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Overview

Happy new year to our readers. We trust that you enjoyed a safe and restful Christmas and new year.

The 2017 sitting year commenced for the Legislative Council on Tuesday 21 February after a busy summer period which saw a change in the Premier and ministry. On 23 January 2017, the Premier, the Honourable Mike Baird MP resigned, which action involved the resignation of the full ministry. On the same day, the Governor appointed the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP as the 45th Premier of NSW. A new ministry was appointed by the Governor on 30 January 2017. The new ministry has retained three ministers in the Legislative Council: the Honourable Don Harwin MLC, Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Arts, and Vice-President of the Executive Council; the Honourable Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, and Minister for Trade and Industry; and the Honourable Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education.

The appointment of the Honourable Don Harwin to the Ministry necessitated his resignation as President of the Legislative Council. On the first sitting day of the year, the House proceeded immediately before the conduct of any other business to the election of a new President. The Honourable John Ajaka MLC was elected to the position.

This week the House agreed to move to a slightly lengthier sitting pattern, agreeing to interrupt proceedings to allow the minister to move the adjournment motion at 10.00 pm on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The House also considered five government bills and four private members' motions, a motion to disallow a statutory instrument and a new reference to the Procedure Committee to inquire into e-petitions. At a joint sitting with the Legislative Assembly, the Houses elected a new member, Ms Dawn Walker, to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Ms Barham (The Greens) over the summer recess.

The Legislative Council now stands adjourned until Tuesday 7 March 2017.

Changes in the administration and Government representation in the Council

On 23 January 2017, His Excellency the Governor accepted the resignation of the Honourable Mike Baird MP as Premier and as a member of the Executive Council, which action involved the resignation of the ministry from their respective offices and as members of the Executive Council. On the same day, the Governor appointed the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP as Premier. The full ministry was appointed by the Governor on 30 January 2017.

The ministers in the Legislative Council are now as follows:

Mr Harwin – Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for the Arts, and Vice President of the Executive Council.

Mr Blair – Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, and Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mrs Mitchell – Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education.

Also on 30 January 2017, Mr Harwin was appointed as Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Mr Blair was appointed as Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council and Mr Farlow was appointed as Leader of the House by the Premier.

On 1 February 2017 various parliamentary secretaries were also appointed, including the following members of the Legislative Council:

Mr David Clarke – Parliamentary Secretary for Justice

Mr Richard Colless – Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Western NSW

Ms Catherine Cusack – Parliamentary Secretary for Education and the Hunter

Mr Scott Farlow – Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council

Mr Ben Franklin – Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy and Northern NSW

Mr Scot MacDonald – Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and the Central Coast

Mrs Bronwyn Taylor – Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW.

Election of a new President of the Legislative Council

On Tuesday 21 February 2017, the Clerk informed the House that, consequent on the resignation of the former President, the Honourable Don Harwin MLC, it was necessary for the House to elect a member to be President. The House proceeded to elect the Honourable John Ajaka MLC unopposed to the position of President. Mr Ajaka is the 21st President of the Legislative Council since the advent of responsible government in 1856.

Election of a new member – Ms Dawn Walker

On Tuesday 21 February 2017, the President reported receipt of correspondence from His Excellency the Governor advising of the resignation of Ms Jan Barham MLC (The Greens) as a member of the Council on 13 February 2017. Ms Barham had [given her valedictory speech](#) in anticipation of her resignation in the last sitting week of 2016.

Subsequently, on Wednesday 22 February 2017, the President announced receipt of a message from His Excellency the Governor convening a joint sitting of the two Houses to elect a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ms Jan Barham. Later that day, the two Houses convened for the joint sitting in the Legislative Council chamber and elected Ms Dawn Walker to fill the vacant seat. Ms Walker will be sworn in as a member and commence her duties during the next sitting week in March.

Oral history project

An ongoing initiative for the Legislative Council has been its oral history project. The project seeks to record and share aspects of a number of milestones in the Legislative Council's history as told by the people who have shaped its evolution as a House of review. In 2013, the first stage of the project resulted

in the publication of a monograph prepared by the former NSW Parliament's Historian, Dr David Clune, entitled "Keeping the Executive Honest: The Modern Legislative Council Committee System".

On Wednesday 22 February 2017, the President announced the publication of the second monograph detailing the 1978 reconstitution of this Council entitled "Connecting with the People: The 1978 reconstitution of the Legislative Council". The monograph is [now available on the Legislative Council's webpage](#) along with all interview transcripts.

Disputed claim of privilege – Documents relating to greyhound welfare – further order

On Tuesday 21 February 2017, the President informed the House that on 21 November 2016, the Clerk had received from Dr Faruqi (The Greens) a written dispute as to the validity of the claim of privilege on documents contained in a return to order relating to greyhound welfare. According to standing order, the Honourable Keith Mason AC QC was appointed as an independent arbiter to evaluate and report on the validity of the claim of privilege.

Over the summer recess Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) waived its claim of privilege over some of the documents the subject of the dispute, and tabled a series of additional redacted versions of documents. These documents were tabled out of session and are now public.

At the request of the arbiter, the Clerk then provided GRNSW and Dr Faruqi with a memorandum setting out the arbiter's initial determination of the validity of the claim over some of the documents. The arbiter requested that GRNSW meet with Dr Faruqi to determine whether agreement could be reached on further redactions to reduce the number of documents in dispute. Further redactions were agreed and the documents tabled out of session – these are also now public. On Thursday 23 February 2017 the House agreed to publish the arbiter's report on the matter, which is [now available on the Council's website](#).

New reference for the Procedure Committee – Inquiry into e-petitions

On Thursday 23 February 2017, the House agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the Government to refer new terms of the reference to the Procedure Committee to report on the merits of introducing e-petitions and the mechanisms by which they could be accepted in the Legislative Council. The reference follows the adoption of new e-petition systems by several Australian parliaments in recent years, the [Australian House of Representatives](#) being the latest House to adopt such system.

Motion to disallow a statutory instrument

On Tuesday 21 February 2017, the House considered a motion moved by Mr Buckingham (The Greens) to disallow division 2 of part 8 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2016, published on the NSW Legislation website on 12 August 2016. Mr Buckingham argued that the regulation would allow coal seam gas companies to receive a rebate of one dollar for every two dollars the company puts into a community benefit fund, up to a maximum of 10 per cent of royalties paid each year. Mr Buckingham further argued that companies could use the money, which should be directed to consolidated revenue, to repair infrastructure damaged as a result of the exploration process.

The Government opposed the motion, arguing that the regulation encourages companies to share the financial benefits of the gas operation with the local communities that host those operations under a framework that was informed by public consultation, and involves communities in decisions about the funding of local projects. The Government argued that local community groups would be able to apply for grants from the money invested in the fund. The Opposition supported the motion, arguing that commercial gas enterprises said to be engaged in philanthropy were in fact simply reducing the royalty payments they were otherwise obliged to pay to the community by way of the rebate scheme. The motion was defeated on division (Ayes: 16 / Noes: 21).

Government business

Note: Government business includes Government bills introduced or carried by ministers in the Council.

[Motor Racing Legislation Amendment \(Newcastle 500\) Bill 2017](#)

House of origin: Legislative Assembly.

The bill facilitates the transfer of the V8 Supercars race previously conducted at Sydney Olympic Park to Newcastle from November 2017, and omits reference to V8s to allow for a greater variety of Supercars to race in Newcastle in future years. The race, to be named the Coates Hire Newcastle 500, will be the grand finale of the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship, which comprises of events held in various Australian states and in New Zealand across 14 rounds.

The Minister argued that the bill would assist in attracting over 81,000 domestic and international visitors to the Hunter region, generate jobs and inject more than \$57 million into the local economy. The Minister also stated that the bill contained significant safeguards relating to consultation, public safety and environment protection.

The Opposition supported the bill, noting the financial benefits that the race will bring to Newcastle, but raised concerns about the Government's consultation process, arguing that local residents are frustrated at the lack of information available about what is happening in their neighbourhood, and that both the Mayor of Newcastle and the Member for Newcastle have called for a Newcastle-based government consultation and coordination office to be established as part of the preparations for the event. The Christian Democratic Party also supported the bill, while also speaking of the need for appropriate consultation with the community.

The Greens opposed the bill, arguing that the construction of the racetrack through a heritage-listed and residential area of Newcastle with narrow streets is completely inappropriate, and that the impact of racing will stretch over two months: six weeks of bump-in, three days of racing and three weeks of bump-out. The Animal Justice Party also opposed the bill, arguing that the race is completely inappropriate in a heritage precinct, and citing the access impacts on over 3000 residents.

The second reading of the bill was agreed to on division (Ayes 30 / Noes 5), the Greens and Animal Justice Party voting against the bill.

During committee of the whole the Opposition moved three amendments that sought to require Destination NSW to establish an office in Newcastle to guarantee that the community is adequately consulted about race arrangements, to require community consultation on authorised works, and make clear that the provisions of the bill would not affect the operation of the Heritage Act 1977. The amendments were defeated on two divisions (both recording Ayes: 15 / Noes: 19).

The third reading of the bill was agreed to on the voices and the bill was returned to the Assembly without amendment.

[Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment \(Local Aboriginal Land Councils\) Bill 2016](#)

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 provides for the right of Aboriginal communities to claim certain Crown land and, when granted, hold lands in freehold title. A network of 120 elected local Aboriginal land councils represents the interests of their members and the broader Aboriginal populations across the State.

The bill amends the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 to authorise the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council to make a performance improvement order to a local Aboriginal land council if the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council considers that action must be taken to improve the performance of the land council. Under previous arrangements, when a local Aboriginal land council failed to perform, the Minister responsible had the option of appointing an administrator to help improve its performance. The

intention behind the reform is to make early and midway intervention available when local Aboriginal land councils need assistance to comply with the regulatory and operational requirements of the Land Rights Act. The reforms will also provide a lower cost and less interventionist option for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council in its regulation of local Aboriginal land councils.

Members unanimously supported the bill. The Opposition indicated that the Aboriginal Land Council is better equipped to support local Aboriginal land councils in identifying significant compliance failure, and that the bill will better serve the relationship between local land councils and the community. The Opposition called for the Government to ensure that changes and their implications are communicated to all local Aboriginal land councils.

The Greens commended the bill for reinforcing the principle of self-determination for the Aboriginal community and allowing better governance in local Aboriginal land councils. The Greens considered the previous arrangements as heavy handed and expensive and argued that the bill represents a 'positive step forward'.

The Christian Democratic Party also reiterated the importance of the principle of self-determination for Aboriginal communities, and emphasised that the experience and knowledge of local Aboriginal people are the key to fix issues relating to capacity, performance and community governance in Aboriginal local land councils. The CDP argued strongly that the bill addresses these issues appropriately.

The bill was agreed to at its second and the third readings and was returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

[Biosecurity Amendment Bill 2017](#)

House of origin: Legislative Council

The bill makes provision for the payment of fees for preparation of biosecurity certificates, ensures that the issue of biosecurity certificates and the conduct of biosecurity audits are carried out by appropriately qualified individuals and seeks to implement changes to the accreditation of biosecurity certifiers and appointments of biosecurity auditors to also include corporations. The bill also authorises the suspension or cancellation of accreditation to be prescribed through regulations under the Biosecurity Act 2015. The bill authorises the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development to issue evidentiary certificates to facilitate proof of matters relating to the National Livestock Identification System and prescribe permitted biosecurity activities by order.

In speaking to the bill, the Minister indicated that the Government is committed to ensuring that existing governance arrangements and practices managing biosecurity are strong and transparent.

The second reading was adjourned for five calendar days.

[Retail Leases Amendment \(Review\) Bill 2016](#)

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The Retail Leases Amendment (Review) Bill 2016 amends the Retail Leases Act 1994. This Act regulates the relationship between tenants and landlords of retail shop leases. The amendments introduced in the bill amongst other things clarify landlords' disclosure requirements, increase the financial jurisdiction of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) in resolution of disputes from \$400,000 to \$750,000, expands the grounds on which the Tribunal can order the rectification of a retail shop lease, and removes the requirement for a 5-year minimum term for retail shop leases. The bill is introduced following an extensive period of consultation with the major industry associations.

The Opposition spoke in support of the bill noting that the bill would clearly benefit retailers, creating opportunities to improve the transparency of the market for retail leases in New South Wales. The Christian Democratic Party also supported the bill, stating that the improvements were long overdue and

arguing that the bill will increase certainty of dealings during the negotiation stage of retail shop leases. The Greens also supported the bill, stating that the updates and clarification of terms and procedures is a step in the right direction as it ensures that the law protects the rights of both the lessees and lessors and makes clear the responsibilities of both parties.

The second and third readings of the bill were agreed to and the bill was returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

[Transport Administration Amendment \(Independent Transport Safety Regulator\) Bill 2017](#)

House of origin: Legislative Assembly

The bill abolishes the New South Wales Independent Transport Safety Regulator and allows for the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to directly deliver rail safety regulation in the State. In doing so, New South Wales will have fully implemented national reforms to establish a national rail safety scheme.

The Parliamentary Secretary noted that consolidating the State's rail safety regulation under the National Rail Safety Regulator will deliver clearer accountability, and create a single, nationally-consistent rail safety culture and deliver a more efficient use of funding and resources by reducing the duplication of functions. As the Independent Transport Safety Regulator has been delivering safety regulation in New South Wales on behalf of the National Rail Safety Regulator since 2013, the Parliamentary Secretary anticipated a seamless transition to the national scheme.

The Opposition supported the bill, noting the importance of rail safety and a nationally consistent approach, and that the transfer of responsibilities to a national regulator included provisions to transfer permanent staff on no less favourable terms in their new roles. The Greens also supported the bill, noting the expertise of the staff in the Independent Transport Safety Regulator and the importance of this carrying through to the new national regulator.

The second and third readings of the bill were agreed to and the bill was returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Private members' business

Note: Private members' business is business introduced by members of the House other than Government ministers. There are two types of private members' business: private members' bills and private members' motions.

Motions

Shimon Peres (Mr Green, Christian Democratic Party)

Debate resumed from 20 October 2016 (see previous House in Review for [previous debate](#) and the [mover's original speech in support of the motion](#)).

Members continued to acknowledged Mr Peres' achievements as a leader and a peacemaker, including his leadership and advocacy of the Oslo Agreement between the State of Israel and the Palastinian Liberation Organisation.

The question was agreed to on the voices.

Auditor-General – Take note of report on the CBD and South East Light Rail Project (Mr Mookhey, Australian Labor Party)

On Thursday 23 February 2017, Mr Mookhey moved under standing order 57 that the House take note of a performance audit report of the Auditor General tabled on Tuesday entitled ‘CBD and South East Light Rail Projects: Transport for NSW’. This was only the second time standing order 57 had been used in this manner.

In speaking to the take note debate, Mr Mookhey argued that the report revealed that a \$500 million cost increase in the project from \$1.6 billion to \$2.1 billion was not due to changes in the scope of the project, as claimed by the Government, but to mispricing and omissions in the preparation of the business case. He argued that the former Minister for Transport and now Premier, the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, made errors in the planning process and that there were multiple warnings of the cost increase throughout the planning process.

In response, members of the Government defended the record of the Government in delivering major infrastructure projects such as the light rail, pointing to the failure of the previous Labor Government to deliver various transport project across Sydney. Other members of the Government spoke of the benefits of the project to Sydney such as improved transport access, support for urban renewal and revitalisation of the city centre.

The Greens argued that the light rail project will not meet community expectations, and that it has been plagued by massive cost blowouts, poor community consultation, misjudgement, errors and bad planning.

The Christian Democratic Party congratulated the Audit Office on its work, noting that the criticisms of the Auditor General had forced the Government and its departments to be far more efficient and far more aware of cost blowouts than they appeared to be previously, and that the audit had brought Government departments in line with correct business procedures.

The take note motion was agreed to.

Roman Catholic Church in Australia (Mr Pearson, Animal Justice Party)

Debate resumed from 13 October 2016 (see previous [House in Review](#) for an outline of the motion moved by Mr Pearson).

The Christian Democratic Party spoke to the motion, indicating how upsetting the exposure of child abuse within the Catholic Church has been, but arguing that the language used in the motion was unnecessarily critical of the Catholic Church. The CDP suggested that churches, and indeed any organisation responsible for children, should conduct thorough investigations of volunteers and staff prior to their employment, to ensure that people with a history of child abuse or psychiatric disorders are not placed in a position where abuse is possible. The CDP acknowledged that the Catholic Church nevertheless has to bear some of the blame for these individuals getting into the system.

The Greens strongly supported the motion, noting evidence that had come to lights detailing the history of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church over several decades and the large number of perpetrators within the Church. The Greens argued that the Church had failed to produce documents to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse under the guise of diplomatic protection for the Vatican as a ‘sovereign state’. The Greens moved an amendment to the motion for the House to call on the Australian Government to rescind this protection. The Greens also argued for the establishment of a comprehensive and fair compensation scheme for victims.

Debate on the motion was adjourned until the next sitting day.

Safer Pathway Program (Mr MacDonald, Liberal Party)

The motion acknowledged that on 27 July 2016, the Honourable Pru Goward MP, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, announced that the Government's Safer Pathway program will commence in the Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command from November 2016. The Safer Pathway program aims to ensure every domestic violence victim across New South Wales receives a consistent and effective response regardless of where they live. The service on the Central Coast is being coordinated by the Central Coast Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, which has a long history of providing professional advocacy and support for women who have experienced domestic violence.

In moving the motion, Mr MacDonald indicated that Tuggerah Lakes was identified to commence the program because domestic violence is a significant problem on the Central Coast. In the 24 months to March 2015, there was a 20.8 percent increase in domestic violence assault numbers in the area. Mr MacDonald noted that the Safer Pathway program brings together local representatives from various areas of government, including police, health, corrections, family and community services and education, along with local specialist non-government domestic and family violence services, to create an integrated and streamlined referral pathway for victims who are "at threat" or "at serious threat" to their life, health or safety.

Members of the Government, Opposition, the CDP and the Greens who spoke unanimously supported the motion, stating that there is no excuse for violence in families or communities, speaking of statistics on domestic violence and the recent trends and supporting the initiative the Government is taking on the issue.

Debate on the motion was adjourned until the next sitting day.

Motions taken as formal business

The following items of private members' business were agreed to as formal business without amendment or debate:

- (1) Multi-Faith Observance of The Order of Australia Association (Mr Clarke).
- (2) Screening of the Documentary 'Cultivating Murder' (Dr Faruqi).
- (3) St Vincent's Curran Foundation (Mr Clarke).
- (4) Select Committee on Off-Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy in NSW—Extension of Reporting Date (Mr Green).
- (5) Inaugural Greater Hunter Makers Festival (Mr MacDonald).
- (6) Central Coast Council Australia Day Awards (Mr MacDonald).
- (7) School Hall at All Saints College St Mary's Campus (Mr MacDonald).
- (8) Mr Michael Leigh Chamberlain (Mr MacDonald).
- (9) Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph (Mr MacDonald).
- (10) Port Stephens Christian College (Mr MacDonald).

Petitions received

- (1) Support animal free circuses in NSW – 747 signatures (presented Dr Fauqi).
- (2) Mandatory CCTV in abattoirs in NSW – 571 signatures (presented Dr Faruqi).
- (3) Make NSW shark fin free – 1,282 signatures (presented Dr Faruqi).

- (4) Hurstville Baptist Church – 1,213 signatures (presented Mr Green).

Committee activities

Committee references

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2: The Chair informed the House that on 7 December 2016, the committee resolved to inquire into road tolling.

Committee reports tabled

Committee on Children and Young People: ‘Sexualisation of children and young people’, dated November 2016.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1: ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated November 2016.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2: ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated December 2016.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3:

(1) ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated December 2016.

(2) ‘Inner city public primary school enrolment capacity and redevelopment of Ultimo Public School’, dated February 2017.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4: ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated November 2016.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5: ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated November 2016.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6: ‘Budget Estimates 2016-2017’, dated November 2016.

Select Committee on the Legislative Council Committee System: ‘Legislative Council committee system’, dated November 2016.

Standing Committee on State Development: ‘Regional planning processes in New South Wales’, dated November 2016.

Standing Committee on Social Issues: ‘Childhood overweight and obesity’, dated December 2016.

Legislation Review Committee:

(1) ‘Legislation Review Digest No. 30/56’, dated 14 February 2017.

(2) ‘Legislation Review Digest No. 31/56’, dated 21 February 2017.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3: The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC was elected Chair of the committee.

Inquiry activities

Select Committee on Off-Protocol Chemotherapy in New South Wales

The committee has received 112 submissions and conducted five hearings to date. The committee will report by 19 May 2017.

Select Committee on Human Trafficking

The committee has received 15 submissions to date and will hold its first public hearing on 6 March 2017.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Inquiry into child protection

A private roundtable meeting to consider recommendations for the final report was recently held. The report is currently being drafted.

Inquiry into road tolling

The closing date for submissions is 28 February 2017, after which the committee intends to hold several public hearings.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Inquiry into students with disability or special needs in New South Wales schools

The closing date for submissions is 26 February 2017. The committee will hold four public hearings between March and April 2017.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Inquiry into museums and galleries

The committee has received 172 submissions and held six public hearings to date. The committee has extended its reporting date to 30 March 2017.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Inquiry into water augmentation for rural and regional New South Wales

The committee has received over 100 submissions, and will undertake site visits and hearings in Deniliquin and Griffith on 28 February and 1 March 2017. Additional hearings will take place in May and June 2017.

Inquiry into commercial fishing in New South Wales

The committee received 170 submissions and held three public hearings, and will table its report today.

Law and Justice Committee

First review into New South Wales workers compensation scheme

The committee has received 84 submissions and held two public hearings. The committee is expected to report in March 2017.

Reports tabled

Independent Commission Against Corruption:

- (1) Investigation into the conduct of a senior officer of the NSW Department of Justice and others, November 2016.
- (2) Investigation into the conduct of a former Chief Executive Officer and members of the board of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council, February 2017.
- (3) Investigation into the conduct of a Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO and administrative officer, February 2017.

Inspector of Independent Commission Against Corruption: Report pursuant to Sections 57B & 77A Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988: Operation 'Dewar': Kevin Pallier Complaint, December 2016.

Acting Ombudsman:

- (1) Law Enforcement (Controlled Operations) Act 1997 Annual Report 2015-2016, November 2016.
- (2) Operation Prospect—volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, December 2016.

Acting Privacy Commissioner: NSW Informational Privacy Rights: Legislative Scope and Interpretation – Employer, Employee, and Agent Responsibilities: A Special Report under Section 61C Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, February 2017.

Information Commissioner: Report on the operation of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009: 2015 – 2016, February 2017.

Parliamentary Ethics Adviser: Annual Report of the Parliamentary Ethics Adviser, June 2016.

Auditor General: Building the readiness of the non-government sector for the NDIS: Department of Family and Community Services, February 2017.

Independent Legal Arbiter: disputed claim of privilege on papers relating to a further order for papers regarding greyhound welfare, February 2017.

Adjournment debate

Tuesday 21 February 2017

Defence industry strategy (Mr Pearce); One Nation preference arrangements (Mr Graham); Western Sydney Incinerator proposal (Mr Buckingham), Greyhound racing industry ban (Mr Borsak); Social

enterprise initiative (Mr Wong); Veterans affairs (Mr Farlow).

Wednesday 22 February 2017

HMAS Voyager anniversary (Mr Khan); Electricity supply (Mr Brown); Vocational education (Mr Mookhey); Clean coal (Mr Buckingham); Regional youth unemployment (Mr Veitch); The Hon Catherine Cusack appointment (Ms Cusack), Governor of New South Wales (Mr MacDonald).

Thursday 23 February 2017

Special religious education (Mr Green); Tribute to Commodore Graham Sloper (Mrs Maclaren-Jones); Ministerial portfolios (Ms Voltz); Technological advancement (Dr Faruqi); Closing the Gap Report (Mr Moselmane); Smart and skilled (Mr Franklin).

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