



BUDGET ESTIMATES 2021-2022

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2021-2022 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That, further to the resolution of the House of 11 November 2020 adopting the 2021 sitting calendar¹, the 2021-2022 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One:	Monday 16 August 2021
PC 5	Counter Terrorism and Corrections
PC 7	Planning and Public Spaces
Day Two:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
PC 2	Health and Medical Research
PC 1	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
Day Three:	Wednesday 18 August 2021
PC 3	Education and Early Childhood Learning
PC 4	Agriculture and Western New South Wales
PC 1	The Legislature
Day Four:	Thursday 19 August 2021
PC 7	Local Government
PC 2	Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women
Day Five:	Friday 20 August 2021
PC 1	Treasury
PC 6	Customer Service and Digital
Day Six:	Monday 23 August 2021
PC 7	Energy and Environment
PC 5	Attorney General and Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence
Day Seven:	Tuesday 24 August 2021
PC 1	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
PC 6	Regional Transport and Roads

¹ *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, pp 1547.

Day Eight: Wednesday 25 August 2021
PC 3 Skills and Tertiary Education
PC 5 Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

Day Nine: Thursday 26 August 2021
PC 6 Transport and Roads
PC 1 Premier

Day Ten: Friday 27 August 2021
PC 4 Water, Property and Housing
PC 5 Families, Communities and Disability Services

Day Eleven: Monday 30 August 2021
PC 6 Better Regulation and Innovation
PC 4 Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade

Day Twelve: Tuesday 31 August 2021
PC 5 Police and Emergency Services
PC 1 Finance and Small Business

3. That for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2021-2022:
 - (a) for each scheduled day of the initial and further rounds of hearings:
 - (i) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.45 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions,
 - (ii) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm,
 - (b) the committees must hear evidence in public,
 - (c) the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
 - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions,
 - (e) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following a hearing, and
 - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members.
4. That the committees present a final report to the House by 30 June 2022.