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- any proposal, matter or thing concerned with the social development of the people in all areas of New South Wales
- the equality of access to the services and benefits including health, education, housing and disability services provided by the Government and non-Government sector to the people in all areas of New South Wales
- recreation, gaming, racing and sporting matters; and
- the role of Government in promoting community services and the welfare of the people in all areas of New South Wales

## **OPERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Matters for inquiry may be referred to the Committee by resolution of the Legislative Council, a Minister of the Crown, or by way of relevant annual reports and petitions.

The Committee has the legislative power to:

- summon witnesses
  - make visits of inspection within Australia
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  - accept written submissions concerning inquiries from any person or organisation
  - conduct hearings
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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **YOUTH VIOLENCE**

That the Standing Committee on Social Issues:

- collect and analyse data on the occurrences of youth violence, including violent incidents in schools, and its underlying causes;
  - examine the policies, actions, research, and proposals of relevant Government Agencies and the impact of racial tensions, unemployment, family breakdown, media portrayal of violence and any other relevant factors in relation to youth violence; and
  - make recommendations to the New South Wales Parliament to assist all relevant Government Agencies to develop the most effective strategies with youth violence.
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