

## Select Committee on the leasing of electricity infrastructure

### Membership

Revd Mr Nile (Chair)  
Mr Clarke (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Borsak  
Ms Cusack  
Dr Kaye  
Mr Khan  
Dr Phelps  
Mr Primrose  
Mr Searle

### Appointment of Committee

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.