



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010

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

GPSC1 Roads	9.15 am – 11.15 am
GPSC2 Health, Central Coast	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1 Ports and Waterways	11.30 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1 Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC2 Ageing, Disability Services	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
GPSC2 Aboriginal Affairs	4.45 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1 The Legislature	5.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 15 September 2009

GPSC1 Treasury	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3 Local Government	9.15 am – 11.45 am
GPSC3 Mental Health	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC1 Premier	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC3 Attorney General, Industrial Relations	2.00 pm – 3.45 pm
GPSC3 Corrective Services, Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1 Arts	5.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 16 September 2009

GPSC2 Education and Training, Women	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4 Fair Trading, Citizenship	9.15 am – 11.00 am
GPSC4 Emergency Services, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2 Education and Training, Women (continued)	2.00 pm – 2.45 pm
GPSC4 Planning, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC2 Community Services	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 17 September 2009

GPSC4 Transport, Illawarra	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5 Primary Industries, Mineral Resources	9.15 am – 11.45 am
GPSC5 Commerce	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

GPSC4	Science and Medical Research, Health (Cancer)	2.00 pm – 3.45 pm
GPSC5	Climate Change and the Environment	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC4	Tourism, Hunter	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 18 September 2009

GPSC3	Lands, Rural Affairs	9.15 am – 10.15 am
GPSC5	Energy	9.15 am – 11.30 am
GPSC3	Police	10.30 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5	State Development	11.45 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC5	Water, Regional Development	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm
GPSC3	Juvenile Justice, Volunteering, Youth, Veterans' Affairs	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	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.

(Minutes of Proceedings No. 80, Thursday 27 November 2008, Item 2, pp 928-929, amended by Minutes of Proceedings No. 108, Tuesday 23 June 2009, Item 5, pp 1253-1255.)