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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>Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC</b>	The Nationals	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Walt Secord MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Mick Veitch MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

## Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Jan Barham MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Luke Foley MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Mick Veitch MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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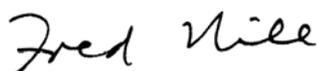
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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present the report of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 on the 2011-2012 Budget Estimates. The Committee examined the following portfolio areas:

- Finance and Services
- The Illawarra
- Trade and Investment
- Planning and Infrastructure
- Treasury
- Premier
- Western Sydney

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



Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC

**Chairman**

# 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

- 1.3 The Committee held six public hearings as follows:
- Monday 24 October 2011 – Finance and Services, the Illawarra
  - Monday 24 October 2011 – Trade and Investment
  - Monday 24 October 2011 – Planning and Infrastructure
  - Tuesday 25 October 2011 – Treasury
  - Tuesday 25 October 2011 – Premier, Western Sydney
  - Monday 28 November 2011 – Treasury (supplementary hearing)
- 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 [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1)

## Questions on notice

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

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## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Finance and Services, the Illawarra

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

- Remediation of the former uranium plant at Hunters Hill
- The Lower Hunter Water Plan
- The Streamwatch Program
- Outsourcing the activities of Hunter Water and Sydney Water
- The Motor Accidents Authority
- Public Sector wages
- Railway infrastructure
- Coal exports from Port Kembla.

### Trade and Investment

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

- The purchase of solar panels by the Minister for Trade and Investment
- Trade and investment between New South Wales and major trading partners
- The environmental assessment process for the Shenhua Watermark project
- Coal seam gas
- Public service voluntary redundancies
- Interactions with lobbyists
- Impact of genetically modified canola on the non-GM canola industry in New South Wales
- Renewable energy.

### Planning and Infrastructure

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure was held on Monday 24 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

- The respective roles of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Premier in the delivery of infrastructure in NSW
- The backlog of Part 3A planning applications
- The Planning Minister's meetings with Nick Greiner and Paul Broad about Infrastructure NSW
- Land acquisition for the north-west rail link
- The proportion of greenfield and infill residential development in Sydney
- Probity and transparency in planning decision making
- The introduction of the BASICs six-star energy efficiency ratings through the Council of Australian Government (COAG) process
- The response of the Hunter Development Corporation to the Newcastle rail line redevelopment and the Government's review of the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy.

## Treasury

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Tuesday 25 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

- Waratah Bonds
- NSW's triple-A rating
- Sale of State electricity assets and the Tamberlin Inquiry
- Cobbora coalmine operational subsidies and future price trajectories
- Regional relocation grants
- Removal of inefficient taxes
- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Public sector employee wage increases.

## Premier, Western Sydney

**2.5** A hearing examining the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney was held on Tuesday 25 October 2011. The following issues were raised:

Premier:

- Solar bonus scheme
- Cost of living
- Electricity privatisation

- Vocational education and training
- Public sector restructure and redundancies
- The role and membership of Infrastructure NSW
- Energy prices.

Western Sydney:

- Infrastructure projects in Western Sydney
- Redevelopment of the King's School, Parramatta.

## **Treasury (Supplementary hearing)**

**2.6** A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Monday 28 November 2011. The following issues were raised:

- Voluntary redundancies
- Jobs Action Plan
- Impact of global financial uncertainty on NSW budget
- Waratah Bonds
- Restart NSW
- Regional Relocation grants
- Sale of desalination plant
- Lease of Port Botany.



## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### 1. Finance and Services, the Ilawarra – Monday 24 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Minister for Finance and Services
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Director General, Department of Finance and Services
Ms Lisa Hunt	Chief Executive, Compensation Authorities Staff Division
Mr Kevin Young	Managing Director, Sydney Water
Mr Dean Taylor	Acting Managing Director, Hunter Water
Mr John Watson	General Manager, Workplace Health and Safety, WorkCover Authority of New South Wales, sworn and examined:

### 2. Trade and Investment – Monday 24 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Andrew Stoner MP	Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment
Dr Richard Sheldrake	Acting Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
Mr Barry Buffier	Deputy Director General, Department of State and Regional Development Tourism

### 3. Planning and Infrastructure – Monday 24 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Brad Hazzard MP	Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW
Mr Richard Pearson	Acting Director General, Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Mr Mr Bob Hawes	General Manger, Hunter Development Corporation
Mr Sean O'Toole	Managing Director, Landcom
Mr Roy Wakelin-King	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Metropolitan Development Authority
Mr Egle Garrick	General Manger, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
Mr Brett Phillips	General Manger, Central Coast Regional Development Corporation

### 4. Treasury– Tuesday 24 October 2011

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Mike Baird MP	Treasurer
Mr Philip Gaetjens	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	Deputy Secretary, Expenditure Review Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Richard Timbs	Deputy Secretary, Commercial Management Directorate, NSW Treasury

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Matthew Roberts	Deputy Secretary, Economic, Environment and Communities, NSW Treasury
Dr Caralee Mcliesh	Deputy Secretary, Human and Social Directorate, NSW Treasury
Ms Anne Ellison	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Directorate, NSW Treasury

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#### **5. Premier, Western Sydney – Tuesday 25 October 2011**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP	Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney
Mr Chris Eccles	Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Peter Duncan	Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet

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#### **6. Treasury (supplementary hearing) – Monday 28 November 2011**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Philip Gaetjens	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	Deputy Secretary, Expenditure Review Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Richard Timbs	Deputy Secretary, Commercial Management Directorate, NSW Treasury
Mr Matthew Roberts	Deputy Secretary, Economic, Environment and Communities, NSW Treasury
Dr Caralee Mcliesh	Deputy Secretary, Human and Social Directorate, NSW Treasury

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## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes No. 2

Wednesday 12 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Member's Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, 1:05pm

#### 1. Members present

Revd Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Gardiner

Dr Kaye

Mr Veitch

Mr Secord

#### 2. Apologies

Ms Cusack

#### 3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That Draft Minutes No. 1 be confirmed.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 - procedural resolutions

##### 4.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: 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.

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

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: 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.

##### 4.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved on the motion of Dr Kaye: That on Monday 24 October 2011, the Finance and Services portfolio be examined from 9:00am until 12:00pm. During this time questions regarding the Sydney and Hunter water utilities will be asked first, followed by questions regarding Workcover and Industrial Relations. The Illawarra portfolio will be examined from 12:00pm until 1:00pm.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Secord: That on Tuesday 25 October 2011 the Premier portfolio be examined from 2:00pm until 5:00pm and Western Sydney from 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

##### 4.4 Witness requests

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: That any additional witnesses suggested by members for the initial Budget Estimates hearings be circulated to committee members for their consideration.

#### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1:12pm, until 9:00am, Monday 24 October 2011, Macquarie Room (*Finance and Services, the Illawarra*)

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 3**

Monday 24 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, 8.54 am

**1. Members present**

Mrs Pavey

Ms Barham (*Dr Kaye*) (*from 11.10am*)Ms Fazio (Veitch) (*from 9.15am*)

Miss Gardiner

Dr Kaye (*until 11.00am*)Dr Phelps (*Ms Cusack*)Mr Searle (*Mr Secord*)Ms Cotsis (*participating*)Mr Foley (*participating*) (*until 9.36am*)**2. Apologies**

Revd Nile.

Ms Cusack.

**3. Deputy Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the Chair, for the purposes of the meeting.

**4. Substitute members**

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

- Ms Fazio for Mr Veitch
- Dr Phelps for Ms Cusack
- Mr Searle for Mr Secord
- Ms Barham for Dr Kaye (from 11.10am).

**5. Participating members**

The Chair advised that Ms Cotsis and Mr Foley would be attending the hearing as participating members.

**6. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 17 October 2011 – From the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC to the Secretariat, requesting the attendance of The Hon Nick Griener AC, Chair of Infrastructure NSW at the hearing into the portfolio of Premier, Western Sydney.
- 18 October 2011 – From the Hon 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 Treasurer in relation to the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 19 October 2011 – From the Minister for Trade and Investment in relation to the Opposition's request for witnesses.
- 21 October 2011 – From the Minister for Finance and Services and Minister for the Illawarra in relation to the Opposition's request for witnesses.

**Sent:**

- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to Minister Pearce, Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra, 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 Stoner, Minister for Trade and Investment, 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 Hazzard, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, regarding the Minister’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to the Treasurer, regarding the Treasurer’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012
- 30 August 2011 – From the Clerk Assistant, Committees to the Premier, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, regarding the Premier’s scheduled appearance for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2011-2012

**7. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – Finance and Services, the Illawarra**  
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 Pearce 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 Dean Taylor, Acting Manager, Hunter Water
- Mr Kevin Young, Managing Director, Sydney Water
- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director General, Department of Finance and Services
- Ms Lisa Hunt, Chief Executive, Compensation Authorities Staff Division
- Mr John Watson, General Manager, Work Health and Safety Division, WorkCover.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Finance and Services 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 11.44 am.

The public and media withdrew.

**8. Deliberative meeting**

**8.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on supplementary hearings relating to the following portfolios on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice:

- Finance and Services

- The Illawarra.

## 9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.49 pm, until 1.50 pm, Monday 24 October 2011, Macquarie Room (*Trade and Investment*).

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No 4

Monday 24 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, 2:00pm

### 1. Members present

Mrs Pavey (*Acting Chair*)

Mr Buckingham (*Kaye*)

Ms Fazio (*Veitch*)

Miss Gardiner

Mr Lynn (*Cusack*)

Mr Secord

Mr Veitch (*participating*)

### 2. Apologies

Ms Cusack

Revd Nile

### 3. Deputy Chair

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the chair, for the purposes of the meeting.

### 4. Substitute members

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

- Mr Buckingham for Dr Kaye
- Ms Fazio for Mr Veitch
- Mr Lynn for Ms Cusack

### 5. Participating members

The Chair advised that Mr Veitch would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

### 6. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – Trade and Investment

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 Stoner 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 Richard Sheldrake Acting Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
- Mr Barry Buffier, Deputy Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Trade and Investment 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 3.24 pm. The public and media withdrew.

## 7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3.24 pm, until 3.40 pm, Monday 24 October 2011, Macquarie Room (*Planning and Infrastructure*)

Susan Want  
Clerk to the Committee

## Minutes No 5

Monday 24 October 2011  
General Purpose Standing Committee No 1  
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, 3.45 pm

### 1. Members present

Mrs Pavey (Deputy Chair)  
Miss Gardiner  
Mr Khan (*Cusack*)  
Ms Sharpe (*Veitch*)  
Mr Shoebridge (*Kaye*)  
Ms Voltz (*Secord*)

### 2. Apologies

Revd Nile  
Ms Cusack

### 3. Deputy Chair

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the chair, for the purposes of the meeting.

### 4. Substitute members

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

- Mr Khan for Ms Cusack
- Ms Sharpe for Mr Veitch
- Mr Shoebridge for Dr Kaye
- Ms Voltz for Mr Secord.

### 5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – Planning and Infrastructure

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Deputy Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Hazzard 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 Richard Pearson, Acting Director General, Department of Planning & Infrastructure
- Mr Bob Hawes, General Manager, Hunter Development Corporation
- Mr Sean O'Toole, Managing Director, Landcom
- Mr Roy Wakelin-King, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Metropolitan Development Authority
- Mrs Egle Garrick, General Manager, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- Mr Brett Phillips, General Manager, Central Coast Regional Development Corporation.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure 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 5.24 pm. The public and media withdrew.

## **6. Deliberative meeting**

### **Supplementary hearings**

Mr Khan moved: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Trade and Investment and Planning and Infrastructure.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Miss Gardiner, Mr Khan, Mrs Pavey

Noes: Ms Sharpe; Mr Shoebridge; Ms Voltz.

Question resolved in the affirmative, on the casting vote of the Chair.

## **7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.28 pm, until 8.50 am, Tuesday 25 October 2011, Jubilee Room (*Treasury*).

Stephen Frappell

**Clerk to the Committee**

## **Minutes No 6**

Tuesday 25 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, 9.00 am

### **1. Members present**

Mrs Pavey

Miss Gardiner

Mr Mason-Cox (*Ms Cusack*)

Mr Donnelly (*Mr Veitch*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Secord

**2. Apologies**

Revd Nile  
Ms Cusack

**3. Deputy Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the chair, for the purposes of the meeting.

**4. Substitute members**

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

- Mr Mason-Cox for Ms Cusack
- Mr Donnelly for Mr Veitch.

**5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – Treasury**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Treasurer Baird 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 NSW Treasury were sworn:

- Mr Philip Gaetjens, Secretary
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Directorate
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management Directorate
- Mr Stephen Brady, Deputy Secretary, Expenditure Review Directorate
- Mr Richard Timbs, Deputy Secretary, Commercial Management Directorate
- Mr Matthew Roberts, Deputy Secretary, Economic, Environment and Communities
- Dr Caralee McLiesh, Deputy Secretary, Human and Social Directorate
- Ms Anne Ellison, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Directorate.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Treasury 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 12.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**6. Deliberative meeting**

Ms Gardiner moved: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Treasury.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Miss Gardiner, Mrs Pavey and Mr Mason-Cox.

Noes: Mr Secord, Mr Donnelly and Dr Kaye.

Question resolved in the affirmative on the casting vote of the Chair.

**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.07 pm, until 1.55 pm, Tuesday 25 October 2011, Jubilee Room (*Premier, Western Sydney*).

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 7**

Tuesday 25 October 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, 1.50 pm

**1. Members present**

Mrs Pavey (*Acting Chair*)

Miss Gardiner

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox (*Ms Cusack*)

Mr Primrose (*Mr Veitch*)

Mr Secord

Mr Foley (*participating*)

**2. Apologies**

Revd Nile

Ms Cusack

**3. Deputy Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the Chair, for the purposes of the meeting.

**4. Substitute members**

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

- Mr Mason-Cox for Ms Cusack
- Mr Primrose for Mr Veitch.

**5. Participating members**

The Chair advised that Mr Foley would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

**6. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – Premier, Western Sydney**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Premier O'Farrell 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 Department of Premier and Cabinet were sworn:

- Mr Chris Eccles, Director General
- Mr Peter Duncan, Deputy Director General.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney open for examination.

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

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.25pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 7. Deliberative meeting

### Supplementary hearings

Miss Gardiner moved: That the Committee: hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Miss Gardiner, Mrs Pavey and Mr Mason-Cox.

Noes: Mr Primrose, Mr Secord and Dr Kaye.

Question resolved in the affirmative on the casting vote of the Chair.

## 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.29 pm, *sine die*.

Rachel Simpson

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No 8

Tuesday 22 November 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, 1.03 pm

### 1. Members present

Revd Nile (*Chair*)

Mrs Pavey (*Deputy Chair*)

Miss Gardiner

Dr Kaye

Mr Veitch

Mr Secord

### 2. Apologies

Ms Cusack

### 3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Miss Gardiner: That draft Minutes Nos 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be confirmed.

### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence received:

- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Pearce to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Finance and Services, the Illawarra.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Pearce to the committee clerk regarding the uncorrected transcript from the Budget Estimates hearings concerning Finance and Services, the Illawarra.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Stoner to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Trade and Investment.
- 17 November 2011 – From Minister Hazzard to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure.
- 18 November 2011 – From Treasurer to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolio of Treasury.
- 18 November 2011 – From Premier to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice for the Budget Estimates portfolios of Premier, Western Sydney.

#### 5. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – supplementary hearings**

Mr Veitch sought by leave: That the resolution of the Committee of 25 October 2011, that there not be a supplementary hearing for the Treasury portfolio, be rescinded.

Objection taken, leave not granted.

Mr Veitch gave notice that at the next Committee meeting, he would move to rescind the resolution of the Committee of 25 October 2011 that there not be a supplementary hearing for the Treasury portfolio.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye That the Committee meet to consider Mr Veitch's rescission motion at 6.30 pm today (Tuesday 22 November) in the Members' Lounge.

Resolved on the motion of Miss Gardiner: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Finance and Services, the Illawarra.

#### 6. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 pm, *sine die* until 6.30pm on Tuesday 22 November 2011 in the Members Lounge.

Beverly Duffy  
**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Minutes No 9**

Tuesday 22 November 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, 7.15 pm

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

Revd Nile (*Chair*)

Mrs Pavey (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Veitch

Mr Secord

Mrs Mitchell (Gardiner)

Mr Phelps (Cusack)

**2. Apologies**

Mr Donnelly

**3. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft Minutes No 8 be confirmed.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – supplementary hearings**

Mr Veitch moved: That the resolution of the Committee of 25 October 2011, that there not be a supplementary hearing for the Treasury portfolio, be rescinded.

Question put

Ayes: Mr Kaye, Rev Nile, Mr Secord, Mr Veitch

Noes: Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Pavey, Mr Phelps

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee hold a supplementary hearing for the Treasury portfolio on Monday 28 November 2011 between 11am and 1 pm, and that the Treasurer be invited to appear, in addition to the Treasury officials who attended the initial hearing.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7.20 pm, *sine die* until 11 am, Monday 28 November 2011 in the Macquarie Room.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 10**

Monday 28 November 2011

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, 10.50am

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile (*Chair*)

Mrs Pavey (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Donnelly (Veitch)

Mr Secord

Ms Gardiner

Mr Mason-Cox (Cusack)

**2. Apologies**

Dr Kaye

Ms Cusack

**3. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That draft Minutes No 9 as amended, be confirmed.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-2012 – supplementary hearings**

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 witnesses the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they were appearing under their former oath:

- Mr Philip Gaetjens, Secretary
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Directorate
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management Directorate
- Mr Stephen Brady, Deputy Secretary, Expenditure Review Directorate
- Mr Richard Timbs, Deputy Secretary, Commercial Management Directorate
- Mr Matthew Roberts, Deputy Secretary, Economic, Environment and Communities
- Dr Caralee McLiesh, Deputy Secretary, Human and Social Directorate

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

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.20 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 5. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.20 pm, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy  
**Clerk to the Committee**

## **Draft Minutes No 11**

Tuesday 14 February 2012

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, 7.14 pm

### 1. **Members present**

Revd Nile (*Chair*)

Mrs Pavey (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Cusack

Mr Secord

Ms Gardiner

### 2. **Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Gardiner: That Draft Minutes No 10 be confirmed.

### 3. **Budget Estimates 2011-2012: Chair's Draft Report**

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That the report be the report of the Committee and that the Committee present the report to the House, together with transcripts of evidence, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7.17 pm, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy  
**Clerk to the Committee**