

1 SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE HIGH LEVEL OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF DEATHS IN CUSTODY

Original question as amended:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on First Nations people in custody in New South Wales, and in particular
 - (a) the unacceptably high level of First Nations people in custody in New South Wales,
 - (b) the suitability of the oversight bodies tasked with inquiries into deaths in custody in New South Wales, with reference to the Inspector of Custodial Services, the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Corrective Services professional standards, the NSW Coroner and any other oversight body that could undertake such oversight,
 - (c) the oversight functions performed by various State bodies in relation to reviewing all deaths in custody, any overlaps in the functions and the funding of those bodies,
 - (d) how those functions should be undertaken and what structures are appropriate, and
 - (e) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of six members comprising:
 - (a) two government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members, one from The Greens and one from another crossbench party.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be an opposition member and the Deputy Chair be a crossbench member.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) submissions to the inquiry 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 is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, 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.
- (5) That the committee report by the final working day in March 2021 – put and passed.