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Clerk's foreword

The work of Committees continues to be essential to the Legislative Council's functions relating to reviewing legislation and providing an effective check and balance on the Executive Government.

In the period covered by this annual report there were a number of changes in the membership of the Legislative Council Committees that resulted from the appointment of new members to the Legislative Council.

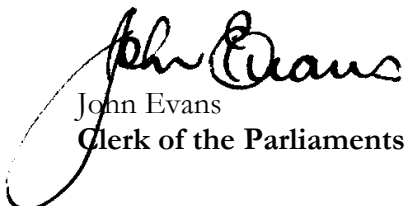
A number of public policy focussed inquiries were conducted that have covered a broad and occasionally high profile range of subject areas, including:

- Back-end home detention
- Issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo
- Juvenile offenders (Select Committee)
- Port infrastructure in New South Wales
- Public disturbances at Macquarie Fields.

Various oversight focused inquiries were also undertaken, including examinations of:

- 2005/2006 Budget Estimates
- Approval of the designer outlets centre – Liverpool
- Closure of Casino to Murwillumbah rail services
- Changes to the operation of Mona Vale Hospital
- Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre
- Management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture
- Personal injury compensation legislation.

The details of all committee activity and outcomes from the inquiries are provided in this volume of the Annual Report.



John Evans
Clerk of the Parliaments

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Statistical summary – Legislative Council Committees

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003 ¹	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	37	42	47	35	36	39
Reports tabled	25	20	27	33	20	21
Recommendations	208	228	202	454	202	155
Meetings	230	161	199	100	196	152
Public consultation						
Submissions received	1,195	2,042	1,281	409	1,169	3,005
Hearings	120	73	101	36	93	90
Location - Parliament House	108	70	94	36	78	85
- other metropolitan	1	1	2	-	5	-
- regional NSW	11	3	5	-	10	5
Total duration (hours)	398.5	325	373.5	155.25	331	368
Witnesses	774	492	643	200	794	631
Participants in other forms of consultations						
Seminars	-	-	-	30	-	-
Briefings	133	72	47	79	14	67
Community consultations	251	274	-	81	-	43
Site visits	202	263	111	15	122	117
Public forums	28	-	51	-	70	124
Total participants	3,165	3,117	2,529	813	2,169	3,987

¹ Committees in 2002-2003 ceased operation when the House rose in December 2002 for the March 2003 NSW State Election. Figures reproduced therefore represent six months activity.

Figure 1.1 Meetings and hearings – all Legislative Council committees 1999-2000 to 2004-2005

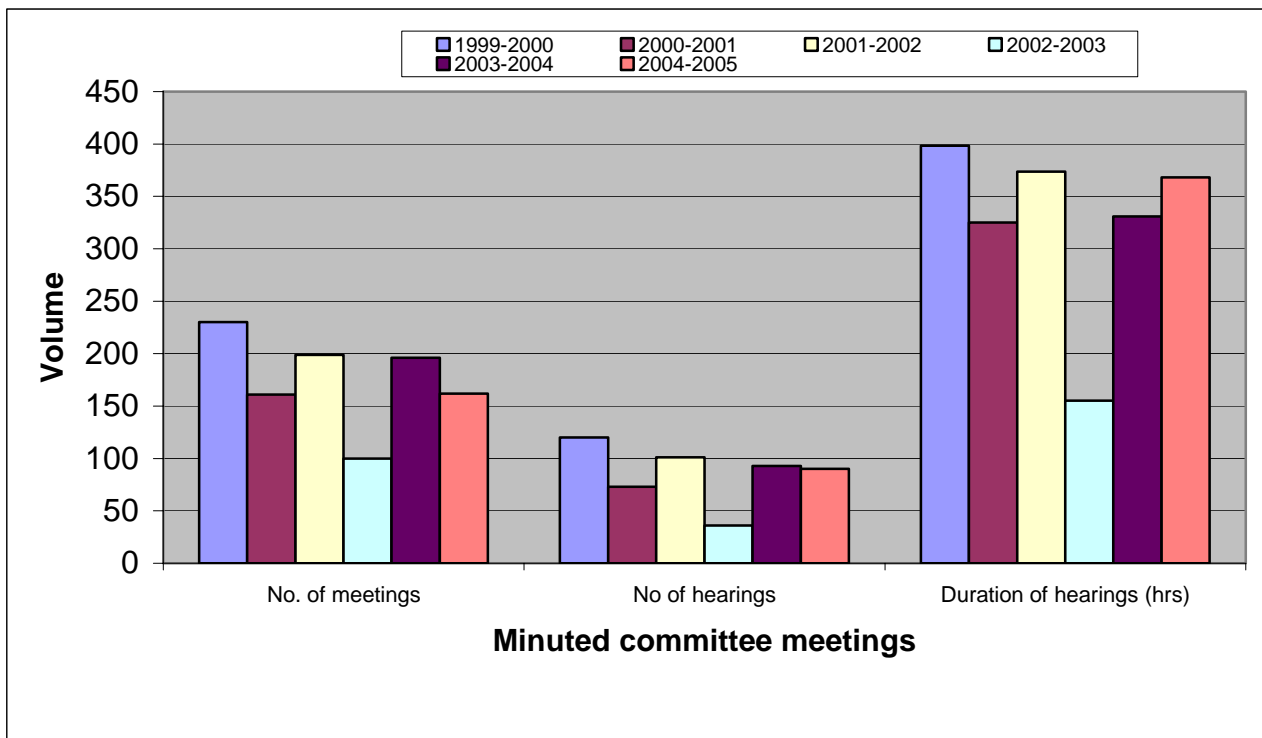


Figure 1.2 Public consultation – all Legislative Council committees 1999-2000 to 2004-2005

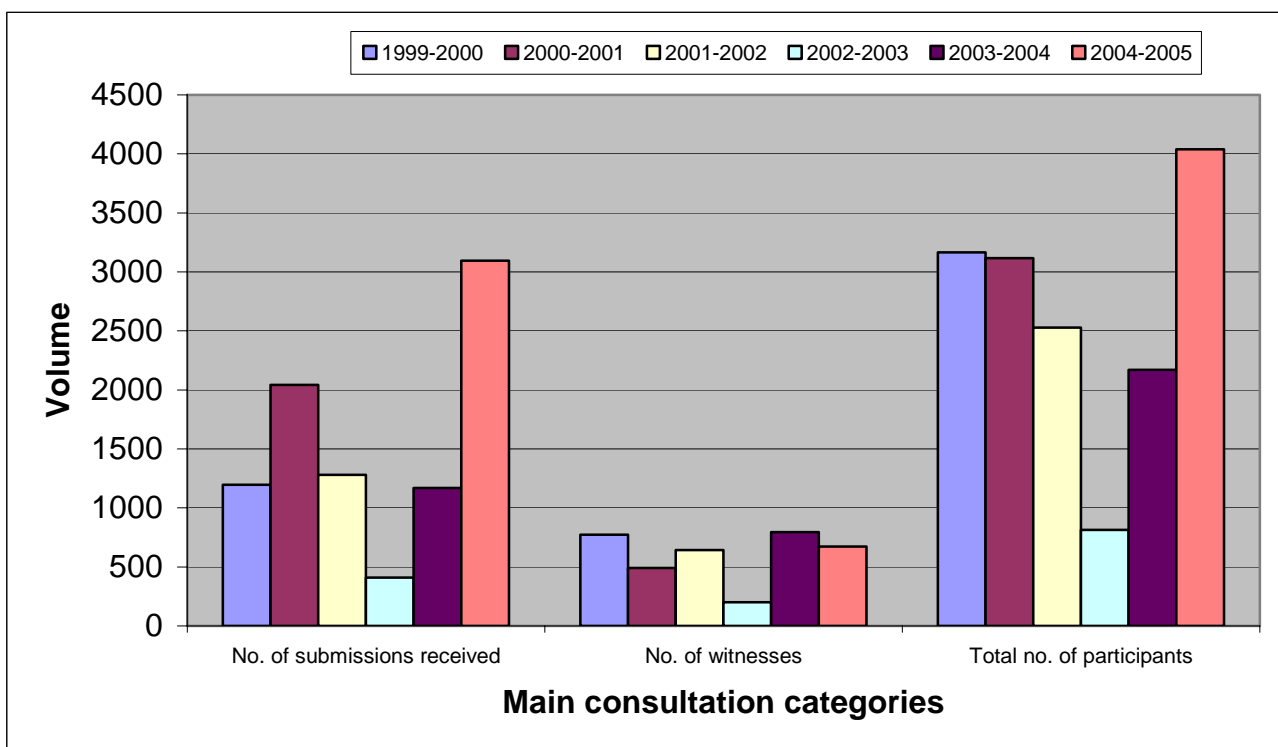
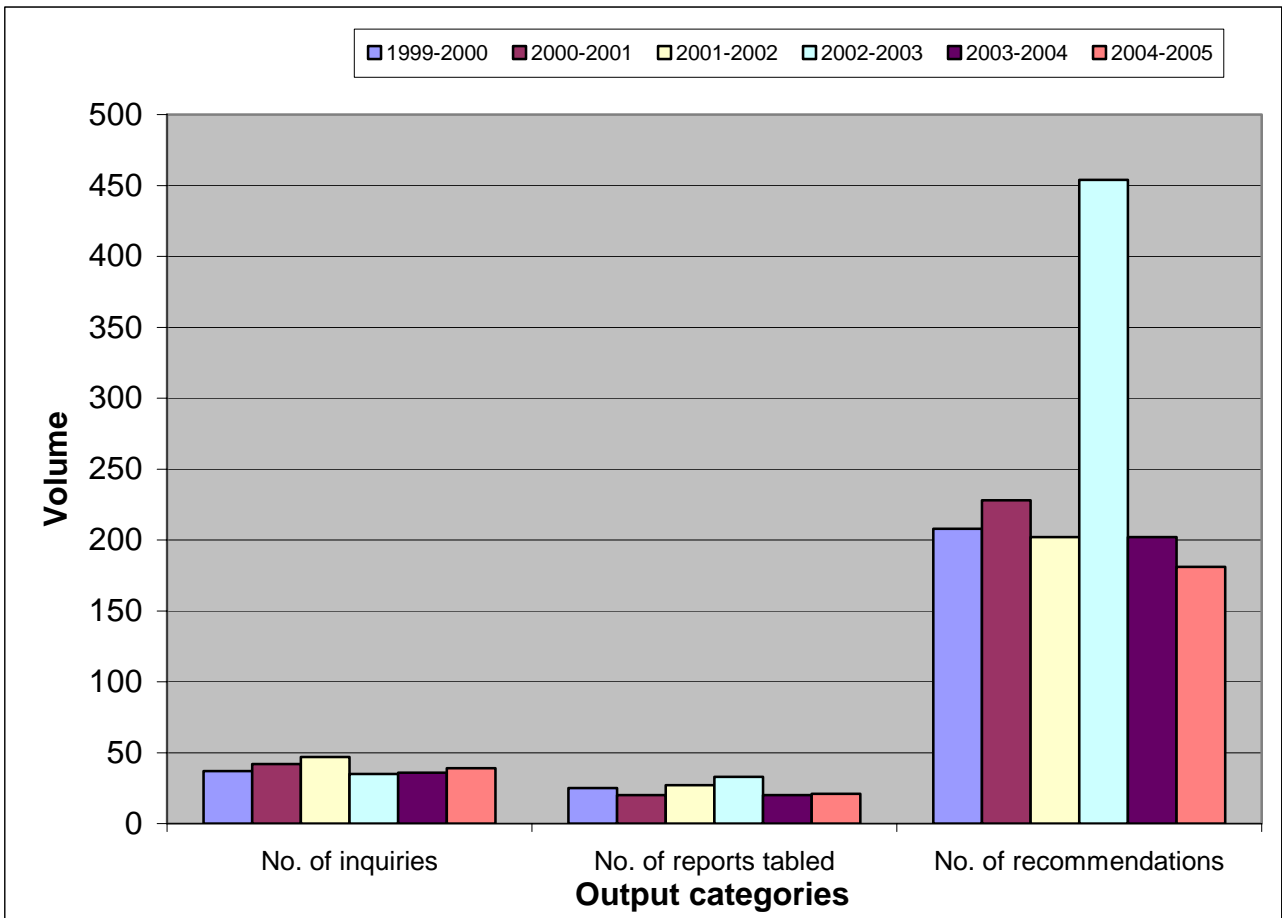


Figure 1.3 Output – all Legislative Council committees 1999-2000 to 2004-2005

Chapter 1 Procedure Committee

Procedure Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann MLC Australian Labor Party
(Chairperson) *President*

The Hon John Della Bosca MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Michael Egan MLC Australian Labor Party²

The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Duncan Gay MLC The Nationals

The Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Tony Kelly MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Ian MacDonald MLC Australian Labor Party

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party³

Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC Christian Democratic Party⁴

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC Australian Labor Party⁵

The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC Unity Party

- 1.1** The Procedure Committee was appointed on 1 June 2004 to replace the former Standing Orders Committee. Under new Standing Order 205, the Procedure Committee may:
- consider on its own initiative any amendments to the standing orders
 - propose to the House changes in practice and procedures of the House, and
 - consider any matter relating to the procedures referred to it by the House or the President.
- 1.2** The Committee's activity in 2003-2004 resulted in successful adoption of new standing orders and rules. Consequently the Committee was not required to meet during 2004-2005 and no other matters were referred to it by the House during this period.

² Resigned 4 May 2005, Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of Proceedings, No 10*, 53rd Parliament, Item 3.

³ Member from 14 September 2004, Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of Proceedings, No 68*, 53rd Parliament, Item 16.

⁴ Resigned from 14 September 2004, Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of Proceedings, No 68*, 53rd Parliament, Item 16.

⁵ Member from 4 May 2005, Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of Proceedings, No 10*, 53rd Parliament, Item 3.

Chapter 2 Privileges Committee

How to contact the Committee

Members of the Privileges Committee can be contacted through the Committee Secretariat. Written correspondence and enquiries should be directed to:

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Privileges Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party⁶

Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC Christian Democratic Party⁷

⁶ From 14 September 2004 to 23 June 2005.

⁷ Resigned 14 September 2004, reappointed 23 June 2005.

- 2.1** The Privileges Committee was first established in 1988. Between 1995 and 2003 the Committee was known as the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics. The Committee performs a specialised role and has the following functions: to consider matters relating to parliamentary privilege referred to it by the House or the President; to consider citizens' rights of reply to statements made about them in the House; and to undertake functions relating to members ethical standards under Part 7A of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*. The Deputy Clerk is the Clerk to the Committee.
- 2.2** During the year the Committee tabled one report which concerned a citizen's right of reply.

Current references

- 2.3**
1. Citizen's Right of Reply (Standing Orders 202 and 203).
 2. Protocols for the execution of search warrants on members' offices (Resolution of the House, 6 April 2005).
 3. Reconsideration of the recommendations of the Committee in relation to section 13B of the *Constitution Act 1902* (Resolution of the House, 22 June 2005).
 4. Functions in connection with members' code of conduct and ethical standards (section 72C of the *ICAC Act 1988*).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	5	4
Reports tabled	5	1
Recommendations/resolutions	9	1
Meetings	12	7
Public consultation		
Submissions received	5	N/A
Hearings	1	N/A
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1	N/A
Total duration of hearings	5 hrs 38 min	N/A
Witnesses	5	N/A
Total participants	5	N/A

Members' attendance record

	2004-2005
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	7/7
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	7/7
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	6/7
The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC	7/7
The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC	6/7
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	6/7
Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC	2/3
Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC	1/4

2004-2005 Inquiries**Inquiry into the citizen's right of reply – Legislative Council Standing Orders***Terms of reference***2.4 SO 202. Person referred to**

- (1) Any person who has been referred to in the House by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified, may make a submission in writing to the President, on any one or more of the following grounds, claiming:
 - (a) that they have been adversely affected:
 - (i) in reputation,
 - (ii) in respect of dealings or associations with others,
 - (b) that they have been injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or
 - (c) that their privacy has been unreasonably invaded, and requesting that they should be able to include an appropriate response in the parliamentary record.
- (2) Where a person makes a submission to the President, the President must, as soon as practicable, consider the submission and decide whether:
 - (a) to refer the submission to the Privileges Committee for inquiry and report, or
 - (b) it is inappropriate to be considered by the committee on the grounds that the subject matter of the submission is trivial, frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character.
- (3) The President must inform the person in writing of the decision.

SO 203. Reference to a committee

- (1) Where a submission is referred to the Privileges Committee, the committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it if, in the opinion of the committee, the subject matter of the submission is not sufficiently serious or is

- frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character. The committee must report its decision to the House.
- (2) Where the committee decides to consider a submission, the committee may confer with, but not take evidence from any person, including:
 - (a) the person who made the submission, and
 - (b) any member who referred to the person in the House.
 - (3) In considering any submission, the committee:
 - (a) must meet in private,
 - (b) must not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the House or in the submission,
 - (c) must not make public:
 - (i) any minutes of proceedings,
 - (ii) any evidence, or
 - (iii) any submissions, either in whole or in part, except in its report to the House.
 - (4) In reporting to the House on a submission, the committee may recommend:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the committee in relation to the submission, or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in a form of words agreed to by the person and the committee and specified in the report of the committee, be published in the Minutes of the Proceedings or incorporated in Hansard, and must not make any other recommendation.
 - (5) Any response by a person who made a submission and which is included in a report to the House:
 - (a) must be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue,
 - (b) must not contain anything offensive in character,
 - (c) must not contain any matter where publication would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph 1, or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (6) In this order, person includes an unincorporated association, a corporation and a body corporate.
 - (7) A notice of motion to adopt a report from the Privileges Committee on a citizen's right of reply:
 - (a) is to be placed on the Notice Paper as business of the House for six sitting days following the giving of the notice of motion,
 - (b) if not dealt with within the six sitting days, the motion will be placed on the Notice Paper as general business.

2.5	Referred by	Legislative Council Standing Rules and Orders, adopted by the House on 5 May 2004.
2.6	Status of inquiry	Procedure activated as required from time to time.
2.7	Report tabled	Report on person referred to in the Legislative Council (Ms S Scheff), tabled 6 April 2005.

Protocols for the execution of search warrants on members' offices*Terms of reference*

- 2.8 That the Privileges Committee inquire into and report on appropriate protocols to be adopted for the execution of search warrants on members' offices by law enforcement agencies and investigative bodies, and in particular the procedures to be followed:
- (a) in obtaining a search warrant,
 - (b) prior to executing a search warrant,
 - (c) in executing a search warrant,
 - (d) if privilege or immunity is claimed, and
 - (e) for the resolution of disputed claims of privilege.
- 2.9 **Referred by** Legislative Council (moved by The Hon Peter Primrose MLC), 6 April 2005.
- 2.10 **Status of inquiry** Commenced.

Reconsideration of the recommendations of the Committee in relation to section 13B of the *Constitution Act 1902**Terms of reference*

- 2.11 That this House...notes Report 15 of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics entitled "Report on sections 13 and 13B of the *Constitution Act 1902*" dated March 2002, and requests the Committee to reconsider its recommendation in relation to section 13B of the *Constitution Act 1902*.
- 2.12 **Referred by** Legislative Council (part of a resolution agreed to in response to a message from the Legislative Assembly) 22 June 2005.
- 2.13 **Status of inquiry** Commenced.

Review of members' code of conduct*Terms of reference*

- 2.14 The designated committee is to review a code of conduct adopted by the Legislative Council at least once every 4 years (Section 72C of the *ICAC Act 1988*).
- 2.15 **Referred by** Section 72C of the *ICAC Act 1988*.
- 2.16 **Status of inquiry** Ongoing.

Chapter 3 Law and Justice Committee

How to contact the Committee

Members of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice can be contacted through the Committee Secretariat. Written correspondence and enquiries should be directed to:

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Law and Justice Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Deputy Chair)

The Hon David Clarke MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party

Current references

- 3.1**
- 1 Inquiry into the *Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-trial Disclosure) Act 2001* – Stage Two (Reference from the Attorney General, 30 July 2003).
 - 2 Review of the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and Motor Accidents Council – Sixth Review (Reference from the House, 25 June 2003, pursuant to s 210, *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*).
 - 3 Inquiry into back-end home detention (Reference from the House, 2 June 2004).
 - 4 Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Injury Management Pilot Projects Evaluation (Statutory reference pursuant to *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998*, Schedule 5A).
 - 5 Inquiry into community based sentencing options for rural and remote areas and disadvantaged populations (Reference from the Attorney General, 2 April 2004).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	5	5
Reports tabled	1	3
Recommendations	17	19
Meetings	9	17
Public consultation		
Submissions received	33	74
Hearings	2	9
Location of hearings - Parliament House	-	5
- Intrastate	-	4
Total duration	8 hrs 15 mins	33 hrs 35 mins
Witnesses	13	68
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Forums	-	6
Briefings	2	-
Location of forums – Intrastate	-	6
Total duration	-	13 hrs 45 mins
Witnesses	-	92
Total participants	46	234

Members' attendance record

	2004-2005
The Hon Christine Robertson MLC (Chair)	17/17
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC (Deputy Chair)	17/17
The Hon David Clarke MLC	9/14 ⁸
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	12/14 ⁹
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	16/17
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	10/14 ¹⁰

Inquiries completed prior to 2004-2005 – status of Government responses**Review of the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and Motor Accidents Council – Fifth Review***Government response*

3.2 Received 16 November 2004. The Government response is available on the website.

Outcomes/comments

3.3 Through this function the Committee has maintained an ongoing oversight relationship with the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council.

2004-2005 Inquiries**Inquiry into the *Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-Trial Disclosure) Act 2001* – Stage Two***Terms of reference*

3.4 That the Committee inquire and report on:

The provisions of the *Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-Trial Disclosure) Act 2001*, together with the system of pre-trial disclosure in New South Wales, including:

- (a) the frequency and type of pre-trial disclosure orders made in the Supreme Court and District Court;
- (b) the rate of compliance with pre-trial disclosure requirements by:

⁸ Not member of sub-committee which operated on 14, 15 and 16 June 2005.

⁹ Not member of sub-committee which operated on 14, 15 and 16 June 2005.

¹⁰ Not member of sub-committee which operated on 14, 15 and 16 June 2005.

- (i) legally aided defendants,
 - (ii) privately funded defendants,
 - (iii) Police,
 - (iv) the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- (c) the impact of pre-trial disclosure requirements on unrepresented defendants;
- (d) the effect of pre-trial disclosure requirements on court delays and waiting times in the Supreme Court, District Court and the Court of Criminal Appeal;
- (e) the effect of pre-trial disclosure requirements on the doctrine of the right to silence;
- (f) the effect of pre-trial disclosure requirements on the doctrine of the presumption of innocence;
- (g) the effect of pre-trial disclosure requirements on the doctrine of the burden of proof resting with the prosecution; and
- (h) any other matter arising out of or incidental to these terms of reference.

That the Committee inquire and report within three years of the date of commencement of the Act, namely, by 18 November 2004.¹¹

3.5	Referred by	The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, 30 July 2003.
3.6	Status of inquiry	Completed.
3.7	Report tabled	8 December 2004.
3.8	Take note debate	8 December 2004.
3.9	Government response	Due 8 June 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 3.10** Stage Two completes the Committee's Inquiry into the *Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-Trial Disclosure) Act 2001*. The Inquiry began in May 2002 and the Committee published its first report in September 2002 (reported in the 2002-2002 Annual Report). The Committee examined the terms of reference with the assistance of several expert stakeholders and witnesses from the legal and justice profession. The Committee's analysis was limited by the short amount of time that the new pre-trial disclosure provisions have been available and their infrequent use. Nonetheless the Committee expressed support for the new scheme, particularly for its potential to positively impact on court delays, and made five recommendations to address issues and concerns raised in evidence. The Committee is yet to receive the Government's response, which was due on 8 June 2005.

¹¹ The terms of reference were later extended by the Attorney General to 24 December 2004.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	11	0
Hearings	1	0
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1	0
Total duration	5 hrs 15 mins	0
Witnesses	9	0
Total participants	20	0

Review of the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and Motor Accidents Council – Sixth Review

Terms of reference

3.11

1. That, in accordance with the provisions of section 210 of the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*, the Standing Committee on Law and Justice be designated as the Legislative Council Committee to supervise the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and Motor Accidents Council under the Act.
2. That the terms of reference of the Committee in relation to these functions be:
 - (a) to monitor and review the exercise by the Authority and Council of their functions,
 - (b) to report to the House, with such comments as it thinks fit, on any matter appertaining to the Authority or Council or connected with the exercise of their functions to which, in the opinion of the Committee, the attention of the House should be directed,
 - (c) to examine each annual or other report of the Authority and Council and report to the House on any matter appearing in, or arising out of, any such report,
 - (d) to examine trends and changes in motor accidents compensation, and report to the House any changes that the Committee thinks desirable to the functions and procedures of the Authority or Council,
 - (e) to inquire into any question in connection with the Committee's functions which is referred to it by the House, and report to the House on that question.
3. That the Committee report to the House in relation to the exercise of its functions under this resolution at least once each year.
4. That nothing in this resolution authorises the Committee to investigate a particular compensation claim under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act*.

Section 210, *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*

Appointment of Parliamentary Committee

- (1) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this Part and the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, a committee of the Legislative Council is to be designated by resolution of the Legislative Council as the designated committee for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) The resolution of the Legislative Council is to specify the terms of reference of the committee so designated which are to relate to the supervision of the exercise of the functions of the Authority and the Motor Accidents Council under this Act.

3.12	Referred by	Legislative Council, 25 June 2003, pursuant to section 210 <i>Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999</i> .
3.13	Status of inquiry	Completed.
3.14	Report tabled	20 May 2005.
3.15	Take note debate	24 May 2005.
3.16	Government response	Due 20 November 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 3.17** Through this function the Committee has maintained its ongoing oversight relationship with the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council. In its annual hearing with the General Manager of the MAA and the Chair of the MAC the Committee examined a range of issues arising from the MAA Annual Report and stakeholder submissions. The Committee made 14 recommendations.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004 - 2005
Submissions received	-	5
Hearings	-	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	-	1
Total duration	-	3 hrs
Witnesses	-	3
Total participants	-	8

Inquiry into back-end home detention

Terms of reference

3.18

1. That the Standing Committee on Law and Justice inquire into and report on whether it is appropriate and in the public interest to introduce a 'back-end' home detention scheme in New South Wales, including:
 - (a) the perceived benefits and disadvantages of back-end home detention,
 - (b) the relationship between back-end home detention and existing external leave programs,
 - (c) the impact of back-end home detention on the principle of truth-in-sentencing,
 - (d) the appropriate authority to determine whether an offender may proceed to back-end home detention,
 - (e) the criteria for eligibility for back-end home detention,
 - (f) the experience of other jurisdictions in implementing back-end home detention schemes,
 - (g) any other related matter.

2. That the Committee report by 7 April 2005.¹²

3.19	Referred by	Legislative Council, 2 June 2004. ¹³
3.20	Status of inquiry	Completed.
3.21	Report Tabled	23 June 2005.
3.22	Take note debate	N/A.
3.23	Government response	A government response is not required as no recommendations were made.

Outcomes/comments

- 3.24** On 2 April 2004 terms of reference for an inquiry into community sentencing options for rural and remote communities and for special needs/disadvantaged groups was given to the Committee by the Attorney General, The Hon Bob Debus MP. In conducting the inquiries into back-end home detention and community based sentencing options concurrently, the Committee found that the core principles in relation to both terms of reference are interrelated. Believing that the back-end home detention inquiry terms of reference cover issues of great importance, the Committee considers that it will be more effective if recommendations and conclusions in relation to its specific issues are reported to the House and the Government as part of the broader policy review being undertaken through its Inquiry into community based sentencing options.

¹² Note that the reporting date was later extended by Resolution of the House to 15 July 2005, Legislative Council *Minutes of Proceedings No 105*, 25 May 2005, p 1396.

¹³ Referred to the Committee by the House on the motion of The Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Legislative Council *Minutes of Proceedings No 58*, 2 June 2004, pp 327-328.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	14	20
Hearings	0	2
Location of hearings – Parliament House	0	2
Total duration	0	9 hrs 15 mins
Witnesses	0	14
Total participants	14	34

Workers compensation injury management pilot projects evaluation***Terms of reference***

- 3.25** Statutory reference, *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998*, Schedule 5A, Cl 1 (2).

Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998***Schedule 5A Injury management pilot projects***

1 Two year pilot scheme

(1) This Schedule (except subclause (2)) operates for a 2 year period following the commencement of this Schedule.

(2) The effectiveness of this Schedule is to be evaluated by an independent person or body, chosen by the Authority by private tender, and the results of the evaluation are to be referred to the Law and Justice Committee of the Legislative Council which is to review the results and report to Parliament.

- 3.26 Referred by** Legislative Council, pursuant to the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998*, Schedule 5A.
- 3.27 Status of inquiry** Drafting report.
- 3.28 Report tabled** N/A.
- 3.29 Take note debate** N/A.
- 3.30 Government response** N/A.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	0	5
Hearings	-	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	-	1
Total duration	-	1 hr 30 mins
Witnesses	-	2
Total participants	0	7

Inquiry into community based sentencing options for rural and remote areas and disadvantaged populations

*Terms of reference***3.31**

1. That the Standing Committee on Law and Justice inquire into and report on whether it is appropriate and in the public interest to tailor community based sentencing options for rural remote areas in NSW and for special need/disadvantaged populations, including:
 - (a) The perceived benefits and disadvantages of community based sentencing options including Periodic Detention, Intensive Supervision Programs (Home Detention e.g. Drug Court), Community Supervision Orders.
 - (b) The relationship between different Intensive Supervision Programs – Home Detention and Periodic Detention (Stage 1 and 2).
 - (c) The impact of the availability of Intensive Supervision Programs upon rural and remote communities.
 - (d) The place of Periodic Detention within a spectrum of community based sentencing options utilising intensive supervision.
 - (e) The criteria for eligibility for community based sentencing options.
 - (f) The experience of other jurisdictions in implementing community based sentencing options.
 - (g) Any other related matter.
2. The Committee to report by July 2005.¹⁴

3.32 Referred by The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, 2 April 2004.

3.33 Status of inquiry Report being drafted.

¹⁴ Amended reporting date 28 February 2006.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	0	44
Hearings	0	5
Location of hearings – Parliament House	0	1
– Intrastate	0	4
Total duration	0	19 hrs 50 mins
Witnesses	0	49
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Forums	0	6
Location of forums – Intrastate	0	6
Total duration	0	13 hrs 45 mins
Forum participants	0	92
Total participants	0	185

Chapter 4 Standing Committee on Social Issues

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Committee membership

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The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party (*Deputy Chair*)

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Liberal Party

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party¹⁵

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

¹⁵ The Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council nominated Mr Lynn in place of Mr Pearce on 17 December 2004.

Current references

- 4.1
1. *Inebriates Act 1912* (Ministerial reference from The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, 23 September 2003).
 2. Issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo (Reference from the House, 26 February 2004.).
 3. Recruitment and training of teachers (Ministerial reference from The Hon Dr Andrew Refshauge MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, 9 December 2004).
 4. Public disturbances at Macquarie Fields (Ministerial reference from The Hon Carl Scully MP, Minister for Police, 17 March 2005).
 4. Funeral industry (Reference from the House, 23 March 2005).
 5. Dental services in NSW (Reference from the House, 7 April 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	4	6
Reports tabled	2	3
Recommendations	69	88
Meetings	36	23
Public consultation		
Submissions received	138	321
Hearings	13	14
Location of hearings – Parliament House	13	14
Total duration	66 hrs 30 mins	41 hrs 15 mins
Witnesses	86	57
Participants in other forms of consultations		
Briefings - Parliament House	1	62
- Melbourne	11	-
Community consultations		
- Sydney	-	15
- Regional NSW	-	-
Seminar - Sydney	-	-
Site visits - Sydney	52	-
- Regional NSW	32	-
Total participants	320	455

Members' attendance record

	2004-2005
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)	23/23
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)	23/23
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC	21/23
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	23/23
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	15/16
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC ¹⁶	4/7
The Hon Ian West MLC	21/23

2004-2005 Inquiries**Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo***Terms of reference*

- 4.2** 1. That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on:
- (a) policing strategies and resources in the Redfern/Waterloo areas,
 - (b) other existing government programs in the Redfern/Waterloo areas, including local, state and federal programs,
 - (c) non-government services and service provision in the Redfern/Waterloo areas,
 - (d) strategies under the current New South Wales Government "Redfern/Waterloo Partnership Project", and the effectiveness in meeting the needs of local indigenous and other members of the community,
 - (e) proposals for the future of the area known as "The Block",
 - (f) any other matters arising from these terms of reference.
2. That the Committee table an interim report by 31 July 2004 and a final report by 30 November 2004.

- 4.3 Referred by** Legislative Council, 26 February 2004.
- 4.4 Status of inquiry** Completed.
- 4.5 Report tabled** Interim – 2 August 2004, Final - 16 December 2004.
- 4.6 Take note debate** Interim – 27 October 2004, Final – 22 Feb 2005.
- 4.7 Government response** Received 22 February 2005.

¹⁶ The Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council nominated Mr Lynn in place of Mr Pearce on 17 December 2004.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	85	9
Hearings	5	7
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5	7
Total hearing duration	24 hrs 10 mins	11 hrs
Witnesses	38	18
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Briefings	-	62
Site visits – Redfern 19 May 2004 and 26 May 2004	26	-
Total participants	149	89

Outcomes/comments

- 4.8** The inquiry into issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo Interim Report, report 32, was tabled on 2 August 2004. The report included 22 recommendations. The inquiry into issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo Final Report, report 34, was tabled on 16 December 2004 and included 38 recommendations. The reports dealt with the critical issues facing the Redfern and Waterloo areas, such as the relationship between police and Aboriginal people, the Human Services Review, the adequacy of government and non-government services and the new Redfern Waterloo Authority.
- 4.9** The Committee received the Government's response to the issues raised in both reports on 22 February 2005. According to the response, the Government's plans for Redfern and Waterloo, which were announced in mid to late 2004, took into account issues raised through the course of the Inquiry.

Inquiry into the *Inebriates Act 1912****Terms of reference***

- 4.10** That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on:
1. The *Inebriates Act 1912* and the provision of compulsory assessment and treatment under that Act;
 2. The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Act in dealing with persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence who have not committed an offence and persons with such dependence who have committed offences;
 3. The effectiveness of the Act in linking those persons to suitable treatment facilities and how those linkages might be improved if necessary;
 4. Overseas and interstate models for compulsory treatment of persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence including in Sweden and Victoria;

5. Options for improving or replacing the Act with a focus on saving the lives of persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence and those close to them; and
6. Any other related matter.

4.11	Referred by	The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General on 23 September 2003.
4.12	Status of inquiry:	Completed.
4.13	Report tabled	27 August 2004.
4.14	Take note debate	2 March 2005.
4.15	Government response	Due 28 February 2006.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	53	-
Hearings	8	-
Location of hearings – Parliament House	8	-
Total hearing duration	30 hrs 35 mins	-
Witnesses	49	-
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Site visits – Moree, Orange	32	-
Briefings – Sydney	1	-
– Melbourne	13	-
Total participants	148	-

Outcomes/comments

- 4.16** The Report on the *Inebriates Act 1912*, report 33, was tabled on 27 August 2004. A key recommendation of the report was that the Act be immediately repealed and replaced with much more targeted, safeguarded and time-limited legislation.
- 4.17** The report included a detailed legislative framework for the new system of involuntary care, including 28 recommendations setting out, for example, the criteria for involuntary care, the length of time a person should be detained, and the legal decision making process. The report makes 18 recommendations in relation to a comprehensive service framework to complement the proposed legislation, setting out the treatment which people might receive and where involuntary care should occur.
- 4.18** The Government response was due on 28 February 2005. Correspondence received from the Special Minister of State on 22 March 2005, 5 April 2005 and 7 June 2005 indicated that a response is being finalised and remains a priority.

Inquiry into the recruitment and training of teachers

Terms of reference

4.19 That the Social Issues Committee undertake an inquiry into the recruitment and training of teachers, with specific regard to the following terms of reference:

1. the best means of attracting quality teachers to NSW Public Schools and meeting the needs of school communities
2. the effectiveness and efficiency of current means of recruiting teachers to NSW Public Schools, including
 - (a) recent graduates
 - (b) career change teachers
3. differences and similarities between primary and secondary school recruitment needs
4. existing initiatives and programs of the Department of Education and Training, including
 - (a) Teach NSW
 - (b) scholarships for undergraduates
 - (c) accelerated training courses
5. the role of the NSW Institute of Teachers and its accreditation and endorsement requirements
6. the role, distribution and effectiveness of university pre-service teacher education
7. any other matter arising from these terms of reference

That the Committee report by 30 November 2005.

4.20 Referred by The Hon Dr Andrew Refshauge MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, 9 December 2004.

4.21 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	59
Hearings	5
Location of hearings - Parliament House	5
Total hearing duration	22 hrs 15 min
Witnesses	28
Participants in other forms of consultation	
Community consultations - Sydney	15
Total participants	102

Inquiry into public disturbances at Macquarie Fields

Terms of reference

4.22 That the Standing Committee on Social Issues enquire into, and report on, the public disturbances at Macquarie Fields, and in particular on:

1. Policing strategies and resources in the Macquarie Fields area, particularly in the immediate period leading up to and following the motor vehicle accident involving two fatalities on 25 February 2005
2. Government programs and service provision in the Macquarie Fields area, including local, state and federal programs
3. Non-government services and service provision in the Macquarie Fields area
4. Whether the lessons learned from the Social Issues Committee and Coburn Reports resulting from the Redfern disturbance, have been utilised in this incident
5. The underlying causes and problems which may have contributed to individual and collective acts of violence and social disorder, and
6. Any other matters arising from these Terms of Reference

4.23 Referred by The Hon Carl Scully MP, Minister for Police, 17 March 2005.

4.24 Status of inquiry Not yet commenced. This inquiry was referred to the Committee on 17 March 2005 and a call for submissions made. On 23 March 2005 the terms of reference were amended by the House, which subsequently issued an instruction to the Committee to delay the commencement of the Inquiry until the conclusion of any police operational review and police investigation into the emergency call response.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	3
Hearings	-
Location of hearings - Parliament House	-
Total hearing duration	-
Witnesses	-
Participants in other forms of consultation	-
Total participants	3

Inquiry into the funeral industry

Terms of reference

4.25

1. That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on the funeral industry and in particular:
 - (a) changes in the funeral industry over the past decade including the cost of funerals, the degree of competition, vertical integration and ownership,
 - (b) the availability and affordability of burial spaces and options for increasing the supply of spaces,
 - (c) the adequacy of existing regulation of the funeral industry to protect consumers, public health and employees,
 - (d) the role and structure of the Funeral Industry Council,
 - (e) the adequacy of legislation in meeting community needs, and
 - (f) any other relevant matter.
2. That the committee report by Thursday 17 November 2005.

4.26 Referred by Legislative Council, dated 23 March 2005.

4.27 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	40
Hearings	1
Location of hearings - Parliament House	1
Total hearing duration	4 hrs 20 mins
Witnesses	7
Participants in other forms of consultation	-
Total participants	47

Inquiry into dental services in NSW

Terms of reference

- 4.28**
1. That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on dental services in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the quality of care received in dental services,
 - (b) the demand for dental services including issues relating to waiting times for treatment in public services,

- (c) the funding and availability of dental services, including the impact of private health insurance,
- (d) access to public dental services, including issues relevant to people living in rural and regional areas of New South Wales,
- (e) the dental services workforce including issues relating to the training of dental clinicians and specialists,
- (f) preventive dental treatments and initiatives, including fluoridation and the optimum method of delivering such services, and
- (g) any other relevant matter.

2. That the committee report by Friday 31 March 2006.

4.29 **Referred by** Legislative Council, 7 April 2005.

4.30 **Status of inquiry** Ongoing.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	210
Hearings	1
Location of hearings - Parliament House	1
Total hearing duration	3 hrs 40 mins
Witnesses	4
Participants in other forms of consultation	-
Total participants	214

Chapter 5 Standing Committee on State Development

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State Development Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair after 23 February 2005)¹⁷

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair up until 23 February 2005)

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Deputy Chair)

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party¹⁸

The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC The Nationals

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

¹⁷ Mr Catanzariti replaced Mr Roozendaal as Chair on 23 February 2005. See Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of the Proceedings, No 90*, 53rd Parliament, 23 February 2005, item 19.

¹⁸ Mr Donnelly replaced Mr Roozendaal on 4 May 2005. See Legislative Council, New South Wales, *Minutes of the Proceedings, No 101*, 53rd Parliament, 4 May 2005, item 12.

Current references

- 5.1
1. Inquiry into port infrastructure in New South Wales (Ministerial reference from the Hon Michael Costa MLC, amended 28 October 2003).
 2. Skills shortages in rural and regional New South Wales (Ministerial reference from the Hon David Campbell MP, 7 June 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	2	2
Reports tabled	2	1
Recommendations	15	16
Meetings	30	6
Public consultation		
Submissions received	159	7
Hearings	11	0
Total duration of hearings	56 hrs	0
Witnesses	95	0
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Site visits - within NSW	34	0
- outside NSW	17	0
Forums	70	0
Total participants	375	7

Members' attendance record

	2004-2005
The Hon Tony Catanzariti, MLC	5/6
The Hon Patricia Forsythe, MLC	6/6
Mr Ian Cohen, MLC	4/6
The Hon Greg Donnelly, MLC	3/3
The Hon Melinda Pavey, MLC	4/6
The Hon Christine Robertson, MLC	5/6
The Hon Eric Roozendaal, MLC	3/3

2004-2005 Inquiries

Inquiry into port infrastructure in New South Wales

Terms of reference

5.2 That the Standing Committee on State Development inquire into and report on port infrastructure in New South Wales and in particular:

- the NSW Government Ports Growth Plan, including any planned closure of shipping freight facilities in Sydney Harbour,
- the economic, social and environmental impact on the State, including on the proposed Port Botany upgrade,
- the employment implications for Sydney, the Hunter and the Illawarra regions,
- current and future infrastructure needs and social impacts including with respect to the adequacy of existing road and rail infrastructure, and
- the future of public land at Millers Point, Glebe Island and White Bay on which shipping freight operations are currently located.

5.3	Referred by	The Hon Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Transport Services, 21 October 2003, amended 28 October 2003.
5.4	Status of inquiry	Completed.
5.5	Interim report tabled	28 May 2004.
5.6	Take note debates	1 June 2004, 23 June 2004, 22 September 2004.
5.7	Government response	Received 26 November 2004.
5.8	Final report tabled	17 June 2005.
5.9	Take note debates	21 June 2005, 22 September 2005.
5.10	Government response	Due 17 December 2005.

Government response

5.11 In response to the Committee's Interim Report and its single recommendation, the then Minister amended the terms of reference for the Commission of Inquiry into the proposed construction and operation of a new container terminal and associated infrastructure at Port Botany to include 'an analysis of any potentially feasible alternatives at Port Botany to the carrying out of the development, including the alternative proposed by P&O Ports Limited.' The amendment was confirmed in the Government's response to the interim report tabled on

26 November 2004. The Government response to the final report is due on 17 December 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 5.12** The Inquiry into Port Infrastructure in New South Wales received considerable community, industry and government interest. In total, the Committee received 100 submissions, with The NSW Cabinet Office making a submission on behalf of the Government. In addition, the Committee heard evidence from 61 witnesses. The Committee also conducted site visits to the four major commercial ports in New South Wales: Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour), Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle.
- 5.13** On 28 May 2004, the Committee tabled an interim report into port infrastructure in New South Wales. The report dealt specifically with one particular aspect of the inquiry – the proposed expansion of the Port Botany container terminal owned by Sydney Ports Corporation. At the time, this expansion was the subject of the Independent Commission of Inquiry into the Proposed Construction and Operation of a New Container Terminal and Associated Infrastructure at Port Botany.
- 5.14** The interim report made a single recommendation that the then Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, The Hon Craig Knowles MP, ensure that any expansion of the Port Botany terminal facilities be undertaken only after the identification and rigorous evaluation of all viable alternatives. The Committee made this recommendation out of concern that alternative proposals to the Sydney Port Corporation's Environmental Impact Study and Development Application for the expansion of the Port Botany facility may have less impact on the environment and be more commercially competitive.
- 5.15** On 17 June 2005, the Committee tabled its final report. The report examined in detail the provisions of the NSW Ports Growth Plan, which sets out the strategic direction for the future management of the four major commercial ports in New South Wales. In general terms, the report endorsed the Ports Growth Plan, which proposes further development of Port Botany as the primary container port in NSW, the transfer of general cargo stevedoring from Darling Harbour to Port Kembla as existing leases expire, and the future expansion of the Port of Newcastle as a major container terminal once Port Botany reaches capacity. At the same time, the Committee examined concerns about the environmental and social impact of the Ports Growth Plan, particularly in and around Port Botany. The Committee also examined the capacity of the infrastructure, especially the rail and road infrastructure, supporting the four major NSW Ports.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Submissions received	98	2
Hearings	7	0
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5	0
– Regional centres	2	0

Public consultation	2003-2004	2004-2005
Total hearing duration	28 hrs	0
Witnesses	61	0
Participants in other forms of consultations		
Total participants	159	2

Skills shortages in rural and regional New South Wales

Terms of reference

5.16 That the Standing Committee on State Development inquire into and report on the skills shortages and its impact on rural and regional NSW and, in particular:

- The current and future demand for labour
- The economic and social impact of the skills shortage
- The strategies and programs of local governments to retain and attract skilled workers including opportunities for strategies and programs in conjunction with non-government bodies such as regional business organisations and Area Consultative Committees and Regional Development Boards
- Consider appropriate models from other states in interacting with the Commonwealth's skilled regional migration programs
- Coordination between Local, State and Commonwealth Governments, to attract and retain skilled workers
- The impact of the Commonwealth's regional migration programs including assessing the long term jobs and investment outcomes and considering possible recommendations to encourage sustainable regional development in NSW
- The adequacy of current measures used to record and report on the skills shortage
- The methods used by training organisations including TAFE to assess skill needs in rural and regional NSW and their response to identified needs.

That the committee report by Friday 9 December 2005.

5.17 Referred by The Hon David Campbell MP, Minister for Regional Development, 7 June 2005, amended 2 November 2005.

5.18 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	5
Hearings	0
Location of hearings – Parliament House	0
– Regional centres	0
Total hearing duration	0
Witnesses	0
Total participants	5

Chapter 6 General Purpose Standing Committees

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Statistical summary for General Purpose Standing Committees No. 1-5

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	20	21
Reports tabled	10	13
Recommendations	76	31
Meetings	109	99
Public consultation		
Submissions received	834	2603 ¹⁹
Hearings	66	62
Location of hearings – Parliament House	58	61
– Other metropolitan areas	-	-
– Regional NSW	8	1
Total duration	194 hrs 31 mins	270 hrs 3 mins
Witnesses	595	468
Participants in other forms of consultations		
Public forums	-	32
Site visits	19	92
Briefing	-	5
Facilitated consultations	-	28
Signatories to petitions	4,460 ²⁰	451
Total participants	5,908	3679

Members' attendance records

- 6.1** See Appendix 1. Unlike other Standing Committees, Members of General Purpose Standing Committees are able to make substitutions.

¹⁹ 2336 submissions were received as part of the GPSC No. 2 Inquiry into the Operation of Mona Vale Hospital.

²⁰ 4000 petitions were received as part of the GPSC No. 1 Inquiry into Serious Injury and Death in the Workplace.

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

The Committee at a glance

Committee membership

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)²¹

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Current references

- 6.2
1. Workers compensation fraud (Self-referred, 2 December 2003).
 2. Budget Estimates 2004-2005 (Reference from the House, 23 June 2004).
 3. Personal injury compensation legislation (Self-referred, 8 December 2004).
 4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 (Reference from the House, 6 May 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	5	4
Reports tabled	3	2
Recommendations	36	-
Meetings	27	13
Public consultation		
Submissions received	59	63
Hearings	14	9
Location of hearings – Parliament House	14	8
– Regional NSW	-	1
Total duration	54 hrs 10 mins	40 hrs 27 mins

²¹ Revd Moyes replaced Revd Nile, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 68, Item 16*, 14 September 2004, p 980.

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Witnesses	116	98
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Signatories to petitions	4,000	-
Total participants	4,175	161

Members' attendance record

	Meetings attended
Substantive members	
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	7
Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC	10
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC	10
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	8
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	13
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	11
The Hon Ian West MLC	10
Substitute members	
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	2
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	4
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC	2
The Hon Rick Colless MLC	4
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	1
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	1
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC	4
The Hon Duncan Gay MLC	2
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	6
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	1
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	1
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	1
The Hon John Ryan MLC	1
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC	2

2004-2005 Inquiries

Workers compensation fraud

Members for the duration of this inquiry

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The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

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The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.3 That, in relation to the Inquiry into the NSW Workers' Compensation Scheme undertaken in the previous Parliament, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 inquire into and report on the implementation of its recommendations and conclusions and any developments in workers compensation in New South Wales since the Committee's final report in September 2002 and in particular

- (a) the extent to which the McKinsey & Company's Scheme Design Review commissioned by WorkCover New South Wales addressed the Committee's evidence, conclusions and recommendations, and
- (b) the incidence of fraud in workers' compensation both in relation to fraudulent practices by employers and fraudulent and exaggerated claims by employees, including
 - (i) the priority and resources given to fraud investigation by WorkCover New South Wales,
 - (ii) the methods of investigating and prosecuting fraud,
 - (iii) the methods used to combat fraud and their effectiveness,
 - (iv) the cost of fraud to the NSW workers' compensation scheme,
 - (v) methods used in other jurisdictions to combat fraud.

6.4 Referred by Self-referred, 2 December 2003.

6.5 Status of inquiry Completed.

6.6 Report tabled 1 April 2005.

²² Revd Nile was Chair of the Committee when the inquiry was first referred.

6.7 **Government response** N/A.

Outcomes/comments

6.8 At a meeting on 8 December 2004 the Committee resolved to not proceed with the Workers Compensation Fraud Inquiry, as the Committee had recently received new terms of reference for a wide ranging inquiry into the legislative changes to personal liability compensation. Report 27 was provided to the House to properly inform it of the Committee's decision not to proceed with the inquiry.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Meetings	6
Public consultation	
Submissions received	0
Hearings	0
Total participants	0

Budget Estimates 2004-2005

Members for the duration of this inquiry

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.9
1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2004-2005 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.
 2. That the committees consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the committees.

3. For the purposes of this inquiry any member of the House may attend a meeting of a committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.
4. The committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.
5. Not more than 2 committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.
6. When a committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.
7. The committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
8. The report of a committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.
9. That a daily Hansard record of the hearings of a committee on the Budget Estimates be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
10. That the Leader of the Government is to provide to each Committee, by 6 July 2004, a schedule outlining the attendance of relevant ministers to appear before each committee, for the committee's consideration.
11. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
12. The committees present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the second sitting week in 2005.

6.10 Referred by Legislative Council, 23 June 2004.

6.11 Status of inquiry Completed.

6.12 Report tabled 11 November 2004.

Outcomes/comments

6.13 The Committee examined the budget estimates and related documents for the following government portfolios

- Premier, Arts and Citizenship
- Treasury and State Development
- Education and Training, Aboriginal Affairs
- Special Minister of State, Commerce and Industrial Relations, Central Coast
- The Legislature.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Meetings	5
Public consultation	
Submissions received	0
Hearings	5
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5
Total duration	12 hrs 27 mins
Witnesses	32
Total participants	32

*Personal injury compensation legislation**Members for the duration of this inquiry*

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.14** The General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 inquire into, and report on the operations and outcomes of all personal injury compensation legislation (including but not limited to claims by persons injured in motor accidents, transport accidents, accidents in the workplace, at public events, in public places and in commercial premises but not including claims by victims injured as a result of criminal acts) approved by the Parliament of New South Wales from 1999, with particular reference to:

1. The impact on employment in rural and regional communities;
2. The impact on community events and activities, and community groups;

3. The impact on insurance premium levels and the availability of cost-effective insurance;
4. The level and availability of Compulsory Third Party motor accident premiums required to fund claims cost if changes had not been implemented in 1999; and the impact on the WorkCover scheme if changes had not been implemented in 2001; and
5. Any other issue that the Committee considers to be of relevance to the inquiry.

6.15 Referred by Self-referred, 8 December 2004.

6.16 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Meetings	7
Public consultation	
Submissions received	63
Hearings	4
Location of hearings – Parliament House	3
Total duration	28 hrs
Witnesses	66
Total participants	129

Budget Estimates 2005-2006

Members for the duration of this inquiry

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.17**
1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2005-2006 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.
 2. That the committees consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the committees.
 3. For the purposes of this inquiry any member of the House may attend a meeting of a committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.
 4. The committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.
 5. Not more than two committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.
 6. When a committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.
 7. The committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
 8. The report of a committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.
 9. That a daily Hansard record of the hearings of a committee on the Budget Estimates be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
 10. That the Leader of the Government is to provide to each Committee, by Friday 1 July 2005, a schedule outlining the attendance of relevant ministers to appear before each committee, for the committee's consideration.
 11. A committee must not meet to hear evidence on any day on which the House sits except during any adjournment for meal breaks or after the adjournment of the House.
 12. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
 13. The committees present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the second sitting week in 2006—put and passed.

6.18 Referred by Legislative Council, 6 May 2005.

6.19 Status of inquiry Not yet commenced.

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

The Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

Revd The Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party

The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC The Nationals

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Current references

- 6.20**
1. Budget Estimates 2004-2005 (Reference from the House, 23 June 2004).
 2. Operation of Mona Vale Hospital (Self-referred, 8 December 2004).
 3. Post school disability programs (Self-referred, 20 December 2004).
 4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 (Reference from the House, 6 May 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	3	4
Reports tabled	2	2
Recommendations	19	9
Conclusions	-	10
Meetings	24	28
Public consultation		
Submissions received	71	2490
Hearings	15	12
Location of hearings – Parliament House	15	12
Total duration	39 hrs 20 mins	50 hrs 30 mins
Witnesses	146	99
Participants in other forms of consultation		

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Public forums	-	32
Site visits	-	92
Briefings	-	5
Facilitated consultations	-	28
Total participants	217	2746

Members' attendance records

	Meetings attended
Substantive members	
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	22
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC	26
The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC	23
Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC	12
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	11
The Hon Christine Robertson MLC	15
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC	16
Substitute members	
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	1
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	1
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	8
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	3
The Hon Jon Jenkins MLC	7
The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC	4
The Hon David Oldfield MLC	1
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC	1
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	2
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	2
The Hon John Ryan MLC	13

2004-2005 Inquiries

Budget Estimates 2004-2005

Members for the duration of this inquiry

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)²³

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Deputy Chair)²⁴

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party²⁵

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC The Nationals

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.21 Refer to paragraph 6.9.

6.22 Report tabled 23 March 2005.

Outcomes/comments

6.23 The Committee examined the budget estimates and related documents for the following government portfolios

- Health
- Gaming and Racing
- Tourism
- Sport and Recreation
- Women
- Community Services
- Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care
- Youth.

23 Rev Dr Moyes resigned as Chair of the Committee on Thursday 28 October 2004 (Minutes No 32).

24 Ms Forsythe was elected Chair of the Committee on Thursday 28 October 2004, thus vacating the position of Deputy Chair. (Minutes No 32).

25 Mr Cantanzariti was elected Deputy Chair on Thursday 28 October 2004. (Minutes No 32).

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Conclusions	-
Meetings	10
Public consultation	
Hearings	5
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5
Total duration	15 hrs 45 mins
Witnesses	33
Total participants	33

*Operation of Mona Vale Hospital**Members for the duration of this inquiry*

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party

The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC The Nationals

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.24** 1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 inquire into and report on the operation of Mona Vale Hospital, and in particular
- (a) the closure of the intensive care unit and the reasons behind its transfer to another hospital,
 - (b) the level of funding given to Mona Vale Hospital compared to other hospitals in the area,
 - (c) the level of community consultation in relation to changes proposed by NSW Health to the hospital, and

- (d) the reasons why the hospital has not been made a general hospital for the Northern Beaches area.

2. That the Committee report by 31 March 2005.

6.25	Referred by	Self-referred, 8 December 2004.
6.26	Status of inquiry	Completed.
6.27	Report tabled	26 May 2005.
6.28	Government response	Due 26 November 2005.

Outcomes/comments

6.29 The inquiry attracted 2,336 written submissions – a record response to a NSW Upper House inquiry.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	9
Conclusions	10
Meetings	8
Public consultation	
Submissions received	2336
Hearings	3
Location of hearings – Parliament House	3
Total duration	17 hrs 25 mins
Witnesses	32
Total participants	2368

Post school disability programs

Members for the duration of this inquiry

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

The Hon Jon Jenkins MLC Outdoor Recreation Party

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon John Ryan MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.30 That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 inquire into and report on the appropriateness of changes to post school programs for young adults with a disability, and in particular:

1. The program structure and policy framework, including eligibility criteria, for the new Transition to Work and Community Participation Programs.
2. The adequacy and appropriateness of funding arrangements for the new programs.
3. The role of advocates both individual and peak groups in the consultation process.
4. The impact of the exclusion of students enrolled or proposing to enroll in post secondary and higher education from eligibility for assistance under the new programs.
5. The appropriateness of the assessment methodology used to identify school leaver support needs and to stream school leavers into the new programs.
6. The adequacy of complaints and appeals mechanisms established in relation to the implementation of the new programs, and particularly with respect to assessment decisions.
7. Whether appropriate and sustainable further education and vocational training and employment outcomes for people with a disability are likely to be achieved as a result of these changes.

6.31 Referred by Self referred, 20 December 2005.

6.32 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Meetings	17
Public consultation	
Submissions received	154
Hearings	4
Location of hearings – Parliament House	4
Total duration	17 hrs 20 mins
Witnesses	34
Participants in other forms of consultation	

	2004-2005
Public forums	32
Site visits	92
Briefings	5
Facilitated consultations	28
Total participants	345

Budget Estimates 2005-2006

Members for the duration of this inquiry

The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party of Australia (Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC Australian Democrats

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party

The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC The Nationals

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.33 Refer to paragraph 6.17.

6.34 **Status of inquiry** Not yet commenced.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

The Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Peter Breen MLC Independent

The Hon Jon Jenkins MLC Outdoor Recreation Party²⁶

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

References

- 6.35
1. Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre (Reference from the House, 22 September 2004).
 2. Budget Estimates 2004-2005 (Reference from the House, 23 June 2004).
 3. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 (Reference from the House, 6 May 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	2	3
Reports tabled	1	2
Recommendations	-	-
Conclusions	-	-
Meetings	10	11
Public consultation		
Submissions received	-	-
Hearings	6	6
Location of hearings - Sydney	6	6
Total duration	17 hrs 20 mins	12 hrs
Witnesses	39	35
Total participants	39	35

²⁶ Mr Jenkins replaced Mr Tingle, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 110, Item 18*, 21 June 2005, p 1474.

Members' attendance records

	Meetings attended
Substantive members	
The Hon Peter Breen MLC	9
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	11
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	9
The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC	9
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	4
The Hon Ian West MLC	8
The Hon John Tingle MLC	11
Substitute members	
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	1
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	1
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	6
The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC	1
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	1
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	1
The Hon John Ryan MLC	1

2004-2005 Inquiries***Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre******Members for the duration of this inquiry***

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Peter Breen MLC Independent

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon John Tingle MLC Shooters Party

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.36** 1. That in view of the answers given by the Minister for Juvenile Justice at the estimates hearing held on Thursday 16 September 2004, this House requests General Purpose

Standing Committee No. 3 to meet for the purpose of hearing evidence from youth workers and staff at Kariong Detention Centre.

2. That for the purposes of these hearings, the committee has leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
3. That the following witnesses be invited to appear before the committee

Mr Dale Bassett	Mr Scott Bell
Ms Helen Egan	Ms Kim Emmerson
Mr Luke Falconer	Mr Brian Fitzpatrick
Mr Mark Fitzpatrick	Mr Peter Hawthorne
Mr Andrew Makay	Mr David Maryska
Mr Michael Pedavoli	Mr Mitch Walsh
Mr Greg Jones	Mr Byron Hill
Mr Tony Hansen	Mr Gary Hall
4. That additional witnesses may be called by order of the committee.
5. That all evidence be taken in camera, and only made public by order of the committee.
6. That the committee report to the House any evidence made public by the committee within seven days of the final hearing.

6.37 Referred by Legislative Council, 22 September 2004.

6.38 Status of Inquiry Completed.

6.39 Report tabled 18 November 2004.

Outcomes/comments

6.40 Following the 2004-2005 Budget Estimates hearing for the portfolio of Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney, the Legislative Council requested that the Committee meet for the purpose of hearing in camera evidence from specific youth workers and staff from Kariong Detention Centre.

6.41 The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the Committee by resolution of the House on 22 September 2004, and amended by a resolution on 27 October 2004 allowing the Committee to call additional witnesses.

6.42 Rather than issuing the Committee with a general “inquire into and report on” task within the terms of reference, the Legislative Council requested that the Committee take in camera evidence from particular witnesses, and then report back to the House any evidence it resolved to make public. A Witnesses named in the terms of reference were unable to be contacted and did not appear before the Committee.

- 6.43** The evidence received by the Committee on 12 November 2004 contained a large number of adverse reflections on third persons who were not present at the hearing. In usual circumstances, the Committee would offer an adversely named person the opportunity to respond to the allegations made against them before publishing a transcript.
- 6.44** On 3 November 2004 the Government announced that Kariong would be transferred to the administration and management of the Department of Corrective Services. In view of this the Committee considered that it would be redundant to pursue the matter further with additional witnesses. The Committee determined that it would not take further evidence in relation to Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre.
- 6.45** The Committee took the view that to publish the transcripts of evidence in full would have been manifestly unfair to those people adversely named who had not been afforded the opportunity to respond. Consideration was given to publishing the transcript with third parties de-identified, however the Committee was concerned that even with the suppression of names and job titles, identification of third parties would not be difficult.
- 6.46** The Committee resolved by majority vote that the transcript of evidence should remain confidential. The Committee resolved to publish in its report a summary of the issues raised by the witnesses.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Conclusions	-
Meetings	5
Public consultation	
Hearings	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1
Total duration	3 hrs 45 mins
Witnesses	8
Total participants	8

Budget Estimates 2004-2005

Members for the duration of this inquiry

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Peter Breen MLC Independent

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon John Tingle MLC Shooters Party

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.47 Refer to paragraph 6.9.
- 6.48 **Status of inquiry** Completed.
- 6.49 **Report tabled** Budget Estimates 2004-2005, tabled 1 March 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 6.50 The Committee examined the budget estimates and related documents for the following government portfolios
- Police
 - Justice
 - Fair Trading
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Western Sydney
 - Attorney General.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Conclusions	-
Meetings	8
Public consultation	
Hearings	5
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5
Total duration	8 hrs 15 mins
Witnesses	27
Total participants	27

Budget Estimates 2005-2006***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party (Chair)

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Peter Breen MLC Independent

The Hon Jon Jenkins MLC Outdoor Recreation Party

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.51 Refer to paragraph 6.17.

6.52 **Status of inquiry** Not yet commenced.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

The Committee at a glance

Committee membership

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Clarke MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party²⁷

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent

Current references

- 6.53**
1. Closure of the Casino to Murwillumbah rail service (Self-referred, 11 May 2004).
 2. Approval of the Designer Outlet Centre (Self-referred, 28 July 2004).
 3. Budget Estimates 2004-2005 (Reference from the House, 23 June 2004).
 4. Management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (Self-referred, 2 April 2004).
 5. Pacific Highway upgrades (Self-referred, 10 June 2005).
 6. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 (Reference from the House, 6 May 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	5	6
Reports tabled	2	4
Recommendations	-	15
Conclusions	-	5
Meetings	32	33
Public consultation		
Submissions received	378	47
Hearings	16	25
Location of hearings – Parliament House	13	25

²⁷ Mr Donnelly replaced Mr Roozendaal, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 101, item 12*, 4 May 2005, p1351.

	2003-2004	2004-2005
- Regional NSW	3	-
Total duration	37 hrs 34 mins	137 hrs 15 min
Witnesses	131	170
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Petitions	460	451
Total participants in inquiries	969	668

Members' attendance records

	Meetings attended
Substantive members	
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	29
The Hon David Clarke MLC	4
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	4
The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC	33
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	27
Ms Sylvia Hale MLC	29
The Hon David Oldfield MLC	27
Substitute members	
The Hon Peter Breen MLC	3
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	3
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC	4
Mr Ian Cohen MLC	1
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	3
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	6
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC	2
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	2
The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC	7
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	1
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	5
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	17
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	3
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	10

	Meetings attended
The Hon John Ryan MLC	19
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC	4
The Hon Ian West MLC	3

2004-2005 Inquiries

Closure of the Casino to Murwillumbah rail service

Members for the duration of this inquiry

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.54** That General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 inquire into and report on
- the decision by the State Government to replace the daily Casino to Murwillumbah XPT service with a coach service, including the accuracy of the Government's claims it will save \$5 million per year,
 - the economic and social impact on North Coast communities of the loss of the daily XPT service between Casino and Murwillumbah, in particular the impact of the loss of jobs within CountryLink and other State Government departments and agencies and the closure of local train stations and Travel Centres,
 - the future of the rail line between Casino and Murwillumbah, including, but not limited to, the present condition of the line, recent and future maintenance programs, options for and the financial impact of future development of the line and the possible extension of the line to the Queensland border,
 - any other matters arising from the Government's decision to terminate the rail services.
- 6.55** **Referred by** Self-referred, 11 May 2004.
- 6.56** **Status of inquiry** Completed.
- 6.57** **Report tabled** 24 November 2004.
- 6.58** **Government response** Received 24 May 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 6.59** The key recommendation of the report called on the NSW Government to provide a daily commuter service from Casino to Murwillumbah, which would connect at Casino with the XPT Service between Sydney and Brisbane. In its response to the report, tabled on 24 May 2005, the Government rejected the Committee's key recommendation, on the grounds that a substantial investment would be required to make the rail line safe to use.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	8
Conclusions	-
Meetings	5
Public consultation	
Submissions received	1
Hearings	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1
Total duration	5 hrs 20 min
Witnesses	9
Total participants	10

Approval of the Designer Outlet Centre***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon John Ryan MLC Liberal Party of Australia

Terms of reference

- 6.60** 1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 inquire into and report on the approval process relating to the Designer Outlets Centre on Orange Grove Road, Liverpool by Liverpool Council, and in particular:
- (a) the circumstances surrounding that approval;
 - (b) the role of the Minister for Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration) and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources in dealing with the development;
 - (c) the role of the Premier, the Premier's Office, the Member for Fairfield, any member of the Government or any other party in dealing with the development;
 - (d) the economic and social impact on the Liverpool community of the loss of jobs as a result of the centre closing;
 - (e) the future of the Designer Outlets Centre on Orange Grove Road, including but not limited to, the effect on businesses, the local community and jobs; and
 - (f) other relevant matters arising from the Government's planning policies and decisions.
2. That the Committee report by 1 September 2004.

6.61	Referred by	Self-referred, 28 July 2004.
6.62	Status of inquiry	Completed.
6.63	Reports tabled	25 December 2004.
6.64	Government response	Received 22 February 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 6.65** The report made two recommendations and twelve findings. The findings summarised the key conclusions of the Committee in relation to the often conflicting evidence given by witnesses, and constitute the key output of the inquiry. The Government response to the inquiry was received on 20 June 2005. In that response the Government did not propose to take any action with regard to the Committee's findings.
- 6.66** Several procedural issues arose in the course of the Inquiry – including two orders for the production of documents, and the voluntary appearance of a number of Ministerial staff and Members of Parliament. One Ministerial staff member was summoned to appear, the first time that a Ministerial staff member had been summoned to appear before a Legislative Council Committee since the formation of Upper House Standing Committees in 1988.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	2
Conclusions	1
Meetings	16
Public consultation	
Submissions received	32
Hearings	12
Location of hearings – Parliament House	12
Total duration	86 hrs 30 mins
Witnesses	99
Total participants	131

Budget Estimates 2004-2005***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Clarke MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party²⁸

Terms of reference

6.67 Refer to paragraph 6.9.

6.68 **Status of inquiry** Completed.

²⁸ Mr Roozendaal was a member of the Committee until 2 May 2005, replaced by Mr Donnelly, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 101, Item 12*, 4 May 2005, p 1351.

6.69 **Report tabled** 10 May 2005.

Outcomes/comments

6.70 The Committee examined the budget estimates and related documents for the following government portfolios:

- Science and Medical Research
- Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources
- The Hunter
- Housing
- Roads
- Transport Services
- Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Conclusions	-
Meetings	9
Public consultation	
Submissions received	-
Hearings	9
Location of hearings – Parliament House	9
Total duration	29 hrs 55 min
Witnesses	39
Total participants	39

Management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party
The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC Liberal Party of Australia
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party ²⁹

Terms of reference

- 6.71** That General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 inquire into and report on the management of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, and in particular:
- (a) the role of the Chairman, past and present Chief Executive Officers, the SHFA Board, and other executive officers in the management of land development issues under its control,
 - (b) lines of communication and accountability between the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and relevant Councils, the Premier and any other Ministers or their staff and advisors,
 - (c) potential conflicts of interest in the Sydney Harbour Foreshore's commercial relationships,
 - (d) the process by which the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority acquired enhanced consent powers, and the role of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority as a consent authority for land that it administers,
 - (e) the role of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority following the sacking of the City of Sydney and the South Sydney Councils, and the conduct of the Multidimensional Study of the Pymont Point site,
 - (f) the transparency of planning assessment methods and processes employed by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority,
 - (g) any other relevant matters.
- 6.72** **Referred by** Self-referred, 2 April 2004.
- 6.73** **Status of inquiry** Completed.

²⁹ Mr Roozendaal was a member of the Committee until 2 May 2005, replaced by Mr Donnelly, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 101, item 12*, 4 May 2005, p 1351.

- 6.74 **Report tabled** 24 June 2005.
- 6.75 **Government response** Due 24 December 2005.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	5
Conclusions	4
Meetings	12
Public consultation	
Submissions received	8
Hearings	3
Location of hearings – Parliament House	3
Total duration	15 hrs 30 min
Witnesses	23
Participants in other forms of consultation	
Signatories to petitions	451
Total participants	482

*Pacific Highway upgrades**Members for the duration of this inquiry*

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Clarke MLC Liberal Party of Australia

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

Terms of reference

- 6.76 That the General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 inquire into and report on the impact of the proposed upgrades of the Pacific Highway between

- 1) Ewingsdale and Tintenbar, with particular regard to the following issues
 - a) Reasons for expanding the highway upgrade study area on the St Helena to Tintenbar section;
 - b) The level of upgrade proposed for this section and the remainder of the Pacific Highway;
 - c) The impact of the highway upgrade on prime agricultural land;
 - d) The potential impact of the upgraded highway on prime agricultural land in the expanded study area;
 - e) The impacts of B-doubles on the Pacific Highway;
 - f) The impacts of interstate heavy transport on the Pacific Highway and of the mixing of interstate and local transport;
 - g) The impacts of interstate truck transport on the New England Highway;
 - h) The significance of the New England Highway as a designated national transport route;
 - i) Existing or proposed strategic transport plans that seek to deal with the forecast doubling by 2025 of the NSW freight task;
 - j) The significance of statements by the Minister for Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources that the Pacific Highway is dedicated as a regional road; and
- 2) Ballina and Woodburn, with particular regard to the following issues
 - a) Impact on prime agricultural land;
 - b) Impact on flooding in the mid-Richmond area;
 - c) Impact on communities at Broadwater and Woodburn; and
- 3) Any other related matters

6.77 Referred by Self-referred, 10 June 2005.

6.78 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Meetings	-
Public consultation	
Submissions received	6
Hearings	-
Total participants	6

*Budget Estimates 2005-2006**Members for the duration of this inquiry*

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC The Nationals (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Clarke MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon David Oldfield MLC Independent

Terms of reference

6.79 Refer to paragraph 6.17.

6.80 **Status of inquiry** Not yet commenced.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

The Committee at a glance

Committee membership

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens (Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC The Nationals (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party³⁰

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens

The Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Current references

- 6.81**
1. Budget Estimates 2004-2005 (Reference from the House, 23 June 2004).
 2. Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture (Reference from the House, 5 May 2004).
 3. Hunter Economic Zone and the Tomalpin Woodlands (Self-referred, 11 May 2004).
 4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 (Reference from the House, 6 May 2005).

Statistical summary

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Inquiries	5	4
Reports tabled	2	3
Recommendations	21	7
Conclusions	-	6
Meetings	25	14
Public consultation		
Submissions received	326	3
Hearings	15	10
Location of hearings – Parliament House	10	19
- Regional NSW	5	-
Total duration	46 Hrs	29 hrs 51 mins
Witnesses	163	66

³⁰ Mr Donnelly replaced Ms Griffin, *Minutes of Proceedings No. 101, item 12*, 4 May 2005, p1351.

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Participants in other forms of consultation		
Public forums	-	-
Site visits	-	-
Briefings	-	-
Total participation in inquiries	489	69

Members' attendance records

	Meetings attended
Substantive members	
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	10
Mr Ian Cohen MLC	14
The Hon Rick Colless MLC	10
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	1
Ms Sylvia Hale MLC	10
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	2
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC	8
Substitute members	
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	2
The Hon David Clarke MLC	3
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	3
The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC	1
The Hon Duncan Gay MLC	5
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	12
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	2
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC	4
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	1
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	1
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	1
The Hon Ian West MLC	4

2004-2005 Inquiries***Budget Estimates 2004-2005******Members for the duration of this inquiry***

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens (Chair)

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Rick Colless MLC The Nationals

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens

The Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

6.82 Refer to paragraph 6.9.

6.83 **Status of inquiry** Completed.

6.84 **Report tabled** 1 April 2005.

Outcomes/comments

6.85 The Committee examined the budget estimates and related documents for the following government portfolios:

- Regional Development, Illawarra, Small Business
- Primary Industries
- Mineral Resources
- Rural Affairs, Local Government, Emergency Services, Lands
- Environment.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	-
Conclusions	-
Meetings	11
Public consultation	
Hearings	8

	2004-2005
Location of hearings – Parliament House	8
Total duration	17 hrs 6 min
Witnesses	43
Total participants	43

Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture

Members for the duration of this inquiry

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens (Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC The Nationals (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.86** 1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on the closure of residential training at the Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture and in particular
- (a) the process by which the decision was made to close the residential training,
 - (b) the community and industry consultation that preceded the announcement of the proposal,
 - (c) the impact on the Leeton and Yanco communities and district, and
 - (d) the reasons why Murrumbidgee and Tocal Colleges have not been transferred to the Department of Education and Training.
2. That the Committee report by Thursday 23 September 2004.

6.87 Referred by Legislative Council, 5 May 2004.

6.88 Status of inquiry Completed.

6.89 Report tabled 21 October 2004.

6.90 Government response Received 21 April 2005.

Outcomes/comments

- 6.91** In response to the Committees report the Government undertook to examine ways in which the college's residential facilities can be more fully utilised. The Government Response noted that in conjunction with the Leeton Shire Council the facility is being used for conferences, displays and functions and that the first guests used the facilities for these purposes in February 2005.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	6
Conclusions	5
Meetings	2
Public consultation	
Submissions received	0
Hearings	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1
Total duration	6 hrs 30 min
Witnesses	12
Total participants	12

Hunter Economic Zone and the Tomalpin Woodlands***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens (Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC The Nationals (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens

The Hon Robyn Parker MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference

- 6.92** That the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on the environmental assessment process associated with the Tomalpin woodlands and the Hunter Economic Zone industrial development, and in particular
- (a) the actions of the Director General and other senior officers of the NSW Premier's Department with particular reference to correspondence and interaction between the Premier's Department and the Parks Services Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation (formerly the National Parks and Wildlife Service) in the process; and
 - (b) the role of the Parks Services Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation (formerly the National Parks and Wildlife Service) in the process.
- 6.93** **Referred by** Self-referred, 11 May 2004.
- 6.94** **Status of inquiry** Completed.
- 6.95** **Report tabled** 9 December 2004.
- 6.96** **Government response** No Government response was required.

Statistical summary

	2004-2005
Inquiries	
Reports tabled	1
Recommendations	1
Conclusions	1
Meetings	2
Public consultation	
Submissions received	3
Hearings	1
Location of hearings – Parliament House	1
Total duration	6 hrs 15 mins
Witnesses	11
Total participants	14

Budget Estimates 2005-2006***Members for the duration of this inquiry***

Mr Ian Cohen MLC The Greens (Chair)

The Hon Rick Colless MLC The Nationals (Deputy Chair)

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC Australian Labor Party

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC The Greens

The Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Terms of reference**6.97** Refer to paragraph 6.17.**6.98** **Status of inquiry** Not yet commenced.

Chapter 7 Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders

How to contact the Committee

Members of the Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders can be contacted through the Committee Secretariat. Written correspondence and enquiries should be directed to:

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Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders

Legislative Council

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Select Committee at a glance

Committee membership

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC Christian Democratic Party (Chair)

The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party of Australia

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC Australian Labor Party

The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC Unity Party

Terms of reference

- 7.1** That the provisions of the *Juvenile Offenders Legislation Amendment Bill 2004*, as passed by the House, be referred to a select committee for inquiry and report.

That, notwithstanding the generality of paragraph 1, the Committee examine in particular the following matters:

- the reasons for, and the consequences of, the transfer of management responsibility for the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Corrective Services including the impact on staff at Kariong and Baxter detention centres,
- whether the transition of Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre into a juvenile correctional centre operated by the Department of Corrective Services is the most effective method of addressing management problems at that centre,
- the issue of adult detainees sentenced as juvenile offenders at Kariong and elsewhere in the juvenile detention centre system,
- the classification system and appropriateness of placements for detainees,
- alternatives to the establishment of a juvenile correctional centre,
- the wider social implications of incarcerating juveniles in juvenile correctional centres run by the Department of Corrective Services,
- management of staff assault issues in the juvenile justice system,
- whether incarcerating juveniles in juvenile correctional centres achieves reduced recidivism, rehabilitation and compliance with human rights obligations.

That, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, the Committee consist of six members, comprising:

- two government members,
- Ms Cusack and Mr Lynn, and
- Revd Dr Moyes and Dr Wong.

That the Chair of the Committee be Revd Dr Moyes.

That the Committee report by 29 July 2005.

7.2 Referred by Legislative Council, 9 December 2004.

7.3 Status of inquiry Ongoing.

Statistical summary

Public consultation	2004-2005
Submissions received	29
Hearings	5
Location of hearings – Parliament House	5
– Regional centres	0
Total hearing duration	24 hrs

Public consultation	2004-2005
Witnesses	38
Participants in other forms of consultation	
Site visits	10
Forums	0
Total participants	77

Outcomes/comments

- 7.4** The inquiry investigated the Government's decision to transfer administration of the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Corrective Services, the provisions of the *Juvenile Offenders Legislation Amendment Act 2004* that gave effect to that decision, and a range of issues relating to the administration and operation of the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- 7.5** The Committee received 29 submissions, and held five days of hearings. The Committee took evidence from a broad range of witnesses, including the then Minister for Justice, The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC, representatives from the Departments of Corrective Services and Juvenile Justice, legal experts and non-government community groups. The Committee also held a meeting with former Kariong staff.
- 7.6** In addition, the Committee conducted a site visit to Kariong Juvenile Correctional Centre and met with the Governor, Deputy Governor and a number of staff including custodial and education officers. The site visit provided the opportunity to tour the Centre and talk to detainees. At the end of this reporting period the Committee's report was in the process of being drafted.

Members' attendance record

	2004 - 2005
Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes, MLC	9/10
The Hon Catherine Cusack, MLC	10/10
The Hon Amanda Fazio, MLC	10/10
The Hon Charlie Lynn, MLC	9/10
The Hon Eric Roozendaal, MLC	10/10
The Hon Dr Peter Wong, MLC	10/10

Appendix 1 Committee attendance

Committee attendance from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

Type	Member	L & J	SIC	SDC	PRIV	Select	GPSC No 1	GPSC No 2	GPSC No 3	GPSC No 4	GPSC No 5	Total
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS	Burnswoods	0	23	0	0	0	2	1	1	29	2	58
	Catanzariti	0	0	5	7	0	4	22	1	3	10	52
	Donnelly	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	10
	Fazio	12	0	0	6	10	1	8	11	6	3	57
	Griffin	0	23	0	6	0	1	3	0	27	12	72
	Obeid	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	7	0	20
	Primrose	0	0	0	7	0	8	2	0	17	1	35
	Robertson	17	0	5	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	37
	Roozendaal	10	0	3	0	10	11	2	1	10	1	48
	Tsang	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	4	8	30
	West	0	21	0	0	0	10	0	8	3	4	46
OPPOSITION MEMBERS	Clarke	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	16
	Colless	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	10	14
	Cusack	0	0	0	0	10	7	0	6	3	0	26
	Forsyth	0	0	6	7	0	4	23	1	0	1	42
	Gallacher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	Gardiner	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	33	0	41
	Gay	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	11
	Harwin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
	Lynn	0	4	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	2	24
	Parker	0	23	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	4	38
	Pavey	0	0	4	0	0	1	11	1	1	0	18
	Pearce	17	15	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	42
Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	19	0	34	

Type	Member	L & J	SIC	SDC	PRIV	Select	GPSC No 1	GPSC No 2	GPSC No 3	GPSC No 4	GPSC No 5	Total
CROSS BENCH MEMBERS	Breen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	12
	Chesterfield-Evans	0	21	0	0	0	2	26	0	4	0	53
	Cohen	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	19
	Hale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	10	39
	Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
	Moyes	0	0	0	1	9	10	12	0	0	0	32
	Nile	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Oldfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	0	28
	Rhiannon	16	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	3	1	33
	Tingle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
	Wong	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10

Appendix 2 Committee travel and expenditure

Law and Justice Committee

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Costings
13 – 17 June 2005	21 – 23	Inverell Bourke Brewarrina	Robertson Pearce Rhiannon Staff x 3 Hansard x 3	Community based sentencing options	2 x hearings, 2 x public forums + 1 x site visit	29:35	To be included in final report, transcripts of evidence and transcripts of public forums	\$17,208.92
26 – 30 June 2005	25 - 27	Griffith Bega	Robertson Pearce Fazio Rhiannon Staff x 3 Hansard x 3	Community based sentencing options	3 x hearings and 3 x public forums	13:00	To be included in final report, transcripts of evidence and transcripts of public forums	\$16,240.68

State Development Committee

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Total cost
3 Dec 05	32	Wollongong and Ingleburn	Roozendaal Forsythe Staff x 2	Port infrastructure in New South Wales	Site visit	9:00	To be included in final report.	\$70.50

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Costings
23 May 05	38	Wagga Wagga	Moyes Colless (Cusack) Parker Rhiannon Roozendaal West 2 staff	Personal injury compensation legislation	Public hearing	6.50	To be included in final report. Transcript of evidence	\$6,056.92

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Costings
21 March 2005	39	Northern Beaches	Forsythe Catanzariti, Fazio (Tsang) 1 staff	Operation of Mona Vale Hospital	Site visit to potential sites for new hospital on Northern Beaches	3:00	To be included in future report.	\$0.00
17 May 2005	44	Tamworth Armidale Wagga Wagga	Forsythe Catanzariti Chesterfield-Evans Tsang Jenkins (Moyes) (Tamworth & Armidale only) Ryan (Pavey) Griffin (Robertson) (Tamworth & Armidale only) 3 staff	Post school disability options	Site visit to service providers in Tamworth and Armidale. Briefing by Challenge Armidale held at the Cattleman's Motor Inn, Armidale and public parent forum held at Armidale Ex- Services Club.	7.15	To be included in future report and transcript of evidence from public forum.	Total inquiry travel cost: \$15,632.38

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Costings
18 May 2005	45	Wagga Wagga	Forsythe Catanzariti Chesterfield-Evans Tsang Ryan (Pavey) Robertson 3 staff	Post school disability options	Site visit to service providers Wagga Wagga and public parent forum held at the City of Wagga Wagga Council Chambers.	7.30	To be included in future report and transcript of evidence from public forum.	as above
31 May 2005	48	Redfern	Forsythe Catanzariti Chesterfield-Evans 1 staff	Post school disability options	Facilitated consultation with people with a disability who use post school options at People With Disabilities, Redfern.	2.05	To be included in future report and to form the basis for a report from the facilitators.	as above
1 June 2005	49, 50	Wollongong	Forsythe Catanzariti Chesterfield-Evans Jenkins Robertson Ryan Tsang 2 staff	Post school disability options	Site visits to local service providers and a facilitated consultation at Essential Personnel, Wollongong.	5:00	To be included in future report and to form the basis for a report from the facilitators.	as above
3 June 2005	51, 52, 53, 54	Newcastle & Maitland	Ryan Chesterfield-Evans Robertson Tsang 2 staff	Post school disability options	Site visit to local service providers and local teachers as well as a facilitated consultation at Life Without Barriers, Newcastle West.	3.15	To be included in future report and to form the basis for a report from the facilitators.	as above

General Purpose Standing Committee No 4

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Costings
16 August 2004	37	Liverpool	Gardiner Hale Burnswoods Primrose Oldfield Griffin Ryan (Clarke) 3 Staff	The Designer Outlets Centre, Liverpool	Public hearing & site visit to the Designer Outlet Centre, Liverpool.	7.25	Transcript of evidence and to be included in future report.	\$776.49

Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders

Date	Minute No.	Destination	In attendance	Inquiry	Activity	Hours	Output	Total cost
25 Feb 2005	2	Kariong Juvenile Correctional Centre	Cusack Fazio Moyes Roozendaal Wong 3 Staff	Select Committee on Juvenile Offenders	Site visit	5	To be included in final report.	\$0.00

Appendix 3 Joint committees

Name of Committee	LC Members on Committee	Reports tabled	Date tabled
Committee on Children and Young People	The Hon Jan Burnswoods The Hon Tony Catanzariti The Hon Kayee Griffin Ms Sylvia Hale The Hon Melinda Pavey	Review of Child Death Review Team Report Suicide and risk taking deaths of children and young people-	06/06/2005
		Review of the 2003-04 Annual Report of the NSW Commission for Children and Young People-	24/03/2005
		Review of the Child Death Review Team Report Fatal Assault and Neglect of Children and Young People-	24/03/2005
		Review of the Report of an Inquiry into the Best Means of Assisting Children and Young People with No-One to turn to.	28/07/2004
Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission	The Hon Christine Robertson The Hon David Clarke The Hon Dr Peter Wong	10 th Meeting of the Annual Report of the Health Care Complaints Commission Report	01/05/2005
		Report into Alternative Dispute Resolution Complaints in NSW	21/10/2004
		Report into Draft Amendments to the Health Care Complaints Act 1993 and related legislation.	21/10/2004
Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption	Revd The Hon Fred Nile The Hon Jenny Gardiner The Hon Peter Primrose	Report on the Examination of 2002 – 2003 Annual Report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.	08/10/2004
		Report on the Examination of the 2001 – 2002 Annual Report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.	08/10/2004
		Examination of the Report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Report Profiling the NSW Public Sector.	22/09/2004
Legislation Review Committee	The Hon Robyn Parker The Hon Peter Primrose The Hon Dr Peter Wong	Study Tour Report – Human Rights and the Law in South Africa, United Kingdom and the Council of Europe.	18/02/2005
Committee of the Office of the Ombudsman and Police Integrity Commission.	The Hon Peter Breen The Hon David Clarke The Hon Jan Burnswoods	Interim Report on an Inquiry into the Police Integrity Commission's jurisdiction to oversight the Protective Security Group.	22/03/2005
		Interim Report on an Inquiry into Section 10(5) of the Police Integrity Commission Act 1996.	22/03/2005
		Twelfth General Meeting with the NSW Ombudsman	22/03/2005
		Eight General Meeting with the Police Integrity Commission	22/03/2005
		Sixth General Meeting with the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission	23/09/2004

Name of Committee	LC Members on Committee	Reports tabled	Date tabled
		Report by the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission – Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2004	31/08/2004
Staysafe (Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety)	The Hon John Tingle The Hon Ian West The Hon Richard Colless	<p>Report on road safety administration in New South Wales. Road traffic crashes in New South Wales in 2003.</p> <p>Report on safety administration in New South Wales. Road traffic crashes in New South Wales in 2002.</p> <p>Report on the safety of railway crossings – where roads and railway lines meet at substantially the same level.</p> <p>Report on car surfing and the Carriage of Unrestrained and Unprotected passengers on Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>Report on World Health Day – “Road Safety is no Accident”.</p>	<p>26/10/2004</p> <p>26/10/2004</p> <p>21/10/2004</p> <p>23/09/2004</p> <p>23/09/2004</p>
Joint Committee on the Office of the Valuer General	The Hon Kayee Griffin The Hon Charlie Lynn	Report on the First General Meeting with the Valuer General: Together with Transcripts and Minutes.	09/12/2004