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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015 - 2016 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 31 August 2015

GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 1 September 2015

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Health	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 2 September 2015

GPSC 4	Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 3 September 2015

GPSC 4	Justice and Police, Arts, Racing	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 6	Innovation and Better Regulation	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 4 September 2015

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 6	Local Government	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 6	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 6	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6 to 9 October 2015.

4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude by 6.00 p.m.

5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.

6. That 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. That Ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 18 December 2015.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 p.m., within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

The Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters and Fishers Party	<i>Chair</i>
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

Ms Jan Barham MLC	The Greens
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016. 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.

The inquiry consisted of four hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport
- Planning
- Justice and Police, Arts, Racing
- Attorney General.

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 and the secretariat staff for their contributions to the inquiry process.



Hon Robert Borsak MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2015-2016 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 June 2015, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.¹ The resolution (hereafter referred to as the Budget Estimates resolution) requires each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 18 December 2015.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings will be held in the week commencing 31 August 2015 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6-9 October 2015.³

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Wednesday 2 September 2015 – Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport
 - Wednesday 2 September 2015 – Planning
 - Thursday 3 September 2015 – Justice and Police, Arts, Racing
 - Thursday 3 September 2015 – Attorney General.
- 1.4 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

Transcripts

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the committee’s web page at: <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc4>

Questions on notice

- 1.6 Questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and the answers to these questions, are also available on the committee’s web page.

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during the hearing

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

Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport was held on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport portfolios:

- 2012 NSW Stadia Strategy
- Funding allocation for tourism
- Recommendations from the GPSC 3 Tourism in local communities inquiry
- Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan
- Stadium upgrades
- Relocation of NSW Trade and Investment Centre and Country Embassy
- Combat sports
- Local government subsidies for tourism programs
- Surf safety and lifesaving services
- Special Rate Variations for tourism communities
- Future Needs of Sports research program
- Regional tourism infrastructure
- NSW Visitor profile
- Women's sport.

Planning

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Planning was held on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Planning portfolio:

- The establishment of a new Greater Sydney Commission, and its intended role and functions

- The location of and costs incurred by Urban Growth NSW offices in the Sydney CBD and Western Sydney
- New role of Chief Planner within the NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- Proposed development of the Newcastle rail corridor
- Process for declaration and investigation of conflicts of interest
- The operation of the pre-gateway review system
- Planning, transport availability and development at the Bays precinct
- Availability of open or green space in Sydney
- Effect of changes made to the Mining State Environment Planning Policy
- The Blue Mountains draft Local Environment Plan
- Proposal development at the Cumberland Hospital East precinct and preservation of the Female Factory site.

Justice and Police, Arts, Racing

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Justice and Police, Arts, Racing was held on Thursday 3 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Justice and Police portfolio, Arts, Racing portfolios:

- NSW Police/Border Force joint operations
- Single-unit police patrols
- Review of Police Oversight
- Drug detection dog operations
- Firearms classifications
- Martin Place siege
- Police Academy
- COPS database
- Police Facebook pages
- Online liquor retailing

- Review of bottle shop closing times
- Lambert Review into the racing industry
- Special Commission of Inquiry into the greyhound racing industry in NSW
- Whipping of racehorses
- Wombat Hollow Liquor licence
- Selection process for appointment to major arts boards
- Relocation of Powerhouse Museum
- Public library funding.

Attorney General

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Attorney General was held on Thursday 3 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Attorney General portfolio:

- Drug Court in Dubbo
- Accessibility of justice and cost of going to court
- Resources to reduce the number of trials pending in District Court
- Reforms to child sexual assault matters
- Support for specialist judges appointed to the District Court to hear child sexual cases
- Sheriff's officers
- Recognition payments for victims of domestic violence
- Funding for Far West Community Legal Centre
- Legal Aid guidelines for funding of contested Local Court criminal matters.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Trade, Tourism and Major Events – Wednesday 2 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Mr Matt Miller	Chief Executive, Office of Sport
Mr Paul Doorn	Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Sport
Ms Janett Milligan	Executive Director, Venues NSW, Office of Sport
Mr Duncan Challen	Executive Director, International Trade and Investment, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Simon Draper	Deputy Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Alan Marsh	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park Authority

Planning – Wednesday 2 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Rob Stokes MP	Minister for Planning
Ms Carolyn McNally	Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
Mr Terry Bailey	Chief Executive, Office of Environment and Heritage
Mr Julian Frecklington	Chief Operating Officer, UrbanGrowth NSW
Mr Marcus Ray	Deputy Secretary, Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment
Dr Liz Develin	Deputy Secretary, Growth, Design and Programs, Department of Planning and Environment

Justice and Police, Arts, Racing –Thursday 3 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Troy Grant MP	Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood	Secretary, Department of Justice
Mr John Clark	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice
Mr Brendan Thomas	Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice
Mr Feargus O'Connor	Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice
Commissioner Andrew Scipione	Commissioner, NSW Police
Deputy Commissioner, Nick Kaldas	Deputy Commissioner, NSW Police
Deputy Commissioner, Catherine Burn	Deputy Commissioner, NSW Police
Deputy Commissioner, Dave Hudson	Deputy Commissioner, NSW Police
Ms Samantha Torres	Director, Policy, Hospitality, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Ms Rosemary Caruana	Acting Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Ms Mary Darwell	Executive Director, Arts NSW
Ms Kate Dundas	Deputy Secretary, Arts and Culture, Arts NSW

Attorney General –Thursday 3 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP	Attorney General
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood	Secretary, Department of Justice
Mr Brendan Thomas	Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice
Mr William Grant	Chief Executive, Legal Aid NSW

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 11

Wednesday 13 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.02 pm

1. Members present

Mr Borsak *Chair*

Mr Clarke

Mr Mallard

Mr Moselmane

Mrs Taylor

Ms Voltz

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 8 July 2015 – From Mr Alex Bruce, Chief of Staff, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing to Committee Director, requesting that NSW Police witnesses appearing at the Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015 be examined from 9.00 am to enable the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners to partake in the 100th Anniversary of Women in Policing parade, which is scheduled to commence at 12.00 pm (*previously circulated*).
- 31 July 2015 – Email from Mr Nick Ruygrok, Office of Attorney General, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Attorney General to Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015.
- 31 July 2015 – Email from Ms Rachael Hayes, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Deputy Premier to Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015.
- 31 July 2015 - Email from Mr John McCormack, Office of Minister for Planning, forwarding list of witnesses accompany the minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015.
- 4 August 2015 - Email from Ms Anna Reed, Office of Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Deputy Premier to Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015.

Sent:

- 17 July 2015 – From Ms Madeleine Foley, Committee Director to Mr Alex Bruce, Chief of Staff, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing advising that the committee has agreed for the Police portfolio to be examined from 9.00 am on 3 September 2015 and excused no later than 11.00 am.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport, inviting the Minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning, inviting the Minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing inviting the Minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney General, inviting the Attorney General to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

3.1 Allocation of question time

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing General Purpose Standing Committees, the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

3.2 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted its intention to examine all portfolios concurrently.

However, the committee noted that it had previously agreed for the Police portfolio to be examined from 9.00 am at the hearing on 3 September 2015, with the witnesses to be excused no later than 11.00 am, to enable the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners to participate in the 100th Anniversary of Women in Policing parade, which commences at 12.00 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That with no questions asked by government members:

- On Wednesday 2 September 2015, the portfolio of Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- On Wednesday 2 September 2015, the portfolio of Planning be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.40 pm
- On Thursday 3 September 2015, the portfolio of Justice and Police, Arts, Racing be examined from 9.00 am until 11.40 am
- On Thursday 3 September 2015, the portfolio of Attorney General be examined from 2.00 pm until 3.20 pm.

3.3 Witnesses

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the committee invite the following additional witnesses:

- Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport: Alan Marsh, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- Justice and Police, Arts, Racing: Rosemary Caruana, A/Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.18 pm until 8.45 am, Wednesday 2 September 2015 in the Jubilee Room.

Madeleine Foley

Committee Clerk

Minutes no.13

Wednesday 2 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.47 am

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*

Mr Clarke

Mr Mallard

Mr Moselmane

Mrs Taylor

Ms Voltz

Ms Barham (from 9.13 am)

Mr Veitch (participating) (from 9.20 am to 9.55 am)

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That draft minutes nos. 11 and 12 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 18 August 2015 – Email from Ms Rachel Hayes, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing confirming availability of additional witness requested by the committee
- 21 August 2015 – Email from Anna Reed, Parliamentary Liaison Officer/Policy Officer, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport – confirming availability of additional witness requested by the committee
- 25 August 2015 – Letter from Alex Bruce, Chief of Staff, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing providing updated witness list and proposing the order for examination of portfolios
- 31 August 2015 – Email from Anna Reed, Parliamentary Liaison Officer/Policy Officer, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport – advising Ms Debra Bock, Director Finance, Office of Sport is on leave and no longer able to attend the hearing
- 31 August 2015 – Email from Ms Rachel Hayes, Office of Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing providing revised witness list

Sent:

- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport, requesting additional witness to Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015
- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing requesting additional witness to Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

4.1 Filming of proceedings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the undergraduate journalism students from UTS be permitted to film and record the committee's proceedings for Budget Estimates 2015-2016, provided that each student signs an undertaking to abide by the requirements of the Broadcasting Resolution.

4.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport

Minister Ayres, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Mr Matt Miller, Chief Executive, Office of Sport
- Mr Paul Doorn, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Sport
- Ms Janett Milligan, Executive Director, Venues NSW, Office of Sport
- Mr Duncan Challen, Executive Director - Trade, Department of Premier and Cabinet

- Mr Simon Draper, Deputy Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Alan Marsh, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10:44 am.

The public and media withdrew.

4.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:47 am until 1.45 pm Wednesday 2 September 2015, Jubilee Room.

Rhia Victorino
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 14

Wednesday 2 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.49 pm

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*

Mr Shoebridge, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Clarke

Mr Mallard

Ms Sharpe (substituting for Mr Moselmane)

Mrs Taylor

Ms Voltz

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Planning

Minister Stokes, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Carolyn McNally, Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Marcus Ray, Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment

- Ms Liz Develin, Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Terry Bailey, Chief Executive, Office of Environment and Heritage
- Mr Julian Frecklington, Chief Operating Officer, UrbanGrowth NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Planning open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.47 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Planning on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.50 pm, until 8.45 am, Thursday 3 September 2015.

Jenelle Moore
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 15

Thursday 3 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*

Mr Shoebridge, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Clarke

Mr Khan (substituting for Mrs Taylor)

Mr Mallard

Mr Moselmane

Ms Voltz

Ms Barham (participating for Arts)

Dr Kaye (participating for Racing)

Mr Pearson (participating)

Mrs Taylor (participating)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Justice and Police, Arts, Racing

Minister Grant, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Justice and Police open for examination.

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Justice
- Mr John Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice
- Mr Feargus O'Connor, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice
- Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Commissioner, NSW Police
- Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas, Deputy Commissioner Field Operations, NSW Police
- Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn, Deputy Commissioner Specialist Operations, NSW Police
- Deputy Commissioner Dave Hudson, Deputy Commissioner Corporate Services, NSW Police.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

Mr Shoebridge left the meeting.

The following departmental witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Justice (on earlier oath)
- Mr John Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice (on earlier oath)
- Mr Brendan Thomas, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice
- Ms Samantha Torres, Director, Policy, Hospitality, Gaming and Racing
- Ms Rosemary Caruana, Acting Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
- Ms Mary Darwell, Executive Director, Arts NSW
- Ms Kate Dundas, Deputy Secretary Arts and Culture, Arts NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Racing open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded.

Dr Kaye and Mr Pearson left the meeting.

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

Ms Barham joined the meeting.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.56 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Justice and Police, Arts, Racing on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.00 pm until 1.45pm, Thursday 3 September 2015.

John Young
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 16

Thursday 3 September 2015
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*
Mr Shoebridge, *Deputy Chair* (from 1.57 pm)
Mr Clarke
Mr Mallard
Mr Moselmane
Mrs Taylor
Ms Voltz

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Attorney General

Attorney General Upton, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The following departmental witnesses were examined under a former oath:

- Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Justice
- Mr Brendan Thomas, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice.

The following departmental witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Bill Grant, Chief Executive, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Attorney General open for examination.

The Attorney General and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Attorney General and departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.21 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Attorney General on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.21 pm *sine die*.

Teresa McMichael
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 17

Thursday 1 October 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*

Mr Shoebridge, *Deputy Chair* (from 2.01 pm)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones (substituting for Mr Clarke by teleconference)

Mr Mallard (from 2.01 pm by teleconference)

Mr Moselmane

Mrs Taylor (by teleconference)

Ms Voltz (by teleconference)

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That draft minutes nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 be confirmed.

Mr Shoebridge and Mr Mallard joined the meeting.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 28 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport.
- 28 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Planning.
- 29 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Justice and Police, Arts, Racing.
- 29 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney General providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Attorney General.

Sent:

- 7 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 7 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 8 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Troy Grant MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Arts, Racing, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

- 8 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney General, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

4.1 Supplementary hearings

Ms Voltz moved: That the committee hold a supplementary hearing to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Trade, Tourism and Major Events
- Sport.

Mr Shoebridge moved an amendment: That the motion of Ms Voltz be amended to insert 'Justice and Police' after 'Sport'.

Amendment put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Shoebridge

Noes: Mr Borsak, Mrs Maclaren-Jones, Mr Mallard, Mr Moslemane, Mrs Taylor, Ms Voltz.

Amendment resolved in the negative.

Original question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Moslemane, Mr Shoebridge, Ms Voltz

Noes: Mr Borsak, Mrs Maclaren-Jones, Mr Mallard, Mrs Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Trade, Tourism and Major Events
- Sport
- Planning
- Justice and Police
- Arts
- Racing
- Attorney General.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.09 pm *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley
Clerk to the Committee

Draft Minutes No. 18

Friday 6 November 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Members' Lounge Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.34 am

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*

Mr Shoebridge, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Clarke (*via teleconference*)

Mr Mallard (*via teleconference*)

Ms Sharpe (*substituting for Mr Moselmane*)

Ms Voltz (*via teleconference*)

2. ***

3. Next meeting

The committee adjourned at 9.38 am until 9.45 am on Thursday 12 November 2015 (*Budget Estimates 2015-16 report deliberative*).

Beverly Duffy

Committee Clerk

Draft minutes no. 19

Thursday 12 November 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 9.51 am

1. Members present

Mr Clarke

Mr Mallard (by teleconference)

Mr Moselmane

Mrs Taylor

Ms Voltz, *Chair***2. Apologies**

Mr Borsak

Mr Shoebridge

3. Election of Chair

The Committee Clerk noted the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair for the meeting.

The Clerk called for nominations for a member to act as Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

Mr Mallard moved: That Ms Voltz be elected Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Clerk declared Ms Voltz elected Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

4. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Taylor: That draft minutes no. 17 be confirmed.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Consideration of chair's draft report

The chair submitted the draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2015-2016* which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane:

- That the draft report the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;
- That the transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be published by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee;
- That the committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;
- That dissenting statements be provided to the secretariat within 24 hours after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting;
- That the report be tabled on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 9.53 am *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee