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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015 - 2016 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 31 August 2015

GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Two: Tuesday 1 September 2015

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Health	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Three: Wednesday 2 September 2015

GPSC 4	Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### Day Four: Thursday 3 September 2015

GPSC 4	Justice and Police, Arts, Racing	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 6	Innovation and Better Regulation	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Five: Friday 4 September 2015

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 6	Local Government	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 6	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 6	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6 to 9 October 2015.

4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude by 6.00 p.m.

5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.

6. That 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. That Ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 18 December 2015.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 p.m., within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

## Committee membership

### General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Paul Green MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC</b>	The Nationals	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Scott Farlow MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Greg Pearce MLC</b>	Liberal Party	

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016. 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 following portfolios:

- Family and Community Services, Social Housing
- Roads, Maritime and Freight
- Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism
- Transport and Infrastructure.

A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Disability Services was also held.

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.



Hon Greg Donnelly MLC  
**Chair**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2015-2016 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 June 2015, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.<sup>1</sup> The resolution (hereafter referred to as the Budget Estimates resolution) requires each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 18 December 2015.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings will be held in the week commencing 31 August 2015 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6-9 October 2015.<sup>3</sup>

## Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Monday 31 August 2015 – Family and Community Services, Social Housing
  - Monday 31 August 2015 – Roads, Maritime and Freight
  - Tuesday 1 September 2015 – Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism
  - Tuesday 1 September 2015 – Transport and Infrastructure.
- 1.4 In addition, a supplementary hearing was also held on Friday, 9 October 2015 to examine the Disability Services portfolio.
- 1.5 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

## Transcripts

- 1.6 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the committee’s web page at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2).

## Questions on notice

- 1.7 Questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and the answers to these questions, are also available on the committee’s web page.

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

<sup>3</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during the hearing

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

### Family and Community Services, Social Housing

**2.1** A hearing examining the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing was held on Monday 31 August 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Family and Community Services, Social Housing portfolios:

- Support for foster carers
- Efficiency savings and impact on the number of staff
- Number of Aboriginal children in care
- Ombudsman's review of child protection services
- KPMG review of women's refuges
- Response to Auditor-General's report 'NSW 2021 Performance Report 2014-15'.

### Roads, Maritime and Freight

**2.2** A hearing examining the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight was held on Monday 31 August 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Roads, Maritime and Freight portfolio:

- Projected costs, funding and management of the WestConnex project
- Estimated tolls and compulsory land acquisitions for the WestConnex project
- Funding for council-owned roads
- Status of the Bridges to the Bush initiative
- Cost of the Albert Tibby Cotter Walkway
- Capping of container movements at ports
- Regulation of petrol-powered bicycles and licenses for cyclists
- Ballina koala plan in the context of the Pacific Highway upgrade.

## **Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism was held on Tuesday 1 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism portfolios:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) bilateral agreement
- Government's response to the Ombudsman's report on deaths of people with disability in residential care
- Supported accommodation for people with a disability
- Younger people in Residential Aged Care program
- Aboriginal Ability Links NSW program
- NSW Companion Card
- Transfer of Home Care Service of NSW
- NDIS and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Age-friendly workplaces
- Elder abuse
- Multicultural NSW transformation
- Community Language Allowance Scheme.

## **Transport and Infrastructure**

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure was held on Tuesday 1 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Transport and Infrastructure portfolio:

- Police officers operating under the Transport Command
- Contract for actors providing role play services
- Cost benefit analysis and business case for the Sydney Metro system
- Economic modelling for the Sydney Light Rail
- South Coast Line upgrades

- Opal Card including pensioner use, privacy protections, phase out of paper tickets, cost of moving between modes of transport
- Modelling for the impact of the Sydney Light Rail
- Transport planning for South Western Sydney.



## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Family and Community Services – Monday 31 August 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Brad Hazzard MP	Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Maree Walk	Deputy Secretary, Programs and Service Design, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Paul Vevers	Deputy Secretary, Southern Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Western Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Anne Skewes	Deputy Secretary, Land and Housing Corporation
Mr Shane Hamilton	Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office

### Roads, Maritime and Freight – Monday 31 August 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Duncan Gay MLC	Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Dennis Cliche	Chief Executive, WestConnex Delivery Authority
Mr Peter Duncan	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
Ms Margaret Prendergast	CBD Coordinator General, Transport for NSW
Mr Jeff McCarthy	Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Grant Gilfillan	Executive Officer, Sydney Ports
Mr Bernard Carlon	General Manager, Centre for Road Safety
Mr Ken Kanofski	Chief Operating Officer, Roads and Maritime Services

**Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism –Tuesday 1 September 2015**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon John Ajaka MLC	Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Jim Longley	Deputy Secretary, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Denise Dawson	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Samantha Taylor	Executive Director, NDIS Implementation, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Leonie King	Executive Director, Service Delivery Programs, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Hakan Harman	Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural NSW
Mr Keith Stevens	Chief Financial Officer, Multicultural NSW
Ms Helen Rogers	Executive Director, Participation and Inclusion, Programs and Service Design, Department of Family and Community Services

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**Transport and Infrastructure –Tuesday 1 September 2015**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Fergus Gammie	Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, Transport for NSW
Mr Rodd Staples	Program Director, Sydney Metro, Transport for NSW
Ms Margaret Prendergast	CBD Coordinator General, Transport for NSW
Mr Peter Gemell	Acting Project Director, CBD South East Light Rail, Transport for NSW
Mr Howard Collins	Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
Mr Peter Rowley	Chief Executive Officer, State Transit Authority
Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW

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## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes no. 2

Wednesday 12 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.15 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mr Donnelly *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis

Mr Mason-Cox

Dr Phelps

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Faruqi, from 1.20 pm)

Mrs Taylor

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose: That draft minutes no. 1 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### ***Received:***

- 28 July 2015 – Email from Mr Lee Dixon, Office of the Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 31 August 2015.
- 29 July 2015 – Email from Ms Cristina Cimino, Office of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 1 September 2015.
- 30 July 2015 - Email from Ms Natalia D'Morias, Office of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 31 August 2015.
- 31 July 2015 - Email from Mr Michael Shaw, Office of the Minister for Ageing, Disability Services and Multiculturalism, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 1 September 2015

##### ***Sent:***

- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

#### 4.1 Allocation of question time

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing General Purpose Standing Committees, the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

#### 4.2 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted its intention to examine all portfolios concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That with no questions asked by government members:

- On Monday 31 August 2015, the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- On Monday 31 August 2015, the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.40 pm
- On Tuesday 1 September 2015, the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- On Tuesday 1 September 2015, the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.40 pm.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting.

#### 4.3 Witnesses

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee invite the following additional witnesses:

- Family and Community Services, Social Housing:
  - Ms Maree Walk, Deputy Secretary – Programs and Service Design
  - Mr David de Carvalho, Deputy Secretary – Strategic Reform and Policy
  - Ms Anne Skewes, Deputy Secretary – Land and Housing Corporation
  - Mr Chris Leach, Deputy Secretary – Northern Cluster
  - Mr Paul Vevers, Deputy Secretary – Southern Cluster
  - Ms Deidre Mulkerin, Deputy Secretary – Western Cluster
  - Mr Shane Hamilton, Chief Executive – Aboriginal Housing Office
  - Ms Kerry Boland, Children’s Guardian
  - Mr Andrew Johnson, Advocate for Children and Young People
- Roads, Maritime and Freight
  - Mr Jeff McCarthy, Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
  - Mr Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports
  - Ms Rachel Johnson, Deputy Director General, Freight and Regional Development, Transport for NSW
  - Ms Anissa Levy, Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW
  - Mr Bernard Carlon, General Manager, Centre for Road Safety
- Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism
  - The officer with responsibility for carriage of the National Disability Insurance Scheme trial in the Hunter
- Transport and Infrastructure
  - Ms Anissa Levy, Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.25 pm until 8.45 am, Monday 31 August 2015 in the Macquarie Room.

Madeleine Foley  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes no. 3**

Monday 31 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.46 am

**1. Members present**Mr Donnelly, *Chair*Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mason-Cox

Dr Phelps

Mrs Taylor

Ms Sharpe (participating)

Mr Shoebridge (participating) (from 9.00 am to 9.49 am)

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That draft minutes no. 2 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 19 August 2015 – Email from Natalia D’Morias, Office of Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight – providing updated list of witnesses
- 19 August 2015 – Email from Natalia D’Morias, Office of Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight – advising the positions of Deputy Director General, Freight and Regional Development and Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs no longer exist and that Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Transport for NSW is able to answer questions regarding transport planning and freight and regional development
- 20 August 2015 – Email from Mr Mike Shaw, Senior Advisor, Office of Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism confirming the witness with responsibility for carriage of the NDIS trial in the Hunter appears on the witness list for attendance
- 21 August 2015 – Letter from the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing confirming attendance of three named witnesses and advising that other senior staff are required to attend to Departmental operational matters
- 21 August 2015 – Email from Ms Kristina Cimino, Policy Adviser, Office of Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure – advising committee that the position of Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport NSW no longer exists and that Mr Tim Reardon is able to answer questions relating to the former planning and programs area
- 26 August 2015 – Letter from Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing confirming attendance of the two requested witnesses representing Social Housing

***Sent:***

- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Multiculturalism – requesting additional witness to Budget Estimates hearing on 1 September 2015
- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight – requesting additional witnesses to Budget Estimates hearing on 31 August 2015

- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure – requesting additional witness to Budget Estimates hearing on 1 September 2015
- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing – requesting additional witnesses to Budget Estimates hearing on 31 August 2015
- 25 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing – further request for two additional witnesses concerning Social Housing to Budget Estimates hearing on 31 August 2015

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

##### 4.1 UTS journalism students

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the undergraduate journalism students from UTS be permitted to film and record the committee's proceedings for Budget Estimates 2015-2016, provided that the students sign an undertaking to abide by the requirements of the Broadcasting Resolution.

##### 4.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Family and Community Services, Social Housing

Minister Hazzard, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Maree Walk, Deputy Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Paul Vevers, Deputy Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Deidre Mulkerin, Deputy Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Anne Skewes, Deputy Secretary, Land and Housing Corporation
- Mr Shane Hamilton, Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.02 am.

The public and media withdrew.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.02 am, until 1.45 pm, Monday 31 August 2015.

Stewart Smith  
Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes no. 4**

Monday 31 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.49 pm

**1. Members present**Mr Donnelly, *Chair*Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mason-Cox

Dr Phelps

Mrs Taylor

Mr Mookhey (participating)

**2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016****2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Roads, Maritime and Freight**

Minister Gay, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Transport for NSW
- Mr Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive, WestConnex Delivery Authority
- Mr Peter Duncan, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
- Ms Margaret Prendergast, CBD Coordinator General, Transport for NSW
- Mr Jeff McCarthy, Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports
- Mr Bernard Carlon, General Manager, Centre for Road Safety
- Mr Ken Kanofski, Chief Operating Officer, Roads and Maritime Services.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.45 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**2.2 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing, and Roads, Maritime and Freight on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

### 2.3 Request for video footage of Budget Estimates hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the committee authorise a copy of video footage of the Budget Estimates hearing for the Family and Community Services and Social Housing portfolios on 31 August 2015 to be provided to Minister Hazard, at his request.

### 3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.50 pm, until 8.45 am, Tuesday 1 September 2015.

Merrin Thompson  
Clerk to the Committee

### Minutes no. 5

Tuesday 1 September 2015  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

#### 1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*  
Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Cotsis  
Dr Kaye (substituting for Dr Faruqi)  
Mr Mason-Cox  
Dr Phelps  
Mrs Taylor  
Mr Moselmane (participating)

#### 2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

##### 2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism

Minister Ajaka, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 departmental witness was examined under a former oath:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Jim Longley, Deputy Secretary, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Denise Dawson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Sam Taylor, Executive Director, NDIS Implementation, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Leonie King, Executive Director, Service Delivery Programs, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Hakan Harman, Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural NSW
- Mr Keith Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, Multicultural NSW
- Ms Helen Rogers, Executive Director, Participation and Inclusion, Programs and Service Design, Department of Family and Community Services.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.00am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **2.2 Supplementary hearings**

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

### **3. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.02 am, until 1.45 pm, Tuesday 1 September 2015.

John Young

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes no. 6**

Tuesday 1 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

#### **1. Members present**

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis (until 2.28 pm)

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mason-Cox

Dr Phelps

Mrs Taylor

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Ms Sharpe (participating)

#### **2. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following item of correspondence:

***Received:***

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#### **5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016**

##### **5.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Transport and Infrastructure**

Minister Constance, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 departmental witnesses were examined under a former oath:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Transport for NSW
- Ms Margaret Prendergast, CBD Coordinator General, Transport for NSW.

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Fergus Gammie, Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, Transport for NSW
- Mr Rodd Staples, Project Director, Sydney Metro, Transport for NSW
- Mr Peter Gemell, Acting Project Director, CBD South East Light Rail, Transport for NSW
- Mr Howard Collins, Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
- Mr Peter Rowley, Chief Executive Officer, State Transit Authority
- Mr Jim Betts, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Ms Cotsis left the hearing at 2.28 pm.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.48 pm.  
The public and media withdrew.

## 5.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.49 pm, *sine die*.

Merrin Thompson  
Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes no. 7**

Tuesday 29 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.05 pm

**1. Members present**Mr Donnelly, *Chair*Mr Green, *Deputy Chair* (by teleconference)

Ms Cotsis

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mason-Cox (by teleconference)

Dr Phelps (by teleconference)

Mrs Taylor (from 2.26 pm by teleconference)

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That draft minutes nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 7 September 2015 – Letter to the committee regarding evidence given during a Budget Estimates hearing.
- 24 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing.
- 24 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight.
- 25 September 2015 – Letter from Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism.
- 25 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure.

***Sent:***

- 3 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 3 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 4 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 4 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

##### 4.1 Supplementary hearings

Ms Cotsis moved: That the committee hold a supplementary hearing to consider matters relating to the Disability Services portfolio on Friday, 9 October 2015 at 10.00 am until 11.30 am and that the committee invite the following witnesses:

- Mr Jim Longley, Deputy Secretary, Ageing Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Sam Taylor, Executive Director, NDIS Implementation, Department of Family and Community Services.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Cotsis, Mr Donnelly, Dr Faruqi  
 Noes: Mr Green, Mr Mason-Cox, Dr Phelps

Question resolved in the affirmative on the casting vote of the chair.

Dr Faruqi moved: That the committee hold a supplementary hearing to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Roads, Maritime and Freight
- Transport and Infrastructure.

Mrs Taylor joined the meeting.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Cotsis, Mr Donnelly, Dr Faruqi  
 Noes: Mr Green, Mr Mason-Cox, Dr Phelps, Mrs Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Family and Community Services
- Social Housing
- Roads, Maritime and Freight
- Ageing
- Multiculturalism
- Transport and Infrastructure.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.36 pm until 9.45 am, Friday 9 October 2015.

Madeleine Foley  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 8**

Friday 9 October 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.46 am

**1. Members present**Mr Donnelly, *Chair*Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham (substituting for Dr Faruqi)

Ms Cotsis

Ms Cusack (substituting for Mr Mason-Cox from 9.46 am to 10.20 am)

Mr Mallard (substituting for Mr Mason-Cox from 10.20 am to 11.22 am)

Dr Phelps

Mrs Taylor

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That draft minutes no. 7 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 2 October 2015 – Email from Michael Shaw, Senior Advisor – Office of Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism – confirming availability of the two witnesses requested by the committee to attend the supplementary hearing on 9 October 2015.
- 1 October 2015 – Email to the committee confirming that previous correspondence dated 7 September 2015 should be kept confidential.
- 30 September 2015 – Email to the committee regarding previous correspondence dated 7 September 2015.
- 23 September 2015 – Email to the committee requesting that previous correspondence dated 7 September 2015 be considered confidential to the committee and should not be forwarded to the relevant Minister.
- 7 September 2015 – Letter to the committee regarding evidence given during a Budget Estimates hearing.

***Sent:***

- 30 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism – notifying the Minister of the supplementary hearing on 9 October 2015 to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Disability Services.

**4. Correspondence dated 7 September 2015**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the proposed draft letter from the Chair to the author of correspondence dated 7 September 2015 be approved. Further, that all received correspondence to the committee from the same author (dated 7, 23, 30 September and 1 October 2015), be kept confidential, at his request.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the issue of submissions to committees where the author(s) seeks anonymity be referred to the Committee on the Legislative Council Committee System.

**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016****5.1 Public supplementary hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 –Disability Services**

Departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair reminded the two departmental witnesses that they did not need to be sworn as they had previously given evidence to the same committee:

- Mr Jim Longley, Deputy Secretary, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Sam Taylor, Executive Director - NDIS Implementation, Department of Family and Community Services.

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

The departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Ms Cusack left the meeting. Mr Mallard joined the meeting.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.08 am.

The public and media withdrew.

## 5.2 Further supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the committee hold no further supplementary hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Disability Services.

## 6. Other Business

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6.2 \*\*\*

## 7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.22 am, *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Draft minutes no. 9

Wednesday 11 November 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 1.46 pm

### 1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Ms Cotsis

Mr Mason-Cox

Dr Phelps

Mrs Taylor

### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That draft minutes no. 8 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### ***Received:***

- 2 November 2015 – Email from Mr Greg Cameron to the Chair concerning answers to some supplementary questions relating to the Port of Newcastle during Budget Estimates (and other matters).
- 5 November 2015 – Email from Ms Tegan Summerill, Senior DLO, Office of Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism providing edits to transcript relating to the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Disability Services.
- 5 November 2015 – Email from Ms Tegan Summerill, Senior DLO, Office of Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism providing answers to questions on notice relating to the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Disability Services.

#### ***Sent:***

- 9 October 2015 – Letter from the Chair to the author of correspondence dated 7 September 2015.
- 14 October 2015 – Letter from the Committee Director to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism attaching transcript of evidence relating to the Disability Services Portfolio with questions on notice highlighted, and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 14 October 2015 – Letter from the Chair to Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism concerning briefings for upper and lower house members relating to the NDIS.

### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Consideration of chair’s draft report

The chair submitted his draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2015-2016* which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps:

- That the draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;
- That the transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be published by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee;
- That the committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;
- That dissenting statements be provided to the secretariat within 24 hours after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting;
- That the report be tabled on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

#### **4.1 Briefings for members of Parliament relating to NDIS**

The committee noted that in response to the committee’s request of 14 October 2015, the Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services and Multiculturalism, held a briefing for all members of Parliament on 10 November 2015 in relation to the progress and implementation of the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

#### **4.2 Briefings for the committee relating to NDIS**

The committee noted that the Clerk of the Legislative Council had no objection to the committee requesting a private briefing from a minister and/or departmental officials on a matter relating to the committee’s portfolio responsibilities when an inquiry is not underway.

The committee noted its intention to revisit the proposal for a private briefing on the implementation and roll-out of the NDIS in early 2016.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 1.54 pm until Friday 20 November 2015.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

