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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2013-2014 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 12 August 2013

GPSC 5	Local Government, The North Coast	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 10.30 am
GPSC 5	Fair Trading	12.15 pm – 1.15 pm
GPSC 2	Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW	10.45 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Sport and Recreation	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Women	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Small Business	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### Day Two: Tuesday 13 August 2013

GPSC 3	Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Roads and Ports	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Three: Wednesday 14 August 2013

GPSC 4	Attorney General, Justice	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Police and Emergency Services, The Hunter	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Four: Thursday 15 August 2013

GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Education	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance and Services, The Illawarra	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Five: Friday 16 August 2013

GPSC 5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, The Central Coast	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Planning and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm
GPSC 5	The Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Six: Monday 19 August 2013

GPSC 3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 3	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Transport	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**Day Seven: Friday 23 August 2013**

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

3. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 8 – 11 October 2013.
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 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 2014.
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.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 14 November 2012, see *LC Minutes* (14/11/2012) 1368, Item 16; amended by *LC Minutes* (21/05/2013), 1712-1714, Item 19.

## Committee membership

<b>The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC</b>	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Niall Blair MLC</b>	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC</b>	<b>The Greens</b>	
<b>The Hon Paul Green MLC</b>	<b>Christian Democratic Party</b>	
<b>Mr Scot MacDonald MLC</b>	<b>Liberal Party</b>	
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	<b>Australian Labor Party</b>	
<b>The Hon Mick Veitch MLC</b>	<b>Australian Labor Party</b>	

## 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 Luke Foley MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Peter Primrose MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Steve Whan MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present the report of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 on the 2013-2014 Budget Estimates. During the inquiry, the Committee held five public hearings, receiving over 11 hours of evidence to examine the portfolio areas of:

- Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts
- Roads and Ports
- Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
- The Legislature
- Transport.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the Ministers, their witnesses who gave evidence during the Inquiry and Committee staff.



Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC  
**Chair**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2013-2014 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 14 November 2012, the Legislative Council resolved to hold the initial hearings of the General Purpose Standing Committees inquiry into the Budget Estimates on ‘Monday 12, Friday 16, Monday 19, Friday 23 August, and during the sittings of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 August 2013’.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 On 21 May 2013, the Legislative Council further resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2013-2014 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.<sup>2</sup> The resolution requires each committee 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 2014.

## Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held five public hearings as follows:
- Tuesday 13 August 2013 – Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts
  - Tuesday 13 August 2013 – Roads and Ports
  - Monday, 19 August 2013 – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
  - Monday, 19 August 2013 – The Legislature
  - Monday, 19 August 2013 – Transport.
- 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/gpsc3](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3).

## 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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<sup>1</sup> *LC Minutes* (14/11/12) Item 16, p 1368.

<sup>2</sup> *LC Minutes* (21/05/2013) Item 19, pp 1712-1714.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and The Arts was held on Tuesday, 13 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the hearing:

- Flight capacity of Sydney Airport
- Improving the travel of passengers to and from Sydney Airport in peak periods
- Wine Equalisation Tax subsidy
- Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan
- Redevelopment of the Sydney Convention Centre precinct
- Levels of government funding for Arts grants
- Digital Interactive Media Fund
- Review of the Alcohol Promotion Guidelines
- Greyhound racing
- Proposed Casino at Barangaroo.

### Roads and Ports

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Roads and Ports was held on Tuesday, 13 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- Community Road Safety Fund
- Public Passenger Services Unit
- WestConnex
- Road maintenance and design restructure
- Heavy vehicle authorised inspection stations
- Highway upgrades
- Public transport/road usage and patronage rates
- Seat belts on regional school buses
- Outsourced mobile speed camera program
- Road numbering system
- M5 East tunnel

- Port Kembla and Port Botany freight and container movements
- Port Eden upgrade
- Ports safety and security functions
- White Bay Passenger terminal
- Regional port tourism opportunities.

## **Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolios of Trade and Investment, and Regional Infrastructure and Services held on Monday, 19 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- External investigations of departmental employees
- The selection process of auditors appointed to review the assessment of mining-affected communities
- Model of truck movements in local government areas
- Regional medical schools
- Coalpac mine expansion
- The assessment process of the Resources for the Region program
- Funding ratio on the Pacific Highway
- Construction of a second airport in New South Wales
- Regional Relocation Grants
- Sapphire SAP design
- 30-day requirement for payment to small businesses
- Blayney to Demondrille railway line
- Sale of Crown lands
- Public Reserves Management Fund
- Funding for the Country and Regional Living Export
- Coal seam gas mining affected communities
- Aboriginal land claims
- Access to Victorian health services for south-western NSW residents
- Payroll tax rebate for small businesses.

## The Legislature

- 2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Legislature was held on Monday, 19 August 2013. The following issues were raised:
- Criteria applied to requests for use of Chamber
  - The Clerk's proposal for a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards
  - Expansion of WiFi access to all areas of Parliament
  - Rollout of alterations to staff rest rooms and toilets for wheel chair access,
  - Restructure of Engineering Work Group
  - ITS support
  - Effect of AusAID review of funding on the Twinning Project.

## Transport

- 2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Transport was held on Monday, 19 August 2013. The following issues were raised:
- Cost of rebranding Sydney trains
  - North West rail link
  - Cycleways
  - Taxi transport subsidy scheme
  - Customer feedback
  - Light rail patronage
  - Very fast train
  - Cruise ship passenger complaints
  - Ferry wharf upgrades
  - Cancellation of services
  - Ferry upgrades
  - Assaults on trains
  - Contract security guards
  - Transit officers
  - XPT replacement
  - Newcastle rail line
  - Feasibility study on light rail for Newcastle
  - Redfern lift access

- Second harbour crossing
- Single deck trains
- Privatisation
- Wheelchair accessible stations
- Vandalism prosecutions
- Track work
- Quiet carriages
- Kings Cross strategy
- Patronage
- Double deck buses
- Over time for bus drivers
- Congestion and running times
- Public Transport Information and Priority System (PTIPS)
- Safety of bus drivers.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses

### 1. Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts – Tuesday 13 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. George Souris MP	Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Mr Mark Paterson	Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
Ms Kylie Hargreaves	Acting Deputy Director General, Industry, Innovation, Hospitality & The Arts
Ms Elizabeth Tydd	Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Ms Mary Darwell	Executive Director, Arts NSW

### 2. Roads and Ports – Tuesday, 13 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC	Minister for Roads and Ports
Mr Les Wielinga	Director General, Transport for NSW
Mr Tim Reardon	Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW
Mr Peter Duncan	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services Director, Customer and Compliance, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Peter Wells	Services
Mr Grant Gilfillan	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports

### 3. Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services – Monday 19 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP	Minister for the Illawarra
Mr Mark Paterson	Director General, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
Ms Kylie Hargreaves	Acting Deputy Director General, Industry Innovation Hospitality and the Arts, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
Ms Jeannine Biviano	Deputy Director General, Finance Strategy and Operations, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
Ms Renata Brooks	Deputy Director General, Catchment and Lands, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services
Mr Steve Toms	NSW Cross Border Commissioner, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services

**4. The Legislature – Monday 19 August 2013**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon. Don Harwin MLC	President of the Legislative Council of NSW
Mr David Blunt	Clerk of the Parliaments, Department of the Legislative Council
Mr Robert Stefanic	Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
Mr John Gregor	Director, Finance, Department of Parliamentary Services

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**5. Transport – Monday, 19 August 2013**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP	Minister for Transport
Mr Les Wielinga	Director General, Transport for NSW
Mr Fergus Gammie	Deputy Director General, Transport Services, Transport for NSW
Ms Carolyn McNally	Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW
Mr Tim Reardon	Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW
Mr Howard Collins	Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
Mr Rob Mason	Chief Executive, NSW Trains
Mr Peter Rowley	Chief Executive, State Transit Authority
Mr Rodd Staples	Project Director, North West Rail Link

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## Appendix 2 Tabled Documents

### Tuesday 13 August 2013

#### Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts

- 1 *Destination NSW, Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016*, tendered by the Hon George Souris MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing; Minister for The Arts.
- 2 *Regional events won or secured for NSW since 1 July 2012*, tendered by the Hon George Souris MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing; Minister for The Arts.
- 3 *What is the Government doing in response to its commitment to develop an arts and cultural policy for NSW?*, tendered by the Hon George Souris MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing; Minister for The Arts.

#### Roads and Ports

- 4 *Community Road Safety Fund details*, tendered by the Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Ports.

### Monday 19 August 2013

#### Trade and Investment

- 5 *NSW Government, Resources for regions 2013/2014 – Expressions of interest – Information and guidelines*, tendered by the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.
- 6 *NSW Government, Economic assessment of mining affected communities*, tendered by the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.
- 7 *Note in answer to question regarding medical schools in rural areas*, tendered by the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes No. 24

Wednesday 26 June 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 1.00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Ajaka

Dr Faruqi

Mr Green

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Ajaka: That draft Minutes No. 23 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### *Received*

- 20 June 2013 – Letter from Mr Mick Gentleman MLA, Chair of Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services, Legislative Assembly, ACT inviting Committee members to the Annual Conference of Parliamentary Public Works and Environment Committees in Canberra from 6 to 8 November 2013.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013/14

##### 4.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2013-2014, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each and any remaining time distributed equally thereafter.

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee authorise the publication of answers to questions on notice, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

##### 4.3 Order for examination of portfolios:

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That on Tuesday 13 August 2013, the Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts portfolios be examined as follows:

9:00am - 10:00am	Tourism
10:00am - 11:00am	Major Events
11:15am - 12:15pm	Hospitality and Racing
12:15pm - 1:00pm	The Arts

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That on Tuesday 13 August 2013, with no questions asked by the Government the Roads portfolio be examined from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and the Ports portfolio from 4.15pm to 4.55 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That on Monday 19 August 2013, with no questions asked by the Government the Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services portfolios be examined concurrently, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, with no morning tea break.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Ajaka: That on Monday 19 August 2013, the Transport portfolio be examined as follows:

2:00pm - 3:30pm	Transport
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Ferries
4:15pm - 5:30pm	Rail
5:30pm - 6:00pm	State Transit

#### 4.4 Witness requests

Members were asked to provide any witness requests to the Secretariat by 5:00pm, Friday 12 July 2013.

#### 5. Interim social media guidelines

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee adopt the interim guidelines on the use of social media and electronic devices during committee proceedings.

#### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.09 pm until Friday 9 August 2013, Macquarie Room, Inquiry into tourism in local communities hearing.

Stewart Smith  
Clerk to the Committee

### Minutes No. 26

Tuesday 13 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.53 am

#### 1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*  
Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Barham (9.03 am)  
Mr Green (9.02 am)  
Dr Kaye (9:47 am)  
Mr MacDonald  
Ms Voltz (9.02 am)  
Mr Whan

#### 2. Substitutions

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

- Ms Barham for Dr Faruqi (*Tourism, The Arts*)
- Dr Kaye for Dr Faruqi (*Major Events, Hospitality and Racing*)
- Mr Whan for Ms Sharpe (*Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts*)
- Ms Voltz for Mr Veitch (*Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts*)

### 3. Participating members

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

### 4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received*

- 17 July 2013 – Email from Ms Susanna Montrone, Minister Gay's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to accompany the Minister on 13 August 2013.
- 29 July 2013 – Email from Mr Jinesh Patel, Minister Souris' office to Chair requesting amendment to examination time for Arts and Hospitality and Racing portfolios.
- 30 July 2013 – Email from Mr Hugh Cavill, Minister Souris' office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to attend on 13 August 2013.
- 1 August 2013 - Email from Ms Susanna Montrone, Minister Gay's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the updated list of witnesses to accompany the Minister on 13 August 2013.
- 1 August 2013 – Email from Ms Chelsea Collignon, Minister Berejiklian's office to Chair that the Minister has requested to forego government questioning during the examination of the Transport portfolio on 19 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 - Email from Ms Chelsea Collignon, Minister Berejiklian's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to attend on 19 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 - Email from Minister Stoner's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to attend on 19 August 2013.
- 6 August 2013 – Email from Ms Kate Cadell, Office of the Clerk advising of witnesses to attend The Legislature hearing on 19 August 2013.
- 9 August 2013 - Email from Ms Susanna Montrone, Minister Gay's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the updated list of witnesses to accompany the Minister on 13 August 2013.
- 9 August 2013 – Email from Ms Chelsea Collignon, Minister Berejiklian's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising the Committee that Mr Chris Lock will not be attending the Transport hearing.

#### *Sent*

- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Souris' office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Gay's office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Stoner's office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Clerk Assistant, Committees to Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council informing of the time allocation for the Legislature portfolio and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Berejiklian's office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 16 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Stoner's office requesting witnesses to accompany the Minister on 19 August 2013.
- 7 August 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Berejiklian's office advising that Members of General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 have agreed to forego government questions during the Transport hearing on 19 August 2013.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

### 5.1 Webcasting of proceedings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That the Committee authorise the webcast of all the Committee's 2013-14 Budget Estimates hearing via the Parliament's website.

### 5.2 Allocation of questions

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That no questions will be asked by the Government.

### 5.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair:

- That the Tourism portfolio be examined from 9.00 am to 9.40 am
- That the Major Events portfolio be examined from 9.40 am to 10.20 am
- That the Arts portfolio be examined from 10.35 am to 11.05 am
- That the Hospitality and Racing portfolio be examined from 11.05 am to 11.45 am.

### 5.4 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Souris 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:

- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Ms Kylie Hargreaves, Acting Deputy Director General, Industry, Innovation, Hospitality & the Arts

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

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

Minister Souris tendered the following document:

- Destination NSW, Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016

The evidence concluded and Ms Hargreaves withdrew.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Mark Paterson, Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

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

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

Dr John Kaye joined the meeting.

Minister Souris tendered the following document:

- Regional events won or secured for NSW since 1 July 2012

The evidence concluded and Ms Chipchase withdrew.

Dr Kaye left the meeting.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Ms Mary Darwell, Executive Director, Arts NSW

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

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

Minister Souris tendered the following document:

- What is the Government doing in response to its commitment to develop an arts and cultural policy for NSW?

Dr Kaye joined the meeting.

The evidence concluded and Ms Darwell withdrew.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Ms Elizabeth Tydd, Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Hospitality and Racing open for examination.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11:47 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **5.5 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the Committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts hearing held on Tuesday 13 August 2013:

- Destination NSW, Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2013-2016, tendered by Minister Souris
- Regional events won or secured for NSW since 1 July 2012, tendered by Minister Souris.
- What is the Government doing in response to its commitment to develop an arts and cultural policy for NSW? tendered by Minister Souris.

### **5.6 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11:50 am, until 1.50 pm, Tuesday 13 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Roads and Ports*).

Natalie Udovicic

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 27**

Tuesday 13 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.51 pm

**1. Members present**

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

**2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014****2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Roads and Ports**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Gay 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 Les Wielinga, Director General, Transport for NSW
- Mr Tim Reardon, Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW
- Mr Peter Duncan, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Peter Wells, Director, Customer and Compliance.
- Mr Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Roads and Ports open for examination.

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

Minister Gay tendered the following document:

- Community Road Safety Fund details

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4:54 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**3. Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the Committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Roads and Ports hearing held on Tuesday 13 August 2013:

- Community Road Safety Fund details, tendered by Minister Gay.

**4. Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Roads and Ports on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4:56 pm, until 9.45 am, Monday 12 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*).

John Young  
Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes No. 28**

Monday 19 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.46 am

**1. Members present**

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buckingham (*Dr Faruqi – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)

Mr Green

Dr Kaye (*Dr Faruqi – The Legislature*)

Mr MacDonald

Mr Primrose (*Ms Sharpe – The Legislature*)

Mr Searle (*Mr Veitch – The Legislature*)

Ms Sharpe (*Participating - Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)

Mr Veitch (*Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)

Mr Whan (*Ms Sharpe - Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)

**2. Substitutions**

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

- Mr Buckingham for Dr Faruqi (*Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)
- Dr Kaye for Dr Faruqi (*The Legislature*)
- Mr Primrose for Ms Sharpe (*The Legislature*)
- Mr Searle for Mr Veitch (*The Legislature*)
- Mr Whan for Ms Sharpe (*Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services*)

**3. Participating members**

The Chair advised that Ms Sharpe would be attending the hearing as a participating member for the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014****4.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting 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, and noted that Mr Mark Paterson and Ms Kylie Hargreaves did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn a previous Budget Estimates hearing.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Jeannine Biviano, Deputy Director General, Finance Strategy and Operations, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
- Ms Renata Brooks, Deputy Director General, Catchment and Lands, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
- Mr Steve Toms, NSW Cross Border Commissioner, Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services open for examination.

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

Minister Stoner tendered the following documents:

- NSW Government, Resources for regions 2013/2014 – Expressions of interest – Information and guidelines
- NSW Government, Economic assessment of mining affected communities
- Note in answer to question regarding medical schools in rural areas.

Mr Buckingham left the meeting.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.05 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch and Mr Whan left the meeting.

#### **4.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – The Legislature**

Dr Kaye, Mr Primrose and Mr Searle joined the meeting.

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded President Harwin 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 David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Robert Stefanic, Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
- Mr John Gregor, Director, Finance, Department of Parliamentary Services.

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

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

The President and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.02 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### **4.3 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the Committee accept all the following documents tendered during the Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services hearing held on Monday 19 August 2013:

- NSW Government, Resources for regions 2013/2014 – Expressions of interest – Information and guidelines
- NSW Government, Economic assessment of mining affected communities
- Note in answer to question regarding medical schools in rural areas.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the Committee publish the document tendered during the Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services hearing held on Monday 19 August 2013, 'Note in answer to question regarding medical schools in rural areas'.

#### **4.4 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services and The Legislature on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

### **5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.03 pm, until 2.00 pm, Monday 19 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Transport*).

Merrin Thompson

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No. 29**

Monday 19 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.52 pm

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

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr Foley (*participating*)

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

#### **2. Participating members**

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

### 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

#### 3.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Transport

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Berejiklian that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The Chair also reminded Mr Les Wielinga, Director General, Transport for NSW, and Mr Tim Reardon, Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW, that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Fergus Gammie, Deputy Director General, Transport Services, Transport for NSW
- Ms Carolyn McNally, Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW
- Mr Howard Collins, Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
- Mr Rob Mason, Chief Executive, NSW Trains
- Mr Peter Rowley, Chief Executive, State Transit Authority
- Mr Rodd Staples, Project Director, North West Rail Link.

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

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

Mr Foley left the hearing.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for Ferries open for examination.

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

The Committee adjourned at 3.27 pm.

The Committee resumed the hearing at 3.35 pm.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for Rail open for examination.

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

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for State Transit open for examination.

Committee acknowledged the contribution of Mr Les Wielinga, Director General, Transport for NSW to the portfolio of Transport.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.52 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### 3.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Transport.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.52 pm *sine die*.

Susan Want

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 30**

Monday 26 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Waratah Room, Parliament House 8.56am

**1. Members present**

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair* (9.04)

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Green

Ms Voltz (9am)

Mr Whan (9am)

**2. Apologies**

Mr MacDonald

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That draft Minutes Nos. 26, 27 and 28 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence.

***Received***

- 21 August 2013 – From the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council to Chair, requesting an amendment to the hearing transcript from The Legislature Budget Estimates hearing on 19 August 2013.

**5. \*\*\***

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.19 pm until Friday 13 September 2013 (public hearing).

Natalie Udovicic

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 32**

Tuesday 17 September 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.15 pm

**1. Members present**

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

**2. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 12 September 2013 - Email from Minister Stoner's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 12 September 2013 - Email from Minister Berejiklian's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 12 September 2013 - Email from President Harwin's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions from the hearing.
- 16 September 2013 – Letter from President Harwin to Chair, GPSC 3, providing an update on the Level 9 Corporate Accommodation project.

**3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014****3.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Macdonald: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, the Arts.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Macdonald: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of the Legislature.

Mr Blair moved: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Roads and Ports.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Blair, Mr Green, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Noes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Blair moved: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Transport

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Blair, Mr Green, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Noes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Blair moved: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Blair, Mr Green, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Noes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Question resolved in the affirmative.

#### 4. **Next meeting**

Wednesday 9 October 2013, Ballina (public hearing – Inquiry into tourism and local communities).

Stewart Smith

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Draft Minutes No. 36**

Thursday 17 October 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Room 1153, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.35 pm

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

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr Green

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

#### 2. **Substitutions**

The Chair advised that Dr Phelps is substituting for Mr MacDonald.

#### 3. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

##### 3.1 **Chair's Draft Report**

The Chair tabled her draft report entitled Budget Estimates 2013-2014 which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Chapter 1 read.

Ms Sharpe moved: That after paragraph 1.4, the following paragraphs be inserted:

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- Transport
- Roads and Ports

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The answers given by Ministers in 2013 made a mockery of the budget estimates process.’

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Noes: Mr Blair, Mr Green, Mrs Maclaren-Jones

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the draft report be the report of the Committee and that the Committee present the report to the House;

That the transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry be tabled in the House with the report; and

That upon tabling, all transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry not already made public, be made public by the Committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the Committee.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That dissenting reports be provided to the Committee Secretariat within 24 hours of receipt of the Minutes.

#### 4. Next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 1.41 pm, until Friday 8 November 2013, Tourism in local communities - Jindabyne site visit.

Stewart Smith  
Clerk to the Committee

## Appendix 4 Dissenting statement

### By Hon Penny Sharpe MLC and Hon Mick Veitch MLC

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