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## **STANDING RULES AND ORDERS**

### **CHAPTER 35 – COMMITTEES**

#### **204. Sessional committees**

- (1) The House may establish sessional committees at the commencement of each session of Parliament to consider matters relating to the provision of services to members.
- (2) The functions and composition of any sessional committee will be as determined by the House from time to time.

#### **205. Procedure committee**

- (1) A Procedure Committee will be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.
- (2) The committee may:
  - (a) consider on its own initiative any amendments to the standing orders,
  - (b) propose to the House changes in practice and procedures of the House, and
  - (c) consider any matter relating to the procedures referred to it by the House or the President.
- (3) The President, Deputy President, Leader of the Government and Leader of the Opposition are to be among the members of the committee.
- (4) Members may be appointed to the committee as substitutes for a member of the committee, by notice in writing to the Chair of the committee.
- (5) Nominations may be made by the Leader of the Government, the Leader of the Opposition, the Government and Opposition Whips, and Cross Bench Members, as applicable.

#### **206. Standing committees**

- (1) The House may establish standing committees which have power to sit during the life of the Parliament.
- (2) The functions, source of references and composition of any standing committee will be as determined by the House in the resolution appointing the committee.

#### **207. Select committees**

- (1) The House may appoint select committees to consider matters referred by the House. A select committee has power to sit during the life of the Parliament. When the committee completes its inquiry and presents its final report to the House, the committee ceases to exist.
- (2) The composition of any select committee will be as determined by the House.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE PROVISIONS

### 208. Powers

A committee has power:

- (a) to adjourn from time to time,
- (b) to adjourn from place to place,
- (c) to send for and examine persons, papers, records and things,
- (d) to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, if authorised by the House, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia, and
- (e) to request the attendance of and examine members of the House.

### 209. Must not sit while the House is sitting

- (1) A committee may sit during any adjournment of the House.
- (2) A committee must not sit while the House is sitting, unless the House otherwise orders.

### 210. Membership

#### **Sessional order no. 10 Pecuniary interest – SO 2010 (10)**

- (1) The composition of each committee is to be determined by the House in the resolution appointing the committee.
- (2) Government members are to be nominated by the Leader of the Government.
- (3) Opposition members are to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- (4) Cross bench members are to be nominated by agreement between cross bench members.
- (5) In the absence of any agreement the representation on a committee is to be determined by the House.
- (6) Nominations for membership of the committees are to be in writing to the Clerk within seven days of the passing of the resolution appointing the committee.
- (7) Members may also at any time, by motion on notice, be discharged by the House from attending a committee, and other members appointed or added.
- (8) The President may not be elected to any committee other than one of which the President is an ex officio member.
- (9) If the Deputy President is elected to serve on a committee and declines to do so, another member is to be elected.
- (10) ~~No member may take part in a committee inquiry where the member has a pecuniary interest in the inquiry of the committee.~~ **No member may take part in a committee inquiry where the member has a direct pecuniary interest in the inquiry of the committee, unless it is in common with the general public, or a class of persons within the general public, or it is on a matter of state policy.**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sessional order no. 10 Pecuniary interest – SO 2010 (10), Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 58

**211. Chair and Deputy Chair**

- (1) Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees are to be appointed or elected by the committee in accordance with the resolution of the House appointing the committee.
- (2) The member nominated as Deputy Chair is to act as Chair when the Chair is absent from a meeting.
- (3) In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair from a meeting of a committee, a member of the committee is to be elected by the members present to act as Chair for that meeting of the committee.
- (4) The Chair, Deputy Chair or other member acting as Chair at a meeting of a committee has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.

**212. Priority of references**

The priority to be accorded to a reference received by a committee may be determined by the Chair of the committee, unless the committee decides otherwise.

**213. First meeting**

- (1) The Clerk is to fix the time and place for the first meeting of each committee in such a manner as the Clerk thinks fit.
- (2) At the first meeting, before proceeding to any other business the Chair and Deputy Chair are to be elected, unless the resolution of the House appointing the committee provides otherwise.

**214. Quorum**

- (1) Unless otherwise ordered, the quorum of a committee is three members.
- (2) If, after 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting of a committee, a quorum is not present, the meeting is adjourned and the Chair of the committee will fix the next meeting of the committee.
- (3) The clerk of the committee is to record the names of the members present.

**215. Loss of a quorum during a meeting**

If, during the sitting of a committee, the loss of a quorum is brought to the attention of the Chair by another committee member, after ten minutes has elapsed the Chair will suspend the proceedings of the committee to a later hour. If a quorum is not then present, the committee will be adjourned to another day, to be fixed by the Chair.

**216. Member attendance**

- (1) A member must seek leave of the committee in order to be absent from four or more consecutive committee meetings.
- (2) If a member fails to attend four consecutive meetings of a committee without leave of the committee, the absence is to be reported by the Chair to the House.
- (3) If the member fails to attend the next meeting without leave of the committee, the Chair is to again inform the House. This procedure is to continue until the member attends a committee meeting.

- (4) These requirements do not apply to those committees for which the House has made provision for substitute members.

#### **217. Sub-committees**

- (1) Where the resolution appointing a committee makes provision for sub-committees, a committee has power to appoint sub-committees consisting of two or more of its members:
  - (a) to assist the committee in the exercise of any of its functions, or
  - (b) to investigate and report on any matter referred to the committee.
- (2) A sub-committee has the same powers as the committee appointing it.
- (3) The committee is to appoint one of its members to act as Chair of any sub-committee and the member appointed has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote.
- (4) Unless otherwise ordered, the quorum of a sub-committee is two, of whom one must be a government member and one a non-government member.
- (5) A sub-committee is to report to the committee on any matter referred to it by the committee. The committee may adopt the report, reject the report, or adopt the report with variations.
- (6) A sub-committee is to conduct its meetings and business in the same manner as the committee appointing it.

#### **218. Participation by members of the House and others**

##### **Sessional order no. 17 Participation by members of the House and others – SO 218**

- (1) Unless a committee decides otherwise, a member of the House who is not a member of the relevant committee may take part in the public **or private** proceedings of a committee and question witnesses but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division.
- (2) Persons other than members of the House and officers of a committee may ~~attend a public meeting of a committee, but will not~~ **only** attend a private meeting ~~except~~ by express invitation of the committee, and will always be excluded when the committee is deliberating.<sup>2</sup>

#### **219. Meeting or joining with other committees**

A committee or any sub-committee may:

- (a) join together with any other committee of the House or the Legislative Assembly to take evidence, deliberate and make joint reports on matters of mutual concern, and
- (b) meet with any other State or Commonwealth parliamentary committees to inquire into matters of mutual concern.

#### **220. Joint committees**

- (1) A proposal for a joint committee of the House and Legislative Assembly must contain the names of the members of the House appointed to serve on the committee.

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<sup>2</sup> Sessional order no. 17 Participation by members of the House and others – SO 218, Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 60



- (2) Any such proposal agreed to by the House will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly by message.
- (3) The proceedings of a joint committee will be reported to the House by one of the members appointed to serve on the committee.
- (4) At least three members of the House must be present at any meeting of a joint committee.
- (5) If the House agrees to a proposal from the Legislative Assembly to appoint a joint committee, the House will determine the time and place of the first meeting of the committee.

#### **221. Submissions**

Any person or body may make written or recorded submissions to a committee with respect to any inquiry being conducted by the committee.

#### **222. Evidence**

- (1) A committee is to take all evidence in public unless the committee decides otherwise.
- (2) A witness before a committee is to be given the opportunity of correcting their transcript of evidence, but corrections must be confined to verbal inaccuracies or explanations of answers. Corrections in substance can only be made by further giving of evidence.

#### **223. Publishing submissions and evidence**

- (1) A committee has power to authorise publication, before presentation to the House, of submissions received and evidence taken.
- (2) Evidence taken in camera may be published by resolution of the committee where it is in the public interest to do so.
- (3) A committee:
  - (a) may make available to any member of the public a copy of:
    - (i) any written submissions made to it,
    - (ii) the report of any inquiry carried out by it, or
    - (iii) the record of any evidence taken in public, and
  - (b) may charge a reasonable sum for making copies available.
- (4) A committee or sub-committee may authorise the tape recording of its public hearings.

#### **224. Unauthorised disclosure of evidence and documents**

- (1) The evidence taken by a committee and documents presented to it, which have not been reported to the House, may not, unless authorised by the House or committee, be disclosed to any person other than a member or officer of the committee.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to:
  - (a) any proceedings of the committee that are open to the public and news media,
  - (b) any member of the committee or officers of the House or committee in the exercise or performance of their duties,
  - (c) press releases or statements made by a member of the committee on the authority of the committee,

- (d) written submissions presented to a select committee and authorised to be published by the committee,
  - (e) any submission or document of the committee referred to any person for comment to assist the committee in its inquiry, and
  - (f) any document authorised to be published by the committee.
- (3) Any person committing a breach of this standing order may be reported to the House.

**225. No representation of witnesses**

A person or body is not entitled or permitted to be represented by counsel or a solicitor at a hearing of a committee unless the committee decides otherwise.

**226. Reports**

- (1) A committee has leave to report to the House from time to time its proceedings, evidence taken in public, and recommendations as it deems fit.
- (2) A committee may include in any report made to the House a draft bill to give effect to the recommendations of the committee.
- (3) For the purposes of preparing a draft bill for incorporation in a report to the House, a committee may, with the consent of the relevant Minister, make use of the services of any staff of the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.
- (4) A committee may publish discussion papers for the purpose of any inquiry.

**227. Consideration of reports**

- (1) The Chair, on the request of the committee, is to prepare a draft report and submit it to the committee.
- (2) The draft report is to be considered at a meeting convened for that purpose and may be amended as the committee thinks fit. A report may be reconsidered and amended.
- (3) The report of a committee, as agreed to by the committee, must be signed by the Chair, or in the event of the Chair refusing, any other member appointed by the committee.

**228. Members' opinions to be reflected**

- (1) The report of a committee is, as far as practicable, to reflect a unanimity of opinion within a committee.
- (2) It is the responsibility of a committee Chair and all members of a committee to seek to achieve unanimity of opinion.
- (3) Where unanimity is not practicable, a committee's report should be prepared so as to reflect the views of all members of the committee.
- (4) Where unanimity is not practicable, any member may append to the report a brief statement of dissent, provided that:
  - (a) the member has sought to have their opinions included in the report agreed to by the committee,
  - (b) the statement of dissent is relevant to the committee's report and the terms of reference of the inquiry,

- (c) the statement does not contain any matter which would unreasonably adversely affect or injure a person, or unreasonably invade a person's privacy,
- (d) the statement of dissent is signed by the member or members making it,
- (e) the statement of dissent is no more than 1,000 words in length.

**229. Chair's foreword**

A committee Chair's foreword must be approved by the committee prior to tabling of the committee's report in the House, if the committee so resolves.

**230. Tabling reports**

The report of a committee, with accompanying documents, is to be tabled in the House by the member signing the report, or in the absence of the member, by some other member of the committee, within ten calendar days of the report being adopted by the committee.

**231. Tabling out of session**

- (1) If the House is not sitting when a committee wishes to report to the House, the committee is to present copies of its report to the Clerk.
- (2) A report presented to the Clerk is:
  - (a) on presentation, and for all purposes, deemed to have been laid before the House,
  - (b) to be printed by authority of the Clerk,
  - (c) for all purposes, deemed to be a document published by order or under the authority of the House, and
  - (d) to be recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the House.

**232. Debate on committee reports**

**Sessional order no. 5 Debate on committee reports**

- (1) On tabling of a report from a committee a motion may be moved without notice "That the House take note of the report".
- (2) At the conclusion of the speech of the mover, the debate is to be adjourned to the next day on which committee reports have been given precedence.
- (3) Unless otherwise ordered, the order of the day for the resumption of debates on committee reports is to be set down on the Notice Paper in the order in which the reports were presented.
- (4) ~~The debate on committee reports on any day on which the debate has precedence is to be interrupted after one hour~~ **is to take precedence after questions on Tuesdays until 6.30 pm.** The interrupted debate is to stand adjourned and be set down on the business paper for the next day on which it has precedence.
- (5) Each speaker in the debate on committee reports is to be limited to 10 minutes, except the committee Chair who is allowed 15 minutes and a further 10 minutes in reply.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Sessional order no. 5 Debate on committee reports, Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 56, see also Standing Order 41 – Reports of committees – precedence.

**233. Government response**

- (1) On the tabling of a report from a committee, which recommends that action be taken by the government the Clerk is to refer the report to the Leader of the Government in the House who must within six months of a report being tabled, report to the House what action, if any, the government proposes to take in relation to each recommendation of the committee.
- (2) If, at the time at which the government seeks to report to the House, the House is not sitting, a Minister may present the response to the Clerk.
- (3) A response presented to the Clerk is:
  - (a) on presentation, and for all purposes, deemed to have been laid before the House,
  - (b) to be printed by authority of the Clerk,
  - (c) for all purposes, deemed to be a document published by order or under the authority of the House,
  - (d) to be recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the House, and
  - (e) to be distributed by the clerk of the committee to inquiry participants.
- (4) The President is to report to the House when any government response has not been received within the six month deadline.

**234. Resources**

- (1) A committee is to be provided with the resources necessary to carry out its functions.
- (2) A committee may, with the consent of the appropriate Minister, make use of the services of any staff or facilities of a government department, administrative office or public body.
- (3) A Chair of a committee may report to the President on any matter relating to the administration, functioning or operation of the committee.
- (4) The Clerk is to appoint an officer of the Council to act as clerk to the committee.
- (5) The clerk to a committee must record and include in the committee's report to the House:
  - (a) the names of the members attending each meeting of a committee,
  - (b) the proceedings of the committee and every motion or amendment moved and the name of the mover, and
  - (c) the names of the members voting on each side in a division.

## **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE**

### **Appointment of Committees**

Resolved—LC Minutes 12 May 2015 p. 89-90

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, a Procedure Committee be appointed as follows:

### **Membership**

1. The committee consist of the following members:
  - (a) the President, the Deputy President, the Assistant President, the Leader of the Government, the Deputy Leader of the Government, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Government Whip, and the Opposition Whip,
  - (b) one other government member, and
  - (c) two crossbench members.

### **Substitute members**

2.
  - (1) If one of the ex officio members, except the President, Deputy President or Assistant President, is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, the Leader of the Government or the Leader of the Opposition, as applicable, may nominate another member as a substitute member for that meeting by notice in writing to the Committee Clerk.
  - (2) Members may be nominated as substitute members for the government member not being an ex officio member, or the cross bench members for any matter before the committee, by notice in writing to the Committee Clerk as follows:
    - (a) nominations for the substitute Government member are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Government Whip or Deputy Government Whip, and
    - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another cross bench member.

### **Chair**

The Chair of the committee be the President.

### **Electronic participation**

3.
  - (1) A committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:

- (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room, and
  - (b) all members are able to speak to and hear each other at all times.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph 3 (1), a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.

## **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE**

### **Appointment of Committees**

Resolved—LC Minutes 12 May 2015 p. 88-89

That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

### **Appointment**

1. (a) A Privileges Committee be appointed.
- (b) The committee is the designated committee for the purposes of section 72B of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, relating to parliamentary ethical standards.

### **Functions**

2. The functions of the committee are to:
  - (a) consider and report upon any matters relating to privilege which may be referred to it by the House or the President,
  - (b) consider submissions referred by the President concerning citizens' rights of reply,
  - (c) under section 72C of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988:
    - (i) prepare for consideration by the Legislative Council draft codes of conduct for members of the Legislative Council and draft amendments to codes already adopted,
    - (ii) carry out educative work relating to ethical standards applying to members of the Legislative Council,
    - (iii) give advice in relation to such ethical standards in response to requests for advice by the Legislative Council, but not in relation to actual or alleged conduct of any particular person.
    - (iv) review the code of conduct at least once in each period of four years.

### **Powers**

3. The committee has power to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia.

### **Membership**

4. The committee is to consist of eight members, comprising:
  - (a) four government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two cross bench members.

### **Chair and Deputy Chair**

5. (a) The Leader of the Government is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Chair of the committee.
- (b) The Leader of the Opposition is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Deputy Chair of the committee.

### **Substitute members**

6. (1) Members may be appointed to a committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee, by notice in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (2) Nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whips or Deputy Whips, as applicable.
- (3) Nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another cross bench member.

### **Electronic participation**

7. (1) A committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room, and
  - (b) all members are able to speak to and hear each other at all times.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph 7 (1), a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.

### **Conduct of committee proceedings**

8. Unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (d) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and



supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and

- (e) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Appointment of Committees**

Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 62-65

That notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

### **Appointment**

1. Three standing committees are appointed as follows:

- (a) Law and Justice Committee,
- (b) Social Issues Committee, and
- (c) State Development Committee.

### **Law and Justice Committee**

2. The committee may inquire into and report on:

- (a) legal and constitutional issues in New South Wales, including law reform, parliamentary matters, criminal law, administrative law and the justice system, and
- (b) matters concerned with industrial relations and fair trading.

3. The committee is the designated committee for the purposes of section 11 of the Safety, Return to Work and Support Board Act 2012, to supervise the functions exercised by the Lifetime Care and Support Authority, Motor Accidents Authority, WorkCover Authority and Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Board.

4. The committee is to:

- (a) monitor and review the exercise of the functions of the authorities and of any advisory committees established under section 10 of the Safety, Return to Work and Support Board Act 2012,
- (b) examine each annual or other report of the authorities,
- (c) examine trends and changes in compensation governed by the authorities, and
- (d) recommend any changes to the functions and procedures of the authorities or advisory committees.

5. In exercising the supervisory function outlined in paragraph 3, the committee:

- (a) does not have authority to investigate a particular compensation claim, and

- (b) must report to the House in relation to the exercise of the functions of each authority at least once every two years.

### **Social Issues Committee**

- 6. The committee may inquire into and report on:
  - (a) issues concerned with the social development and wellbeing of the people of New South Wales, including health, education, housing, ageing, disability, children's services and community services, and
  - (b) matters concerned with citizenship, sport and recreation and gaming and racing.

### **State Development Committee**

- 7. The committee may inquire into and report on:
  - (a) issues concerned with state, local and regional development in New South Wales, and
  - (b) matters concerned with planning, infrastructure, finance, industry, the environment, primary industry, natural resources, science, local government, emergency services and public administration.

### **Referral of inquiries**

- 8. (1) A committee:
  - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House,
  - (b) may inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred by a Minister of the Crown, and
  - (c) may inquire into and report on any annual report or petition relevant to the functions of the committee which has been laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
- (2) Whenever a committee resolves to inquire into a matter, under paragraph 8 (b) or 8 (c), the terms of reference or the resolution is to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

### **Powers**

- 9. A committee has power to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia.

### **Membership**

- 10. Each committee is to consist of six members, comprising:

- (a) three government members,
- (b) two opposition members, and
- (c) one crossbench member.

### **Chair and Deputy Chair**

- 11. (1) The Leader of the Government is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Chair of each committee.
- (2) The Leader of the Opposition is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Deputy Chair of each committee.

### **Quorum**

- 12. The quorum of a committee is three members, of whom two must be government members and one a non-government member.

### **Sub-committees**

- 13. A committee has the power to appoint sub-committees.

### **Substitute members**

- 14. (1) Members may be appointed to a committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee, by notice in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (2) Nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable.
- (3) Nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.

### **Electronic participation in deliberative meetings**

- 15. (1) A committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room, and
  - (b) all members are able to speak to and hear each other at all times.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph 15(1), a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.

### **Conduct of committee proceedings**

- 16. Unless the committee decides otherwise:

- (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
- (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
- (c) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
- (d) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
- (e) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

## **PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES**

### **Appointment of Committees**

Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 65-68. As amended—LC Minutes 7 March 2017 p. 1425

That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

1. Six Portfolio Committees, reflecting Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities, be appointed as follows:
  - (a) **Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance**
    - Premier
    - Treasury
    - Industrial Relations
    - Finance, Services and Property
    - Innovation and Better Regulation
    - The Legislature
  - (b) **Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services**
    - Health
    - Mental Health
    - Medical Research
    - Women
    - Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
    - Family and Community Services
    - Social Housing
    - Disability Services
    - Ageing
    - Multiculturalism
  - (c) **Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education**
    - Education
    - Early Childhood Education
    - Aboriginal Affairs
    - Skills
    - Regional NSW
    - Small Business
    - Tourism and Major Events
  - (d) **Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Legal Affairs**
    - Attorney General
    - Police
    - Corrections
    - Emergency Services
    - Veterans Affairs
    - Counter Terrorism

(e) **Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport**

Primary Industries  
Regional Water  
Trade and Industry  
Lands and Forestry  
Racing  
Transport and Infrastructure  
Roads, Maritime and Freight  
Western Sydney  
WestConnex  
Sport

(f) **Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment**

Planning  
Resources  
Energy and Utilities  
Environment  
Heritage  
Arts  
Local Government  
Housing.

**Referral of inquiries**

2. (1) A committee is to inquire into and report on any matter referred to the committee by resolution of the House.
- (2) A committee may inquire into and report on the expenditure, performance or effectiveness of any government department, statutory body or corporation, relevant to the portfolios allocated to the committee.
- (3) A committee meeting to consider a self-reference may be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (4) The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven days of the receipt of the request, providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
- (5) A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
- (6) The terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

**Membership**

3. Each committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
  - (a) three government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two crossbench members.

**Substitute members**

4. (1) Members may be appointed to a committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee, by notice in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (2) Nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable.
- (3) Nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.

**Electronic participation in deliberative meetings**

5. (1) A committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room, and
  - (b) all members are able to speak to and hear each other at all times.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph 5(1), a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.

**Conduct of committee proceedings**

6. Unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention



and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

## BUDGET ESTIMATES

Resolved—LC Minutes 24 June 2015 p. 230-231

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016 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 initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

### **Day One: Monday 31 August 2015**

GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Two: Tuesday 1 September 2015**

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Health	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Three: Wednesday 2 September 2015**

GPSC 4	Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### **Day Four: Thursday 3 September 2015**

GPSC 4	Justice and Police, Arts, Racing	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 6	Innovation and Better Regulation	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Five: Friday 4 September 2015**

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 6	Local Government	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 6	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 6	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6 to 9 October 2015.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.

6. That the committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
7. That ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 18 December 2015.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the Committee Clerk by 5.00 pm, within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

## **SELECT COMMITTEES**

### **SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE LEASING OF ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Resolved—LC Minutes 6 May 2015 p. 68-70, 71-73, and 75-81

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the proposed leasing of electricity transmission and distribution businesses and associated infrastructure investment, and in particular:
  - (a) the likely implications of the transactions on electricity network pricing, given experience in other states,
  - (b) the likely impact of the transactions on customers, including on access to and exit from the network,
  - (c) the responsibilities of any lessee(s) to maintain, improve and replace infrastructure and the ownership of infrastructure that has been upgraded or replaced,
  - (d) the regulatory framework for electricity distribution and transmission networks and the proposed Electricity Price Commissioner,
  - (e) likely proceeds of the transactions, including additional Commonwealth incentives and interest revenue,
  - (f) expert reports into the transactions, including reports such as those by UBS, Deloitte and Ernst & Young, and
  - (g) and any other relevant matter.
2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consists of nine members, as follows:
  - (a) four government members, being Mr Clarke, Ms Cusack, Mr Khan and Dr Phelps,
  - (b) two opposition members, being Mr Primrose and Mr Searle, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, being Mr Borsak, Dr Kaye and Revd Mr Nile.
3. That the Chair of the committee be the Revd Mr Nile and that the Deputy Chair be Mr Clarke.
4. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the quorum of the committee is four members of whom two must be government members and two must be non-government members.
5. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:

- (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
  - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.
- 6. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
  - (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
- 7. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.
- 8. That the committee report by 2 June 2015.

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**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING  
PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Resolved and message sent to the Assembly—LC Minutes 13 May 2015 p. 99-102

Mr PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) A joint select committee be established to inquire into and report on companion animal breeding practices in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) The current situation in New South Wales in comparison with other jurisdictions;
  - (b) Proposals to limit the number of animals allowed to be kept by breeders;
  - (c) Calls to implement a breeders' licensing system;
  - (d) The implications of banning the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores;
  - (e) Any legislative changes that may be required; and
  - (f) Any other related matter.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders of either House, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
  - (a) five members of the Legislative Assembly, of whom:
    - (i) three are Government members, being Mr Adam Crouch, Mr Alister Henskens, and Mr Adam Marshall;
    - (ii) one is an Opposition member, who shall be nominated in writing to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the Opposition Whip; and
    - (iii) one is an Independent member, being Mr Greg Piper.
  - (b) four members of the Legislative Council, of whom:
    - (i) two are Government members;
    - (ii) one is an Opposition member; and
    - (iii) one is a Crossbench member.
- (3) The Chair of the committee be Mr Adam Marshall and the Deputy Chair of the Committee be elected at its first meeting.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the committee, any five members of the committee will constitute a quorum, provided that at least one member of each House is present at all times.
- (5) The committee report by 31 August 2015.
- (6) This House requests the Legislative Council to agree to a similar resolution and name the time and place for the committee's first meeting.

Legislative Assembly  
13 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Wednesday 13 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales be Mr MacDonald, Mr Pearson, Mrs Taylor, and Mr Veitch.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Thursday 14 May 2015 at 9.00 am in the Macquarie Room.

Legislative Council  
13 May 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES SYSTEM**

Resolved as formal business—LC Minutes 24 June 2015 p. 218-219

1. That this House notes that on marking the 25th anniversary of the modern committee system in the Legislative Council in 2013, the House acknowledged that the work of committees enables the Legislative Council to effectively:
  - (a) hold the Government to account,
  - (b) allow for community engagement in the parliamentary process, and
  - (c) develop sound policy for New South Wales' citizens.
2. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on how to ensure that the committee system continues to enable the Legislative Council to effectively fulfil its role as a House of Review.
3. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
  - (a) four government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two crossbench members.
4. That the Chair be a member of the Government and Deputy Chair be a member of the Opposition.
5. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:
  - (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
  - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.
6. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and



- (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
7. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Resolved—LC Minutes 25 June 2015 p. 248-250

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the closure of public schools in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the actual or potential closure or recess process relating to the following public schools:
    - (i) Martins Creek Public School,
    - (ii) Wollombi Public School,
    - (iii) Pearces Creek Public School,
    - (iv) Eraring Public School,
    - (v) Ellangowan Public School,
    - (vi) Wollar Public School,
    - (vii) Bellimbopinni Public School,
    - (viii) Bylong Upper Public school,
    - (ix) Blackville Public School,
    - (x) Rouchel Public School, and
    - (xi) any other rural public schools,
  - (b) the processes, policies, procedures, accountability, and decision making surrounding the closure of schools in New South Wales,
  - (c) factors considered in determining the suitability of alternative schools in the case of a closure,
  - (d) the transparency of the consultation process surrounding school closures,
  - (e) the impact on local school communities affected by school closures,
  - (f) the role of cost-benefit analyses in the closure process, if applicable, and
  - (g) any other related matter.
2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
  - (a) three government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, Mr Borsak, Mr Green and Dr Kaye.
3. That the Chair of the committee be Mr Green and the Deputy Chair be Mr Borsak.
4. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:

- (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
  - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.
- 5. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
  - (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
- 6. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.
- 7. That the committee report by Thursday 22 October 2015.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Resolved—LC Minutes 9 November 2016 p. 1240-1243

1. That this House establish a select committee to inquire into and report on human trafficking in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the role and effectiveness of New South Wales law enforcement agencies in responding to human trafficking including:
    - (i) how New South Wales law enforcement agencies respond to human trafficking, including slavery, slavery like practices such as servitude, forced labour, and people trafficking,
    - (ii) the influence of organised crime in human trafficking in New South Wales,
  - (b) the prevalence of human trafficking in New South Wales,
  - (c) the effectiveness and of relevant legislation and policies,
  - (d) the practical measures and policies including security measures to protect New South Wales identity documents that would address human trafficking in New South Wales, and
  - (e) other related issues.
2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of seven members comprising:
  - (a) three government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two crossbench members, being Dr Faruqi and Mr Green.
3. That the Chair of the committee be Mr Green.
4. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the committee will constitute a quorum.
5. That members may be appointed to the committee as substitute members for any matter before the committee by providing notice in writing to the Committee Clerk, with nominations made as follows:
  - (a) nominations for substitute government or opposition members are to be made by the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Government or Opposition Whip or Deputy Whip, as applicable, and
  - (b) nominations for substitute crossbench members are to be made by the substantive member or another crossbench member.

6. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
  - (c) members may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
7. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.
8. That the committee report by September 2017.

## **JOINT COMMITTEES**

### **COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) In accordance with section 38 of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014 the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on Children and Young People: Ms Melanie Gibbons, Ms Jodie Harrison, Mr Michael Johnsen, Mr Damien Tudehope.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That under section 36 of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014, a joint committee known as the Committee on Children and Young People be appointed.
2. That under section 38 of the Act, Mr Greg Donnelly, Mr Paul Green and Mrs Bronnie Taylor be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

**COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) In accordance with section 67 of the Health Care Complaints Act 1993, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission: Mr Adam Crouch, Mrs Melinda Pavey, Ms Eleni Petinos, Ms Kate Washington.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That under section 64 of the Health Care Complaints Act 1993, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission be appointed.
2. That under section 67 (1) (a) of the Act, Mr Lou Amato, Ms Jan Barham and Mr Walt Secord be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

**COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) In accordance with section 65 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption: Mr Ron Hoenig, Mr Kevin Humphries, Mr Adam Marshall, Ms Tania Mihailuk, Mr Chris Patterson, Ms Kathy Smith, Mr Mark Taylor, Mr Damien Tudehope.
- (2) The committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That under section 63 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption be appointed.
2. That under section 65 (1) (a) of the Act, Mr Trevor Khan, Revd Fred Nile and Ms Lynda Voltz be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President



**COMMITTEE ON THE OMBUDSMAN, THE POLICE INTEGRITY  
COMMISSION AND THE CRIME COMMISSION**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) In accordance with section 31C of the Ombudsman Act 1974, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission: Mr Lee Evans, Mr Paul Lynch, Dr Hugh McDermott, Ms Eleni Petinos.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That under section 31A of the Ombudsman Act 1974, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission be appointed.
2. That under section 31C (1) (a) of the Act, Mr Scott Farlow, Mr Trevor Khan and Mr Adam Searle be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

**LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) In accordance with section 5 of the Legislation Review Act 1987, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Legislation Review Committee: Mr Lee Evans, Ms Melanie Gibbons, Mr Alister Henskens, Mr Michael Johnsen, Mr David Mehan.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That under section 4 of the Legislation Review Act 1987, a joint committee known as the Legislation Review Committee be appointed.
2. That under section 5 (1) (a) of the Act, Mr Shaoquett Moselmane, Mr Greg Pearce and Mr David Shoebridge be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) A Joint Standing Committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed.
- (2) The Committee inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister that relate to:
  - (a) The following electoral laws:
    - (i) Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 (other than Part 2);
    - (ii) Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981; and
    - (iii) Those provisions of the Constitution Act 1902 that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council (other than sections 27, 28 and 28A);
  - (b) The administration of and practices associated with the electoral laws described at (a).
- (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 28 March 2015 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make. The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.
- (4) The Committee consist of ten members, as follows:
  - (a) Five members of the Legislative Assembly, and
  - (b) Five members of the Legislative Council.
- (5) Mr Adam Crouch, Mrs Melinda Pavey, Mr Jai Rowell, Mr Mark Taylor, Ms Anna Watson be appointed to serve on such committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
- (7) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (8) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint five of its members to serve with the members of the

Legislative Assembly upon the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 28 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee be Mr Robert Borsak, Mr Ben Franklin, Mrs Courtney Houssos, Dr Peter Phelps and Mr Peter Primrose.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Thursday 4 June 2015 at 9:00 am in Room 1254.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

A Joint Standing Committee (to be known as the Staysafe Committee) be appointed to inquire into and report on road safety in New South Wales with the following terms of reference:

- (1) As an ongoing task, the Committee is to—
  - (a) Monitor, investigate and report on the road safety situation in New South Wales; and
  - (b) Review and report on countermeasures aimed at reducing deaths, injuries, and the social and economic costs to the community arising from road accidents.
- (2) The Committee consist of five members of the Legislative Assembly and three members of the Legislative Council and that, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the committee, any four members shall constitute a quorum provided that the committee shall meet as a joint committee at all times.
- (3) Mr Greg Aplin, Mr Adam Crouch, Mr Nick Lalich, Mr Adam Marshall, Ms Eleni Petinos be appointed to serve on such committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (5) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council to appoint three of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly upon the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

## Joint committees

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1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 28 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee to inquire into and report on road safety in New South Wales.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee be Dr Mehreen Faruqi, Mr Scot MacDonald and Mr Daniel Mookhey.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 1.00 pm in the Waratah Room.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE  
VALUER-GENERAL**

Message received from the Assembly—LC Minutes 28 May 2015 p. 147-152

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That:

- (1) A Joint Standing Committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General be appointed.
- (2) The Committee's functions be:
  - (a) to monitor and review the exercise of the Valuer-General's functions with respect to land valuations under the Valuation of Land Act 1916 and the Land Tax Management Act 1956, and in particular:
    - (i) to monitor the methodologies employed for the purpose of conducting such valuations,
    - (ii) to monitor the arrangements under which valuation service contracts are negotiated and entered into, and
    - (iii) to monitor the standard of valuation services provided under such contracts,
  - (b) to report to both Houses of Parliament, with such comments as it thinks fit, on any matter connected with the exercise of the Valuer-General's functions referred to in paragraph (a) to which, in the opinion of the Committee, the attention of Parliament should be directed,
  - (c) to report to both Houses of Parliament any change that the Committee considers desirable to the Valuer-General's functions referred to in paragraph (a),
  - (d) to inquire into any question in connection with the Committee's functions which is referred to it by both Houses of Parliament, and to report to both Houses on that question.
- (3) The functions of the Committee not extend to the investigation of any matter relating to or arising from a particular valuation of a specific parcel of land.
- (4) The Committee consist of five members as follows:
  - (a) three members of the Legislative Assembly of whom two must be Government members and one must be a non-Government member, and
  - (b) two members of the Legislative Council of whom one must be a Government member and one must be a non-Government member.

- (5) Ms Melanie Gibbons, Mr Stephen Kamper, Mr Geoff Provest be appointed to serve on the Committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the Committee, any three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
- (7) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (8) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint two of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly on the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly  
28 May 2015

SHELLEY HANCOCK  
Speaker

Resolved—LC Minutes 2 June 2015 p. 159-163

Madam SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

1. That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 28 May 2015 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General.
2. That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General be Mr Greg Pearce and Mr Ernest Wong.
3. That the time and place for the first meeting be Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 9.30 am in the Waratah Room.

Legislative Council  
2 June 2015

DON HARWIN  
President



## **RESOLUTIONS OF CONTINUING EFFECT**

### **BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS**

Resolved—LC Minutes 18 October 2007 p. 279-281

#### **Sound and audio-visual broadcast of proceedings of the House**

1. That this House authorises the sound and audio-visual broadcast of the proceedings of the House:
  - (a) on the broadcast system within the precincts of Parliament House,
  - (b) by direct signal to the media gallery in Parliament House,
  - (c) to persons and organisations outside Parliament House approved by the President, on terms and conditions determined by the President from time to time, and
  - (d) by webcast on the Internet.

#### **Broadcasting**

2. The live broadcast or rebroadcast of proceedings of the Legislative Council is authorised on the following conditions, and any other terms and conditions, not inconsistent with this paragraph, determined by the President from time to time:
  - (a) excerpts may be taken from the proceedings of the House from the time of the meeting of the House until the adjournment of the House,
  - (b) recordings and broadcasts must only be made from the sound or audio-visual signal provided by the Legislative Council,
  - (c) broadcasts of excerpts must be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings and must provide a balanced presentation of differing views,
  - (d) excerpts must not be used for:
    - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns,
    - (ii) the purpose of satire or ridicule,
    - (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising,
  - (e) excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast if the withdrawal is also broadcast,
  - (f) excerpts must be placed in context,
  - (g) where audio excerpts of proceedings are used on radio and television, commentators must identify Members by name,

- (h) where audio excerpts of proceedings are used on television, their use may be that of audio over still frames, or overlay material,
- (i) where excerpts are used on commercial stations, the station must ensure that advertising before and after excerpts is of an appropriate nature,
- (j) events in the Galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts of those events must not be used,
- (k) access to proceedings for the purpose of recording is on the basis of an undertaking to observe these conditions. A breach of these conditions by a station may result in the suspension or withdrawal of permission by the President for the station to broadcast excerpts of the proceedings of the House,
- (l) the instructions of the President or delegated representatives, on the use of recorded excerpts, must be observed at all times, and
- (m) the President may approve filming, on request, by persons or organisations, according to the terms and conditions set out in this resolution.

### **Still photography**

- 3. That this House authorises access to the proceedings of the Legislative Council by still photographers on the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) photographers from the print media who are accredited members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery may, with the approval of the President, take photographs during Question Time and at other times,
  - (b) photographers who are accredited members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery require the approval of the President and a signed undertaking to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this resolution,
  - (c) accreditation passes are to be worn and clearly visible at all times whilst a photographer is on the Parliamentary premises,
  - (d) photographs must be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings and must provide a balanced presentation of differing views,
  - (e) photographs must not be used for:
    - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns,
    - (ii) the purpose of satire or ridicule,
    - (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising,
  - (f) photographs must be placed in context,
  - (g) photographs of individual Members, not speaking in debate, are not permitted,
  - (h) photographs taken with telephoto lenses or zoom lenses must not show any Member closer than at “head and shoulders” distance,

- (i) telephoto lenses or zoom lenses must not be used to inspect Members' documents or computer screens, and close up photographs of Members' documents or computer screens must not be taken,
- (j) photographs of persons in the galleries must not be taken, with the only exception being photographs of distinguished visitors at the time they are welcomed to the House by the Chair,
- (k) photographs of disturbances by visitors or any other persons is not permitted,
- (l) the use of flash or other sources of additional lighting and motor driven cameras is not permitted,
- (m) photographs are not to be digitally enhanced, touched up or altered in any form,
- (n) cropping from single or group photographs is not permitted,
- (o) as a general rule, photographers should be as unobtrusive as possible and not disturb the view of visitors in the galleries,
- (p) photographers shall observe the instructions of the President, or the President's delegate, at all times, and
- (q) non-compliance with these conditions by a photographer or media organisation may result in the suspension or withdrawal of accreditation.

**Sound and audio-visual broadcast of proceedings and still photography of committee proceedings**

- 4. That this House authorises a committee, by a vote of the committee, to:
  - (a) authorise the filming and broadcasting and still photography of its public proceedings by accredited members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery,
  - (b) authorise the filming and broadcasting and still photography of its public proceedings by a person or organisation not an accredited member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery on an undertaking by the person or organisation, in writing, to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this resolution and any other terms and conditions determined by the committee,
  - (c) authorise the broadcast and rebroadcast of its public proceedings in the Legislative Council chamber on the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 2,
  - (d) give instructions for the observance of terms and conditions determined not inconsistent with this resolution, and
  - (e) order that part of its proceedings not be recorded or broadcast.
- 5. That if a committee authorises the filming or broadcast or still photography of proceedings, a witness who is to appear before the Committee in those proceedings must be given a reasonable opportunity, before appearing in the proceedings, to object to the

broadcasting or televising of proceedings. The witness may state the grounds of the objection. The Committee must consider an objection having regard to the protection of the witness and the public interest in the proceedings. If the Committee decides to permit the broadcast or rebroadcast of proceedings despite an objection of a witness, the witness must be informed before appearing in the proceedings of the Committee.

**Details of organisations and terms and conditions**

6. That the President is to report to the House:
  - (a) details of the persons and organisations authorised from time to time to receive the sound and audio-visual broadcast, and
  - (b) details of additional terms and conditions determined under this resolution.