

**INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - 2013****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.