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## Terms of Reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2005-2006 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 committees consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the committees.
3. For the purposes of this inquiry any member of the House may attend a meeting of a committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.
4. The committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.
5. Not more than two committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.
6. When a committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.
7. 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.
8. The report of a committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.
9. That a daily Hansard record of the hearings of a committee on the Budget Estimates be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
10. That the Leader of the Government is to provide to each Committee, by Friday 1 July 2005, a schedule outlining the attendance of relevant ministers to appear before each committee, for the committee's consideration.
11. A committee must not meet to hear evidence on any day on which the House sits except during any adjournment for meal breaks or after the adjournment of the House.
12. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
13. The committees present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the second sitting week in 2006—put and passed.

*(Minutes of Proceedings No 103, 6 May 2005, Item 7)*

## Committee Membership

<b>The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Greg Pearce MLC</b>	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Peter Breen MLC</b>	Independent	
<b>The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Jon Jenkins MLC</b>	Outdoor Recreation Party	
<b>The Hon Ian West MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

## Other Members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon David Clarke MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Rick Colless MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Duncan Gay MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Henry Tsang MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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## Chair's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2005-2006 for the portfolio areas of:

- Police
- Utilities
- Attorney General
- Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Emergency Services
- Lands
- Rural Affairs

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Ministers and officers of the departments and organisations who appeared before it.

**The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC**  
Chair



# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2005-2006 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 6 June 2005, the Legislative Council resolved that the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2005-2006 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees (GPSCs) for inquiry and report.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 Each Committee was required to examine the Budget Estimates for their relevant portfolios and report to the House by the last sitting day of the second sitting week in 2006.<sup>2</sup>

## Extension to the reporting date

- 1.3 On 8 March 2006, the Legislative Council resolved that the reporting date for the GPSC 3 inquiry into the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2005-2006 be extended to Thursday, 6 April 2006.<sup>3</sup>

## GPSC 3 portfolio responsibilities

- 1.4 On 14 September 2005, the Legislative Council resolved that the resolution appointing the five GPSCs be amended to reflect changes to Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities.<sup>4</sup>
- 1.5 The following portfolio responsibilities were allocated to GPSC 3:
- Police
  - Utilities
  - Attorney General
  - Justice
  - Juvenile Justice
  - Emergency Services
  - Lands
  - Rural Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> Minutes of Proceedings No 103, 6 May 2005, Item 7, para 1

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of Proceedings No 103, 6 May 2005, Item 7, paras 2 & 13

<sup>3</sup> Minutes of Proceedings No 139, 8 March 2006, Item 7

<sup>4</sup> Minutes of Proceedings No 114, 14 September 2005, Item 5

## Public hearings

- 1.6** General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 examined the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2005-2006 for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:
- Friday, 16 September 2005 – Attorney General
  - Friday, 16 September 2005 – Emergency Services, Lands, Rural Affairs
  - Wednesday, 21 September 2005 – Police and Utilities
  - Thursday, 22 September 2005 – Justice, Juvenile Justice
  - Wednesday, 7 December 2005 – Police and Utilities (supplementary hearing).
- 1.7** Chapter 2 of this report provides a brief summary of some of the key issues raised during the hearings.

## Transcripts

- 1.8** The full transcript of evidence taken at the 2005-2006 Budget Estimates hearings can be found at the Committee's web page at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3). Hard copies of the transcripts can be obtained by contacting the Secretariat of the General Purpose Standing Committees on 02 9230 3544.

## Questions on notice

- 1.9** During the 2005-2006 Budget Estimates hearings, Ministers and departmental officials took a number of questions on notice. Copies of the questions and answers can be found on the web page or obtained from the Secretariat.
- 1.10** In addition, Committee Members lodged written questions on notice by placing questions on the Notice Paper on days that the House sat.

## Chapter 2 Summary of issues

This chapter provides a summary by portfolio of the key issues raised as part of the General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2005-2006. For further details see the Hansard record of the hearings, available on the Committee's web page at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3).

### Attorney General

2.1 The Committee conducted a public hearing examining the Attorney General's portfolio on Friday, 16 September 2005. The following issues were examined:

- community sentencing in rural and remote NSW
- counter-terrorism initiatives being undertaken by the Government
- terrorism legislation, the preservation of fundamental human rights and a possible inquiry into a bill of rights
- the work of the Legal Fees Review Panel examining the method and basis of charging by the legal profession
- the growing use of DNA and other forms of new forensic evidence
- the legislation covering 'never to be released' prisoners
- the operation of the Law Access program.

### Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs

2.2 The Committee conducted a public hearing examining the portfolios of Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs on Friday, 16 September 2005. The following issues were examined in relation to the Emergency Services portfolio:

- the allocation of funding to emergency services in the 2005-2006 Budget
- the construction of new fire stations throughout the state
- the rate of planned and actual conduct of hazard reduction burning in recent years
- the purchase and refurbishment of fire fighting vehicles
- the terrorism response plan for the Sydney CBD.

2.3 The following issues were examined in relation to the Lands and Rural Affairs portfolios:

- conversion of Crown roads to freehold title
- the closure of some travelling stock routes
- utilisation and rent of Crown land, including by community clubs
- the development of a national electronic conveyancing system.

## Police and Utilities

**2.4** The Committee conducted a public hearing examining the portfolios of Police and Utilities on Wednesday, 21 September 2005. The following issues were examined in relation to the Police portfolio:

- the incidence and investigation of ram raids, and arrests as a result of those investigations
- the operation and performance of the NSW Crime Commission, including the confiscation of the proceeds of crime
- the status of various NSW Police task forces, strike forces and operations
- police use of new IT technology such as number plate recognition systems, computer-aided dispatching systems and information exchanges
- the provision of traffic management services by the police, including in the period following the opening of the Cross-City Tunnel.

**2.5** The following issues were examined in relation to the Utilities portfolio:

- the operation of the proposed desalination plant
- community awareness about water usage patterns, measures to save water and water re-use
- long-term power supply in NSW, demand management and renewable energy strategies.

### Supplementary hearing

**2.6** The Committee conducted a supplementary public hearing examining the portfolios of Police and Utilities on Wednesday, 7 December 2005. The following issues were examined in relation to the Police portfolio:

- human resource management within the NSW Police, including the staffing of the Cronulla Police Station
- the accountability of the NSW Police, NSW Crime Commission and the NSW Police Integrity Commission, including their accountability to the NSW Parliament
- the running cost of the NSW Crime Commission, including staffing and new equipment.

**2.7** The following issues were examined in relation to the Utilities portfolio:

- the timing of the release of the Government's white paper on energy
- the quality of effluent from the various Sydney sewage outfall plants, and how readily it could be brought up to drinking water standard
- the desalination plant feasibility study, the decision to build a desalination plant in Sydney and the cost of the proposed new desalination plant.

## Justice and Juvenile Justice

**2.8** The Committee conducted a public hearing examining the portfolios of Justice and Juvenile Justice on Thursday, 22 September 2005. The following issues were examined in relation to the Justice portfolio:

- the inquest into the death of an inmate at Long Bay Prison
- the refurbishment of various wings of Long Bay Prison
- the abolition of various senior positions in the Department of Corrective Services as part of the Way Forward program of reforms
- the use by the Department of Corrective Services of technologies such as video conferencing to reduce the cost of transporting inmates to and from court appearances
- the bolstering of the detector unit and other facilities at the John Moroney Correctional Complex
- the use of personal computers and other electronic items by inmates
- the bringing of drugs into prisons.

**2.9** The following issues were examined in relation to the Juvenile Justice portfolio:

- the performance of the Department of Juvenile Justice in rehabilitating young offenders and reducing the rate of reoffending
- the transfer of juvenile offenders to adult correctional facilities
- spending by the Department of Juvenile Justice on the Tingha Bail Hostel
- measures undertaken by the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that inmates are not using drugs
- the use of personal computers and other electronic items by inmates
- the cost of installing perimeter lights at the Acmena detention centre.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses

### 1. Attorney General (16 September 2005)

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Bob Debus MP	Attorney General
Mr Laurie Glanfield	Director General, Attorney General's Department

### 2. Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs (16 September 2005)

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Tony Kelly MLC	Minister for Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs
Mr Phil Koperberg	Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service
Mr Greg Mullins	Commissioner, NSW Fire Brigades
Brigadier Philip McNamara	Director General, State Emergency Service
Major General Hori Howard	Chairman, State Emergency Management Committee
Mr Warwick Watkins	Director General, Department of Lands

### 3. Police and Utilities (21 September 2005)

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Carl Scully MP	Minister for Police and Utilities
Mr David Evans	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Water
Mr David Nemtzow	Director General, Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability
Mr Ken Moroney	Commissioner, NSW Police
Mr Phillip Bradley	Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
Mr Terry Griffin	Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission
Mr Les Tree	Director General, Ministry for Police

### 4. Justice and Juvenile Justice (22 September 2005)

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Tony Kelly MLC	Minister for Justice and Juvenile Justice
Dr Elizabeth Coombs	Acting Director General, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr Peter Muir	Assistant Director General, Operations, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms Stephanie Cross	Assistant Director General, Management Services, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr Ron Woodham	Commissioner, Department of Corrective Services
Mr Ian McLean	Senior Assistant Commissioner, Inmate and Custodial Services, Department of Corrective Services
Mr Gerry Schipp	Executive Director, Finance and Asset Management, Department of Corrective Services

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**5. Police and Utilities – Supplementary hearing (7 December 2005)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr David Evans	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Water
Mr David Nemptzow	Director General, Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability
Mr Ken Moroney	Commissioner, NSW Police
Mr Phillip Bradley	Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
Mr Terry Griffin	Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission
Mr Les Tree	Director General, Ministry for Police

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## Appendix 2 Minutes of proceedings

### Minutes No 22

Friday, 16 September 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 8.45 am, Room 814/815

#### 1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)

Mr Peter Breen

Mr Jon Jenkins

Mr Eddie Obeid

Mr Charlie Lynn

Mr Ian West

Mr David Clarke (Pearce)

#### 2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Clarke would be substituting for Mr Pearce for the purposes of this meeting.

#### 3. Inquiry into 2005-2006 Budget Estimates - Deliberative Meeting

##### *Correspondence*

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence received:

- Letter from the Hon John Della Bosca MLC forwarding the finalised schedule of Ministers' attendance for the 2005-2006 Budget Estimates hearings (received 30 August 2005)
- Letter from the Hon John Della Bosca MLC advising of changes to the finalised schedule of Ministers' attendance for the 2005-2006 Budget Estimates hearings (received 14 September 2005)

#### 4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Public Hearing

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, was admitted and accompanied by the following adviser:

##### *Attorney General's Department*

Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Attorney General open for examination.

The Attorney General and Mr Glanfield answered questions from Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of the Attorney General concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

## 5. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 – Deliberative Meeting

### *Supplementary hearings – Attorney General*

Resolved on motion of Mr Lynn: That the Committee defer consideration of whether to conduct a further hearing until after receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.05 am until 11.15 am on Wednesday, 21 September 2005.

### **Rachel Simpson**

Clerk to the Committee

### **Minutes No 23**

Friday, 16 September 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 11.30 am, Room 814/815

#### 1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)  
 Mr Duncan Gay (Pearce)  
 Mr Peter Breen  
 Mr Rick Colless (Lynn)  
 Mr Eddie Obeid  
 Mr Jon Jenkins  
 Ms Jan Burnswoods (West)

#### 2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Gay would be substituting for Mr Pearce, Mr Colless would be substituting for Mr Lynn and Ms Burnswoods would be substituting for Mr West for the purposes of this meeting.

#### 3. Inquiry into 2005-2006 Budget Estimates - Deliberative Meeting

##### *Conduct of Hearing*

The Chair advised that:

- Examination would commence with the Emergency Services portfolio followed by the Lands and Rural Affairs portfolio
- The Government and Opposition Members would be allocated 20 minutes for questioning and individual cross-bench Members 10 minutes each.

#### 4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Public Hearing

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***Emergency Services***

Commissioner Phil Koperberg, NSW Rural Fire Service

Commissioner Greg Mullins, NSW Fire Brigades

Brigadier Philip McNamara, Director General, State Emergency Service

Major General Hori Howard, Chairman State Emergency Management Committee

***Department of Lands***

Mr Warwick Watkins, Director General, Department of Lands

Mr Bob Costello, Director Business Performance, Department of Lands

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions from Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of the Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**5. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Deliberative**

Mr Colless moved: That the time allowed for return of answers to questions taken on notice be 14 calendar days after the hearing. Motion put:

**Ayes**

Mr Colless

Mr Gay

Mr Jenkins

**Noes**

Ms Burnswoods

Mr Obeid

Mr Breen

Ms Fazio

Motion resolved in the negative.

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.32 pm until 7.45 pm on Wednesday, 21 September 2005.

**Rachel Simpson**

Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes No 24**

Wednesday, 21 September 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 7.45 pm, Jubilee Room

**1. Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)

Mr Michael Gallacher (Pearce)

Ms Jan Burnswoods (Obeid)

Mr Duncan Gay (Lynn)

Mr Jon Jenkins

Mr Greg Donnelly (West)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Breen)

**2. Substitute arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Gallacher would be substituting for Mr Pearce, Ms Burnswoods would be substituting for Mr Obeid, Mr Gay would be substituting for Mr Lynn, Mr Donnelly would be substituting for Mr West and Ms Rhiannon would be substituting for Mr Breen for the purposes of this meeting.

**3. Inquiry into 2005-2006 Budget Estimates - Deliberative Meeting*****Conduct of Hearing***

The Chair advised that:

- Examination would commence with the Utilities portfolio followed by the Police portfolio
- The Government and Opposition Members would be allocated 20 minutes for questioning and individual cross-bench Members 10 minutes each.

**4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Public Hearing**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon Carl Scully MP, Minister for Police and Utilities, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***Utilities***

Mr David Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Water

Mr David Nemptow, Director General, Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability

***NSW Police***

Mr Ken Moroney, Commissioner, NSW Police

Mr Phillip Bradley, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission

Mr Terry Griffin, Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission

Mr Les Tree, Director General, Ministry for Police

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Police and Utilities open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions from Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of the Police and Utilities concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

## **5. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Deliberative**

### ***Supplementary hearings***

Ms Burnswoods moved that: Consideration of supplementary hearings for matters relating to the proposed expenditure of portfolios of Police and Utilities be deferred until after the receipt of answers to questions on notice.

The committee deliberated.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on motion of Mr Gallacher: That the Committee hold supplementary hearings for matters relating to the proposed expenditure of portfolios of Police and Utilities at a date to be determined.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.05 pm until 5.15 pm on Thursday, 22 September 2005.

### **Rachel Simpson**

Clerk to the Committee

### **Minutes No 25**

Thursday, 22 September 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 5.28 pm, Jubilee Room

#### **1. Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)

Mr David Clarke (Pearce)

Mr Peter Breen

Mr Eddie Obeid

Ms Catherine Cusack (Lynn)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Jenkins)

Mr Ian West

**2. Substitute arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Clarke would be substituting for Mr Pearce, Ms Cusack would be substituting for Mr Lynn and Ms Lee Rhiannon would be substituting for Mr Jenkins for the purposes of this meeting.

**3. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Public Hearing**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon Tony Kelly MLC, Minister for Justice and Juvenile Justice, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***Department of Juvenile Justice***

Dr Elizabeth Coombs, Acting Director General

Mr Peter Muir, Assistant Director General, Operations

Ms Stephanie Cross, Assistant Director General, Management Services

***Department of Corrective Services***

Mr Ron Woodham, Commissioner

Mr Ian McLean, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Inmate and Custodial Services

Mr Gerry Schipp, Executive Director, Finance and Asset Management

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Justice and Juvenile Justice open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions from Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of the Justice and Juvenile Justice concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 - Deliberative*****Supplementary hearing***

Resolved on motion of Ms Cusack: That the Committee defer consideration of whether to conduct a further hearing until after the receipt of answers to questions on notice.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7.38 pm *sine die*.

**Rachel Simpson**

Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes No 26**

Thursday, 17 November 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 2.03 pm, Room 1108

**1. Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)

Mr Greg Pearce

Mr Peter Breen

Mr Eddie Obeid

Mr Charlie Lynn

Mr Ian West

**2. Apologies**

Mr Jenkins

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved on motion of Mr Obeid: That Minutes Numbers 21 to 25 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The Chair noted the following correspondence received:

- Letter from the Hon Tony Kelly MLC correcting the evidence of the Commissioner of Corrective Services, Mr Woodham, during his appearance before the Committee on 22 September 2005 (attached)

**5. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 – supplementary hearings**

Resolved on motion of Mr Pearce: That the Committee not hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of:

- Attorney General
- Emergency Services, Lands and Rural Affairs
- Justice and Juvenile Justice

Resolved on motion of Mr Pearce: That the Committee hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Police and Utilities on Wednesday, 7 December 2005 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, and that the hearing for each portfolio area be of 1½ hours.

Resolved on motion of Mr Pearce: That in order to identify witnesses for the supplementary hearing on 7 December 2005, the Secretariat circulate the list of public officials who appeared at the Committee's Budget Estimates hearing on Wednesday, 21 September 2005, and that Members suggest additions or deletions to the list.

**6. \*\*\*****7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.15 pm until 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 23 November 2005.

**Rachel Simpson**

Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes No 28**

Wednesday, 7 December 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 10.05 am Room 814/815

**1. Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)

Mr Greg Pearce (11.45 - 1.00 pm)

Mr Peter Breen

Mr Charlie Lynn

Mr Henry Tsang (West) (from 11.15 – 1.00 pm)

Ms Jan Burnswoods (Obeid)

Mr Michael Gallacher (Pearce from 10.00 - 11.30 am)

**2. Substitute arrangements**

The Chair advised that Ms Burnswoods would be substituting for Mr Obeid for the purposes of this meeting; and Mr Gallacher would be substituting for Mr Pearce from 10:00 – 11:30 am for the purposes of this meeting.

**3. Correspondence**

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

***Sent***

- Letter to the Hon Carl Scully MP re Budget Estimates 2005-2006 – Supplementary Hearing

***Received***

- Email from Mr Andrew Lewis, DEUS, regarding the availability of Mr David Nemptzow for the hearing.

**4. Budget Estimates 2004-2005**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Chair advised that examination would commence with the Police portfolio at 10.00 am followed by the Utilities portfolio at 11.30 am.

The following officials were admitted in relation to the Police portfolio:

Mr Ken Moroney, Commissioner, NSW Police

Mr Phillip Bradley, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission

Mr Terry Griffin, Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission

Mr Les Tree, Director General, Ministry for Police

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair reminded media and those present not to take images/photographs of Mr Phillip Bradley.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Police and Utilities open for examination.

The witnesses answered questions from Members of the Committee.

The Chair welcomed a delegation from Gauteng Legislature, South Africa, to the NSW Legislative Council.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Police concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee adjourned at 11.30 am until 11.45 am.

The following officials were admitted in relation to the Utilities portfolio:

Mr David Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Water

Mr David Nemptzow, Director General, Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability

The witnesses answered questions from Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Utilities was concluded. The Chair advised the witnesses that the Committee had resolved to seek the return of answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days.

Witnesses and the public withdrew.

**5. Budget Estimates 2005-2006 – Deliberative**

Resolved on motion of Mr Tsang: That no further hearings be held for the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2005-2006.

Resolved on motion of Ms Burnswoods: That the Committee Secretariat prepare a draft report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2005-2006.

**6. \*\*\***

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.05 pm until 10.00 am on 8 December 2005 (public hearing).

**Stephen Frappell**

Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes No 32**

Monday, 27 March 2006

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 9.30 am in the Jubilee Rm

**1. Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (Chair)  
Mr Greg Pearce (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Peter Breen  
Mr Tony Catanzariti (Obeid)  
Mr Charlie Lynn  
Mr Lee Rhiannon (Chesterfield-Evans)  
Mr Ian West

2. \*\*\*

3. \*\*\*

**4. Budget Estimates 2005-2006*****Consideration of Chair's draft report***

Resolved on motion of Mr Breen:

- That the Chair's report be the report of the Committee and be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with Standing Orders 230 and 231, together with the minutes, answers to questions on notice, transcripts, correspondence and tabled documents.
- That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* the Committee authorises the publication of all minutes, answers to questions on notice, correspondence, and tabled documents.
- That the Committee Secretariat be permitted to correct typographical, stylistic and grammatical errors in the report prior to tabling.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.50 pm until 10.00 am on Monday, 3 April 2006.

**Michael Phillips**

Clerk to the Committee