



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the quality of care for patients at the Royal North Shore Hospital, and in particular:
 - (a) clinical management systems at the hospital,
 - (b) the clinical staffing and organisation structures at the hospital,
 - (c) the efficiency, effectiveness and appropriateness of resource allocation and utilisation within the hospital, and in particular the operation of the Emergency Department,
 - (d) the effectiveness of complaints handling and incident management at the hospital, and
 - (e) operational management of Royal North Shore Hospital in general but in particular, the interaction between area and hospital management as it relates to hospital efficiency, effectiveness and quality of care.
2. That the committee consider any strategies or measures in place or proposed for improving quality of care for patients at the hospital which may also benefit New South Wales' public hospitals.
3. That any individual patient complaints identified in the course of the inquiry be referred by the committee to the Health Care Complaints Commission.
4. That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, the committee consist of eight members, as follows:
 - (a) three members of the Legislative Council, of whom:
 - (i) one must be a government member,
 - (ii) one must be an opposition member, and
 - (iii) Revd Mr Nile,
 - (b) five members of the Legislative Assembly, of whom:
 - (i) three must be government members,
 - (ii) one must be an opposition member, and
 - (iii) one must be a cross bench member.
5. That the members be nominated in writing to the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the relevant party leaders and the cross bench members respectively within seven days of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.
6. That Revd Mr Nile be Chair of the committee, and that the committee elect a Deputy Chair at its first meeting.
7. That, notwithstanding anything in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the committee will constitute a quorum, provided that the committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
8. A member of either House who is not a member of the committee may take part in the public proceedings of the committee and question witnesses but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division.
9. That leave be given to members of either House to appear before and give evidence to the committee.
10. That the Committee report by Friday 14 December 2007.