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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 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 18 August 2014

GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries	10.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Western NSW	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

### Day Two: Tuesday 19 August 2014

GPSC3	Transport, The Hunter	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC3	Local Government	3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services, The Illawarra	9.00 am - 12.00 pm
GPSC2	Mental Health	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm
GPSC2	Education	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Three: Wednesday 20 August 2014

GPSC4	Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation	9.00 am - 1.30 pm
GPSC4	Attorney General, Justice	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC5	The Environment, Heritage, The Central Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Four: Thursday, 21 August 2014

GPSC3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Roads and Freight	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning, Women	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Five: Friday 22 August 2014

GPSC1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Finance and Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC4	Fair Trading	9.00 am - 10.30 am
GPSC4	Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts	10.45 am - 12.15 pm
GPSC4	Family and Community Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

3. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7 to 10 October 2014.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. The committees must hear evidence in public.
6. 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. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
9. The committees are to present a final report to the House by 19 December 2014.
10. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
11. All answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, must be provided within 21 days, or as otherwise determined by the committee.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 12 November 2013, see *LC Minutes* (12/11/13), p 2161, Item 31; amended by *LC Minutes* (15/05/2014)2527-2529, Item 21.

## Committee membership

### General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party	
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens	
Mr Scot Macdonald MLC*	Liberal Party	
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC	The Greens
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Luke Foley MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party

\* Mr Macdonald replaced Mr Pearce on 21 October 2014

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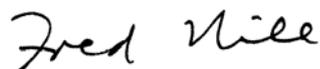
## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015. This annual inquiry into the Budget Estimates ensures parliamentary oversight of the Budget, and provides an important mechanism for the accountability of the executive government to the Council.

The inquiry consisted of four hearings to examine the portfolio areas of:

- Planning, Women
- Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney
- Treasury, Industrial Relations
- Finance and Services.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the ministers and their officers who assisted the committee during this important inquiry. I am grateful to my fellow committee members and the secretariat staff for their contributions to the inquiry process.



Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC  
**Chairman**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2014-2015 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 12 November 2013 the Legislative Council resolved to hold the initial hearings of the General Purpose Standing Committees' inquiry into the Budget Estimates during the weeks commencing 18 August and 25 August 2014.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 On 15 May 2014, the Legislative Council further resolved that 'the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report'.<sup>2</sup> The resolution required each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 19 December 2014. Furthermore, the resolution stipulated that the initial hearings would be held in the week commencing 18 August and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7-10 October. Hearings
- 1.3 The Committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Thursday 21 August 2014 – Planning, Women
  - Thursday 21 August 2014 – Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney
  - Friday 22 August 2014 – Treasury, Industrial Relations
  - Friday 22 August 2014 - Finance and Services.
- 1.4 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

## Transcripts

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1).

## Questions on notice

- 1.6 Questions taken on notice, and the answers to these questions, are also available on the Committee's web page.

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 12 November 2013, p 2161.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 15 May 2014, pp 2527-2529.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

This chapter provides a brief summary by portfolio of the key issues raised during the hearings.

### Planning, Women

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of Planning was held on Thursday 21 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Planning portfolio:

- developer political donations
- Department of Planning protocol for contact with registered lobbyists
- Bays Precinct urban renewal project
- Parramatta Road urban renewal project
- affordable housing
- Blue Mountains draft Local Environmental Plan
- Planning Assessment Commission – member conflict of interest guidelines
- pre-Gateway rezoning process
- independent schools allowable planning variations
- Property rights
- Warkworth Continuation project
- Mount Thorley Continuation project
- community appeal rights
- Revitalisation of Newcastle
- Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney population growth forecasts
- Urban Activation Precincts Program.

2.2 The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Women portfolio:

- recruitment to position of Executive Director, Women NSW
- violence prevention studies
- NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity
- Domestic and Family Violence Council
- Muslim Women's Support Centre
- Catherine Haven, Broken Hill
- breast cancer risk factors research
- sexualisation of young girls.

- It Stops Here – Orange and Waverly trial sites

## **Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolio of Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney was held on Thursday 21 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Premier, Infrastructure portfolio:

- urban renewal in the Hunter
- appointment to the State Water Corporation Board
- High Court of Australia challenge to s96I of the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981*
- ethics training for members of Parliament
- powers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption
- regulation of third party lobbyists and other lobbyists
- monitoring of registered lobbyists
- Crown Casino at Barangaroo licence
- Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek
- requirement to fly the Australian flag at Government agencies and schools
- economic assistance to Broken Hill.

**2.4** The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Western Sydney portfolio:

- loose fill asbestos insulation
- WestConnex
- Campbelltown TAFE
- new housing developments
- Muslim Women's Support Centre
- Bankstown Multicultural Youth Service
- Parramatta Road upgrade.

## **Treasury, Industrial Relations**

**2.5** A hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury, Industrial Relations was held on Friday 22 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Treasury portfolio:

- donations made to the Liberal Party and compliance with electoral funding laws

- projected versus actual spending on infrastructure
- proposed sale of the Cobbora Coal project and plans for public land acquired by Cobbora Holding Company
- plans for the Manly Hospital site and Cronulla Fisheries Site
- income received from the sale of State-owned housing in Kent Street, Sydney
- funds allocated to community grants, and the related application process
- proposed lease of the electricity distribution network and dividends received from State-owned corporations
- planned investment for funds received from the privatisation of State-owned assets
- projected royalties from coal and coal seam gas
- financial savings associated with the healthcare model proposed for Northern Beaches Hospital
- government income generated from the proceeds of gambling
- port transactions and charges imposed by port operators
- applications for First Home Owner Grants
- projects funded under the Restart NSW program.

**2.6** The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of The Industrial Relations portfolio:

- budget for the Office of Industrial Relations
- provision of information by the Office of Industrial Relations regarding private sector industrial relations matters and conditions
- compliance and enforcement activities carried out by the Office of Industrial Relations
- industrial relations issues encountered during the Office's work in Indigenous communities
- workload of the Industrial Relations Commission and appointments to the Commission
- future of the Industrial Relations Commission
- public sector negotiation of wage outcomes following from efficiency savings
- penalty rates
- public holidays.

## Finance and Services

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Services was held on Friday 22 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Finance and Services portfolio:

- government procurement policy
- one-stop shops
- state revenue
- non-Australian citizens sub-contracted on building sites
- enhancements to Workers Compensation scheme
- disposal of government property around Parramatta Justice Precinct
- loose-fill asbestos in homes
- bullying in WorkCover.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Planning, Women - Thursday 21 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Pru Goward, MP	Minister for Planning and Minister for Women
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Family and Community Services
Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Director General, Strategy and Policy, Family and Community Services
Ms Christine Foran	Acting Executive Director, Women NSW, Family and Community Services
Ms Carolyn McNally	Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
Mr Richard Pearson	Deputy Secretary, Housing, Growth and Economics, Department of Planning and Environment
Mr Marcus Ray	General Counsel & Regulatory Reform, Department of Planning and Environment
Mr Chris Wilson	Executive Director, Development Assessment Systems & Approvals, Department of Planning and Environment

### Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney - Thursday 21 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Mike Baird, MP	Premier, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Western Sydney
Mr Simon Smith	Acting Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet

## Treasury, Industrial Relations - Friday 22 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Andrew Constance, MP	Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations
Mr Philip Gaetjens	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Maryanne Mrakovic	Associate Secretary, Fiscal & Economic Group, Treasury
Mr Tim Spencer	Deputy Secretary, Commercial Group, Treasury
Ms Caralee McLiesh	Associate Secretary, Resource Allocation Group, Treasury
Mr Tom Gilmartin	Deputy Secretary, Transport, Planning & CFE Group, Treasury
Ms Vicki Telfer	Executive Director, NSW Industrial Relations, Industrial Relations

## Finance and Services - Friday 22 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Dominic Perrottet, MP	Minister for Finance and Services
Mr John Hubby	Acting Chief Executive, Office of Finance and Services
Mr Sajeev George	Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Finance, Office of Finance and Services
Mr William Murphy	Deputy Secretary, Service Innovation & Strategy, Office of Finance & Services
Mr Andrew McMaster	Chief Financial Officer, Service NSW
Mr Brett Newman	Chief Executive Officer, Government Property NSW, Office of Finance and Services
Ms Carmel Donnelly	General Manager, Strategy & Performance, Safety, Return to Work and Support
Mr Gary Jeffery	Acting General Manager, Workers Compensation Insurance Division, WorkCover Authority of NSW
Mr Andrew Nicholls	General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority of NSW

## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes no. 44

Thursday 21 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

#### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis (substituting for Mr Veitch - Women)

Ms Cusack

Dr Faruqi (substituting for Dr Kaye - Women)

Ms Fazio (substituting for Mr Secord - Planning)

Mr Foley (substituting for Mr Veitch - Planning)

Mr Pearce

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Kaye - Planning)

Ms Westwood (substituting for Mr Secord – Women)

Mr A Searle (participating – Planning)

#### 2. Apologies

#### 3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Foley: That draft minutes no. 43 be confirmed.

#### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### *Received*

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- 29 July 2014 – Email from Ms Danielle Brown, Minister Constance’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Office of the Treasurer and Industrial Relations.
- 31 July 2014 – Email from Ms Natasha Luschwitz, Premier Baird’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Premier, Infrastructure and Western Sydney.
- 31 July 2014 – Email from Ms Natasha Luschwitz, Premier Baird’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of inability of witness requested to attend.
- 31 July 2014 – Email from Mr Simon Fontana, Minister Goward’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Planning and Women.
- 1 August 2014 – Email from Mr Marcus Cope-Williams, Minister Perrottet’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Finance and Services.
- 5 August 2014 – Email from Mr Marcus Cope-Williams, Minister Perrottet’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of updated list of witnesses attending hearing into Finance and Services.
- 6 August 2014 – Email from Mr Marcus Cope-Williams, Office of Minister Perrottet confirming unavailability of witnesses requested by committee at Budget Estimates hearing.
- 6 August 2014 – Email from Mr Matthew Versi, Office of Minister Goward confirming unavailability of witnesses requested by committee at Budget Estimates hearing.
- 13 August 2014 – Email from Ms Lara Duffy – Office of the Acting Chief Executive, Finance and Services – updated witness list.
- 14 August 2014 – Email from Ms Natasha Luschwitz, Office of the Premier – response to request for additional witness – unavailability of NSW Electoral Commissioner to attend hearing.

**Sent**

- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Women, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Western Sydney, inviting the Premier to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance and Services, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, inviting the Treasurer to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 6 August 2014 – Email to Minister Goward’s office, Planning and Women - request for confirmation of unavailability of witnesses requested by GPSC1 to appear at Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 6 August 2014 – Email to Minister Perrottet’s office, Finance and Services – request for confirmation of unavailability of witnesses requested by GPSC1 to appear at Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 13 August 2014 – Email to Natasha Luschwitz, Office of the Premier – request for additional witness – NSW Electoral Commissioner

**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015****5.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Planning, Women**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That with no questions asked by government members on Thursday 21 August 2014, the:

- Planning portfolio be examined from 9:00am to 11:00 am
- Women portfolio be examined from 11:15am to 11:55 am.

**5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Planning, Women**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Carolyn McNally, Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Richard Pearson, Deputy Secretary, Housing, Growth and Economics, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Marcus Ray, General Counsel & Regulatory Reform, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Chris Wilson, Executive Director, Development Assessment Systems & Approvals, Department of Planning and Environment.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Planning open for examination.

Minister Goward and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Foley tendered copies of four items of 2012 correspondences relating to the proposed redevelopment of the Balmain Leagues Club in Rozelle. Copies of the correspondences were provided to the departmental witnesses.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Searle, Mr Foley, Ms Fazio and Mr Shoebridge left the meeting.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Women open for examination.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Family and Community Services
- Ms Georgina Harrison, Deputy Director General, Strategy and Policy, Family and Community Services
- Ms Christine Foran, Acting Executive Director, Women NSW, Family and Community Services

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.56 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **5.3 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce: That the committee accept and publish the documents tendered by Mr Foley during the Planning, Women hearing held on Thursday 21 August 2014.

### **5.4 Supplementary hearings**

Mrs Pavey moved: That the committee hold no further hearing to consider matters relation to the portfolios of Planning and Women.

Question put. The committee divided

Ayes: Mrs Pavey, Ms Cusack, Mr Pearce.

Noes: Ms Cotsis, Ms Westwood, Dr Faruqi, Revd Nile.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Planning, Women on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.59 am, until 1.45 pm, Thursday 21 August 2014, Macquarie Room (*Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney*).

John Young

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 45**

Thursday 21 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.49 pm

**1. Members present**Revd Nile, *Chair*Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Foley (substituting for Mr Secord)

Dr Kaye

Mr Pearce

Mr Primrose (substituting for Mr Veitch)

Mr Searle (participating from 2.40 pm)

**2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015****2.1 Order of examination of portfolios**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Pavey: That with no questions asked by government members on Thursday 21 August 2014 the:

- Premier, Infrastructure portfolios be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm
- Western Sydney portfolio be examined from 4.15 pm until 4.55 pm.

**2.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney**

The witnesses, public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Premier Baird was admitted and examined.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Simon Smith, Acting Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney open for examination at 2.05 pm.

The Premier and the departmental witness were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Premier and the departmental witness withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.51 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**2.3 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

**3. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.53 pm, until 8.45 am, Friday 22 August 2014, Macquarie Room (*Treasury, Industrial Relations*).

Samuel Griffith  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 46**

Friday 22 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.48 am

**1. Members present**

Revd Mr Nile, *Chairman*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Dr Kaye (from 10.05 am)

Mr Pearce

Mr Secord

Mr Veitch

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Kaye - Industrial Relations) (from 8.55 am)

Mr Searle (substituting for Mr Veitch)

Mr Donnelly (substitute for Mr Secord)

Mr Shoebridge (participating - Treasury).

**2. Apologies****3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015****3.1 Allocation of timing**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That with no questions asked by government members on Friday 22 August 2014 the:

- Treasury portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- Industrial Relations portfolio from 11.15 am until 11.55 am

**3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Treasury, Industrial Relations**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Constance was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Philip Gaetjens, Secretary, Treasury
- Ms Maryanne Mrakovic, Associate Secretary, Fiscal & Economic Group, Treasury
- Mr Tim Spencer, Deputy Secretary, Commercial Group, Treasury
- Ms Caralee McLiesh, Associate Secretary, Resource Allocation Group, Treasury
- Mr Tom Gilmartin, Deputy Secretary, Transport, Planning & CFE Group, Treasury
- Ms Vicki Telfer, Executive Director, NSW Industrial Relations, Industrial Relations.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Dr Kaye joined the meeting at 10.05 am.

Dr Kaye left the meeting at 10.20 am.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.56 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.3 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **4. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.57 am, until 1.45 pm, Friday 22 August 2014, Macquarie Room (*Finance and Services*).

Jenelle Moore  
**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes no. 47**

Friday 22 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.53 pm

## **1. Members present**

Revd Mr Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair* (from 1.54 pm until 2.27 pm)

Ms Cusack (from 2.01pm)

Dr Kaye (from 1.56 pm until 2.42 pm)

Mr Pearce (from 1.56 pm)

Mr Searle (substituting for Mr Veitch)

Mr Primrose (substituting for Mr Secord)

Mr Shoebridge (participating) (from 2.40 pm).

## **2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

### **2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Finance and Services**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That with no questions asked by government members on Friday 22 August 2014, the Finance and Services portfolio will be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

Mrs Pavey arrived at 1.54 pm.

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Perrottet MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr William Murphy, Deputy Secretary, Service Innovation & Strategy, Office of Finance & Services
- Mr Sajeev George, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance and Services
- Mr John Hubby, Acting Chief Executive, Office of Finance and Services
- Ms Carmel Donnelly, General Manager, Strategy & Performance, Safety, Return to Work and Support
- Mr Gary Jeffery, Acting General Manager, Workers Compensation Insurance Division, WorkCover Authority of NSW
- Mr Brett Newman, Chief Executive Officer, Government Property NSW, Office of Finance and Services
- Mr Andrew Nicholls, General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority of NSW.
- Mr Andrew McMaster, Chief Financial Officer, Service NSW

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance and Services open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mrs Pavey left the hearing at 2.27 pm.

Mr Shoebridge joined the hearing at 2.40 pm.

Dr Kaye left the hearing at 2.42 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.01 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## **2.2 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Finance and Services on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **3. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.03 pm, *Sine die*.

Teresa McMichael

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 48**

Wednesday 17 September 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.18 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Foley (substituting for Mr Veitch)

Mr Pearce

Mr Secord

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Kaye for the duration of the inquiry)

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That draft minutes nos 44, 45, 46 and 47 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

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**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Foley: That:

- the committee defer consideration of whether to hold a further hearing into the portfolio of Premier until the Chair receives further information from the Department of Premier and Cabinet referred to in the answer to supplementary question no 4
- if a further hearing is held, the committee will invite departmental witnesses who appeared at the initial hearing but will not invite the Premier to appear.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That:

- the committee defer consideration of whether to hold a further hearing into the portfolio of Planning until after Mr David Shoebridge has an opportunity to attend a government briefing on the Gateway process
- if a further hearing is held, the committee will invite departmental witnesses who appeared at the initial hearing but will not invite the Minister for Planning to appear.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations, Finance and Services.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 2.30 pm, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 49**

Wednesday 17 September 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 6.45 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Secord

**2. Apologies**

Mr Pearce

Mr Shoebridge

**3. Previous Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That draft minutes no. 48 be confirmed.

**4. \*\*\***

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 6.50 pm, until Tuesday 28 October, 10.00 am, Macquarie Room, Parliament House (*public hearing - Review of the Inquiry into allegation of bullying in WorkCover NSW*).

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Draft minutes no. 51**

Monday 8 December 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Waratah Room, Parliament House, 10.00 am

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Ms Cusack

Mr MacDonald

Mr Searle (*substituting for Mr Secord for the Budget Estimates inquiry*)

Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Dr Kaye for the Budget Estimates inquiry*)

Mr Veitch

**2. Apologies**

Mrs Pavey

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft minutes no. 50 be confirmed.

#### 4. Budget Estimates inquiry

##### 4.1 Correspondence

The committee noted the following correspondence received:

- 1 December 2014 – From Mr Blair Comley, Secretary, Premier & Cabinet, providing answers to questions raised during the Budget Estimates hearing for the portfolio of Premier and Western Sydney.

##### 4.2 Consideration of Chairman's draft report

The Chairman submitted his draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2014-2015*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: That

- a) the draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House
- b) the transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report
- c) upon tabling, all transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry not already made public, be made public by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee
- d) the committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling
- e) the report be tabled on 11 December 2014, after the Review of the inquiry into allegations of bullying in WorkCover NSW report.

##### 4.3 Briefing on the regulation of lobbyists

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Chairman of the committee write to the Premier accepting his invitation made at the Budget Estimates hearing for his department to organise a briefing by the Electoral Commissioner about the registration of lobbyists.

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#### 7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.35 am, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**