australia Day celebrations
- Solutions brokerage
- Stolen Generations Healing Fund
- Aboriginal land claims.

Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, and Small Business was held on Thursday 31 August 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- TAFE enrolment numbers
- Assistance for small business
- Unemployment issues in regional New South Wales
- \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund
- Completion rates for apprenticeships and traineeships
- Repositioning vocational education through the school system.

Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills was held on Monday 4 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- One TAFE NSW initiative and abolition of autonomous TAFE institutes
- TAFE NSW enrolments
- Roll-out of TAFE NSW Connected Learning Centres
- Newcastle Supercars Race
- Hosting of cruise ships in Sydney Harbour
- Tourism opportunities in New South Wales.

Education

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Tuesday 5 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the portfolio:

- NAPLAN link to awarding of Higher School Certificate
- Education land and asset sales and acquisitions
- Home schooling
- Preschool participation rates
- Anti-bullying program
- English as an additional language or dialect teaching support resources.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs – Thursday 31 August 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Ms Georgina Harrison	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Education

Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business – Thursday 31 August 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon John Barilaro MP	Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Ms Zoe de Saram PSM	Deputy Secretary, Skills and Economic Development, Department of Industry
Mr Blair Comley PSM	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Gary Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM	Small Business Commissioner, Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner

Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills – Monday 4 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Adam Marshall MP	Minister for Tourism and Major Events and Assistant Minister for Skills
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Ms Zoe de Saram PSM	Deputy Secretary, Skills and Economic Development, Department of Industry
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Mr Jon Black	Managing Director, TAFE NSW

Education – Tuesday 5 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Rob Stokes MP	Minister for Education
Mr Mark Scott AO	Secretary, Department of Education
Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
Mr Peter Riordan PSM	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Ms Janet Davy	Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Evaluation, Department of Education
Mr Murat Dizdar	Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
Mr David de Carvalho	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
Mr David Murphy	Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 51

Wednesday 9 August 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 2.16 pm

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field

Mr Graham

Mr Martin

Mr Secord

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 27 July 2017 – Email from Ms Alex Tooth, Office of the Deputy Premier, Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 27 July 2017 – Email from Mr Nick Chapman, Office of the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 28 July 2017 – Email from Mr Daniel Hill, Office of the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 28 July 2017 – Email from Ms Nadine Emmerton, Office of the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates.

Sent:

- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant - Committees to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, inviting the Deputy Premier to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant - Committees to the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant - Committees to the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant - Committees to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted that the Budget Estimates timetable for 2017-2018 was agreed to by the House, with the following Portfolio Committee No. 3 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Thursday 31 August	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education (Mitchell)	Macquarie
	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business (Barilaro)	Macquarie
Monday 4 September	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills (Marshall)	Macquarie
Tuesday 5 September	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Education (Stokes)	Macquarie

3.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That with government members not asking questions:

- The portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education be examined from 1.45 – 3.05 pm
- The portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business be examined from 4.00 – 5.20 pm
- The portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills be examined from 4.00 – 5.20 pm
- The portfolio of Education be examined from 2.00 – 4.40 pm.

3.2 Sequence of questions

The committee noted that, under the resolution establishing the Portfolio Committees, the sequence of questions alternates between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

3.3 Procedure for examining more than one portfolio

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That the Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education portfolios be examined on Thursday 31 August 2017 in this order and timeframe:

- Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education: 1.45 – 2.25 pm
- Aboriginal Affairs: 2.25 – 3.05 pm.

The committee noted its intention to examine all other portfolios concurrently.

3.4 Additional witness requests

The committee noted each minister's list of proposed witnesses, as per the table below, and that members have until 3.00 pm Thursday 10 August 2017 to provide any additional witness requests.

Minister	Portfolio	Witness	Position and Department
Mitchell	Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education	Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
		Ms Georgina Harrison	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
		Mr Philip West	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education

	Aboriginal Affairs	Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Education
Barilaro	Skills	Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
	Regional NSW	Mr Blair Comley	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
		Mr Gary Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Regional NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Small Business	Ms Robyn Hobbs	Small Business Commissioner
Marshall	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills	Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
		Ms Zoe de Saram	Deputy Secretary, Skills and Economic Development, NSW Department of Industry
		Ms Sandra Chipchase	CEO, Destination NSW
		Mr Jon Black	Managing Director, TAFE NSW
Stokes	Education	Mr Mark Scott	Secretary, Department of Education
		Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
		Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
		Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
		Ms Janet Davy	Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Evaluation, Department of Education
		Murat Dizdar	Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
		Mr David de Carvalho	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
		Mr David Murphy	Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.20 pm, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 53

Thursday 31 August 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.35 pm

1. Members presentMr Amato, *Chair*Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field (until 2.25 pm)

Mrs Houssos (substituting for Mr Graham)

Mr Martin

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Ms Walker (substituting for Mr Field) (from 2.30 pm)

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That draft minutes no. 51 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 17 August 2017 – Email from Mr Nick Chapman, Office of the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, advising that Mr Philip West, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, will no longer be available to attend Budget Estimates.
- 31 August 2017 – Email from Ms Laura Clarke, Office of the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, advising that Ms Zoe de Saram, Deputy Secretary, Skills and Economic Development, Department of Industry, will attend Budget Estimates as an additional witness.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018**4.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Mitchell MLC was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Leslie Loble, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
- Ms Georgina Harrison, Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
- Mr Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Education.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.08 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

4.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.09 pm, until 3.45 pm, Thursday 31 August 2017, Macquarie Room (*Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business*).

Rhia Victorino

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 54

Thursday 31 August 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.45 pm

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Mr Field) (from 3.53 pm)

Mr Graham

Mr Martin

Revd Nile

Mr Veitch (participating)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Deputy Premier Barilaro MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Simon Smith, Secretary, Department of Industry
- Ms Zoe de Saram PSM, Deputy Secretary, Skills and Economic Development, Department of Industry
- Mr Blair Comley PSM, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Gary Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM, Small Business Commissioner, Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business open for examination.

The Deputy Premier and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Graham tendered the following document:

- TAFE NSW – Semester two 2017 campaign report Week 11 results 10-16 July 2017

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.20 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business hearing held on Thursday 31 August 2017:

- TAFE NSW – Semester two 2017 campaign report Week 11 results 10-16 July 2017, tendered by Mr Graham.

3. Further hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.25 pm until 3.45 pm, Monday 4 September 2017, Macquarie Room (*Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills*).

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 55

Monday 4 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.47 pm

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Graham

Mr Martin

Revd Nile (from 3.51 pm)

Ms Sharpe (substituting for Mr Secord)

Ms Walker (substituting for Mr Field) (from 3.53 pm)

Mr Field (participating) (from 4.46 pm)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Mr Simon Smith and Ms Zoe de Saram that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Marshall MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.22 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.23 pm, until 1.45 pm, Tuesday 5 September 2017, Macquarie Room (*Education*).

Stephen Frappell
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 56

Tuesday 5 September 2017
Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*
Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*
Mr Field
Mr Graham
Mr Martin
Revd Nile
Ms Voltz (substituting for Mr Secord)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Education

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Ms Georgina Harrisson and Ms Leslie Loble that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Stokes MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Mark Scott AO, Secretary, Department of Education
- Mr Peter Riordan PSM, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
- Ms Janet Davy, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Evaluation, Department of Education
- Mr Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
- Mr David de Carvalho, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
- Mr David Murphy, Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Education open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Education.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.40 pm, *sine die*.

John Young

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 58

Wednesday 11 October 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 10.45 am

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Martin

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That draft minutes nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 26 September 2017 – Letter from Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 26 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 28 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 29 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections.

Sent:

- 5 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Mr Nick Chapman Minister Mitchell's office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 5 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Alexandra Tooth, Minister Barilaro's office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 7 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Nadine Emmerton and Ms Georgie Humphries, Minister Marshall's office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 8 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Mr Daniel Hill, Minister Stokes' office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 13 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Georgie Humphries, Minister Marshall's office, clarifying a supplementary question.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

4.1 Supplementary hearings

Revd Nile moved: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
- Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business
- Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
- Education.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Amato, Mrs Maclaren-Jones, Mr Martin, Revd Nile.

Noes: Mr Secord.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.49 am, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge

Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes no. 59

Thursday 23 November 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 2.15 pm

1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field

Mr Graham

Mr Martin

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That draft minutes no. 58 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

3.1 Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Chair submitted his draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2017-2018* which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That:

The draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;

The transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;

Upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be published by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee;

The committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;

That the report be tabled on Wednesday 29 November 2017.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.17 pm, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge

Clerk to the Committee

