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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2012-2013 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 8 October 2012

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	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning and Infrastructure	3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 9 October 2012

GPSC1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	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 10 October 2012

GPSC2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 10.30 am
GPSC2	Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW	10.45 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 11 October 2012

GPSC5	The 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 12 October 2012

GPSC5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, The Central Coast	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts	9.00 am – 1.00 pm

GPSC2	Family and Community Services, Women	2.00 pm – 5.00 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 26 November 2012

GPSC1

GPSC2

Day Two: Tuesday 27 November 2012

GPSC1

GPSC3

Day Three: Wednesday 28 November 2012

GPSC4

GPSC2

Day Four: Thursday 29 November 2012

GPSC4

GPSC5

Day Five: Friday 30 November 2012

GPSC5

GPSC3

4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. The committees must hear evidence in public.
6. 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. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
9. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the last sitting day of the first sitting week in February 2013.
10. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
11. 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.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 15 March 2012, see *LC Minutes* (15/3/2012) 819, Item 19; amended by *LC Minutes* (19/09/2012) 1247, Item 8.

Committee membership

The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Paul Green MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Jan Barham MLC	The Greens	
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Rick Colless MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Luke Foley MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Rev Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2012-2013. 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 seven hearings, involving fifteen hours of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Ageing, Disability Services, Planning and Infrastructure, Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW, Education, Family and Community Services, and Women.

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 Committee Secretariat for their contributions to the Inquiry process.



Hon Marie Ficarra MLC

Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2012-2013 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 15 March 2012, the Legislative Council resolved that 'the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2012-2013 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 Each Committee is required by the resolution 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 February 2013.

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held seven public hearings as follows:
- Monday 8 October 2012 – Ageing, Disability Services
 - Monday 8 October 2012 – Health, Medical research
 - Wednesday 10 October 2012 – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs
 - Wednesday 10 October 2012 – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW
 - Wednesday 10 October 2012 – Sport and Recreation
 - Wednesday 10 October 2012 – Education
 - Friday 12 October 2012 – Family and Community Services, Women.
- 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/gpsc2 .

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* (15/03/2012) 819, Item 19; as amended by *LC Minutes* (19/09/2012) 1247, Item 8.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Ageing, Disability Services

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Ageing, and Disability Services was held on Monday 8 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Stronger Together II
- Local Area Coordinators
- Attendant Care Program
- Young people in aged care
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Protecting vulnerable people in boarding houses
- Fire sprinklers in aged care accommodation.

Health, Medical Research

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Health, and Medical Research was held on Monday 8 October 2012. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of Health:

- Definition of 'bed' used in the annual report of NSW Health
- Impact of budget costs on the delivery of health services
- Telehealth to the Home trials
- Accessibility of re-registration processes for nurses, particularly nurses from regional and rural NSW
- Strategies to reduce 'bed block'
- Development of the Northern Beaches Hospital
- Organ donation rates
- Use of locums in regional NSW
- Upgrades to hospitals in western Sydney and regional NSW.

2.3 The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of Medical Research:

- Clinical nurse consultant research projects and funding
- Employment in, and expenditure of, the Office of Health and Medical Research
- Research programs, including stem cell research and cancer research
- The tobacco strategy overseen by the Office of Medical Research

- Policies to reduce the sodium content of food
- Medical Research Support Program
- Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Citizenship and Communities

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Citizenship and Communities was held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Multicultural Advantage Action Plan
- Increases to the Multicultural Grants Program
- NSW Volunteer Strategy
- New Working with Children Checks, effective from February 2013.

Aboriginal Affairs

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Aboriginal Affairs was held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Initiatives to address the lower life expectancy of Aboriginal people.
- Taskforces seeking broad consultation with Aboriginal people on a number of issues, including health, land claims and child sexual assault issues.

Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, and Western NSW

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, and Western NSW was held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- SWAPS program
- Initiatives to target sedentary children
- Drought Mental Health Program.

Sport and Recreation

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolio of Sport and Recreation was held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Frequency of events held at Sydney Olympic Park
- Closure of Darling Harbour Convention and Exhibition Centre
- Initiatives to address domestic violence – Change your Ways DVD.

Education

2.8 A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Education funding cuts
- School pupil numbers on the lower north shore of Sydney
- Learning Management and Business Reform program
- Gonski Report
- Infrastructure NSW projection of school numbers
- 'Local Schools, Local Decisions'
- TAFE funding cuts.

Family and Community Services, Women

2.9 A hearing examining the portfolios of Family and Community Services, and Women was held on Friday 12 October 2012. The following issues were raised:

- Funding arrangements, especially reports of cuts to programs
- Casework vacancy rates for Bourke Community Services Centre
- Measuring performance
- Out-of-home-care contracts
- Social housing: Toomelah/Boggabilla, Claymore
- Funding: community support for people with a disability, their family and carers
- Child sexual assault investigation units
- Early intervention services for children aged 9 – 15 years
- Keep Them Safe reforms
- The Brewarrina safe house
- Improving opportunities for women across NSW
- Initiatives to reduce the incidence of domestic violence across the state.

Appendix 1 Witnesses

1. Ageing, Disability Services – Monday 8 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services
Mr Jim Moore	Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Jim Longley	Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Ms Maura Boland	Deputy Director General, Strategy and Policy, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Director General, Corporate Services, Department of Family and Community Services

2. Health, Medical Research – Monday 8 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP	Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research
Dr Mary Foley	Director General, Ministry of Health
Mr John Roach	Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Health
Dr Kerry Chant	Deputy Director General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer, Ministry of Health
Ms Karen Crawshaw	Deputy Director General, Governance, Workforce and Corporate, Ministry of Health
Dr Rohan Hammett	Deputy Director General, Strategy and Resources, Ministry of Health

3. Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs – Wednesday 10 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Victor Dominello MP	Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian	Chairperson, Community Relations Commission
Ms Donna Rygate	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
Mr Jason Adler	General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, Office of Communities
Mr Simon Glass	Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Communities

4. Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW – Wednesday 10 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP	Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, Minister for Western NSW
Dr Kerry Chant	Deputy Director General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer, Ministry of Health
Mr David McGrath	Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Programs, NSW Ministry of Health
Mr Simon Smith	Deputy Director General, Delivery and Implementation, Department of Premier and Cabinet

5. Sport and Recreation – Wednesday 10 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Graham Annesley MP	Minister for Sport and Recreation
Ms Donna Rygate	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
Mr Simon Glass	Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Communities
Mr Paul Doorn	Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Communities
Ms Janet Milligan	Acting Executive Director, Venues NSW

6. Education – Wednesday 10 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Adrian Picolli MP	Minister for Education
Dr Michele Bruniges AM	Director General, Department of Education and Communities, and Managing Director, TAFE NSW
Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Director General, Corporate Services, Department of Education and Services
Ms Leslie Loble	Chief Executive, Office of Education, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Gregory Prior	Deputy Director General, Schools, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Pam Christie	Deputy Director General, TAFE NSW and Community Education, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Tom Alegounarias	President, Board of Studies NSW
Ms Judith Page	Manager, Corporate Services, NSW Institute of Teachers
Mr Phillip Peace	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education and Communities

7. Family and Community Services, Women – Friday 12 October 2012

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Pru Goward MP	Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Women
Mr Jim Moore	Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Mike Allen	Chief Executive, Housing NSW and Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office
Ms Maura Boland	Deputy Director General, Strategy and Policy, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Director General, Corporate Services, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Kerryn Boland	NSW Children's Guardian
Ms Maree Walk	Chief Executive, Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Vicki D'Adam	Deputy Director General, Strategic Policy and Coordination Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Monday 8 October 2012

- 1 South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, *Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital, Initial Budget Allocation, Financial Year 2012/13*, tabled by the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC.

Friday 12 October 2012

- 2 Budget Estimates 2011-2012, *Response to Questions on Notice, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women*, p. 10 of 76, tabled by the Hon Adam Searle MLC.

Appendix 3 Minutes

Draft Minutes No. 17

Thursday 13 September 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Ms Gardiner

Ms Westwood

2. Previous minutes

Resolve, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That draft Minutes No. 16 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2012-2013

3.1 Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Annesley, Minister for Sport and Recreation, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Constance, Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Dominello, Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Goward, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Humphries, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western NSW, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Piccoli, Minister for Education, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013
- 9 August 2011 – From Director, Committees to Minister Skinner, Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013.

3.2 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Gardiner: That, on Monday 8 October 2012, the Ageing and Disability Services portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That, on Monday 8 October 2012, the Health portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm and the Medical Research portfolio from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Barham: That, on Wednesday 10 October 2012, the Citizenship and Communities portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 9.45 am and the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio from 9.45 am until 10.30 am.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That on Wednesday 10 October 2012 the Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That, on Wednesday 10 October 2012, the Sports and Recreation portfolio be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Gardiner: That, on Wednesday 10 October 2012, the Education portfolio be examined by asking questions concerning schools and early childhood in the first two hours and questions about TAFE, community education and the Board of Studies for the following two hours, with the Secretariat to confirm the accuracy of these groupings with the Minister's office and advise the Committee accordingly.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That, on Friday 12 October 2012, the Family and Community Services portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm and the Women portfolio from 4.00 pm until 5.00 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Gardiner: That the Secretariat inform relevant ministers of the examination time for each portfolio, if not examined concurrently.

3.3 Witness requests

Members to advise the Secretariat of any requests for specific witnesses by 5.00 pm Friday 21 September 2012.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.20 pm until 8.45 am, Monday 8 October 2012, Jubilee Room (*Budget Estimates hearing: Ageing, Disability Services*).

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 18

Monday 8 October 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Ms Fazio (*Mr Moselmane*)

Ms Gardiner

Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following member would be substituting for the hearing:

- Ms Fazio for Mr Moselmane.

3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That draft Minutes No.17 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 20 September 2012 – From the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC to the Secretariat, requesting a witness for the Health and Medical Research hearing
- 21 September 2012 – From Ms Erin Stott, Adviser, Office of the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, Department of Education and Training, to the Secretariat, advising the correct groupings within the Education portfolios
- 21 September 2012 – From Minister Constance, Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services, providing the list of witnesses
- 21 September 2012 – From the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC to the Secretariat, providing a list of request witness for the Education, Health, Medical Research portfolios
- 24 September 2012 – From the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC to the Secretariat, providing an updated list of requested witnesses for the Health and Medical Research portfolios
- 26 September 2012 – From Ms Jane Standish, Parliamentary Liaison Officer / Policy Officer, Office of the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, providing a list of witnesses
- 26 September 2012 – From Mr Christian Dunk, Policy Adviser, Office of the Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, providing an update on the personal changes to the witness requests sent to the Minister's office
- 28 September 2012 – From Mr William Crook, Office of the Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women, providing a list of witness to appear at the hearing for the Family and Community Services, Women portfolios
- 2 October 2012 – From Mr Christian Dunk, Policy Adviser, Office of the Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, advising the officials who will be available to attend the hearing for the Health and Medical Research portfolios
- 2 October 2012 – From Ms Erin Stott, Adviser, Office of the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, Department of Education and Training, to the Secretariat, providing a list of witnesses
- 3 October 2012 – From Ms Cassandra Lawry, Office of Minister Annesley, Minister for Sport and Recreation, providing a list of witnesses
- 3 October 2012 – From Ms Katrina Carlon, from Minister Humphries' office, providing a list of witnesses.

Sent

- 17 September 2012 – From Ms R Callinan, Director-Committees, to Mr Erin Stott, Department of Education and Training, informing the Department of the examination time for the Education portfolio and requesting for information
- 25 September 2012 – From Secretariat to Mr C Dunk, Policy Adviser, Office of The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, informing of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests
- 25 September 2012 – From the Secretariat to Ms Jane Standish, Parliamentary Liaison Officer / Policy Officer, Office of the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests
- 25 September 2012 – From the Secretariat to Mr William Crook, Office of the Hon. Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women, informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios

- 27 September 2012 – From the Secretariat to Ms Erin Stott, Adviser, Office of the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.

5. Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each.

6. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Ageing, Disability Services

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 Constance 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 were sworn:

- Mr Jim Moore, Director General, Family and Community Services
- Mr Jim Longley, Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Ms Maura Boland, Deputy Director General, Family and Community Services
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Ageing and Disability Services open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.00 am.

The public and media withdrew.

7. Supplementary hearings

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

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.01 am, until 1.45 pm, Monday 8 October 2012, Jubilee Room (*Health, Medical Research*).

Stewart Smith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 19

Monday 8 October 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)
 Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)
 Mr Clarke
 Mr Donnelly (*Mr Moselmane*)
 Mr Foley (*participating*)
 Ms Gardiner
 Dr Kaye (*Ms Barham*)
 Mr Secord (*participating*)
 Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham
- Mr Donnelly for Mr Moselmane.

3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Mr Secord and Mr Foley would be attending the hearing as participating members.

4. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Health, Medical Research

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 Skinner 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 were sworn:

- Dr Mary Foley, Director General, Ministry of Health
- Dr Kerry Chant, Deputy Director General, Population Health & Chief Health Officer, Ministry of Health
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Director General, Governance, Workforce and Corporate, Ministry of Health
- Dr Rohan Hammett, Deputy Director General, Strategy and Resources, Ministry of Health
- Mr John Roach, Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Health.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Donnelly tendered the following document:

- 2012/2013 Budget Allocation, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital.

Mr Secord left the meeting at 4.00 pm.

Mr Foley left the meeting at 4.05 pm.

Mr Foley rejoined the meeting at 5.00 pm.

The following witness withdrew from the hearing: Ms Crawshaw.

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

Mr Foley left the meeting at 5.45 pm.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 6.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. Tended documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That the Committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the hearing:

- 2012/2013 Budget Allocation, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital, tendered by Mr Donnelly.

6. Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Health, and Medical Research on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6.02 pm, until 8.45 am, Wednesday 10 October 2012, Macquarie Room (*Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs*).

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 20

Wednesday 10 October 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*) (8.49 am)

Ms Barham (*from 8.49 am until 10.30 am*)

Mr Clarke

Mr Colless (*Miss Gardiner*)

Ms Faehrmann (*Ms Barham, from 12.15 pm until 1.01 pm*)

Dr Kaye (*for Ms Barham from 10.45 am until 11.34 am*)

Mr Moselmane (*until 10.30 am*)

Mr Searle (*Mr Moselmane, from 10.45 am until 1.01 pm*)

Ms Westwood (*until 12.02 pm*)

Mr Veitch (*participating member from 10.45 am until 12.02 pm*)

Ms Voltz (*Ms Westwood, from 12.15 pm until 1.01 pm*)

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Mr Colless for Miss Gardiner
- Ms Faehrmann for Ms Barham (*Sport and Recreation*)
- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)
- Mr Searle for Mr Moselmane (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW, Sport and Recreation*)
- Ms Voltz for Ms Westwood (*Sport and Recreation*).

3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Mr Veitch would be attending the hearing as a participating member (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*).

4. Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green:

1. That for the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs and Sport and Recreation the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 15 minutes allocated to each.
2. That for the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Cross Bench, Opposition and Government members, in that order, with 25 minutes allocated to each.

5. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs

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 Dominello 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 were sworn:

- Mr Simon Glass, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Communities
- Ms Donna Rygate, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
- Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson, Community Relations Commission.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The witness, Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson, Community Relations Commission, withdrew.

The following official was sworn:

- Mr Jason Ardler, General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, Office of Communities.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for Aboriginal Affairs open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The Committee adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 am.

The hearing resumed at 10.45 am.

6. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW

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 Humphries that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The Chair also reminded Dr Kerry Chant, Deputy Director General, Population and Public Health and Chief Health Officer, NSW Ministry of Health, that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

The following officials were sworn:

- Mr David McGrath, Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Programs, NSW Ministry of Health
- Mr Simon Smith, Deputy Director General, Delivery and Implementation, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, and Western NSW open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The Committee adjourned at 12.02 pm for a break.

The hearing resumed at 12.16 pm.

7. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Sport and Recreation

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 Annesley that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The Chair reminded the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing:

- Ms Donna Rygate, Chief Executive, Office of Communities
- Mr Simon Glass, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Communities.

The following officials were sworn:

- Mr Paul Doorn, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Communities
- Ms Janett Milligan, Acting Executive Director, Venues NSW.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Sport and Recreation open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.01 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

8. 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 Citizenship and Communities, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW, and Sport and Recreation on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.02 pm, until 1.45 pm, Wednesday 10 October 2012, Macquarie Room (*Education*).

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 21

Wednesday 10 October 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)
 Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)
 Mr Clarke
 Ms Gardiner
 Ms Westwood
 Dr Kaye (*Ms Barham*)
 Mr Donnelly (*Mr Moselmane*)
 Ms Sharpe (*participating*)

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham
- Mr Donnelly for Mr Moselmane.

3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Ms Sharpe would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

4. Allocation of question time

The Chair noted the resolution by email of 3 October, 2012: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition and Cross Bench, in that order, with an initial 20 minutes allocated to each.

5. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Education

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 Piccoli 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 the Department of Education & Communities were sworn:

- Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Director General
- Mr Peter Riordan, Deputy Director General, Corporate Services
- Ms Leslie Loble, Chief Executive, Office of Education
- Mr Gregory Prior, Deputy Director General, Schools
- Mr Phillip Peace, Chief Financial Officer.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Education - Schools and Early Childhood Education and Care open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Committee adjourned for a break at 3.20 pm.

The hearing resumed at 3.35 pm.

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

- Ms Pam Christie, Deputy Director General, TAFE and Community Education
- Mr Tom Alegounarias, President, Board of Studies NSW
- Ms Judith Page, Manager, Corporate Services, Institute of Teachers.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for portfolio of Education - TAFE, VET, and the Board of Studies open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.52 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

6. Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the Committee hold a meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Education on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.54 pm, until 1.45 pm, Friday 12 October 2012, Macquarie Room (*Family and Community Services, Women*).

Stewart Smith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 22

Friday 12 October 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Ms Cotsis (*participating*)

Ms Gardiner

Rev Nile (*Mr Green*)

Mr Searle (*Mr Moselmane*)

Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Rev Nile for Mr Green
- Mr Searle for Mr Moselmane.

3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Ms Cotsis would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

4. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Family and Community Services, Women

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 Goward that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The Chair also reminded the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at an earlier Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Jim Moore, Director General, Family and Community Services
- Ms Maura Boland, Deputy Director General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director General, Corporate Services, Family and Community Services.

The following officials were sworn:

- Mr Mike Allen, Chief Executive, Housing NSW, Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office
- Ms Maree Walk, Chief Executive, Community Services
- Ms Vicki D'Adam, Deputy Director General, Strategic Policy and Coordination Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kerry Boland, Children's Guardian.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Family and Community Services open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Searle tendered the following documents:

- Estimates 2011 – Response to Questions on Notice Page 10 of 76.

The examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Family and Community Services concluded at 4.01 pm.

The following departmental witnesses withdrew.

- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director General, Corporate Services, Family and Community Services.
- Mr Mike Allen, Chief Executive, Housing NSW, Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office
- Ms Vicki D'Adam, Deputy Director General, Strategic Policy and Coordination Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kerry Boland, Children's Guardian.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. Tendered documents

Mr Searle advised that he may need to provide an updated version of the document tendered earlier containing an answer to a question on notice previously provided by the Minister.

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That the Committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the hearing:

- An answer to a question on notice provided by the Minister during the 2011-2012 Budget Estimates hearings, referred to in a question taken on notice by Mr Allen, and any updated document subsequently provided by Mr Searle.

6. Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, and Women on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.09 pm, *sine die*.

Jenelle Moore
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes 23

Monday 12 November 2012
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
Room 1153, Parliament House, Sydney, at 4.00 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)
Ms Barham
Mr Clarke
Ms Gardiner
Mr Green
Mr Moselmane
Ms Fazio (*Ms Westwood*)

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following member would be substituting for the meeting:

- Ms Fazio for Ms Westwood.

3. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Barham: That Draft Minutes Nos. 18 - 22 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 4 October 2012 – From Mr Chris Hall, Chief of Staff, Minister for Sport and Recreation, to the Secretariat, advising additional witnesses
- 4 October 2012 – From Mr William Crook, Office of the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women, to the Secretariat, advising that one of the previously advised witnesses will not be attending the hearing
- 8 October 2012 – From Ms Erin Stott, Adviser, Office of the Minister for Education, to the Secretariat, advising of changes to the witness list
- 9 October 2012 – From Ms Katrina Carlon, Policy Advisor, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, Minister for Western NSW, to the Secretariat, advising of an additional witness
- 1 November 2012 – From Minister Skinner to the Secretariat, providing answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions for the portfolios of Health and Medical Research
- 1 November 2012 – From Minister Constance to the Secretariat, providing answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions for the portfolios of Ageing and Disability Services
- 1 November 2012 – From Minister Dominello to the Secretariat requesting his electronic signature be accepted for the purpose of providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions
- 5 November – From Minister Dominello providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities and Aboriginal Affairs
- 5 November – From Minister Annesley providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Sport and Recreation
- 5 November – From Minister Piccoli providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Education
- 5 November – From Minister Humphries providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW
- 7 November – From Minister Goward providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Family and Community Services and Women.

Sent

- 11 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Constance, Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 11 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Skinner, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 15 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Dominello, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 15 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Humphries, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles and Minister for Western NSW, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 15 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Annesley, Minister for Sport and Recreation, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 15 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Piccoli, Minister for Education, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 17 October 2012 – From Secretariat to Minister Goward, Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Women, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2012-2013 – Supplementary hearings

Ms Gardiner moved: That the Committee holds no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Health, Medical Research, Citizenship and Communities,

Aboriginal Affairs, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW, Sport and Recreation, Education, Family and Community Services, and Women

Ms Fazio moved: That the motion of Ms Gardiner be amended by deleting all the words from 'That', and inserting the following words: 'That the Committee holds no further hearings into the portfolios examined during the initial Budget Estimates round, with the exception of the portfolios of Health and Education which will be examined by the Committee in supplementary hearings of one and a half hours each.'

Amendment put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Barham, Ms Fazio, Mr Moselmane,
Noes: Mr Clarke, Ms Ficarra, Ms Gardiner, Mr Green.

Amendment resolved in the negative.

Original question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Clarke, Ms Ficarra, Ms Gardiner, Mr Green. .
Noes: Ms Barham, Ms Fazio, Mr Moselmane.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm, *sine die*.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Draft Minutes No. 24

Wednesday 21 November 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm.

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)
Ms Barham
Mr Brown (*Mr Green*)
Mr Clarke
Ms Gardiner
Mr Moselmane
Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

The Chair advised of the following substitution:

- Mr Brown for Mr Green.

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That Draft Minutes No. 23 be confirmed.

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6. **Budget Estimates 2012-13: Chair's draft report**

The Committee considered the Chair's draft report on the Budget Estimates 2012-13.

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

7. **Next meeting**

Sine die.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee