

**13 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON REMOTE, RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH**

Mr Ron Hoenig moved, Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders:

- (1) A select committee, to be known as the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health be appointed

Terms of Reference

- (2) The committee will inquire into and report on health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales, specifically:
  - (a) The implementation of the recommendations made by the Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 2 report Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales (the Portfolio Committee No.2 report);
  - (b) any matters relating to the report on progress and developments referred to in Recommendation 6 of the Portfolio Committee No. 2 report (Recommendation 6 report).
- (3) In undertaking (2), the committee can examine and report on the following matters relevant to the effective implementation of the recommendations of the Portfolio Committee No.2 report, or the Recommendation 6 report, relevant to the effective implementation of the recommendations including but not limited to:
  - (a) any matter referred to it by the House;
  - (b) any relevant legislation, policy, bill or subordinate legislation;
  - (c) any relevant financial matter;
  - (d) any relevant portfolio issue.
- (4) Legislative scrutiny - The committee, in undertaking (2), will have a legislative scrutiny function that shall include evaluating the policy impact and consequences for each portfolio of any bill relevant to implementation of the Portfolio Committee No.2 report or Recommendation 6 report introduced in Parliament, and any item of subordinate legislation.
- (5) Financial matters - The examination of financial matters by the committee in undertaking (2) includes the review of government financial management, as relevant to the implementation of the Portfolio Committee No. 2 Inquiry report and Recommendation 6 report, by considering the financial documents, expenditure, performance and effectiveness of any relevant government department, agency, statutory body or state-owned corporation.
- (6) Examination of annual and other reports – In undertaking (2), the committee may examine any matter in the annual report or other reports of any public body, including the adequacy and accuracy of all financial and operational information and any matter arising from the annual report or other report concerning the efficient and effective achievement of the agency's objectives.

Initiation of inquiries

- (7) The committee may be referred an inquiry by resolution of the House or in writing from a Minister.
- (8) Except in the case of bills, the committee also may initiate an inquiry on its own motion and report on any proposal, matter or thing relevant to its functions, including an annual report, other report or petition. The Committee can only consider a bill on referral from the House in accordance with standing order 323 (Legislation Committees).
- (9) The committee must take care not to duplicate an inquiry into any matters under examination by another portfolio or standing committee of the House, and any question arising in this connection may be referred to the House for determination.

Membership

- (10) The Committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
  - (a) four government members,

- (b) two opposition members; and
  - (c) one crossbench member.
- (11) Dr Joe McGirr shall be the Chair of the committee.
- (12) The Members shall be Dr Joe McGirr, Ms Janelle Saffin, Mr Clayton Barr, Ms Liza Butler, Mrs Tanya Thompson, Mrs Leslie Williams, and Mr Steve Whan.

#### Sub-committees

- (13) The Committee have the power to appoint sub-committees, consisting of 3 members, and to refer to a sub-committee any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to consider. In this regard, the sub-committee may be responsible for conducting hearings, briefings, visits of inspections and other activities but cannot make decisions concerning the conduct of an inquiry, such as the selection of witnesses, and the Committee's reports.
- (14) A sub-committee have at least one member supporting the Government and one member not supporting the Government, and a quorum for a sub-committee shall be at least two members, one of whom must be a government member and one of whom must be an opposition member.

#### Visits of inspection

- (15) The committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales, and other States and Territories of Australia and relevant international jurisdictions.

#### Other matters

- (16) The committee will have leave to sit during the sitting or any adjournment of the House.
- (17) That at any meeting of the committee three members shall constitute a quorum, one of whom must be a government member and one of whom must be an opposition member.
- (18) The committee will deliver a final report by no later than two years from its first meeting and may report to the House, at any stage, pending its final report.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.