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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 the Proceedings, p. 183)

Committee Membership

Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC National Party *Chair*

Hon Ian Cohen MLC Greens *Deputy Chair*

Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party

Hon Ian Macdonald MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon David Oldfield MLC One Nation Party

Hon Janelle Saffin MLC Australian Labor Party

Other Members who attended the hearings

Hon Ron Dyer MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Amanda Fazio MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party

Hon John Hatzistergos MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Michael Gallacher MLC Liberal Party

Hon John Jobling MLC Liberal Party

Hon Tony Kelly MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Jim Samios MLC Liberal Party

Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Richard Jones Independent

Hon Alan Corbett Independent

Hon Dr Peter Wong Unity

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Chair's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2002-2003 for the portfolio areas of:

Planning, Aboriginal Affairs and Housing

Transport, Roads

Gaming and Racing

Public Works and Services, Sport and Recreation

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

The Hon Jenny Gardiner 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.¹ Each Committee was required to examine the Budget Estimates for their relevant portfolios and report to the House by Thursday 5 September 2002.²

Examination of the Budget Estimates

General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 examined the budget estimates and related documents for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:

20 June 2002	Planning, Aboriginal Affairs and Housing
24 June 2002	Gaming and Racing
24 June 2002	Transport and Roads
26 June 2002	Public Works and Services, Sport and Recreation
23 October 2002	Transport and Roads (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.

During these hearings, Ministers took a number of questions on notice. In addition the Committee lodged written questions on notice in relation to several portfolio areas. 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 2 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.

Relevant minutes of the Committee's proceedings appear at Appendix 3.

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

² Resolution of 4 June 2002, para 13.

Chapter 1 Planning, Aboriginal Affairs and Housing

The Committee heard from the Hon Dr Andrew Refshauge, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing, together with Ms Linda Burney, Director-General and Mr R Davidson, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr A Cappie-Wood, Deputy Director General of the Department of Housing, Ms S Holliday, Director-General and Mr W Brailey, Director of Finance of the Department of Planning at a public hearing held on 20 June 2002.

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

Aboriginal Affairs

- Staffing
- Department budget
- Initiatives under the Social Justice Budget Statement
- Government payments to Aboriginal people who have previously been underpaid for their labours
- The Croc Eisteddfod
- Media reports on the potential departure of the Director-General of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- Expenditure of the Aboriginal Community Development Fund in 2001/2002
- Cuts to the Social Justice programs run by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- Indigenous Fishing Strategy application of funds

Housing

- Spending on consultants over the past 12 months
- Minto Housing Estate
- Evictions from public housing in 2001
- Consultants' expenses in 2001
- Changes to eligibility for public housing
- Housing Assistance Program

- Aboriginal Housing Office funding reduction
- Department of Housing's Disability Action Plan
- Evictions from public housing
- Funding for homeless people

Planning

- Adverse effects of Heritage Orders or Interim Heritage Orders on the community
- Sydney Fish Market redevelopment budget allocation rise
- Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority policy regarding land sales
- Mogo Charcoal Plant
- Plan First
- Low Income Housing exemptions for aged and disabled housing
- Proposed purchase of Ballast Point
- Coastal Land Acquisition Scheme
- M5 east tunnel emissions
- Ku-ring-gai Council's housing strategy
- Impact of census figures and demographics on the Department's program of land release
- Wood Supply Agreement

Chapter 2 Gaming and Racing, Hunter Development

The Committee heard from the Hon Richard Face MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development, together with Mr Ben Chard, Regional Coordinator for Hunter Development, Premier's Department, Mr K M Brown, Director General, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr D Loewenthal, Deputy Director General, Director of Liquor and Gaming, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr M Foggo, Director, Revenue and Resource Management, Department of Gaming and Racing, and Mr Brian Farrell, Chief Executive Officer, Casino Control Authority at a public hearing held on 24 June 2002.

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

Gaming and Racing

- Department budget
- Casino Community Benefit Fund
- IPART recommendation for an independent gaming commission
- Configuration of gaming machines
- Compliance notices
- Workshops
- Casino Community Benefit Fund
- Review of the liquor and club management laws according to the national competition policy
- Gambling harm minimisation and evidence based assessment
- Implications for NSW from the Victorian Ombudsman's inquiry into IGT (Australia)
- Poker machine cap and the projected increase in Government revenue
- Government reliance on poker machine revenue and promotion of harm minimisation strategies
- Extended trading hours
- Thoroughbred Racing Board report on the state of the Inner Track (Kensington) at Royal Randwick Racecourse
- Country racing – funding, promotion and prize money

Hunter Development

- Newcastle Show
- Hunter Advantage Fund
- Energy Australia Stadium
- Austeel steel mill project
- Rezoning of Tomalpin for industrial use
- Inquiry into the Hunter River system

Chapter 3 Roads and Transport

The Committee heard evidence from the Hon Carl Scully, Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, together with Mr M Deegan, Director-General and Mr A Cook, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, Transport NSW; Mr H Lacy, Chief Executive Officer, Mr P Scarlett, Chief Financial Officer, State Rail Authority; Mr J Stott, Chief Executive Officer, Mr P Dunn, General Manager, Finance, State Transit Authority; Mr J Cowling, Chief Executive Officer, Mr F Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, Rail Infrastructure Corporation; Mr M Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Stanwell, Manager, Finance, Waterways Authority; Mr P Forward, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority; and Mr B Skinner, Director Finance at a public hearing held on 24 June 2002.

A brief summary of issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing.

Transport NSW

- Wheelchair accessibility of State Transit buses
- Millennium carriages
- Rail Infrastructure Corporation Management
- CityRail
- Number of public transport agency staff engaged in communications, media and marketing
- Ministerial office staff
- Public transport
- CityRail
- State Asset Acquisition Program
- Easy Access Redevelopment Program
- Effect of freeway development on rail use by public
- Eastern Sydney buses
- School Student Transport Scheme costs in non-urban areas
- Wheelchair accessible taxis
- Performance of rail at Sydney Easter Show 2001

- Manly JetCats
- Use of E-toll by taxis
- Transitway costs and completion timetables
- Cycleways
- Community-based transport development worker funding for 2002-2003
- Transport services for young people in regional and remote New South Wales
- Utilisation of North Coast to Sydney rail system

Roads

- M5 East tunnel use by motorcyclists
- Rebuilding Country Roads Program
- Electronic tolling
- Speed cameras
- Wood and coal-fired heaters
- Remodelling of the Spit Bridge
- Harbour Bridge revenues
- Speed zones on the Newcastle freeway
- “Closure of RTA 26th January” message held over
- M5 East stack
- South Coast charcoal plant
- Kosciusko National Park and the Alpine Way
- Road freight transport reduction targets
- Brunswick Bridge
- Design of bridges on the Mittagong bypass
- Interstate vehicle registration fees

- Untied Commonwealth road funds projects
- Consolidated Fund appropriation sources
- Provision of a third road lane between Campbelltown and Liverpool
- Design of the Western Sydney Orbital
- Budget – Operating Statement
- Auslink

The Committee subsequently heard evidence from the Hon Carl Scully, Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, together with Mr P Forward, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority at a supplementary public hearing held on 23 October 2002.

A brief summary of issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing.

Roads (Supplementary hearing)

- M5 East tunnel
- Cross City Tunnel

The Minister took many questions on notice during the hearing. The Committee subsequently resolved to give the Minister 21 days to return answers to the Committee, after which the answers would be circulated to Committee members and a deliberative held to consider publishing the answers.

Chapter 4 Public Works and Services, Sport and Recreation

The Committee heard evidence from the Hon M Iemma, Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, together with Mr D Persson, Director-General, Ms C Burlaw, Group General Manager, Asset and Environmental Services Group, Mr A Collins, Group General Manager, Project Management Group, Mr S Mudge, Chief Financial Officer, Mr D Murphy, General Manager, New South Wales Supply, Ms E Zealand, Acting Group General Manager, Corporate and Business Services Group, Mr A Renouf, Director, Executive Services Division, and Ms R Risgalla, Director, Policy Division, all of the Department of Public Works and Services, and Mr B O'Reilly, Director-General, and Mr J Cuthbert, Manager, Financial Services, both of the Department of Sport and Recreation, at a public hearing held on 26 June 2002.

A brief summary of issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing.

Public Works and Services

- Total revenue in 2002-2003 anticipated from capital works program
- Fee structure for capital works and for maintenance works undertaken by the Department
- Benchmarking of fee structure for services provided by the department
- State fleet leasing, income and expenditure, and cost recovery on disposal of vehicles
- Relocation of departmental and ministerial offices and subleasing arrangements for Governor Macquarie Tower
- Parramatta Government Property Strategy
- Whole of government approach to property leasing and sales
- Staffing and redundancies
- Basis for increase to operating surplus
- Property management and disposal; number and value of properties sold
- Strategy of maintaining intergenerational value in NSW public assets

- Ecologically sustainable development in the management of capital works programs
- Funding for capital works programs for schools and TAFE
- Funding of St Mary's Cathedral restoration project, and management of other historical buildings works in NSW
- The department's involvement in sewerage outlet projects, including alternative sewerage disposal and land re-use schemes
- Maintenance of Parliament House lifts
- Policy initiatives relating to Aboriginal participation in the building and construction industry
- Walsh Bay redevelopment – funding and expected completion date
- The department's involvement in coordination of maintenance and restoration of public assets as part of natural disaster relief

Sport and Recreation

- Marketing the department's activities for children with disability, including the Active Communities Grant Scheme
- Accessibility of sport and recreation accommodation facilities for people with disability
- Funding for people with disabilities
- Funding for the construction of a stand-alone drag racing strip
- Sport and recreation initiatives in remote communities
- Effect of current public liability insurance crisis
- Outdoor and environmental education programs
- Youth in Sport Program for youth at risk
- Programs targeting differences in participation between males and females in Aboriginal communities
- Provision of office space for sporting organisations
- Assessment of sporting organisations for funding purposes

- Recognition of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme
- Availability of target shooting facilities
- Funding applications from sporting organisations for new or upgraded facilities
- Drag racing strip – cost, ownership and leasing arrangements, completion date
- International Sporting Events program

Appendix 1

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

Establishment, powers and portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The five General Purpose Standing Committees of the Legislative Council were first established in 1997.³ The committees were reappointed on 13 May 1999, shortly after the commencement of the present Parliament.⁴ 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.⁵

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.⁶

³ Minutes of Proceedings, No 65, 7 May 1997, p. 677.

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

⁵ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 3.

⁶ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 8.

Portfolios

The five General Purpose Standing Committees have responsibility for Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities,⁷ 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

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

⁷ Resolution of 4 June 2002, para 183

Appendix 2

Response Times for Questions on Notice

Response time for Questions on Notice

The Committee resolved on Thursday 20 June that written questions relating to the portfolio responsibilities of the Committee be lodged in the House in accordance with the Sessional Order relating to Questions on Notice. However, but where the Minister is prepared to take on notice any questions, he or she be asked to lodge answers within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions were forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk. The return date for answers are set out in the table below

Minister	Hearing Date	Agreed Time Period	Date Questions Sent	Return Date for Answers	Date Answers Received
Hon Dr A J Refshauge MP	20 June 2002	35 Days	28 June 2002	2 August 2002	2 August 2002
Hon J R Face MP	24 June 2002	35 Days	2 July 2002	6 August 2002	7 August 2002
Hon P C Scully MP	24 June 2002	35 Days	2 July 2002	6 August 2002	7 August 2002
Hon Morris Iemma MP	26 June 2002	35 Days	4 July 2002	8 August 2002	8 August 2002

Appendix 3

Minutes of the Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings

Minutes No 26

Thursday, 20 June 2002

Jubilee Room, at Parliament House at 8.00pm.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC (Burnswoods)
 The Hon Patricia Forysthe MLC (Lynn)
 The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (Saffin)
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC
 The Hon David Oldfield MLC

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mrs Forsythe would be representing Mr Lynn, Ms Fazio would be representing Ms Burnswoods and Mr Hatzistergos would be representing Ms Saffin.

3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Committee considered the procedures for lodging Questions on Notice.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Forsythe: That written questions relating to the portfolio responsibilities of the Committee be lodged in the House in accordance with the Sessional Order relating to Questions on Notice, but that where the Minister is prepared to take on notice any questions he be asked to lodge answers within 35 calendar days.

The Committee considered the time allocations for portfolios and members.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That the portfolios be considered in the following order: Aboriginal Affairs, Housing, Planning.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio, that the allocation of time between Members be as follows: 10 minutes Opposition, 10 minutes to each Cross-bench Member, with the remaining time distributed evenly or as required.

Ms Forsythe advised the Committee that she may require representatives of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority to give evidence at a supplementary hearing.

Ms Gardiner advised the Committee that she may require representatives of the Sydney Ports Authority and the Waterways Authority to attend at a supplementary hearing.

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

The Hon Dr Andrew Refshauge MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Ms Deborah Willcox (Chief of Staff, Minister's Office)

Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Ms Linda Burney - Director-General.

Department of Housing

Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood - Director-General

Department of Planning

Ms Sue Holliday - Director-General

Mr Wayne Brailey - Director of Finance

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(s) of Aboriginal Affairs and Housing and Planning open for examination.

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

The Minister agreed to take questions on notice.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area(s) of Planning, Aboriginal Affairs and Housing concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.10pm until Monday, 24 June 2002 at 4.00pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 27

Monday 24 June 2002

Room 814/815, at Parliament House at 4.00pm.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Ron Dyer MLC (Burnswoods)
 The Hon John Jobling MLC (Lynn)
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC
 The Hon David Oldfield MLC
 The Hon Janelle Saffin MLC
 The Hon Michael Gallacher (*participating member*)

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Jobling would be representing Mr Lynn and Mr Dyer would be representing Ms Burnswoods.

3. Correspondence***Received***

The Chair tabled correspondence from Minister Iemma's office, relating to the conduct of the hearing to be held on Wednesday 26 June 2002.

The Chair tabled correspondence from Minister Scully's office, relating to the conduct of the hearing to be held at 7:00pm 24 June 2002.

4. 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 Dyer: That the allocation of time between Members be as follows: 20 minutes Opposition, 20 minutes each Cross-bench Member, with the remaining time distributed evenly or as required.

The Hon J R Face MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister Assisting the Premier on Hunter Development, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Gaming and Racing

Mr K M Brown, Director-General
 Mr D Loewenthal, Deputy Director-General, Director of Liquor and Gaming
 Mr M Foggo, Director, Revenue and Resource Management
 Ms J Hennessy, Director, Policy and Development

Casino Control Authority

Mr Brian Farrell, Chief Executive Officer

Hunter Development

Mr Ben Chard, Regional Coordinator, Premier's Department

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 areas of Gaming and Racing and Hunter Development open for examination.

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

The Minister agreed to take questions on notice, and the Chair requested that answers be lodged within 35 calendar days.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Gaming and Racing and Hunter Development concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6.00pm until Monday, 24 June 2002 at 7.00pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 28

Monday 24 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, at Parliament House at 7.00pm.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC
 The Hon Tony Kelly MLC (Macdonald)
 The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC
 The Hon David Oldfield MLC
 The Hon Janelle Saffin MLC

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Kelly would be representing Mr Macdonald.

3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

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

The Hon P C Scully MP, Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Transport NSW

Mr Michael Deegan, Director-General
 Mr Allan Cook, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services

State Rail Authority

Mr Howard Lacy, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Peter Scarlett, Chief Financial Officer

State Transit Authority

Mr John Stott, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Paul Dunn, General Manager, Finance

Rail Infrastructure Corporation

Mr John Cowling, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Frank Morrison, Chief Financial Officer

Waterways Authority

Mr Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Brian Stanwell, Manager, Finance

Roads and Traffic Authority

Mr Paul Forward, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Brett Skinner, Director, Finance

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 areas of Transport and Roads open for examination.

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

The Minister agreed to take questions on notice.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Transport and Roads concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9.10pm until Wednesday 26 June 2002 at 5.30pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 29

Wednesday 26 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, at Parliament House at 5.30pm.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Ron Dyer MLC (Burnswoods)
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC
 The Hon David Oldfield MLC
 The Hon Jim Samios MLC (Lynn)
 The Hon Ian West MLC (Saffin)

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Samios would be representing Mr Lynn, Mr Dyer would be representing Ms Burnswoods and Mr West would be representing Ms Saffin.

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 Samios: That the allocation of time between Members be as follows: 20 minutes Opposition, 20 minutes each Cross-bench Member, with the remaining time distributed evenly or as required.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods, that in the case of a Lower House Division, the Committee adjourn proceedings until the Minister returns.

The Hon M Iemma MP, Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Sport and Recreation

Mr Brendan O'Reilly, Director General
 Mr John Cuthbert, Manager, Financial Services

Department for Public Works and Services

Mr Dick Persson, Director General
 Ms Carolyn Burlew, Group General Manager, Asset and Environmental Services Group
 Mr Tony Collins, Group General Manager, Project Management Group
 Mr Stephen Mudge, Chief Finance Officer
 Mr Don Murphy, General Manager, Corporate and Business Services Group
 Mr Adrian Renouf, Director, Executive Services Division
 Ms Rosemarie Risgalla, Director Policy Division
 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 areas of Public Works and Services and Sport and Recreation open for examination.

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

The Minister agreed to take questions on notice.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Public Works and Services and Sport and Recreation concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Saffin, that the Budget Estimates report consist of a dot points summary of topics discussed at each hearing.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7:10pm *sine die*.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 30

Thursday 29 August 2002

Room 1108 at Parliament House at 10:05 am.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*) (from 10:15 am)
 Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC
 The Hon David Oldfield MLC
 The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC
 The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC (*Saffin*)

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Ms Fazio would be representing Ms Saffin.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Lynn, that minutes numbers 26, 27, 28 and 29 be confirmed.

4. Budget Estimates 2002-2003***Supplementary Hearings***

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Lynn moved a motion that the Minister for Transport be invited, and/or departmental officials be requested to appear at a supplementary hearing to address issues regarding the M5 and Cross City Tunnels.

Question put.

Ayes: Mr Lynn
 Ms Gardiner

Noes Ms Burnswoods
 Ms Fazio
 Mr Macdonald
 Mr Oldfield

Question resolved in the negative.

Mr Cohen entered the meeting after a previous engagement.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods, that the motion be rescinded and recommitted.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Oldfield, that the original motion be amended to limit the hearing to 45 minutes of questions from Opposition and cross bench members.

The question, as amended, put.

Ayes: Mr Lynn
 Ms Gardiner

Mr Cohen
Mr Oldfield

Noes: Ms Burnswoods
Ms Fazio
Mr Macdonald

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Extension of Reporting Date

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Cohen, that the Chair move a motion in the House seeking an extension of the reporting date for the GPSC4 inquiry into Budget Estimates until 24 October 2002.

Chair's Draft Report

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio, that the reference to the Director General of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs refer to "media reports of possible departure" rather than the reference to seeking preselection for a specific seat.

Further consideration of the report was deferred until the supplementary hearing was held.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am until 23 October 2002 at 7:15 pm (Budget Estimates).

Steven Reynolds
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 31

Wednesday 23 October 2002-10-23
Room 814/815 at Parliament House at 7.15 pm.

1. Members Present

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (*Chair*)
The Hon Ian Cohen MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC
The Hon Charles Lynn MLC
The Hon David Oldfield MLC

The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC (*participating member*)
The Hon Richard Jones MLC (*participating member*)
The Hon Alan Corbett MLC (*participating member*)
The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC (*participating member*)

2. Apologies

The Hon Janelle Saffin MLC
The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Cohen, that minutes numbered 30 be confirmed.

4. Inquiry into SEPP – Housing for Aged and Disabled Persons

The Chair tabled draft terms of reference for an inquiry into SEPP 5.

Ms Burnswoods sought the Clerk's advice on whether a GPSC Committee could propose terms of reference for an inquiry without notice to other Committee Members.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Cohen: that a meeting be held tomorrow in the antechamber at the rising of the House to consider the terms of reference.

5. Budget Estimates 2002-2003***Supplementary Hearing***

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

Ms Fazio raised a point of order that only accredited media be permitted to record the hearing.

The Chair ruled that the non-accredited media person could record the proceedings provided he followed the broadcasting guidelines.

The non-accredited media representative was reminded of the broadcasting guidelines.

The Hon Carl Scully MP, Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads was admitted and accompanied by the following adviser:

Roads and Traffic Authority

Mr Paul Forward, Chief Executive Officer.

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

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the M5 East tunnel and the Cross City Tunnel from the portfolio areas of Transport and Roads open for examination.

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

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Transport and Roads concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Questions on Notice

Mr Cohen moved that the Minister be given 21 days to return to the Committee answers taken on notice at the hearing, and that these answers then be circulated to Committee members and a deliberative subsequently held.

Question put.

Ayes: Ms Gardiner
Mr Lyn
Mr Cohen

Noes: Ms Burnswoods

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Adoption, Tabling and Publication of Chair's Draft Report

The Chair indicated that following the hearing she would add to her Chair's Draft Report the following statement:

The Minister took many questions on notice during the hearing. The Committee subsequently resolved to give the Minister 21 days to return answers to the Committee, after which the answers would be circulated to Committee members and a deliberative held to consider publishing the answers.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Cohen, that the report be adopted.

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

That 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.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm until the rising of the House on Thursday 24 October 2002.

Steven Reynolds

Clerk to the Committee