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## Terms of Reference

- 1) *That the Budget Estimates and related documents 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 3 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) *A daily Hansard record of the hearings of a Committee on the Budget Estimates is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.*
- 10) *The Committees have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House.*
- 11) *That initial hearings of Committees be according to a schedule prepared and circulated by the Leader of the Government,*
- 12) *The Committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.*
- 13) *The Committees present a final report to the House by Thursday 5 September 2002.*

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the Legislative Council on 4 June 2002 (Minutes of Proceedings No 14, p 183)

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## Committee Membership

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**Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC** Independent, *Chair*

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**Hon John Hatzistergos MLC** Australian Labor Party, **Deputy Chair**

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**Hon Greg Pearce MLC** Liberal Party

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**Hon Peter Primrose MLC** Australian Labor Party

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**Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC** The Greens

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**Hon Jim Samios MLC** Liberal Party

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**Hon Ian West MLC** Australian Labor Party

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## Other Members who attended the hearings

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**Hon Michael Gallacher MLC** Liberal Party

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**Hon John Ryan MLC** Liberal Party

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**Hon Tony Kelly MLC** Australian Labor Party

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**Hon Richard Colless MLC** National Party

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**Hon Henry Tsang MLC** Australian Labor Party

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**Hon Ron Dyer MLC** Australian Labor Party

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**Hon Charlie Lynn MLC** Liberal Party

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## **Chair's Foreword**

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2002-2003 for the portfolio areas of:

Police

Juvenile Justice

Fair Trading

Attorney-General

Corrective Services

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the relevant Ministers and officers of the departments and organisations who appeared before it.

**The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC**  
Chair



# Introduction

## Referral of the 2002-2003 Budget Estimates

On 4 June 2002, the Legislative Council resolved that the Budget Estimates and related documents presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Funds be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.<sup>1</sup> Each Committee was required to examine the Budget Estimates for their relevant portfolios and report to the House by Thursday 5 September 2002.<sup>2</sup>

## Examination of the Budget Estimates

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 examined the budget estimates and related documents for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:

20 June 2002	Police
21 June 2002	Juvenile Justice
21 June 2002	Fair Trading
25 June 2002	Attorney-General
26 June 2002	Corrective Services
21 August 2002	Police supplementary hearing

This report summarises the main issues discussed at each hearing. The full transcript of evidence taken at these hearings can be found at the Committee's Web page accessible via the Parliament's home page at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au). Hard copies of the transcript can be obtained by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee Secretariat on **02 9230 3544**.

During these hearings, Ministers took a number of questions on notice. In addition the Committee lodged written questions on notice for each of the portfolio areas examined. The Committee is pleased to note that answers have been provided to all questions placed on notice. Copies of the questions and answers can be found at the Committee's Web page at the above address. Appendix 3 contains details of response times for questions placed on notice by the Committee as part of the 2002-2003 Budget Estimates and related documents inquiry.

A number of documents were tabled during the Committee's public hearings. A list of tabled documents appears at Appendix 2. Where possible, copies of these documents have been placed at the Committee's Web page accessible via the above address. Arrangements for the inspection of other documents can be made by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee Secretariat on 02 9230 3544.

Relevant minutes of the Committee's proceedings appear at Appendix 4.

<sup>1</sup> Minutes of Proceedings, No 14, 4 June 2002. See Appendix 1 for more information about the General Purpose Standing Committees.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution of 4 June 2002, para 13.

## Chapter 1      Police

The Committee heard from the Hon Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Police together with Mr K Moroney, Commissioner of Police, Mr D Madden, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr C Ploughman, Director, Management Services, NSW Police, Mr P Bhatt, Director, Finance, NSW Police, Mr P Bradley, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission, Mr G E Sage, Assistant Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission at a public hearing held on 20 June 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Telephone intercept material identified by the Four Corners Program
- Resourcing of the NSW Crime Commission
- Ethnic Community Liaison Officers (ECLOs)
- In-car videos in police vehicles
- New complaints management system
- Roll-out of the new computer system
- Police media policy
- Highly visible police operations
- Operation Vikings
- Recent attacks on Chinese restaurants and visible police operations in Chinatown
- Police training for front-line operational duties (street policing)
- The Road Spike Program
- Complaint by a NSW Police officer in relation to the alleged falsification of police statistics on knife searches
- Criteria for the investigation of complaints by the Police Integrity Commission
- Sniffer dog drug detection program
- Upgrade of Chatswood police station and construction of new station in Cabramatta
- The number of detectives in NSW and their level of training

- Strategies to recruit people of non-English speaking background into the Police Service
- Use of police resources at the protest against construction of the M1 freeway
- Trial of supplementary policing
- Alleged misuse of Glock pistols and capsicum spray units
- Section 181D dismissals
- Community based policing

## **Supplementary Hearing**

The Committee heard from the Hon Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Police together Mr Les Tree, Director-General, Ministry of Police, at a supplementary public hearing held on 21 August 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Expenditure and staffing of Ministry for Police
- Underspending of programs relating to front line policing
- Expenditure overruns and outcomes of Traffic programs
- Allocation of new recruits
- Breakdown between available and sworn officers in total police numbers
- Impact of sick leave on front line policing numbers
- Sniffer dog drug detection program
- Reallocation of police on desk duties to LACs as a result of restructure
- Community Support program expenditure
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Judicial support programs
- Establishment of Australian Crime Commission
- Internal Affairs task force

- Missing Glocks and black market in firearms
- Missing capsicum sprays
- Operation RETZ

## Chapter 2      **Juvenile Justice**

The Committee heard from the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, together with Mr David Sherlock, Director-General, Mr Peter Muir, Director of Operations, and Mr Stephen O'Malley, Acting Director of Management Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, at a public hearing held on 24 June 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- The scrutiny of the youth affairs portfolio during budget estimates hearings
- Community based programs to prevent juvenile recidivism
- The Community Funding Program
- Mentoring Program
- Assistance from the Department of Juvenile Justice to help families maintain links with young people in custody
- Ombudsman's March 2000 report on the Kariong Detention Centre
- Review of Juvenile Justice Centres by the Council on the Cost and Quality of Government
- Restructure of the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Participation of front line youth workers in casework
- Staff recruitment
- Aboriginal Overrepresentation Strategic Plan
- Recruitment of Aboriginal staff
- Number of people from non-English speaking backgrounds employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Impact of new bail legislation on the number of juveniles in custody
- Needs of young women in custody
- Staffing numbers in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Recreational activities available to young people in Juvenile Justice Centres

- Staff turnover and burnout
- Incidents of self-harming behaviour in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Capital works and the relocation of the Department's central office
- Bail interventions
- Community based orders
- Youth conferencing
- Health study of detainees by Corrections Health Service
- Youth Drug Court

## Chapter 3 Fair Trading

The Committee heard from the Hon John Aquilina MP, Minister for Fair Trading, together with the following officers from the Department of Fair Trading, Mr David O'Connor, Director-General, Mr Michael Silk, Director, Management Services, and Mr John Schmitt, Assistant Director, Policy and Strategy, at a public hearing held on 24 June 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Regulation of Retirement Villages
- Fernbank Retirement Village
- Underwriting of Dexta corporation by the NSW Government
- Collapse of HIH
- Building insurance
- Impact of changes to the insurance industry on the level of complaints to the Consumer, Traders and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT)
- Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Program
- The Consumer, Traders and Tenancy Tribunal
- Building Conciliation Service
- Suspension of Building Licences
- Review of entertainment industry code of practice
- Information technology initiatives introduced by the Department
- Complaint handling by the Department
- Marketing branch of the Department
- Backlog of applications for home warranty insurance
- Builders' licensing fees
- Number of people employed by the Department to issue builders' licences
- Consumer rights of people from non-English speaking background

- Impact of natural disasters
- National review of home warranty insurance

## Chapter 4 Attorney General

The Committee heard from the Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, together with Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Attorney General's Department, and Mr Bill Grant, Director, Legal Aid Commission, at a public hearing held on 25 June 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Circle Sentencing
- Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council
- Over representation of Aboriginal persons in the criminal justice system
- Plea bargaining in the Supreme and District Courts
- Overseas trips undertaken by the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Complaints against the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Complaints against leniency of judges' sentencing
- Training by the Judicial Commission on sentencing
- Anti-homophobic violence programs
- Changes in court funding as a result of changes to legislation re police powers
- Changes in funding of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- Changes in funding allocations to Legal Aid Commission as a result of legislative changes
- Youth Drug Court pilot program
- Evaluation of Drug Court
- Court Security incidences
- Expenditure on Media and Public Relations
- Regional crime prevention strategies
- Overheads of additional Industrial Relations Court judge
- Local Court expenses

- Changes to funding of Land and Environment Court as result of legislative changes.
- Effect of Civil Liability Act on court funding
- Research into statistics on Indigenous offenders
- Domestic violence perpetrators program
- Cross cultural training for judges
- Accommodation assistance to rural families attending court hearings
- Office of the Legal Services Commissioner

## Chapter 5 Department of Corrective Services

The Committee heard from the Hon Richard Amery MP, Minister for Corrective Services together with the following officers from the Department of Corrective Services, Mr Ron Woodham, Commissioner, Mr Luke Grant, Assistant Commissioner for Inmate Management, Mr Gerry Schipp, Executive Director, Finance and Asset Management and Ms Catrina McCormish, Assistant Commissioner, Probation, at a public hearing held on 26 June 2002.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Emu Plains program for women and young children and Parramatta Transitional Centre for Women
- Transitional Centre for Vietnamese prisoners
- Drug Counselling for women prisoners
- Appointment of Mr Ian McLean as Senior Assistant Commissioner
- Audit of sick leave and recreation leave within the Department by NSW Audit Office
- Lockdowns at John Moroney Correctional Centre
- Custodial staffing levels at correctional centres
- Methadone programs
- Periodic detention programs
- Throughcare Community Grants program
- Overrun in overtime payments
- Goulburn Gaol riots
- Protocols for ethnic cultural and religious celebrations
- Implementation of Lawrence Goodstone Report
- Alleged blow outs in construction costs
- Use of video conferencing to reduce prisoner movements
- Days lost to industrial disputes

- CORE and CUBIT programs for sex offenders
- Inmate Mental Health Survey

## **Appendix 1**

# **Establishment, Powers and Portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees**

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## **Establishment of the General Purpose Standing Committees**

The five General Purpose Standing Committees of the Legislative Council were first established in 1997.<sup>3</sup> The committees were reappointed on 13 May 1999, shortly after the commencement of the present Parliament.<sup>4</sup> Since the inception of the General Purpose Standing Committees, the Budget Estimates and related papers have been referred to them for inquiry and report.

The General Purpose Standing Committees have a majority of non-government members. Of the five General Purpose Standing Committees, three are chaired by Cross Bench members and two are chaired by Opposition members.

The functions of the General Purpose Standing Committees are to inquire into and report on:

- any matters referred to them by the House,
- the expenditure, performance or effectiveness of any department of government, statutory body or corporation,
- any matter in any annual report of a department of government, statutory body or corporation.<sup>5</sup>

## **Powers of the General Purpose Standing Committees**

The General Purpose Standing Committees have power to:

- send for and examine persons, papers, records and things
- adjourn from place to place
- make visits of inspection within the State
- request the attendance of and examine members of the House
- publish, before presentation to the House, submissions received and evidence taken in public and
- report from time to time their proceedings, evidence taken in public and recommendations.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Minutes of Proceedings, No 65, 7 May 1997, p. 677.

<sup>4</sup> Minutes of Proceedings, No 3, 13 May 1999, p. 62 (hereafter referred to as Resolution of 13 May 1999).

<sup>5</sup> Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 3.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 8.

## Portfolios

The five General Purpose Standing Committees have responsibility for Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities,<sup>7</sup> which are as follows:

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1**

Premiers, Arts and Citizenship  
Treasury, State Development  
Education and Training  
The Legislature  
Special Minister of State and Industrial Relations

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2**

Health  
Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services, Women  
Small Business, Tourism  
Mineral Resources, Fisheries

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3**

Police  
Attorney General  
Fair Trading  
Corrective Services  
Juvenile Justice, Youth

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4**

Planning, Aboriginal Affairs, Housing  
Transport, Roads  
Gaming and Racing  
Public Works and Services, Sport and Recreation

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5**

Information Technology, Energy, Forestry, Western Sydney  
Agriculture  
Land and Water Conservation  
Environment, Emergency Services  
Local Government, Regional Development, Rural Affairs

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<sup>7</sup> Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 1.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Documents Tabled at Committee Hearings**

## **Tabled documents**

### **Thursday 20 June 2002 - Police**

- Two documents regarding police media policy (tabled by Mr Gallacher)

### **Monday 24 June 2002 – Fair Trading**

- A document concerning Tenancy Advice Services
- A document concerning the Consumer, Trading and Tenancy Tribunal

### **Wednesday 26 June 2002 – Corrective Services**

- A document entitled: “Summary of Industrial Action, July 2001 – April 2002”

# **Appendix 3**

## **Response Times for Questions on Notice**

## Response time for questions on notice

The Committee resolved on Thursday, 20 June 2002 that Ministers be requested to lodge answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk. The return date for answers are set out in the table below.

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Hearing Date</b>	<b>Agreed Time Period</b>	<b>Date Questions Sent</b>	<b>Return Date for Answers</b>	<b>Date Answers Received</b>
Hon Michael Costa MLC	20 June 2002	35 days	27 June 2002	1 August 2002	2 August 2002
Hon John Aquilina MP	24 June 2002	35 days	28 June 2002	2 August 2002	2 August 2002
Hon Carmel Tebbett MLC	24 June 2002	35 days	28 June 2002	2 August 2002	6 August 2002
Hon Bob Debus MP	25 June 2002	35 days	4 July 2002	8 August 2002	7 August 2002
Hon Richard Amery MP	26 June 2002	35 days	8 July 2002	12 August 2002	6 August 2002

# **Appendix 4**

## **Minutes of the Proceedings**

# Minutes of the Proceedings

## Minutes No. 58

Thursday, 20 June 2002

Room 814/815, at Parliament House at 5.30pm.

### 1. Members Present

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)

The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)

The Hon Mike Gallacher MLC (Samios)

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC

The Hon Ian West MLC

### 2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Gallacher would be representing Mr Samios.

### 3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Michael Gallacher: That if Mr Bradley, the NSW Crime Commissioner, is to give evidence, he should not be filmed or photographed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Michael Gallacher: That if there are questions relating to the NSW Crime Commission, the Committee question the Crime Commissioner first.

The Chair advised the Committee that she did not intend to allocate fixed periods of time for particular Members' questions, but would allow Members to exhaust questions on each subject matter in turn.

Resolved on the motion of Lee Rhiannon MLC that:

1. Members are to lodge written questions on notice relating to the portfolio responsibilities of the Committee with the Committee Clerk by 5.00pm on the second business day after the day on which the relevant hearing takes place.
2. The Committee Clerk is to forward questions on notice to the relevant Minister.
3. Ministers be requested to lodge answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.
4. Under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of the Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions on notice, after these answers have been circulated to Committee Members.

The Hon Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Police, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

#### **NSW Police**

Mr K Moroney, Commissioner of Police

Mr D Madden, Deputy Commissioner of Police

Mr C Ploughman, Director, Management Services

Mr P Bhatt, Director, Finance

**NSW Crime Commission**

Mr P Bradley, Commissioner

**Police Integrity Commissioner**

Mr G E Sage, Assistant Commissioner

**Ministry of Police**

Mr Les Tree, Director-General

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

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

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Police concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Gallacher tabled by leave two documents regarding police media policy.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Gallacher: That under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the two documents tabled by the Hon Michael Gallacher concerning police media policy.

Mr Gallacher sought leave to table a document addressed to the Commissioner of the PIC.

Leave not granted.

Resolved on the motion of the Hon Michael Gallacher: That the Committee conduct a supplementary hearing on a date to be determined by the Chair after consulting with Committee members, to further consider matters relating to the proposed expenditure of the Police portfolio.

Resolved on the motion of the Hon Michael Gallacher: That the Committee Clerk liaise with Committee Members regarding the witnesses who should be invited to attend the Committee's supplementary hearing.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7.35pm until Monday, 24 June 2002 at 9.30am.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 59**

Monday, 24 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, at Parliament House at 9.30am.

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)  
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)  
The Hon John Ryan MLC (Samios)  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC (Primrose)  
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Substitution Arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Ryan would be representing Mr Samios and that Mr Tsang would be representing Mr Primrose.

**3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***NSW Department of Juvenile Justice***

Mr David Sherlock, Director-General  
Mr Peter Muir, Director of Operations  
Mr Stephen O'Malley, Acting Director of Management Services

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Juvenile Justice open for examination.

The Minister and her advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Juvenile Justice concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.00pm until Monday, 24 June 2002 at 4.00pm.

Julie Langsworth

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 60**

Monday, 24 June 2002

Jubilee Room, at Parliament House at 4.00pm.

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)  
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)  
The Hon John Ryan MLC (Samios)  
The Hon Tony Kelly MLC (Primrose)  
The Hon Ian West MLC  
The Hon Richard Colless MLC (Pearce)  
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC

**2. Substitution Arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Ryan would be representing Mr Samios, that Mr Colless would be representing Mr Pearce and that Mr Kelly would be representing Mr Primrose.

**3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Hon John Aquilina, Minister for Fair Trading, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***NSW Department of Fair Trading***

Mr David O'Connor, Director-General  
Mr Michael Silk Director, Management Services  
Mr John Schmitt, Assistant Director, Policy and Strategy  
Mr Brian Given, Assistant Director General, Operations.

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Fair Trading open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Mr Aquilina tendered two documents relating to Tenancy Advice Services and the Consumer, Trading and Tenancy Tribunal.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Ryan: That the Committee accept the documents tendered by the Minister.

The Minister agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Fair Trading concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Ryan: That under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the two documents tendered by Mr Aquilina at this evening's hearing.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.05pm until Tuesday 25 June 2002 at 6.00pm.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 61**

Tuesday, 25 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House at 6.00pm

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)  
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)  
The Hon Ron Dyer MLC (West)  
The Hon Mike Gallacher MLC (Pearce)  
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC  
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC  
The Hon Jim Samios MLC

**2. Substitution Arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Gallacher would be representing Mr Pearce.

The Chair also advised that Mr Dyer would be representing Mr West.

**3. Budget Estimates 2001-2002**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the conduct of the hearing.

The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

***Attorney General's Department***

Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General

***Legal Aid Commission***

Mr Bill Grant, Director

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

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

The Attorney General and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Attorney General agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of the Attorney General concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 8.03pm until Wednesday, 26 June 2002 at 8.00pm.

Rachel Simpson

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 62**

Wednesday 26 June 2002

Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 8.00pm

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)  
 The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)  
 The Hon Tony Kelly MLC (Hatzistergos)  
 The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
 The Hon Peter Primrose MLC  
 The Hon Ian West MLC  
 Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC  
 The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC (Samios)  
 The Hon John Ryan MLC

**2. Substitution Arrangements**

The Chair advised that Mr Lynn would be representing Mr Samios and that Mr Kelly would be representing Mr Hatzistergos.

Mr Ryan advised that he was attending as a participating member.

**3. Budget Estimates 2001-2002**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the conduct of the hearing.

The Hon Richard Amery MP, Minister for Corrective Services, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

**Department of Corrective Services**

Mr Ron Woodham, Commissioner  
 Mr Gerry Schipp, Executive Director, Finance and Asset Management  
 Mr Luke Grant, Assistant Commissioner, Inmate Services  
 Ms Catriona McComish, Assistant Commissioner Parole and Probation services

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Corrective Services open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister tabled by leave a document regarding days lost due to industrial disputes within the Department.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Kelly: That under Section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the tendered document.

The Minister agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Corrective Services concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10:13 pm until Monday, 1 July 2002 at 11:00 am.

Steven Reynolds

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 66**

Wednesday 21 August 2002

Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 6:00 pm.

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)  
 The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)  
 The Hon Jim Samios MLC  
 The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
 The Hon Henry Tsang MLC (Primrose)  
 Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC  
 The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Budget Estimates 2002-2003**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chair advised the Committee that she did not intend to allocate fixed periods of time for particular Members' questions, but would allow Members to exhaust questions on each subject matter in turn.

The Hon Michael Costa MLC, Minister for Police, was admitted and accompanied by the following adviser:

**Ministry of Police**

Mr Les Tree, Director-General, Ministry for Police

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Ministry for Police open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister agreed to answer verbal questions taken on notice during the hearing by 2 September 2002, so far as this was possible.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Police concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Pearce that under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers received from the Minister.

**3. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 7.05pm *sine die*.

Steven Reynolds

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 67**

Tuesday 3 September 2002

Room 1108, Parliament House at 2:00 pm.

**1. Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (*Chair*)

The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (*Deputy Chair*)

The Hon John Jobling MLC

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC

The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Apologies**

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC

**3. Substitution**

The Chair informed the meeting that she had been advised by the Opposition whip that he would be substituting for Mr Samios.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose, that minutes numbers 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 66 be confirmed.

**5. Budget Estimates 2002-2003**

The Committee considered the Chair's Draft report, which had been circulated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Rhiannon, that the report be adopted.

The report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with the resolution establishing the committee of 13 May 1999.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of *the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the report.

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**7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.10pm *sine die*.

Steven Reynolds

**Clerk to the Committee**