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Terms of Reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2004-2005 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 2 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 6 July 2004, a schedule outlining the attendance of relevant ministers to appear before each committee, for the committee's consideration.
11. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
12. The committees present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the second sitting week in 2005—put and passed.

(Minutes of proceedings No 61 pages 886-888, 23 June 2004)

Committee Membership

Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Eddie Obeid MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Ian West MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	Liberal party	
Hon John Tingle MLC	Shooters Party	
Hon Peter Breen MLC	Independent	

Other Members who attended the hearings

Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC	Australian Labor Party
Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	Australian Labor Party
Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	The Nationals
Hon Greg Pearce MLC	The Liberals
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	The Greens
Hon John Ryan MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Henry Tsang MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2004-2005 for the portfolio areas of:

- Police
- Justice
- Fair Trading
- Juvenile Justice
- Western Sydney
- Attorney General

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

Hon Amanda Fazio MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Examination of budget estimates

- 1.1 General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 examined the Budget Estimates and related documents for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:
- 13 September 2004 Police
 - 14 September 2004 Justice
 - 15 September 2004 Fair Trading
 - 16 September 2004 Juvenile Justice, Western Sydney
 - 17 September 2004 Attorney General
- 1.2 This report outlines the administrative details of the budget estimates hearing process and a brief summary of some of the key issues raised. The full transcript of evidence taken at these hearings can be found at the Committee's Web page accessible via the Parliament's home page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates. Hard copies of the transcript can be obtained by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee Secretariat on 02 9230 3544.
- 1.3 During these hearings, Ministers took a number of questions on notice. Copies of the questions and answers can be found at the Committee's Web page at the above address or by contacting the secretariat on the above number.
- 1.4 In addition the Committee lodged written questions on notice for all the portfolio areas by following the usual procedure of placing questions on the notice paper with the Clerks at the Table on days that the House sits.

Portfolios

- Police
- Justice
- Fair Trading
- Juvenile Justice
- Western Sydney
- Attorney General

Chapter 2 Public hearings – by portfolio

The key topics discussed at the hearing are provided below. For further details on these, and other matters, see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the Parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates.

Police

2.1 On 13 September 2004 the Committee conducted a public hearing into the portfolio of Police. Amongst the issues discussed, recent ministerial directives were of particular focus. Other key issues discussed included:

- reduction in administrative expenditure following the mini-budget
- financial decision making process
- allocation of budget within Police
- firearms registry turnaround times and fees
- inspections and audit of firearms safe storage
- DNA testing backlog
- Fringe Benefit Tax compliance in relation to gifts
- Expenditure Review Committee
- staffing at Goulburn Police College
- security industry reform

Justice

2.2 On 14 September 2004 the Committee conducted a public hearing into the portfolio of Justice. Key issues discussed included:

- whether certain prisons would remain open
- rate of female employees leaving the prison workforce
- recidivism rates
- post-prison transition to the community
- mobile phones in prisons
- compensation payments to inmates
- replacement of boiler at Long Bay Prison commercial laundry
- relocation of 100 staff positions to Goulburn
- preventing contraband entering prisons

- Compulsory Drug Treatment Prison.

Fair Trading

2.3 On 15 September 2004 the Committee conducted a public hearing into the portfolio of Fair Trading. Key issues discussed during the public hearing centred on investigations and penalties relating to the *Property, Stock and Business Agents Act*. Other issues discussed included:

- savings in operating expenses
- e-commerce education and protection for consumers
- consumer protection against defective goods ('lemon laws')
- tenant databases and blacklists
- the use of forged qualifications in obtaining building and trades licences
- relocation of Safety and Standards Branch
- interest on rental bonds held by the Department
- youth debt.

Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney

2.4 On 16 September 2004 the Committee conducted public hearings into the portfolios of Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney.

Juvenile Justice

2.5 Amongst the issues discussed, the administration and management of Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre were of particular focus. Other key issues discussed included:

- riot at Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre
- design faults at Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre
- classification of detainees
- major works at Cobham and Reiby Juvenile Justice Centres
- Indigenous juvenile offenders
- search powers at Juvenile Justice Centres
- drug detection in Juvenile Justice Centres
- drug use by detainees
- transfer of detainees to adult prison system.

Western Sydney

2.6 Amongst the issues discussed, the Orange Grove Factory outlet was the main focus.

Attorney General

2.7 On 17 September 2004 the Committee conducted a public hearing into the portfolio of Attorney General. Amongst the issues discussed, the pilot domestic violence court was of particular focus. Other key issues discussed included:

- expenditure on legal advice for ministers and the government
- frequency of reporting of criminal court statistics
- budget and staffing of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- reviews of legal fees and court costs
- courts security
- court backlog maintenance program and capital works.

Appendix 1 Witnesses

1. Police

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
13 September 2004	The Hon John Watkins	Minister for Police
	Mr L Tree	Director General Ministry for Police
	Mr Ken Moroney	Commissioner of Police NSW Police
	Mr P Bradley	Commissioner Crime Commission
	Mr T Griffin	Assistant Commissioner Police Integrity Commission
	Mr J Murray	Minister's Office

2. Justice

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
14 September 2004	The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC	Minister for Justice
	Mr R. Woodham	Commissioner Department of Corrective Services
	Mr I McLean	Senior Assistant Commissioner, Inmate and Custodial Services Department of Corrective Services
	Mr L Grant	Assistant Commissioner, Offender Management Department of Corrective Services
	Mr G Schipp	Executive Director, Finance and Asset Management Department of Corrective Services
		Department of Corrective Services

3. Fair Trading

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
15 September 2004	The Hon Reba Meagher MP	Minister for Fair Trading, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Commerce
	Mr D O'Connor	Commissioner of Fair Trading Ministry for Fair Trading
	Mr M Silk	General Manager Commerce Shared Services Ministry for Fair Trading
	Mr B Given	Assistant Commissioner, Operations Ministry for Fair Trading

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Mr R. Stowe	Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Strategy Ministry for Fair Trading

4. Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
16 September 2004	The Hon Diane Beamer MP	Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration)
	Mr D Sherlock	Director General Department of Juvenile Justice
	Mr P Muir	Assistant Director General (Operations) Department of Juvenile Justice
	Ms S Cross	Assistant Director General (Management Services) Department of Juvenile Justice
	Ms M Anderson	Manager, Executive Services Department of Juvenile Justice

5. Attorney General

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
17 September 2004	The Hon R. J Debus MP	Attorney General and Minister for the Environment
	Mr L Glanfield,	Director General Attorney General's Department
	Mr A Kuti	Director, Financial Services Attorney General's Department
	Mr J Feneley	Assistance Director General, Policy and Crime Prevention Attorney General's Department
	Mr T McGrath	Assistant Director General, Courts and Tribunals Attorney General's Department
	Mr B Grant	Chief Executive Officer Legal Aid Commission

Appendix 2 Minutes of proceedings

Minutes No. 11

Monday 13 September 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 7.50pm, Jubilee Room

1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)
 Mr Greg Pearce (*Deputy Chair*) (public hearing from 8.00pm)
 Mrs Patricia Forsythe (Lynn) (public hearing from 8.00pm)
 Mr Eddie Obeid
 Mr John Tingle
 Mr Henry Tsang (West)

In attendance:

Ms Lee Rhiannon (public hearing from 8.45pm)

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Tsang would be representing Mr West and that Mrs Forsythe would be representing Mr Lynn for the purposes of this meeting.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following correspondence:

Letter received from Mr Josh Murray, Chief of Staff, Minister for Police, requesting that the committee allocate time for questioning as set out in his correspondence.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Obeid, that the committee allocate time for questions to each agency in the following manner:

NSW Police– 8pm to 9pm
 NSW Crime Commission– 9pm to 9.20pm
 NSW Police Integrity Commission– 9.20pm to 9.40pm
 NSW Ministry for Police– 9.40 to 10pm.

4. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

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

The Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Police was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Mr K E Moroney APM – Commissioner, NSW Police
 Mr L Tree – Director General, Ministry for Police
 Mr P Bradley – Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
 Mr T Griffin – Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission

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 Police open for examination.

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

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

5. Deliberative meeting

Mr Tsang moved that the committee not hold any supplementary hearings into the Police portfolio.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Fazio
Mr Obeid
Mr Tingle
Mr Tsang

Noes: Mrs Forsythe
Mr Pearce

Question resolved in the affirmative.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.05pm until 8.00pm on Tuesday 14 September 2004.

Julie Langsworth

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 12

Tuesday 14 September 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 7.45pm, LC Chamber

1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)
Ms Melinda Pavey (Pearce)
Mr Peter Breen
Mr Charlie Lynn
Mr Eddie Obeid
Mr John Tingle
Mr Ian West

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Ms Pavey would be representing Mr Pearce for the purposes of this meeting.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following item of correspondence:

Received

Letter from Ms Pavey, 13 September 2004, requesting that questions (attached to letter) be forwarded to the Minister for Justice, the Hon John Hatzistergos MLC.

4. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

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

The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC, Minister for Justice, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Corrective Services

Mr Ron Woodham, Commissioner
Mr Ian McLean, Senior Assistant Commissioner
Mr Luke Grant, Assistant Commissioner, Offender Management
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 area of Justice open for examination.

The Minister made an opening statement.

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

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Justice concluded.

The Chair advised the witnesses that the Committee has resolved to seek the return of answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days and that the Committee may hold further hearings.

The witnesses and the public withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Tingle, that a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio area of Justice is not required.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 8.00pm until 5.30pm on Wednesday 15 September 2004.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 13

Wednesday 15 September 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 5.20pm, Room 814/815

1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)
 Mr Greg Pearce (*Deputy Chair*)
 Mr Charlie Lynn
 Mr Eddie Obeid
 Mr John Tingle
 Mr Ian West

2. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

Letter from the Hon Reba Meagher MP in relation to the division of responsibility between herself and the Minister for Commerce, the Hon John Della Bosca MLC (14 September 2004).

3. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

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

The Hon Reba Meagher MP, Minister for Fair Trading, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

NSW Office of Fair Trading

Mr David O'Conner, Commissioner of Fair Trading
 Mr Michael Silk, General Manager, Commerce Shared Services
 Mr Brian Given, Assistant Commissioner, Operations
 Mr Rod Stowe, Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Strategy

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 Fair Trading open for examination. The Minister and her advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

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

Moved, on the motion of Mr Tingle, that a further supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Fair Trading is not necessary.

The Committee deliberated.

The question was put. The Committee divided:

Ayes:

Ms Amanda Fazio

Mr Eddie Obeid

Mr John Tingle

Mr Ian West

Noes:

Mr Greg Pearce

Mr Charlie Lynn

The question was resolved in the affirmative.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm until 5.30pm on Thursday 16 September 2004.

David Blunt

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 14

Thursday 16 September 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 5:30 pm, Jubilee Room

1. Members present

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)

Mr Peter Breen

Ms Jan Burnswood (West)

Ms Catherine Cusack (Pearce)

Mr Eddie Obeid

Mr John Ryan (Lynn)

Mr John Tingle

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Ms Burnswoods would be representing Mr West, Mr Ryan would be representing Mr Lynn and Ms Cusack would be representing Mr Pearce for the purposes of this meeting.

3. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

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

The Hon Diane Beamer MP, Minister for Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney, was admitted, accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr David Sherlock, Director General

Mr Peter Muir, Assistant Director General (Operations)
 Ms Stephanie Cross, Assistant Director General (Management Services)

The Office of Western Sydney

Ms Jane Moxon, Manager
 Mr John Scott, Director, Strategic Projects (Premier's Department)

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 Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney open for examination.

The Minister and her advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Ms Cusack tabled:

- Media release of the Hon Diane Beamer MP, dated 13 September 2004
- A staff report from Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre
- A photograph of part of the external wall of the gym at the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre

The Minister tabled five folders of material relating to the Inquiry into the approval of the designer outlets centre, Liverpool (Orange Grove).

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Juvenile Justice and Western Sydney concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack, to accept the documents tabled by her during today's hearing.

Ms Cusack moved, that under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 224, the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the staff report from Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre accepted by the Committee during today's hearing.

Mr Ryan moved an amendment, that the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the staff report from Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre with all the remaining names and details blacked out.

Amendment agreed to.

Original motion, as amended, put and passed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Ryan, that under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 224, the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the photograph accepted by the Committee during today's hearing.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods, that the Committee accept the five folders tabled by the Minister at today's hearing and that, under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 224, the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the folders.

Ms Burnswoods moved, that the Committee defer consideration of further deliberative meetings until after answers to questions on notice have been received.

Ms Cusack moved an amendment to delete the words after 'that' and replace them with 'the Committee Secretariat consult with Members regarding a future hearing'.

The Committee deliberated.

The question was put. The Committee divided:

Noes:

Ms Amanda Fazio
Mr Eddie Obeid
Mr John Tingle
Ms Jan Burnswoods

Ayes:
Ms Catherine Cusack
Mr John Ryan
Mr Peter Breen

The question was resolved in the negative.

The original motion was put. The Committee divided.

Ayes:
Ms Amanda Fazio
Mr Eddie Obeid
Mr John Tingle
Ms Jan Burnswoods

Noes:
Ms Catherine Cusack
Mr John Ryan
Mr Peter Breen

The question was resolved in the affirmative.

4. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm until 9.00 am on Friday 17 September 2004.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 15

Friday 17 September 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 9:00 am Jubilee Room

1. **Members Present**

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)
Mr Greg Pearce (*Deputy Chair*)
Mr Peter Breen
Mr Tony Catanzariti (Obeid)
Mr Charlie Lynn
Mr John Tingle
Mr Henry Tsang (West)

2. **Substitute arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Catanzariti would be representing Mr Obeid and Mr Tsang would be representing Mr West for the purposes of this meeting.

3. **Budget Estimates 2004-2005**

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 advisers:

Attorney General's Department

Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General

Mr John Feneley, Assistant Director General, Policy and Crime Prevention
 Mr Tim McGrath, Assistant Director General, Courts and Tribunals
 Mr Andrew Kuti, Director, Financial Services

Legal Aid Commission

Mr Bill Grant, Director

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 the Attorney General open for examination.

The Attorney General tabled

- Premier's Guidelines for the provision of *ex gratia* legal assistance for Ministers, public officials and crown employees
- Two documents relating to the Legal Profession Advisory Council

The Attorney General and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

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

The Chair advised the witnesses that the Committee has resolved to seek the return of answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days and that the Committee may hold further hearings.

The witnesses and the public withdrew.

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that the Committee accept the tabled documents and, under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 224, the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the documents tabled by the Attorney General during today's hearing.

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, to defer the question of whether to hold supplementary hearings until the answers to questions on notice had been received.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:00 am *sine die*.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 16

Wednesday 20 October 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House at 1:00 pm Room 1153

1. Members Present

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Chair*)
 Ms Catherine Cusack (Pearce)
 Mr Peter Breen
 Mr Eddie Obeid
 Mr Charlie Lynn
 Mr John Tingle
 Mr Ian West

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair noted advice from the Opposition Whip that Ms Cusack would be representing Mr Pearce for the purposes of this meeting and all subsequent meetings relating to the Inquiry into the Kariiong Detention Centre.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Tingle, that Minutes Nos 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to the Minister for Justice re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing dated 16 September 2004
- Letter to the Minister for Juvenile Justice & Western Sydney re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing dated 22 September 2004
- Letter to the Minister for Police re questions taken on notice during the budget estimates hearing, dated 16 September 2004
- Letter to the Minister for Fair Trading re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing dated 17 September 2004
- Letter to the Attorney General re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing dated 22 September 2004

Received

- Answers to Budget Estimate hearing questions on notice from the Minister for Juvenile Justice, received 20th October 2004
- Mr Tingle noted that the Minister's response to his question on notice suggests that data on state wards in custody has not been routinely collected.

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:05 pm until Wednesday 3 November 2004, at 9.30am.

Tanya Bosch

Director

Minutes No. 19

Wednesday 17 November 2004

General Purpose Standing Committee 3

At Parliament House at 6.35pm Room 1108

1. Members Present

Ms Fazio (*Chair*)
Mr Tingle
Mr Obeid
Mr West
Ms Cusack (Pearce)
Mr Lynn
Mr Breen

2. Substitutions

The Chair noted advice from the Opposition Whip that Ms Cusack would be representing Mr Pearce for the purposes of this meeting and all subsequent meetings relating to the Inquiry into the Kariiong Juvenile Justice Centre.

3. Confirmation of minutes no 17 and 18

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Tingle, that Minutes Nos 17 and 18 be confirmed.

5. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

The Committee resolved, on the motion of Mr Obeid, to hold no supplementary hearings.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.15 pm until Thursday 18 November 2004, at 2.00pm.

Tanya Bosch

Director

Minutes No 21

Wednesday 23 February 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

At Parliament House, at 1.05pm, in the LC Members' Lounge

1. Members present

Ms Fazio (*Chair*)

Mr Breen

Mr Lynn

Mr Obeid

Mr Pearce

Mr Tingle

Mr West

2. Confirmation of minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Obeid, that Minutes Nos 19 and 20 be confirmed.

3. ...

4. Budget Estimates 2004-2005

Consideration of Chair's draft report.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Obeid, that the draft 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.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* the Committee authorises the publication of all non-confidential minutes, correspondence, submissions and tabled documents.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, 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 1.10pm, *sine die*.

Tanya Bosch

Director