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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2011-2012 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.

2. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

**Day One: Monday 24 October 2011**

GPSC1	Finance and Services, the Illawarra	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC2	Education	11.10 am – 1.45 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Trade and Investment	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning and Infrastructure	3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

**Day Two: Tuesday 25 October 2011**

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

**Day Three: Wednesday 26 October 2011**

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

**Day Four: Thursday 27 October 2011**

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

**Day Five: Friday 28 October 2011**

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

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

**Day One: Monday 28 November 2011**

GPSC 1  
GPSC 2

**Day Two: Tuesday 29 November 2011**

GPSC 1  
GPSC 3

**Day Three: Wednesday 30 November 2011**

GPSC 4  
GPSC 2

**Day Four: Thursday 1 December 2011**

GPSC 4  
GPSC 5

**Day Five: Friday 2 December 2011**

GPSC 5  
GPSC 3

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 or officer of a Department 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 2012.
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.

The terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 12 May 2011, see *LC Minutes* (12/05/2011) 102-103, Item 7; as amended by *LC Minutes* (24/08/2011) 362-363, Item 8; as amended by *LC Minutes* (12/10/2011) 476, Item 3; as amended by *LC Minutes* (21/10/2011) 547, Item 4.

## Committee membership

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

## Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Richard Colless</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Mick Veitch MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present the report of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 on the 2011-2012 Budget Estimates. The Committee examined the following portfolio areas:

- Health
- Medical Research
- Education
- Mental Health
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Ageing
- Aboriginal Affairs
- Disability Services
- Family and Community Services
- Women
- Citizenship and Communities
- Western New South Wales
- Sport and Recreation.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Ministers and other witnesses who gave evidence during the inquiry.



The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC  
**Chair**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2011-2012 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 12 May 2011, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2011-2012 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 Each Committee was 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 2012.

## Hearings

- 1.1 The Committee held seven public hearings as follows:
- Monday 24 October 2011 – Ageing, Disability Services
  - Monday 24 October 2011 – Health, Medical Research
  - Wednesday 26 October 2011 – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW
  - Wednesday 26 October 2011 – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs
  - Wednesday 26 October 2011 – Sport and Recreation
  - Wednesday 26 October 2011 – Education
  - Friday 28 October 2011 – Family and Community Services, Women
- 1.2 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

## Transcripts

- 1.3 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2)

## Questions on notice

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

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<sup>1</sup> *LC Minutes* (12/05/2011) 102-103, Item 7; as amended by *LC Minutes* (24/08/2011) 362-363, Item 8; as amended by *LC Minutes* (12/10/2011) 476, Item 3; as amended by *LC Minutes* (21/10/2011) 547, Item 4.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Ageing, Disability Services

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Ageing and Disability Services was held on Monday 24 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

- The number of funded beds for disabled aged people
- Working party into supported accommodation
- Stronger Together II
- Person centred approach to services
- The capacity of the sector to service future needs.

### Health, Medical Research

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Health and Medical Research was held on Monday 24 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

Health:

- National health and hospital reforms – activity based funding
- Data on number of available hospital beds
- Restructure of NSW Health and establishment and membership of Local Health District boards
- Aboriginal health program spending
- Health infrastructure funding
- Nursing numbers and employment conditions
- Regional health infrastructure
- Tobacco use and control
- Enable NSW (formerly PADP).

Medical Research:

- Establishment of the Office of Medical Research
- Funding of medical research institutes
- *Wills* review of health and medical research.

## **Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW was held on Wednesday 26 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

### Mental Health:

- Mental Health funding initiatives
- Regional and rural mental health services
- Community mental health services
- Mental Health Commission and Tribunal
- Right of appeal against denial of care
- Funding of non-government organisations.

### Healthy lifestyles:

- Fluoridisation of drinking water
- Heroin dependency treatments.

### Western NSW:

- Service and infrastructure provision
- Strategic land use policy.

## **Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs**

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities and Aboriginal Affairs was held on Wednesday 26 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

### Citizenship and Communities:

- Funding and review of the Community Development Grants Program
- NSW Volunteering Strategy
- Youth Harmony Festival
- Value of ethno-specific community awards
- Economic contribution of multiculturalism.

### Aboriginal Affairs:

- Importance of promoting Aboriginal culture and language
- Ministerial Taskforce for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

- Role of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs
- Review of the Centre for Aboriginal Language and Cultural Development
- Investment in initiatives such as the Vibe Alive Festival
- Auditor General's review of the 'Two Ways Together' Program
- Employment and economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities.

## Sport and Recreation

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Sport and Recreation was held on Wednesday 26 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

- Girls' participation in sports
- Capital expenditure for sports infrastructure
- The development of sporting ovals and environmental requirements
- The development of sports tourism ventures in conjunction with local government
- The incidence of and funding for sports-related spinal cord injuries
- Match fixing and illegal betting
- Sydney Olympic Park
- Venues NSW.

## Education

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Wednesday 26 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

- NAPLAN tests
- Target shooting in schools
- Unflued gas heaters
- Refurbishment and replacement of demountables
- Salary cap on teachers
- Transfer of TAFE staff to the TAFE Commission.

## Family and Community Services, Women

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolios of Family and Community Services and Women was held on Friday 28 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

### Family and Community Services:

- Payment to adopting parents
- Aboriginal Housing Office
- Number of children dying in care
- Homelessness
- Grandparents raising children
- Short term care orders.

### Women:

- Premier's Expert Advisory Council
- Government redundancies
- Gender Pay Gap
- Women in non traditional trades
- Domestic violence.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses

### 1. Ageing, Disability Services – Monday 24 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services
Mr Jim Moore	Chief Executive, Ageing Disability and Homecare
Ms Ethel McAlpine	Deputy Director General, Ageing Disability and Homecare
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Director General, Ageing Disability and Homecare
Mr Chris Leach	Acting Deputy Director General, Ageing Disability and Homecare

### 2. Health, Medical Research – Monday 24 October 2011

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, Health System Support Ministry of Health

### 3. Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW – Wednesday 26 October 2011

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

### 4. Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs – Wednesday 26 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Victor Dominello MP	Minster for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Mr Stephan Kerkyasharian AO	Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Community Relations Commission
Mr James Christian	General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Ms Carol Mills	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities

### 5. Sport and Recreation – Wednesday 26 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Graham Annesley MP	Minister for Sport and Recreation
Ms Carol Mills	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities

**6. Education – Wednesday 26 October 2011**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP	Minister for Education
Dr Michele Bruniges	Director General, Department of Education and Communities and Managing Director of TAFE NSW
Mr Hugo Harmstorf	Acting Deputy Director General, Finance and Infrastructure, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Pam Christie	Deputy Director General, TAFE and Community Education
Mr Tom Alegounarias	President, Board of Studies NSW
Mr Greg Prior	Deputy Director General, Public Schools, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Director General, Workplace Management and Systems Improvement, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Leslie Loble	Chief Executive, Office of Education, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Carol Taylor	Chief Executive, Board of Studies

**7. Family and Community Services, Women – Friday 28 October 2011**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Pru Goward MP	Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Women
Mr Jim Moore	Acting Director General, Ageing Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Director General, Ageing Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Mike Allen	Chief Executive, Housing NSW Division, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Anne Campbell	Chief Executive, Community Services Division, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Christine Howlett	Assistant Director General, Strategy Governance and Portfolio Management, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Vicki D'Adam	Deputy Director General, Strategic Policy and Coordination Group, Department Of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kerryn Boland	Children's Guardian, Office of Children's Guardian
Ms Nicole Lawless	Acting Manager, Violence Prevention Coordination Unit, Office for Women's Policy, Department of Family and Community Services

## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes No 2

Friday 14 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.07pm

#### 1. Members present

Ms Marie Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Paul Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Jan Barham

Mr David Clarke

Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

#### 1. Apologies

Ms Helen Westwood

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clark: That draft Minutes No. 1 be confirmed.

#### 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012

##### 3.1 Schedule change

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That the Government forgo its allocated question time during the Education hearing, which has been rescheduled to Monday 24 October 2011( 11.10am-1.45pm.)

##### 3.2 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Barham: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each

##### 3.3 Publication of answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions on notice, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

##### 3.4 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That on Monday 24 October 2011 the Ageing and Disability Services portfolios be examined concurrently

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That on Monday 24 October 2011 the Health portfolio be examined from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm and Medical Research from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That on Wednesday 26 October 2011 the Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Barham: That on Wednesday 26 October 2011 the Citizenship and Communities portfolio be examined from 10:30am until 11:15am and Aboriginal Affairs from 11:15am until 12:00pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That on Friday 28 October 2011 the Family and Community Services portfolio be examined from 2:00pm until 3:30pm and Women from 3:30pm until 4:30 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That during the examination of the Education portfolio, questions concerning schools and early childhood be asked for the first hour and thirty five minutes and questions about TAFE and the Board of Studies for the following hour.

**4. Next meeting**

The Committee adjourned at 1.20 pm *sine die until 9am Monday 24 October 2011, Ageing, Disability Services.*

Beverly Duffy  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes No 3**

Monday 24 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

**5. Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Mrs Mitchell

Mr Veitch (*Moselmane*)

Ms Westwood

**6. Apologies**

Mr Green

**7. Substitute members**

The Chair advised that Mr Veitch would be substituting for Mr Moselmane for the hearing.

**8. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 18 October 2011 – From the Honourable Amanda Fazio MLC to the Secretariat, advising of the Opposition's request for witnesses to the Budget Estimates hearings for 2011-2012.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs regarding the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Education regarding the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Sport and Recreation regarding the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales regarding the Opposition's request for witnesses.

**Sent:**

- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, 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 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to Minister Piccoli, Minister for Education, regarding the Minister’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, 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 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to Minister Humphries, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales, regarding the Minister’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, 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 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to Minister Annesley, Minister for Sport and Recreation, regarding the Minister’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, 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 2011-2012.

**9. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Chris Leach, Acting Deputy Director General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Jim Moore, Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Ms Ethel McAlpine, Deputy Director General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Ageing and Disability Services 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 11.00 am. The public and media withdrew.

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.00 am until Monday 24 October 2011, Jubilee Room, 11.05pm (*Education*).

Stewart Smith  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 4**

Monday 24 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.15 am

**1. Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Borsak (*Green*)

Mr Clarke

Dr Kaye (*Barham*)

Mrs Mitchell

Mr Moselmane

Ms Westwood

**2. Substitute members**

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

- Mr Borsak for Mr Green
- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham.

**3. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Dr Michele Bruniges, Director-General, Department of Education and Communities and Managing Director of TAFE NSW
- Mr Hugo Harmstorf, Acting Deputy Director General, Finance and Infrastructure, Department of Education and Communities
- Ms Pam Christie, Deputy Director-General, TAFE and Community Education
- Mr Tom Alegounarias, President, Board of Studies NSW
- Mr Greg Prior, Deputy Director-General, Public Schools, Department of Education and Communities
- Mr Peter Riordan, Deputy Director-General, Workplace Management and Systems Improvement, Department of Education and Communities
- Ms Leslie Loble, Chief Executive, Office of Education, Department of Education and Communities
- Ms Carol Taylor, Chief Executive, Office of the Board of Studies

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.45 pm. The public and media withdrew.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.45 pm until Monday 24 October 2011, Jubilee Room, 1.50 pm (*Health, Medical Research*).

Teresa McMichael  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 5**

Monday 24 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

**1. Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Clarke

Mr Donnelly (*Moselmane*)

Dr Kaye (*Barham*)

Mrs Mitchell

Ms Westwood

**2. Apologies**

Mr Green.

**3. Substitute members**

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

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

**4. Witness Apologies**

The Chair advised that the following officials from the Ministry of Health were unable to attend the hearing:

- Dr Tim Smyth, Deputy Director-General, Health System Quality, Performance and Innovation, Ministry of Health
- Dr Nigel Lyons, Acting Deputy Director-General, Strategic Development, Ministry of Health.

**5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Dr Kerry Chant, Deputy Director-General, Population Health & Chief Health Officer, Ministry of Health
- Dr Mary Foley, Director-General, Ministry of Health
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Director-General, Health System Support, Ministry of Health.
- Mr John Roach, Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Health.

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

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

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 6.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**6. Deliberative meeting**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on supplementary hearings relating to all portfolios considered by General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.10 pm until Wednesday 26 October 2011, Macquarie Room, 8.20 am (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)

Rachel Simpson

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 6**

Wednesday 26 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.20 am

**1. Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Mrs Mitchell

Dr Kaye (*Barham*)

Mr Moselmane

Mr Khan (*Clarke*)

Mr Searle (*Moselmane*)

Mr Veitch (*Westwood*)

Ms Faehrmann (*participating*)

**2. Substitute members**

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

- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham
- Mr Khan for Mr Clarke
- Mr Searle for Mr Moselmane
- Mr Veitch for Ms Westwood

**3. Participating members**

The Chair advised that Ms Faehrmann was attending the hearing as a participating member.

**4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 the following official from the Ministry of Health that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at an earlier hearing:

- Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer & Deputy Director-General, Population Health, Ministry of Health

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

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

The Chair then 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 evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 9.45 am.

The public and media withdrew.

## 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9.50 am until Wednesday 26 October 2011, Macquarie Room, 2.50 pm (*Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs*).

John Young  
Clerk to the Committee

## Minutes No 7

Wednesday 26 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.50 pm

### 1. Members present

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Mr Colless (*Ms Mitchell*)

Mr Moselmane

Ms Westwood

### 2. Substitute members

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

- Mr Colless for Ms Mitchell.

### 3. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr James Christian, General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Community Relations Commission
- Ms Carol Mills, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities, and Aboriginal Affairs open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses 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.

### 4. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 pm until Wednesday 26 October 2011, Macquarie Room, 4.40 pm (*Sport and Recreation*).

Rhia Victorino  
**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No 8**

Wednesday 26 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 4.40 pm

#### 1. **Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)  
Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)  
Ms Barham  
Mr Clarke  
Mr Moselmane  
Dr Phelps (*Mitchell*)  
Ms Voltz (*Westwood*)

#### 2. **Substitute members**

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

- Ms Faehrmann for Ms Barham
- Dr Phelps for Mrs Mitchell

- Ms Voltz for Ms Westwood.

### 3. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 advised that Ms Carol Mills, Chief Executive Officer from the Office of Communities did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at a previous Budget Estimates hearing this day.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.26 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### 4. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.29 pm until Friday 28 October 2011, Macquarie Room, 1.50 pm (*Family and Community Services, Women*).

Jennelle Moore

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No 9**

Friday 28 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

#### 1. **Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Ms Cotsis (*Moselmane*)

Mrs Mitchell

Ms Westwood

Mr Searle (*participating*)

#### 2. **Substitute members**

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

- Ms Cotsis for Mr Moselmane.

#### 3. **Participating members**

The Chair advised that the following member would be attending the meeting as a participating member:

- Mr Searle.

#### 4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – 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 officials from the Department of Family and Community Services that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at other Budget Estimates hearings:

- Mr Jim Moore, Acting Director-General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director-General, Ageing, Disability and Home Care

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

- Ms Vicki D'Adam, Deputy Director-General, Strategic Policy and Coordination Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Anne Campbell, Acting Chief Executive, Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Mike Allen, Chief Executive, Housing NSW, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Kerryn Boland, Children's Guardian, Office of Children's Guardian

The Chair then 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.

The evidence concluded and Mr Alastair Hunter, Ms Vicki D'Adam, Ms Anne Campbell, Ms Kerryn Boland withdrew.

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

- Ms Nicole Lawless, Manager, Violence Prevention Coordination Unit, Office for Women's Policy, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Christine Howlett, Assistant Director General, Strategy Governance and Portfolio Management, Department of Family and Community Services.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses 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, *sine die*.

Kate Mihaljek  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 10**

Friday 25 November 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

**1. Members present**Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)Mr Green (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Barham (until 9.26 am)

Mr Clarke

Mr Moselmane

Mrs Mitchell

Dr Kaye (Barham)

**2. Substitute members**

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

- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham.

**3. Draft minutes**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Clarke: That draft minutes nos 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 be confirmed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That draft minutes no 6 be confirmed.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012****Correspondence*****Received:***

- 25 October 2011 – From Minister Piccoli to the Chair regarding the estimates hearing for the Education portfolio held on 24 October 2011.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Constance to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Piccoli to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Education.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Skinner to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Health, Medical Research.
- 21 November 2011 – From Minister Humphries to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW.
- 21 November 2011 – From Minister Dominello to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs.
- 21 November 2011 – From Minister Annesley to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Sport and Recreation.
- 23 November 2011 – From Minister Goward to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Family and Community Services, Women.
- 23 November 2011 – From Minister Goward to the Chair, regarding the estimates hearing for the Family and Community Services, Women portfolio held on 28 October 2011.

**5. Correspondence from Minister Piccoli**

Resolved on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That the Committee publish the Minister's letter alongside the Education hearing transcript, with a footnote reference.

**6. Correspondence from Minister Goward**

Resolved on the motion of Ms Barham: That the Committee publish the Minister's letter alongside the Family and Community Services, Women hearing transcript, with a footnote reference.

**7. Questions on notice to the Minister for Mental Health**

Dr Kate noted his appreciation and the cooperation from the Minister for agreeing to answer questions on notice by 5 December 2011.

**8. Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of:

- Ageing
- Disability Services
- Education
- Health
- Medical Research
- Mental Health
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Western NSW
- Citizenship and Communities
- Aboriginal Affairs
- Sport and Recreation
- Family and Community Services
- Women.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Barham: That the Committee write to the Minister of Finance and Services and the Minister for Family and Community Services to seek clarification on where the responsibility lies for Housing, with 21 days for these questions to be answered by the Ministers' offices.

**9. \*\*\*****10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 am, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Draft Minutes No. 11**

Monday, 6 February 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2

Room 1254, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.00 am

**1. Members present**

Ms Ficarra (*Chair*)

Mr Clarke

Mr Moselmane  
Mrs Mitchell  
Ms Westwood  
Dr Kaye (Barham)  
Rev Nile (Green)

**2. Substitute members**

The Chair advised that Rev Nile would be substituting for Mr Green for the meeting.

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That Draft Minutes No 10 be confirmed.

**4. Budget Estimates 2011-2012: Chair's draft report**

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled Budget Estimates 2011-2012, which having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That the report be the report of the Committee; and 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.

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**6. Adjournment**

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Alex Stedman  
**Clerk to the Committee**