



INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2006-2007

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2006-2007 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. For the purposes of this inquiry any member of the House may attend a meeting of a committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.
4. The committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.
5. Not more than three committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.
6. When a committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.
7. 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.
8. The report of a committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.
9. That a daily Hansard record of the hearings of a committee on the Budget Estimates be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
10. That the hearings be held according to the following timetable:*

Monday 28 August 2006

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

GPSC 1: Premier, State Development, Citizenship

* Note: This timetable has been varied by the Leader of the Government and is no longer the final timetable for Budget Estimates 2006-2007. The revised schedule is available elsewhere on this website.

GPSC 3: Justice, Juvenile Justice
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
GPSC 4: Local Government, Western Sydney, Fair Trading
GPSC 5: Water Utilities, Regional Development, Small Business, Illawarra
8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
GPSC 1: The Legislature
GPSC 2: Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Women, Aboriginal Affairs

Friday 1 September 2006
9.00 am to 1.00 pm
GPSC 1: Industrial Relations, Commerce, Finance
GPSC 4: Roads
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
GPSC 3: Police
GPSC 5: Energy, Ports, Waterways
8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
GPSC 3: Gaming and Racing, Central Coast
GPSC 4: Housing

Monday 4 September 2006
9.00 am to 1.00 pm
GPSC 1: Treasury, Infrastructure, Hunter
GPSC 2: Health
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
GPSC 1: Education and Training
GPSC 5: Environment, Arts
8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
GPSC 2: Community Services, Youth
GPSC 5: Primary Industries

Friday 8 September 2006
9.00 am to 1.00 pm
GPSC 2: Ageing and Disability Services
GPSC 4: Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
GPSC 3: Lands, Emergency Services, Rural Affairs
GPSC 4: Transport
8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
GPSC 3: Attorney General
GPSC 5: Natural Resources, Mineral Resources.

11. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
12. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the last sitting day in November 2006.
13. The timetable in paragraph 10 may be varied by the Leader of the Government, provided the time allocated for each portfolio hearing is not reduced.
14. Members may lodge with the Clerk to the committee proposed issues for questioning up to seven days prior to the holding of the initial hearing for that portfolio.

15. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.