



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011 - 2012

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2011-2012 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 24 October 2011

GPSC1	Finance and Services, the Illawarra	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC5	Primary Industries, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Trade and Investment	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning and Infrastructure	3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 25 October 2011

GPSC1	Treasury	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Regional Infrastructure and Services	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC3	The Legislature	11.15 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC3	Special Minister of State, the Central Coast	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC3	Transport	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 26 October 2011

GPSC2	Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW	9.00am – 10.15am
GPSC2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs	10.30 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC2	Sport and Recreation	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC4	Attorney General, Justice	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 27 October 2011

GPSC5	Environment, Heritage	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Police and Emergency Services, the Hunter	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	Local Government, the North Coast	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
GPSC5	Fair Trading	3.45 pm – 5.45 pm

Day Five: Friday 28 October 2011

GPSC5	Resources and Energy	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Arts	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Family and Community Services, Women	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
GPSC3	Roads and Ports	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

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

Day One: Monday 28 November 2011

GPSC 1

GPSC 2

Day Two: Tuesday 29 November 2011

GPSC 1

GPSC 3

Day Three: Wednesday 30 November 2011

GPSC 4

GPSC 2

Day Four: Thursday 1 December 2011

GPSC 4

GPSC 5

Day Five: Friday 2 December 2011

GPSC 5

GPSC 3

5. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9:15 am and conclude by 6:00 pm.
6. The committees must hear evidence in public.
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. 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.
9. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
10. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the first sitting week in February 2012.
11. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
12. 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.