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Terms of Reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2009-2010 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 14 September 2009

GPSC 1	Roads	9.15 am - 11.15 am
GPSC 2	Health, Central Coast	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Ports and Waterways	11.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC 2	Aboriginal Affairs	4.45 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 15 September 2009

GPSC 1	Treasury	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Local Government	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC 3	Mental Health	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC 3	Attorney General, Industrial Relations	2.00 pm - 3.45 pm
GPSC 3	Corrective Service, Public Sector Reform and Special Minister of State	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Arts	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 16 September 2009

GPSC 2	Education and Training, Women	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Fair Trading, Citizenship	9.15 am - 11.00 pm
GPSC 4	Emergency Services, Small Business	11.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Education and Training, Women (continued)	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC 4	Planning, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 2	Community Services	3.00pm - 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 17 September 2009

GPSC 4	Transport, Illawarra	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Mineral Resources	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC 5	Commerce	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Science & Medical Research, Health (Cancer)	2.00 pm - 3.45 pm
GPSC 5	Climate Change and the Environment	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 4	Tourism, Hunter	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 18 September 2009

GPSC 3	Lands, Rural Affairs	9.15 am - 10.15 am
GPSC 5	Energy	9.15 am - 11.30 am
GPSC 3	Police	10.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	State Development	11.45 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
GPSC 5	Water, Regional Development	2.00 pm - 4.15 pm
GPSC 3	Juvenile Justice, Volunteering, Youth, Veteran's Affair	4.15 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 5	Housing, Western Sydney	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

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

Day One: 16 November 2009

GPSC 1
GPSC 2

Day Two: 17 November 2009

GPSC 1
GPSC 3

Day Three: 18 November 2009

GPSC 4
GPSC 2

Day Four: 19 November 2009

GPSC 4
GPSC 5

Day Five: 20 November 2009

GPSC 5
GPSC 3

5. That the committees may hold additional supplementary hearings after 20 November 2009 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 to make an opening statement before the committee commences questioning
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 2010.
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 27 November 2008, see *LC Minutes* (27/11/2008) 928-929, amended by *LC Minutes* (23/06/2009) 1253-1255

Committee membership

Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Ian West MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC	The Nationals
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	The Greens

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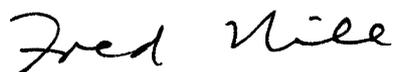
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Chairman's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Budget Estimates 2009-2010. 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 seven hearings, receiving 15 hours of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Roads, Ports and Waterways, Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform, The Legislature, Treasury, Premier and Arts. The Committee subsequently held supplementary hearings to again examine the portfolios of Roads, Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure.

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.



Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC
Chairman

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2009-2010 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 27 November 2008, the Legislative Council resolved ‘that the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2009-2010 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report¹’.
- 1.2 The resolution (referred to as the Budget Estimates Resolution) required 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 2010².

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held seven public hearings as follows:
- Monday 14 September 2009 – Roads
 - Monday 14 September 2009 – Ports and Waterways
 - Monday 14 September 2009 – Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform
 - Monday 14 September 2009 – The Legislature
 - Tuesday 15 September 2009 – Treasury
 - Tuesday 15 September 2009 – Premier
 - Tuesday 15 September 2009 – Arts.
- 1.4 In addition, the Committee held three supplementary public hearings, as follows:
- Tuesday 17 November 2009 – Roads
 - Tuesday 17 November 2009 – Finance
 - Tuesday 17 November 2009 – Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure.
- 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/gpsc1.

¹ *LC Minutes* (27/11/2008) 928-929

² *LC Minutes* (27/11/2008) 928-929, amended by *LC Minutes* (23/06/2009) 1253-1255

Questions on notice

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

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Roads

2.1 A hearing to examine the portfolio of Roads was held on Monday 14 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Proposed redevelopment of the Iron Cove bridge
- Level of consultation over the introduction of regulations for modifications that affect the height of vehicles
- Child restraints in buses
- Measures to improve the air quality in the M5 East tunnel
- Extension of the Hunter F3 expressway
- Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) responses to Freedom of Information requests
- Gerringong to Bomaderry Princes Highway proposed upgrade
- Process regarding invitations to tender for maintenance and infrastructure projects
- Current levels of truck overloading in NSW and RTA actions to reduce frequency of overloading.

2.2 A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Roads was held on Tuesday 17 November 2009. The following issues were raised:

- NSW road toll for four-wheeled and two-wheeled vehicles
- RTA Construction program and Federal Black Spot projects
- Provision of bicycle ways and cyclist safety on roads
- Provision of noise barriers on roads such as the M5
- Breakdown lane policy on main expressways
- Auditor General's report on truck safety and the use of B-doubles
- The Newell Highway Safety Review
- Road work projects for Lanyon Drive and the Kings Highways, and other road work projects that impact on cross border roads with the Australian Capital Territory.

Ports and Waterways

2.3 A hearing to examine the portfolio of Ports and Waterways was held on Monday 14 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Issues associated with the use of NSW Maritime premises by employees for secondary employment purposes
- Issues associated with current and proposed use of NSW Maritime-owned facilities currently leased by the St George Sailing Club
- Dumping of sewerage in the Cook River, and NSW Maritime action to improve marine environment
- Port Botany congestion and development work at other NSW ports
- Amalgamation of volunteer rescue services into Marine Rescue NSW
- Development at Rose Bay Marina.

Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform

2.4 A hearing to examine the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform was held on Monday 14 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Reform of the electricity industry, including details of the Minister's overseas travel to brief prospective tenderers
- Infrastructure projects, including the advice provided on, and planning for, these projects
- Red tape reduction and the operation of the Better Regulation Office
- Occupational health and safety, including legislative changes and initiatives to improve workplace safety
- Motor Accidents Authority and the Lifetime Care and Support Authority, including the operation of the Authorities and initiatives to improve services.

2.5 A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Finance was held on Tuesday 17 November 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Sydney airport stamp duty claim
- Sale of Pillar and key performance indicators
- Sale of Bass Hill High School
- Impact of super departments
- WorkCover annual report, including issues such as injury and fatality rate reduction, advice versus compliance activity, and bullying and harassment
- Labelling of nanomaterials
- National Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Harmonisation of workers compensation
- WorkCover inspector recruitment
- Workers Compensation Commission Review.

The Legislature

2.6 A hearing to examine the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Monday 14 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Special constables at Parliament House
- Security processes
- Strategic directions in information technology
- Levels of participation in committee inquiries
- Staffing levels
- Investment income
- Proposed improvements to disability access
- Broadcasting of Legislative Council proceedings.

Treasury

2.7 A hearing to examine the portfolio of Treasury was held on Tuesday 15 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- NSW Government submission to the Henry Review of Taxation
- First home buyers grant criteria for defence force personnel
- Electricity privatisation
- Annual costs of temporary staff in NSW Public Service
- Infrastructure spending
- Better Services and Value Taskforce.

2.8 A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolios of Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure was held on Tuesday 17 November 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Costing and analysis of infrastructure projects, including the Rozelle Metro, the South West Rail Link, the Iron Cove Bridge and Tillegra Dam
- Sale of electricity assets, including the role of Treasury and the potential impact of a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
- The State Accounts
- Policy action taken in response to the global financial crisis
- NSW Treasury employee expenses and other operating costs
- Capital expenditure in NSW and the Federal stimulus package
- Sydney airport stamp duty claim.

Premier

2.9 A hearing to examine the portfolio of The Premier was held on Tuesday 15 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Community perceptions of the Government
- Election and political party funding
- Funding of the ICAC and Game Council of NSW
- Residential location of convicted paedophiles on sex offender register
- Government action in relation to the Forgotten Australians, apprentices and the Job Summit
- Freedom of Information reform
- Ministerial Code of Conduct
- Abortion laws
- Expenditure in the Office of the Premier.

Arts

2.10 A hearing to examine the portfolio of Arts was held on Tuesday 15 September 2009. The following issues were raised:

- Funding and budget for various programs and arts institutions
- Investments in film in NSW
- Maintenance of properties managed by Arts NSW
- Encouraging involvement of children and young people in the Arts.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

1. Roads – Monday 14 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Michael Daley MP	Minister for Roads
Mr Michael Bushby	Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Phillip Halton	General Manager – Compliance and Freight Strategy, Roads and Traffic Authority
Dr Soames Job	Director – Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority
Dr Ann King	Director – Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brian Watters	Director – Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority

2. Ports and Waterways – Monday 14 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Joseph Tripodi MP	Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Minister for Ports and Waterways
Mr Steve Dunn	Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
Mr Tony Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime

3. Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform – Monday 14 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Joseph Tripodi MP	Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Minister for Ports and Waterways
Mr Michael Schur	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Georgina Beattie	Director, Better Regulation Office
Ms Carmel Donnelly	A/General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority
Mr David Bowen	Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
Mr Rob Thomson	A/Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover
Mr John Watson	General Manager, OHS Division, WorkCover
Mr Peter Duncan	Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Warwick Watkins	Director-General, Land and Property Management Authority

4. The Legislature – Monday 14 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	President of the Legislative Council
Ms Lynn Lovelock	Clerk of the Parliaments
Mr Brian Ward	Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services

5. Treasury – Tuesday 15 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	Treasurer
Mr Michael Schur	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary – Budget and Fiscal Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Anthony Newbury	Executive Director, Office of State Revenue

6. Premier – Tuesday 15 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Nathan Rees MP	Premier and Minister for the Arts
Mr John Lee	Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet

7. Arts – Tuesday 15 September 2009

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Nathan Rees MP	Premier and Minister for the Arts
Ms Carol Mills	Director General, Communities NSW

8. Roads – Tuesday 17 November 2009 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Michael Bushby	Chief Executive Officer, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Phillip Halton	General Manager – Compliance and Freight Strategy, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Paul Hesford	Director, Finance and Performance, Roads and Traffic Authority
Dr Soames Job	Director – Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority
Ms Ann King	Director – Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brian Watters	Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Peter Collins	Director – Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority

9. Finance – Tuesday 17 November 2009 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Rob Thomson	A/Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW
Mr John Watson	General Manager, WorkCover NSW
Mr Warwick Watkins	Chief Executive Officer, Land and Property Management Authority
Mr Chris Durack	Chief Executive Officer, SAS Trustee Corporation

10. Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure – Tuesday 17 November 2009 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Michael Schur	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Richard Timbs	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Caralee McLiesh	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Tuesday 15 September 2009

Public Hearing, Room 814/815, Parliament House

1. *Ratings Direct, New South Wales (State of), by Standards & Poor's* – Tendered by Minister Roozendaal
2. *NSW Residential Building Approvals (graph)* – Tendered by Minister Roozendaal
3. *Consumer Sentiment for Australia (graph)* – Tendered by Minister Roozendaal

Appendix 3 Minutes

Minutes No. 25

Monday, 14 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.03am

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye) (at 9.10am)

Mr Trevor Khan (Mason-Cox)

Mr Don Harwin (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

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 Harwin to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Mr Khan to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009 – From Secretariat to Minister Daley, Minister for Roads, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. Conduct of hearing

Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Harwin: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each, except for the public hearing for the portfolio Ports and Waterways, where the time be allocated equally between Opposition and Cross Bench members as a consequence of the proposed early departure of the Minister from the hearing.

Return date for answers to questions on notice

Ms Sharpe moved: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010, answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, be provided within 35 days.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Sharpe, Mr West, Ms Griffin, Revd Nile

Noes: Mr Harwin, Mr Khan

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Publication of answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West: 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 a confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Michael Bushby, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Phillip Halton, General Manager – Compliance and Freight Strategy, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director – Finance and Performance, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Dr Soames Job, Director – Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Ms Ann King, Director – Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Brian Watters, Director – Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Roads 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 11:15 am. The public and media withdrew.

6. Deliberative meetingBroadcasting of proceedings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That journalism students Alex Horder and Emma Becham from the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, University of Technology Sydney, be approved to film the public hearings of GPSC 1 in relation to the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:16 am until Monday, 14 September 2009 at 11.30am.

Simon Johnston

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 26

Monday, 14 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.30am

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)
Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)
Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)
Mr Trevor Khan (Mason-Cox)
Mr Charlie Lynn (Pavey)
Ms Penny Sharpe
Mr Ian West

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 Khan to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Lynn to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009– From Secretariat to Minister Tripodi, Minister for Ports and Waterways, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Tripodi 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 Steve Dunn, Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
- Mr Tony Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Ports and Waterways 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 12:28 pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:28 pm until Monday, 14 September 2009 at 2.00 pm.

Simon Johnston

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 27

Monday, 14 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

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

1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mr Greg Pearce (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Ms Helen Westwood (West)

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 West
- Mr Pearce to substitute for Ms Pavey

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009– From Secretariat to Minister Tripodi, Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Regulatory Reform, regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Tripodi 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 Michael Schur, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Georgina Beattie, Director, Better Regulation Office
- Ms Carmel Donnelly, A/General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority
- Mr David Bowen, Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
- Mr Rob Thomson, A/Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover
- Mr John Watson, General Manager, OHS Division, WorkCover
- Mr Peter Duncan, Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Warwick Watkins, Director-General, Land and Property Management Authority.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform 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 5.02 pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.02 pm until Monday, 14 September 2009 at 5.15 pm.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 28

Monday, 14 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 5.15pm

1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile (*Chair*)
Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)
Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)
Mr David Clarke (Mason-Cox)
Mr Don Harwin (Pavey)
Ms Penny Sharpe
Ms Helen Westwood (West)

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 Clarke to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Harwin to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye
- Ms Westwood to substitute for Mr West.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009 – From Secretariat to the Hon Peter Primrose MLC, President of the Legislative Council, regarding the President's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 President 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:

- Ms Lynn Lovelock, Clerk of the Parliaments
- Mr Brian Ward, Executive Manager, 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 5.57 pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.57 pm until Tuesday, 15 September 2009 at 9.00 am.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 29

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

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

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mr Greg Pearce (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

2. Apologies

Revd Fred Nile (delayed until 9.30 am)

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, Ms Griffin took the Chair until the arrival of Revd Nile.

3. Substitute members

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

- Mr Pearce to substitute for Ms Pavey

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009– From Secretariat to Mr Roozendaal, Treasurer, regarding the Treasurer's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

5. Conduct of hearingAllocation of question time

As per previous resolution of the Committee on 14 September 2009, time for questions to be allocated equally between Opposition and Cross Bench members as a consequence of the proposed early departure of the Minister from the hearing.

Return date for answers to questions on notice:

As per previous resolution of the Committee on 14 September 2009, that for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010, answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, be provided within 35 days.

Morning break

The Chair advised that there would be a brief break at 10.30 am.

6. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Treasurer 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 departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Michael Schur, Secretary, NSW Treasury (on former oath)
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury (on former oath)
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary – Budget and Fiscal Management, NSW Treasury
- Mr Anthony Newbury, Executive Director, Office of State Revenue.

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

The Treasurer and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Treasurer tendered the following documents:

- Ratings Direct, New South Wales (State of), by Standards & Poor's
- NSW Residential Building Approvals (graph)
- Consumer Sentiment for Australia (graph)

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.37 pm. The public and media withdrew.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.37 pm until Tuesday, 15 September 2009 at 2.00pm.

Beverly Duffy

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 30

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

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

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Mike Gallacher (Mason-Cox)

Mr Trevor Khan (Pavey)

Mr Eddie Obeid (West)

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 Khan to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Mr Gallacher to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Obeid to substitute for Mr West
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009 – From Secretariat to the Premier, regarding the Premier's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence received:

- 15 September 2009 - To Chair from Mr John Lee, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet, advising that the Premier is pleased to deal with any questions relating to the Central Coast portfolio when he appears before the GPSC1 Committee on the afternoon 15 September 2009.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Premier 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 Lee, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

The Premier and Mr Lee were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.30 pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm until Tuesday, 15 September 2009 at 4:35 pm.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 31

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 4.35 pm

1. Members presentRevd Fred Nile (*Chair*)Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Charlie Lynn (Mason-Cox)

Mr Trevor Khan (Pavey)

Mr Veitch (West)

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 Khan to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Mr Lynn to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Veitch to substitute for Mr West

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 1 July 2009 – From Secretariat to the Premier, regarding the Premier's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 Premier 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:

- Ms Carol Mills, Director General, Communities NSW.

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

The Premier and Ms Mills were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.14 pm public and media withdrew.

5. Deliberative meetingTabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the Committee accept and publish, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the following documents tendered during the public hearing into the Treasury portfolio:

- Ratings Direct, New South Wales (State of), by Standards & Poor's
- NSW Residential Building Approvals, tendered by Minister Eric Roozendaal.
- Consumer Sentiment for Australia, tendered by Minister Eric Roozendaal.

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the Committee defer its decision to hold supplementary hearings relating to all of its portfolios until after it receives answers to questions on notice from the initial round of Budget Estimates hearings.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5:16pm *sine die*.

Rachel Callinan

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 32

Wednesday 28 October 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Member's Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.05 pm

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Ms Melinda Pavey

Mr Ian West

2. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That draft Minutes Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 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 Monday 14 September 2009:
 - 22 October – Minister Daley (Roads)
 - 22 October – Minister Tripodi (Ports and Waterways)
 - 22 October – Minister Tripodi (Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform)
 - 22 October – President Primrose (Legislature)
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Tuesday 15 September 2009:
 - 23 October – Treasurer Roozendaal (Treasury)
 - 23 October – Premier Rees (Premier)
 - 23 October – Premier Rees (Arts)

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 17 September 2009 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Wednesday 8 October 2009, to:
 - Minister Daley – Roads
 - Minister Campbell – Roads
 - Minister Tripodi – Ports and Waterways
 - Minister Tripodi – Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform
 - President Primrose – The Legislature.
- 18 September 2009 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Monday 12 October 2009, to:
 - Treasurer Roozendaal – Treasury
 - Premier Rees – The Premier
 - Premier Rees – Arts.

4. Budget Estimates supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That:

The Committee hold supplementary Budget Estimates hearings on Tuesday 17 November 2009 to consider matters relating to the portfolios of:

- Roads from 9.00 am to 11.30 am, and invite the following witnesses:
 - Mr Michael Bushby, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Mr Phillip Halton, General Manager, Compliance and Freight Strategy, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Mr Paul Hesford, Director, Finance and Performance, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Dr Soames Job, Director, Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Ms Ann King, Director, Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Mr Brian Watters, Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority
 - Mr Robert Picone, Manager, Roads and Traffic Authority pinch point program
 - Ms Felicity Finlayson, General Manager Motorway Management
- Finance - Government Agencies from 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm, and invite the following witnesses:
 - Mr Rob Thomson, A/Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover
 - Mr John Watson, General Manager, OHS Division, WorkCover
 - Ms Anne Skewes, Chief Executive Officer, State Property Authority
 - Mr Peter Duncan, Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet and CEO State Super/SAS Trustee Corporation
- Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm, and invite the following witnesses:
 - Michael Schur, Secretary, NSW Treasury
 - Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
 - Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
 - Stephen Brady, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
 - Richard Timbs, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury.

The time for questions in each hearing be allocated as follows:

- Opposition - 1 hour
- Government - 1 hour
- Greens - 20 minutes
- Christian Democratic Party -10 minutes.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1:15 pm until 9.00 am on Tuesday 17 November 2009 in the Jubilee Room (Budget Estimates supplementary hearing).

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 33

Tuesday 17 November 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45am

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Mr Trevor Khan (*Pavey*)

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Ms Lee Rhiannon (*Kaye*)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

Ms Helen Westwood (*Griffin*) (from 9.30am)

2. Substitute members

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

- Mr Khan to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye
- Ms Westwood to substitute for Ms Griffin.

3. Minutes

Resolved on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That Draft Minutes No. 32 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence received:

- 30 October 2009– From the Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 to Chair, providing information on the vulnerable witness protocol utilised by General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
- 16 November 2009 – From the Secretary of NSW Treasury, requesting that two corrections be made to the transcript of the Budget Estimates 2009-2010 hearing relating to the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform.

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 October 2009– From Secretariat to Minister for Roads, advising him of the supplementary hearing to be held on Tuesday 17 November 2009 for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.
- 9 November 2009 – From the Chairman to the Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, suggesting an amendment to the vulnerable witness protocol

Resolved on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the Committee correct page 2 of the transcript for the hearing into the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform by replacing 'Frontier' with 'Credit Suisse', and that the Committee publish the letter from the Secretary of NSW Treasury providing additional information in relation to the transcript for the hearing into the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform.

5. Conduct of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That NSW Treasury be allowed to make an opening statement at the commencement of the hearing into Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure, and that the time taken for the opening statement be deducted from the allocated question time for the Christian Democratic Party.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, be provided within 21 days.

6. Draft protocol for vulnerable witnesses

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That consideration of the draft protocol for vulnerable witnesses be deferred until the receipt of advice from the Crown Solicitors on the legal implications of the draft protocol.

7. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Michael Bushby, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Phillip Halton, General Manager – Compliance and Freight Strategy, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director – Finance and Performance, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Dr Soames Job, Director – Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Ms Ann King, Director – Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Brian Watters, Director – Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority.

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

- Mr Peter Collins, Director – Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority.

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

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10:40am. The public and media withdrew.

8. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.40am until Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 12.30pm

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 34

Tuesday 17 November 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 12.30pm

1. **Members present**

Revd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mr Greg Pearce (*Pavey*)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Ms Lee Rhiannon (*Kaye*)

Mr Ian West

Ms Helen Westwood (*Griffin*)

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 Pearce to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Ms Westwood to substitute for Ms Griffin
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Mr Kaye.

3. **Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 October 2009– From Secretariat to Minister for Finance, advising him of the supplementary hearing to be held on Tuesday 17 November 2009 for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2009-2010.

4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010**

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 following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Rob Thomson, A/Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW
- Mr John Watson, General Manager, WorkCover NSW
- Mr Warwick Watkins, Chief Executive Officer, Land and Property Management Authority.

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

- Mr Chris Durack, Chief Executive Officer, SAS Trustee Corporation.

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

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 2.05pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.05 pm until Tuesday 17 November at 3.00pm

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 35

Tuesday 17 November 2009

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.00pm

1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Ms Greg Pearce (*Pavey*)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr John Kaye

Mr Ian West

Ms Helen Westwood (*Griffin*)

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 Pearce to substitute for Ms Pavey
- Ms Westwood to substitute for Ms Griffin.

3. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2009-2010

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 following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Michael Schur, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury.

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

- Mr Stephen Brady, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Richard Timbs, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Caralee McLiesh, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The public hearing concluded at 4.40pm. The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4.40pm *sine die*.

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Draft Minutes No. 36

Wednesday 24 February 2010

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 5.35pm

1. Members presentRevd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Penny Sharpe

2. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That draft Minutes No. 33, 34 and 35 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 17 November 2009:
 - 11 December 2009 – Minister Campbell (Roads)
 - 11 December 2009 – Minister Roozendaal (Treasury), including a clarification to page 23 of the transcript for the supplementary hearing into the portfolios of Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure
 - 15 December 2009 – Minister Daley (Finance).

Sent

- 20 November 2009 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Friday 11 December 2009, to:
 - Minister Campbell (Roads)
 - Minister Daley (Finance)
 - Minister Roozendaal, (Treasury).

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the Committee agree to make the clarification to page 23 of the transcript for the supplementary hearing into the portfolios of Treasury, Finance and Infrastructure on Tuesday 17 November 2009, by the insertion of a footnote.

4. Budget Estimates 2009-2010: Chair's draft report

The Chairman tabled his draft report no. 34 entitled *Budget Estimates 2009-2010*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

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

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.40pm *sine die*.

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee