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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2010-2011 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. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 13 September 2010

GPSC1	Tourism, Hunter, Science & Medical Research, Women	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Health	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Ports and Waterways, Illawarra	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC1	Mineral & Forest Resources	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 14 September 2010

GPSC1	Treasury, Special Minister of State, State Development & Regional Development	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Local Government, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC3	Attorney General, Regulatory Reform, Citizenship	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	4.45 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 15 September 2010

GPSC2	Education and Training	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Fair Trading, Arts	9.15 am – 11.00 am
GPSC4	Housing, Small Business, Veteran's Affairs	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Community Services, State Plan	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC4	Planning, Infrastructure, Lands	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 16 September 2010

GPSC4	Transport, Central Coast	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Industrial Relations, Commerce, Energy Public Sector Reform, Aboriginal Affairs	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Roads, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	Water, Corrective Services	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 17 September 2010

GPSC3	Police, Finance	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Climate Change & Environment, Cancer	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Gaming & Racing, Sport & Recreation, Major Events	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries, Emergency Services, Rural Affairs	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

4. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 15 November 2010

GPSC 1
GPSC 2

Day Two: Tuesday 16 November 2010

GPSC 1
GPSC 3

Day Three: Wednesday 17 November 2010

GPSC 4
GPSC 2

Day Four: Thursday 18 November 2010

GPSC 4
GPSC 5

Day Five: Friday 19 November 2010

GPSC 5
GPSC 3

5. That the committees may hold additional supplementary hearings after 19 November 2010 as required.
6. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.15 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
7. The committees must hear evidence in public.
8. 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.

9. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister or officer of a Department to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
10. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
11. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the first sitting week in March 2011.
12. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
13. All answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, must be provided within 21 days, or as otherwise determined by the committee.

The terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 24 November 2009, see *LC Minutes* (24/11/2009) 1536-1537, Item 12, amended *LC Minutes* (2/12/2009) 1601-1602, Item 8, amended *LC Minutes* (1/09/2010) 2001-2002, Item 4, amended *LC Minutes* (8/09/2010) 2036, Item 16.

Committee membership

The Hon John Ajaka MLC	Liberal Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
The Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters and Fishers Party	
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Mike Gallacher	Liberal Party
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Liberal Party
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Greg Pearce	Liberal Party
The Hon Christine Robertson MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge	The Greens
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Budget Estimates 2010-2011. 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.

During the initial round of hearings the Committee held five hearings, receiving sixteen hours of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Local Government, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Attorney General, Regulatory Reform, Citizenship, The Legislature, Police, Finance, Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events.

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 for their contributions to the Inquiry process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Ajaka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hon John Ajaka MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2010 – 2011 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 November 2009, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2010-2011 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.¹
- 1.2 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 the last sitting day of the first sitting week in March 2011.

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held five hearings as follows:
- Tuesday 14 September 2010 – Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
 - Tuesday 14 September 2010 – Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship
 - Tuesday 14 September 2010 – The Legislature
 - Friday 17 September 2010 – Police and Finance
 - Friday 17 September 2010 – Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events
- 1.4 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

Transcripts

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3.

Questions on notice

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

¹ *LC Minutes* (24/11/2009) 1536-1537, amended *LC Minutes* (2/12/2009) 1600-1601, amended *LC Minutes* (1/9/2010) 2001-2002.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health

- 2.1** A hearing to examine the portfolios of Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health was held on Tuesday 14 September 2010.
- 2.2** The following issues were raised in relation to Local Government:
- Model Code of Conduct for local councils
 - Qualifications of investigative lawyers and the role of the NSW Ombudsman
 - Special rate variations
 - Status of Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils
 - Amalgamations of local councils
 - Governance of local councils
 - Women in decision making roles in local government
- 2.3** The following issues were raised in relation to Juvenile Justice:
- Bail assistance line and bail accommodation
 - Over-representation of Indigenous youth in the juvenile justice system
 - The Noetic report and implementation of the reports' recommendations
 - Kariong and Keelong Juvenile Correction Centres
 - Programs to reduce re-offending
 - Provision of skills, employment and vocational experience for young offenders
 - Early intervention and diversion programs for young offenders.
- 2.4** The following issues were raised in relation to Mental Health:
- Mental health beds in the Greater Southern Area Health Service
 - Impact of National Health and Hospitals Network Agreements on mental health services in NSW
 - Mental health services for adolescents
 - Current occupancy rates for acute mental healthcare beds
 - Suicide prevention infrastructure
 - Proposed mental health facility at Griffith Base Hospital
 - Personality disorder project

Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship

- 2.5** A hearing to examine the portfolios of Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship was held on Tuesday 14 September 2010. The following issues were raised:
- Provision of funding support for public servants accused of criminal offences
 - Prosecuting people smugglers for Commonwealth offences in NSW Courts
 - Justicelink
 - Law and order issues, including terrorism and police powers, bail laws, firearm licences
 - Altruistic surrogacy
 - Sentencing, including new Intensive Correction Orders
 - Activities of the Better Regulation Office
 - Activities of the Community Relations Commission, including interpreting services and grants.

The Legislature

- 2.6** A hearing to examine The Legislature was held on Tuesday 14 September 2010. The following issues were raised:
- Staff Remuneration
 - Income from functions at Parliament House
 - Education and training programs for Members, staff and external stakeholders
 - Disabled access to the Legislative Council Chamber public gallery
 - Internet usage at Parliament House
 - Community access to Parliament House on weekends
 - Twinning project with Bougainville and the Solomon Islands
 - Security issues at Parliament House

Police and Finance

- 2.7** A hearing to examine the portfolios of Police and Finance was held on Friday 17 September 2010.
- 2.8** The following issues were raised in relation to Police:
- New South Wales Crime Commission priorities
 - Report of Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission
 - Setting of rewards for information relating to police investigations

- Firearms registry
- Police water cannon
- Police vehicle pursuit procedures
- Police firearms audit
- Police recruitment – graduating classes from Police Academy
- Tazers
- CBD emergency warning system
- Restrictions on operating hours of licensed premises

2.9 The following issues were raised in relation to Finance:

- Workers Compensation Fund Scheme
- Compensation Authorities Staff Division budget
- Number of different compensation schemes
- WorkCover industry-based premium model
- Motor Accidents Authority sponsorship policy
- Motorcycle greenslip premiums
- WorkCover capital works program
- Assistance to injured volunteers
- Young people in the workplace.

Gaming and Racing, Major Events and Sport and Recreation

2.10 A hearing to examine the portfolios of Gaming and Racing, Major Events and Sport and Recreation was held on Friday 17 September 2010.

2.11 The following issues were raised in relation to Gaming and Racing:

- Number of prosecutions by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
- Community gaming issues
- Racing New South Wales Strategic Plan 2010
- Merger of AJC and the STC
- Trackside machines.

2.12 The following issues were raised in relation to Major Events:

- Accountability / reporting of Events New South Wales
- New Years Eve events.

2.13 The following issues were raised in relation to Sport and Recreation:

- Sports Development Fund
- Indigenous sport
- Adult participation in sport
- Shooting centres development.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

1. Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health – Tuesday 14 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Barbara Perry MP	Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)
Mr Ross Woodward	Chief Executive, Division of Local Government
Mr Grahame Gibbs	Director, Performance Management and Compliance, Division of Local Government
Mr Peter Muir	Chief Executive, Department of Human Services
Ms Valda Ruisi	Deputy Chief Executive, Operations, Department of Human Services
Mr John Hubby	Deputy Chief Executive, Management Services, Department of Human Services
Dr Richard Matthews	Deputy Director General, Strategic Development
Mr David McGrath	Director, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office

2. Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship – Tuesday 14 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Regulatory Reform and, Minister for Citizenship
Mr Laurie Glanfield	Director General, Department of Justice and Attorney General
Mr Alan Kirkland	Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid NSW
Ms Georgina Beattie	Director, Better Regulation Office
Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian	Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Community Relations Commission

3. The Legislature – Tuesday 14 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	President of the Legislative Council
Ms Lynn Lovelock	Clerk of the Parliaments
Mr Kim Smith	Acting Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services

4. Police and Finance – Friday 17 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Michael Daley MP	Minister for Police and, Minister for Finance
Mr John Pritchard	Commissioner, NSW Police Integrity Commission
Mr Les Tree	Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Philip Bradley	Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
Mr Andrew Scipione	Commissioner, NSW Police Force
Ms Catherine Burn	Deputy Commissioner, NSW Police Force

Name	Position and Organisation
Ms Mary Hawkins	Acting General Manger, Workers Compensation Division, WorkCover NSW
Mr John Watson	General Manager Occupational Health and Safety Division, WorkCover NSW
Ms Lisa Hunt	Chief Executive Officer, Compensation Authorities Staff Division, WorkCover NSW
Ms Carmel Donnelly	General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority
Mr David Bowen	Executive Director, Lifetime Care and Support Authority

5. Gaming and Racing, Major Events and Sport and Recreation – Friday 17 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Kevin Greene MP	Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Major Events and, Minister for Sport and Recreation
Ms Carol Mills	Director General, Communities NSW

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Tuesday 14 September 2010

Public Hearing, Room 814/815, Parliament House

1. *Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) – Stage One Evaluation report* – Tendered by Dr Richard Matthews, Deputy Director General, Strategic Development, NSW Health.

Appendix 3 Minutes

Minutes No 47

Tuesday 7 September 2010

Members' Lounge, Parliament House Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members Present

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Greg Donnelly

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

Revd the Hon Fred Nile

Dr John Kaye

Mr Trevor Khan

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3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011 – procedural motions

3.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved on the motion of Dr Kaye: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each.

3.2 Publication of answers to questions on notice

Resolved on the motion of Dr Kaye: That, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions on notice, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

3.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Kahn:

- That on Tuesday 14 September 2010, 1 hour each be allocated for questioning the Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health portfolios, and that the portfolios be examined in that order.
- That on Tuesday 14 September 2010, 1 hour 15 minutes be allocated for questioning the Attorney General portfolio, 45 minutes allocated for questioning the Regulatory Reform and Citizenship portfolios, and that the portfolios be examined in that order.
- That on Friday 17 September 2010, 2 hours be allocated for questioning the Police portfolio, and 1 hour allocated for questioning the Finance portfolio, and that the portfolios be examined in that order.
- That on Friday 17 September 2010, 1 hour 30 minutes be allocated for questioning the Gaming & Racing portfolio, 1 hour allocated for questioning the Sport & recreation portfolio and 1 hour for questioning the Major Events portfolio, and that the portfolios be examined in that order.

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7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.30 pm until the Tuesday 14 September at 9.15 am.

Ms Beverly Duffy

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 48

Tuesday, 14 September 2010

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.05 am

1. Members present

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Robert Borsak

Ms Marie Ficarra (*Khan*)

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

Mr David Shoebridge (*Faehermann*)

Ms Helen Westwood (*Donnelly*)

2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Westwood to substitute for Mr Donnelly
- Ms Ficarra to substitute for Mr Khan
- Mr Shoebridge to substitute for Ms Faehermann.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Perry, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice and Minister for Mental Health, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Perry that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from the Department of Premier and Cabinet were sworn:

- Mr Ross Woodward, Chief Executive, Division of Local Government
- Mr Grahame Gibbs, Director, Performance Management and Compliance, Division of Local Government.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The following officials from the Department of Human Services, Juvenile Justice were sworn:

- Mr Peter Muir, Chief Executive, Department of Human Services
- Ms Valda Ruisis, Deputy Chief Executive, Operations, Department of Human Services
- Mr John Hubby, Deputy Chief Executive, Management Services, Department of Human Services.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The following officials from NSW Health were sworn:

- Dr Richard Matthews, Deputy Director General, Strategic Development
- Mr David McGrath, Director, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Dr Matthews tendered the following document:

- Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) – Stage One Evaluation report.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.58 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.00 pm until Tuesday, 14 September 2010, at 2.00 pm.

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 49

Tuesday, 14 September 2010

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. **Members present**

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Robert Borsak

Mr Tony Catanzariti (*Voltz – The Legislature*)

Mr David Clarke (*Khan – Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship*)

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Cate Faehrmann

Mr Don Harwin (*Khan – The Legislature*)

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

Ms Christine Robertson (*Moselmane – The Legislature*)

Mr David Shoebridge – (*Faehrmann – Attorney General, Regulatory Reform, Citizenship*)

2. **Substitute members**

The Chair advised that she had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Catanzariti to substitute for Ms Voltz for The Legislature portfolio
- Mr Clarke to substitute for Mr Khan for the Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship portfolios
- Mr Harwin to substitute for Mr Khan for The Legislature portfolio
- Ms Robertson to substitute for Mr Moselmann for The Legislature portfolio
- Mr Shoebridge to substitute for Ms Faehrmann for the Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship portfolios.

3. **Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Hatzistergos, Attorney General, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Minister for Citizenship, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011
- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to President Fazio, President of the Legislative Council of NSW, regarding the President's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010 – 2011.

4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Hatzistergos that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Mr Alan Kirkland, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid NSW.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Regulatory Reform open for examination.

The following official from the Better Regulation Office was sworn:

- Ms Georgina Beattie, Director.

The Minister and other witness were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witness withdrew.

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

The following official from the Community Relations Commission was sworn:

- Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Chair made a brief opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded President Fazio that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from NSW Parliament were sworn:

- Ms Lynn Lovelock, Clerk of the Parliaments
- Mr Kim Smith, Acting Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services.

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

The President and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.37 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.41 pm until Friday, 17 September 2010 at 9.00 am.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 50

Friday, 17 September 2010

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.00 am

1. **Members present**

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)
Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)
Mr Robert Borsak
Mr Greg Donnelly
Mr Mike Gallacher (*Khan – Police*)
Mr Greg Pearce (*Khan – Finance*)
Mr David Shoebridge (*Faehrman*)
Mr Mick Veitch (*Moselmane*)

2. **Substitute members**

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Shoebridge to substitute for Ms Faehrman
- Mr Veitch to substitute for Mr Moselmane.
- Mr Gallacher to substitute for Mr Khan for the Police portfolio
- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mr Khan for the Finance portfolio

3. **Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Daley, Minister for Police and Minister for Finance, regarding the Minister’s scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

4. **Conduct of hearing**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That for the examination of the Police portfolio, the Committee commence with the proposed expenditure for both the NSW Police Integrity Commission and the NSW Crime Commission; followed by the proposed expenditure for the NSW Police Force.

5. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Daley that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr John Pritchard, Commissioner, NSW Police Integrity Commission
- Mr Les Tree, Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Philip Bradley, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the following departmental witnesses withdrew:

- Mr Pritchard
- Mr Bradley.

The following officials from NSW Police Force were sworn:

- Mr Andrew Scipione, Commissioner
- Ms Catherine Burn, Deputy Commissioner.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

Mr Gallacher left the meeting.

Mr Pearce joined the meeting

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Mary Hawkins, Acting General Manager, Workers Compensation Division, WorkCover NSW
- Mr John Watson, General Manager, Occupational Health & Safety Division, WorkCover NSW
- Ms Lisa Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, Compensation Authorities Staff Division, WorkCover NSW
- Ms Carmel Donnelly, General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority
- Mr David Bowen, Executive Director, Lifetime Care and Support Authority.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

6. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.00 pm until Friday, 17 September 2010 at 2.00 pm

John Young

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 51

Friday, 17 September 2010

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. **Members present**

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Robert Borsak

Mr Greg Donnelly

Mr Don Harwin (*Khan*)

Dr John Kaye (*Faehrmann*)

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

2. **Substitute members**

The Chair advised that she had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Harwin to substitute for Mr Khan
- Dr Kaye to substitute for Ms Faehrmann.

3. **Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Greene, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Major Events, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Greene that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following official from Communities NSW was sworn:

- Ms Carol Mills, Director General.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events open for examination.

The Minister and Ms Mills were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.45 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. Deliberative meeting

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the Committee defer consideration of supplementary hearings until after answers to questions on notice are received.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4.47 pm until Wednesday 22 September 2010, Members Lounge at 1.00 pm.

Stewart Smith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 54

Wednesday 27 October 2010

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3

Members Lounge, Parliament House Sydney, at 1.03pm

1. Members Present

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Cate Faehrmann

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

Mr Robert Borsak

Mr Trevor Khan

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That draft Minutes No.s 48, 49, 50, 51 (2010 – 2011 Budget Estimates Inquiry) and 53 (***) be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence received:

- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Tuesday, 14 September 2010
 - 8 October 2010 – Minister Perry – Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
 - 8 October 2010 – Minister Hatzistergos – Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship
 - 13 October 2010 – President Fazio – The Legislature.
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Friday 17 September 2010
 - 13 October 2010 – Minister Daley – Police and Finance
 - 13 October 2010 – Minister Greene – Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events.

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 17 September 2010 – Letters from, the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Friday, 8 October 2010, to:
 - Minister Perry – Local Government, Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
 - Minister Hatzistergos – Attorney General, Regulatory Reform and Citizenship
 - President Fazio – The Legislature.

- 22 September 2010 – Letters from, the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Wednesday, 13 October 2010, to:
 - Minister Daley – Police and Finance
 - Minister Greene – Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events.

4. Publication of tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Borsak: That the Committee accept and publish, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the document tendered by Dr Matthews on Tuesday, 14 September 2010, entitled 'Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) – Stage One Evaluation report'.

5. Budget Estimates supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.07pm *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 55

Wednesday 10 November 2010

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3

Members Lounge, Parliament House Sydney, at 1.05 pm

1. Members Present

Mr John Ajaka (*Chair*)

Ms Lynda Voltz (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Cate Faehrmann

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

Mr Robert Borsak

Mr Trevor Khan

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That draft Minutes No 54 be confirmed.

3. Budget Estimates 2010-2011: Chair's draft report

The Chair's tabled his draft report number 24 entitled Budget Estimates 2010-2011, which having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Faehrmann: That the draft report be the report of the Committee.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Faehrmann: That the Committee present the report to the House, together with transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.08 pm *sine die*

Ms Beverly Duffy

Clerk to the Committee