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Terms of Reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2003 - 2004 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. That a daily Hansard record of the hearings of a Committee on the Budget Estimates 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 the 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 4 December 2003.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the resolution of the House, 3 July 2003 (minutes of Proceedings No 17 page 235), amended 29 October 2003 (Minutes of Proceedings No. 28, Item 5).

Committee Membership

Revd Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
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Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	Australian Labor Party	
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Hon Robyn Parker MLC	Liberal Party	
Hon Christine Robertson MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Henry Tsang MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Other Members who attended the hearings

Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Duncan Gay MLC	The Nationals
Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	The Nationals
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
Hon John Ryan MLC	Liberal Party
Hon Ian West MLC	Australian Labor Party

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Chair's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2003-2004 for the portfolio areas of:

Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth

Health

Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Women

Gaming and Racing

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

Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC
Chair

Introduction

Referral of the 2003-2004 Budget Estimates

On 3 July 2003 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 20 November 2003.²

Examination of the Budget Estimates

General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 examined the Budget Estimates and related documents for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:

1 September 2003	Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth
2 September 2003	Health
3 September 2003	Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Women
4 September 2003	Gaming and Racing
24 November 2003	Community Services, Ageing Disability Services and Youth supplementary hearing
25 November 2003	Health – supplementary hearing
1 December 2003	Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Women – supplementary hearing
1 December 2003	Health – 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. 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 all the portfolio areas by following the usual procedure of placing questions on the notice paper with the Clerks at the Table on days that the House sits.

Answers were received to all questions submitted. However on reviewing these at a deliberative meeting on 29 October 2003 the Committee expressed concern about the quality of the answers provided. Questions requiring specific figures or details were answered with statements such as that the details could be found in the previous years annual report; or that expenditure was "appropriate" or "within guidelines".

¹ Minutes of Proceedings 3 July 2003 No 17 p235 ("Budget Estimates Resolution"), amended 29 October 2003, Minutes No. 28, Item No. 5.

² Budget Estimates Resolution, para 13.

In response to the inadequacy of these answers, and because of the need for further time for questioning and other issues which became apparent, particularly in the Health portfolio, the Committee resolved to hold a number of additional supplementary hearings.

In relation to questions taken on notice during the supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Tourism, Sport & recreation and Women, answers were received during the Committee's final deliberative meeting on the day of tabling. The Committee expressed its extreme dissatisfaction with the lateness of the response from the Minister.

Copies of the questions and answers can be found at the Committee's Web page at the above address or by contacting the secretariat on the above number. Appendix 2 contains details of response times for questions placed on notice by the Committee as part of the 2003-2004 Budget Estimates and related documents inquiry.

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

Chapter 1 **Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care and Youth**

- 3.1** The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care and Youth appeared before the Committee, together with Dr Neil Shepherd, Director General, Mr Alan Ramsay, Executive Director, Finance, Ms Donna Rygate, Executive Director, Office of the Director General, Ms Meg Zvirbulis, Manager, Parliamentary and Cabinet Support, all of the Department of Community Services (DoCS); Ms Gillian Calvert, Commissioner for Children and Young People; Ms Jenny McDonald, Director, Office of Children and Young People, Ms Linda Mallett, Children's Guardian and Ms Margaret Allison, Director General, Ms Marcia Dwonczyk, Deputy Director General, Community Participation, Ms Carolyn Burlew, Deputy Director General, Resource Management, Mr Stephen Mudge, Chief Financial Officer, all from the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) at a public hearing held on 1 September 2003.
- 3.2** A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

General portfolio issues

- Proclamation of outstanding sections of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
- Media monitoring for each of the portfolio agencies

Community Services

- Response times for Level 1 cases
- Alleged employment of two under aged girls at a Port Kembla brothel
- Joint Investigative Response Team (JIRT)
- Percentage of the Community Services budget delivered by the non government sector
- Auditing departmental expenditure, including the recent \$1.2 billion budget enhancement
- The new client information system and Helpline
- Records management systems
- Data flow between government and non government agencies
- The Better Service Delivery Project
- Payments to foster parents
- Preschool funding in NSW
- The proposed employment of five economists by the Department

- The number of new caseworkers employed by DoCS
- Availability of frontline caseworkers in Walgett and other community service centres in Western New South Wales

Ageing and Disability Services

- Commonwealth, State and Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA)
- Placement of younger people with a disability in residential aged care facilities
- Service Access System
- The Group Homes Consolidation Program
- Closure of licensed boarding houses and alternative accommodation arrangements for displaced residents
- The Ageing Program
- Community transport services
- The Attendant Care Program
- The Home Care Service higher needs pool
- Program of Appliances for Disabled people (PADP)
- Unmet demand for respite care services among people with a disability
- Blocked respite beds

Supplementary hearing

3.3 M Dr N Shepherd, Director General, Mr A Ramsey, Executive Director, Corporate Services, Ms D Rygate Executive Director, Office of the Director General, Ms M Zvirbulis, Manager, Parliamentary & Cabinet Support all of the Department of Community Services and Ms M Allison, Director General, Ms M Dwonczyk Deputy Director General, Community Participation, Ms C Burlew, Deputy Director General, Resource Management and Mr S Mudge, Chief Financial Officer, all from the Dept of Ageing, Disability Services & Home Care appeared before the Committee at a supplementary hearing on Monday 24 November 2003.

3.4 A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Community Services

- Early childhood teacher numbers
- Shortage of university qualified early childhood teachers
- Implementation of the new Client Information System

- DoCS Helpline – backlog of faxes; abandonment rate of calls; staffing levels
- Joint Investigative Response Teams
- Schools as community centres program
- Families First program
- Parenting programs for fathers
- Programs for Arabic speaking women in South Western Sydney
- Funding of Breakfast Clubs
- Turnover of caseworkers leaving DoCS
- Protection of whistleblowers in DoCS
- Services to drought affected families

Ageing and Disability Services

- Departmental budget increase 2002-2003 to 2003-2004
- Regionalisation of the Department
- Service Access System (SAS)
- Initiatives arising from the Spinal Cord Injury forum
- Nursing home residents under 50 years of age
- The Attendant Care Program
- Commonwealth, State and Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA)
- Funding of non-profit organisations
- Home care services - for Aboriginal people; demand increases; intake and assessment process for applicants
- Devolution and relocation of people out of institutions
- Payments outstanding from the Department to non government organisations for specific services and programs
- Separation of DoCS and DADAC
- ATLAS program
- Comparative cost of providing services in NSW and other states
- Multicultural/ATSIC services

Chapter 2 Health

- 3.5** The Hon Morris Iemma MP, Minister for Health appeared before the Committee, together with Ms Robyn Kruk, Director-General, Department of Health, Mr Ken Barker, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health, Mr Robert McGregor, Deputy Director-General, Operations, Department of Health at a public hearing held on 2 September 2003.
- 3.6** A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

NSW Health

- Statewide Infants Hearing Program
- Mental health services including community based mental health services
- Select Committee Inquiry into Mental Health
- The Sentinel committee
- Suicide rates
- 'Code red' incidents at Nepean Hospital
- The Auditor General's Report regarding the EDNA system
- Hospital waiting lists and waiting times
- Tobacco control
- 'Share the Air' anti smoking campaign
- Intensive Care State Plan
- Eating disorder programs
- Child Obesity Summit
- NSW Health capital works program
- Review of Grafton Base hospital
- Corrections Health
- Hospital in the Home program at Coffs Harbour Hospital
- Medical Emergency Teams
- Nurse practitioners
- The availability of rehabilitation and extended care services for people discharged from public hospital acute care beds
- Benchmarks for emergency department patients
- Hunter trial of after hours GP medical services in or near Emergency Departments

- M5 East Tunnel
- Disability Action Plan 2002-2003
- Victims of crime support groups
- Administrative staff in Area Health Services
- Electronic security system at Royal North Shore Hospital
- Consumer and community participation in health
- The Health Participation Council and rural health councils
- Expenditure on media monitoring, public relations, advertising and legal expenses

Supplementary hearings

- 3.7** Ms R Kruk, Director-General, Mr R McGregor, Deputy Director-General, Health System Support, Dr G Stewart, Deputy Director-General, Population Health, Mr K Barker, Chief Financial Officer, all of NSW Health, and Ms A Adrian, Commissioner, Health Care Complaints Commission, Associate Professor D Piccone, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Mr G Bush, Chairman, South Western Sydney Area Health Service, Dr D Horvath, Chief Executive Officer, and Ms J Neville, Area Director Human Resources, Central Sydney Area Health Service appeared before the Committee at a supplementary hearing on Monday 24 November 2003.
- 3.8** A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.
- M5 East Tunnel
 - "Quit for Life" anti-smoking campaigns
 - Quality of care, management and staff issues relating to Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals
 - Health Care Complaints Commission inquiry into issues relating to Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals
 - Appointment of Ms Collins to Central Sydney Area Health Service
- 3.9** Ms R Kruk, Director-General, Mr R McGregor, Deputy Director-General, Health System Support, Mr Michael Wallace, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and Ms J Collins, Director, Clinical Information, Central Sydney Area Health Service appeared before the Committee at a further supplementary hearing on Monday 1 December 2003.

3.10 A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

- Appointment of Ms Collins to Central Sydney Area Health Service
- Participation of Mr Collins in the Barraclough Review
- Australian Council of Health Care standards rating of Campbelltown and Camden hospitals
- Incident report systems at Campbelltown Hospital
- Status of former Campbelltown Hospital nurses

Chapter 4 Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Women

4.1 The Hon Sandra Nori MP, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Women, appeared before the Committee together with Ms P Murphy, Acting Executive Director and Mr C Priday, Corporate Affairs Manager, Tourism New South Wales; Mr D Clout, Director, Properties and Grants, Ms L Dean, Acting Director-General, Mr J Cuthbert, Manager, Financial Services, Department of Sport and Recreation; Mr B Newman, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park; and Ms R Henderson, Director-General, Department for Women at a public hearing held on 3 September 2003.

4.2 A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

- Amalgamation of Tourism, Sport and Recreation into one new department
- Situation of the previous Director-General of Tourism
- Treasury funding for January and July 2003 pay rises
- Budget allocation for Ministerial office and support in 2002-03 and 2003-04
- Engagement of contractors and consultants by the Minister or Chief of Staff in 2002-2003
- Old Sydney Town closure
- Marketing of tourist attractions, historic sites and iconic sites
- Marketing of Luna Park
- Major Events Board
- Closure of the Opera House Markets
- Regional Tourism Centres and initiatives
- Aboriginal Tourism Services development
- Tourist Information Offices
- Financial assistance to the Australian Rugby Union for the Rugby World Cup
- Olympic Park Authority budget allocation for 2003-04
- Indigenous AFL games at Telstra Stadium 2002-03
- Annual tourism events list
- Alcohol Summit
- Sponsorship of sport by the alcohol industry and the potential impact of the withdrawal of alcohol industry sponsorship on sport
- Development of the role of sport in remote, low socio-economic areas
- Sporting programs in Indigenous and remote communities

- Status of the E S Marks Athletic Field
- Possible establishment of exercise areas in parks as an aspect of community fitness programs
- The Women's Grants Program and other departmental projects relating to women and violence
- Closure of three Auburn domestic violence groups
- Ethnic representation within Advisory Committee to the Minister for Women
- New South Wales policy on commencement age for boxing
- Relationship between alcohol and public/domestic violence
- Relationship between alcohol and gambling

Supplementary hearing

- 4.3** Mr B Healey, Director General, and Ms L Dean, Executive Director, both of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Ms E Coombs, Acting Director General, Ms P Hall, Deputy Director General and Ms S Gorst, Director, Communications, Information and Planning, all of the Department of Women, appeared before the Committee at a supplementary hearing on Monday 1 December.
- 4.4** A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Tourism

- Tourism NSW website
- Business tourism
- Framework for management of historic tourist sites
- Tourism master plan
- Tourism numbers – international visitors to NSW
- Projected Federal tourism funding and Federal Tourism White paper
- Tourism NSW submission to the Parry inquiry
- Impact of possible Countrylink service reductions on tourism in NSW
- Use of cars by domestic travellers
- Regional air travel in NSW
- Use of consultants/contractors
- Use of media monitoring consultants and media and communications advisors

Sport and recreation

- Sport in schools
- Sport during out of school hours care
- “Be Active After School” pilot program
- NSW Surf lifesaving
- Public liability insurance for sporting groups
- Its Your Business sporting program
- Participation in campaigns against drowning
- Beach to the Bush program
- Swimsafe program
- Water safety Taskforce
- Indigenous sport
- Country Athletes Scheme and Far West Travel Scheme

Women

- Women in prison
- Women on Wheels program
- Partnerships against homelessness
- Under representation of women on public and private boards
- Casualisation of the workforce
- Childcare
- Use of media monitoring consultants and media and communications advisors
- Women’s grants programs
- Programs for women in rural and regional communities
- Criteria for Women’s Grants Program
- Key performance indicators
- Girl Savvy program – providing financial independence of young women

Chapter 5 Gaming and Racing

5.1 The Hon Grant McBride MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing appeared before the Committee, together with Mr KM Brown, Director-General, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr M Foggo, Director, Revenue and Resource Management, Department of Gaming and Racing, Ms J Henessy, Director, Policy and Development, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr P Baldwin, Assistant Director, Office of Racing, Department of Gaming and Racing, and Mr R Harrex, Chief Executive Officer, Casino Control Authority, at a public hearing on Thursday 4 September 2003.

5.2 A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

Department of Gaming and Racing

- Reductions in departmental staff numbers
- Former Minister Richard Face
- Funding for the ministerial office
- Cost of Windows based software products and possible alternatives to Windows
- Legal expenses in 2002-03

Gaming

- Clubs and the new tax arrangements for gaming machines
- Size of clubs and revenue generated
- Regulation of clubs, including codes of conduct
- Initiatives to promote liquor harm minimisation
- Sale of land at the Australian Jockey Club, Randwick
- Projects funded by the Casino Community Benefit Fund
- Initiatives to promote gambling harm minimisation
- Cost of gambling-related statistics provided by the department
- Decreased opportunities for live popular music in pubs and clubs
- Complaints concerning delay in payment of poker machine jackpots
- Amalgamation of clubs as part of the reform process
- Impact of smoke-free gaming areas on revenue for pubs and clubs
- Review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) into harm minimisation

- Software programs for cross-border betting
- Initiatives to combat smoking in licensed venues
- Air conditioning systems and recycling of smoke between smoking and non-smoking areas

Racing

- Plans to rationalise harness racing in country NSW
- Lack of prize money for race meetings in country NSW
- Restrictions on harness racing at country shows
- Exodus of NSW country racehorse trainers to the Victorian racing industry
- Establishment of the NSW Trainers Network
- Reduction of Saturday race meetings in the Western Division of NSW
- Revenue generated through country race meetings
- Future viability of the NSW country harness racing industry

Supplementary Hearing

- 5.3** Mr KM Brown, Director-General, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr M Foggo, Director, Revenue and Resource Management, Department of Gaming and Racing, Ms J Hennessy, Director, Policy and Development, Department of Gaming and Racing, Mr B Farrell, Chief Executive Officer, Casino Control Authority, appeared before the Committee at a supplementary public hearing on Tuesday 26 November 2003.
- 5.4** A brief summary of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing, available on the Committee's web page accessible via the parliament's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

Department of Gaming and Racing

- Former Minister Richard Face
- Client Access Centre
- Ministerial office pay increases and related issues
- Cost of Windows based software products and possible alternatives to Windows

Gaming

- Clubs and the new tax arrangements for gaming machines
- Regulation of clubs, including codes of conduct
- Initiatives to promote gambling harm minimisation
- Cost of gambling-related statistics provided by the Department
- Investigation by department into complaints related to the Phyro company
- Commonwealth State Ministerial Council on Gambling
- Central monitoring system for collecting data on gamblers

Appendix 1

Establishment, powers and portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment, powers and portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

1. Establishment of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Five General Purpose Standing Committees were first constituted in 1997.³ The Committees were reappointed on 3 July 2003, 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 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

2. Powers of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The General Purpose Standing Committees have the 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 House⁶

The committees also have the power to:

- publish, before presentation to the House, submissions received and evidence taken in public⁷ and
- report from time to time their proceedings, evidence taken in public and recommendations.⁸

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

⁴ Minutes of Proceedings, No 17, 3 July 2003, pp. 222-235 (hereafter referred to as GPSC Resolution).

⁵ GPSC Resolution, para 3(1).

⁶ GPSC Resolution, para 4(a)-(d).

⁷ GPSC Resolution, para 16(1).

⁸ GPSC Resolution, para 18.

3. Portfolios

The five General Purpose Standing Committees have responsibility for Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities,⁹ which are as follows:

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premier
Arts
Citizenship
Education and Training
Aboriginal Affairs
Treasury
State Development
Special Minister of State
Commerce
Industrial Relations
Central Coast
The Legislature

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Health
Community Services
Ageing
Disability Services
Youth
Tourism
Sport and Recreation
Women
Gaming and Racing

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Police
Attorney General
Juvenile Justice
Western Sydney
Fair Trading
Justice

⁹ GPSC Resolution, para 1.

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Infrastructure and Planning
Natural Resources
Roads
Housing
Transport Services
Hunter
Energy and Utilities
Science and Medical Research

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Environment
Rural Affairs
Local Government
Emergency Services
Regional Development
Illawarra
Small Business
Agriculture and Fisheries
Mineral Resources

Appendix 2

Response time for questions on notice

Response times for questions on notice

The Committee resolved on Monday 25 August 2003 that Ministers be requested to lodge answers to questions on notice taken during the hearings within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee secretariat. 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 Carmel Tebbutt MLC	1 Sept 2003	35 days	4 Sept 2003	8 Oct 2003	9 Oct 2003
Hon Morris Iemma MP	2 Sept 2003	35 days	10 Sep 2003	15 Oct 2003	16 Oct 2003
Hon Sandra Nori MP	3 Sept 2003	35 days	11 Sep 2003	16 Oct 2003	15 Oct 2003
Hon Grant McBride MP	4 Sept 2003	35 days	10 Sep 2003	15 Oct 2003	14 Oct 2003

The Committee held five supplementary hearings during which some questions were taken on notice. Due to the shortened time frame the Committee was not able to give the normal 35 days for return of answers. The return date for answers are set out in the table below.

Department/Agency	Hearing date	Agreed time period	Return date for answers	Date answers received
Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services	24 Nov 2003	7 days	1 Dec 2003	1 Dec 2003
Health	25 Nov 2003	7 days	1 Dec 2003	1 Dec 2003
Gaming and Racing	25 Nov 2003	7 days	1 Dec 2003	1 Dec 2003
Tourism, Sport & Recreation, Women	1 Dec 2003	1 day	2 Dec 2003	4 Dec 2003
Health	1 Dec 2003	2 days	1 Dec 2003	1 Dec 2003

Appendix 3

Minutes of proceedings

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Minutes No 2

Monday, 1 September 2003

At Parliament House at 7.50pm, Legislative Council Chamber

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (*Chair*)

Mr Tony Catanzariti

Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Robyn Parker

Ms Christine Robertson

Mr John Ryan (Forsythe)

Mr Henry Tsang

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Ryan would be representing Mrs Forsythe.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- A letter from the Government Whip advising the Committee of Government substitutions for Estimates hearings.
- A letter from the Opposition Whip advising the Committee of Opposition substitutions for Estimates hearings.
- An email request from the Minister that the Committee consider questions covering the DoCS portfolio (including questions relating to the Children's Guardian, Office of Children and Young People and the Commission for Children and Young People) in the first half of the hearing and the DADHC portfolio in the second half.
- A letter from the Hon John Ryan MLC requesting the attendance of the Head of Finance, Department of Community Services, at the Budget Estimates Hearing examining the portfolio areas of Community Services, scheduled for Monday 1 September 2003.
- A letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC requesting the attendance of the Head of Finance, Department of Health, at the Budget Estimates Hearing examining the portfolio areas of Health, scheduled for Tuesday 2 September 2003.
- A letter from the Hon Duncan Gay MLC requesting the attendance of the Head of Finance, Department of Gaming and Racing, at the Budget Estimates Hearing examining the portfolio areas of Gaming and Racing, scheduled for Thursday 4 September 2003.
- An email from the Minister's Office advising the Committee of the names and titles of departmental witnesses.

4. **Budget Estimates 2003-2004**

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

Written Questions on Notice

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that in relation to the examination of the Budget Estimates for 2004-2005 and thereafter, that this Committee considers referring questions to the relevant Ministers and Departments, prior to the commencement of formal hearings.

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability, and Minister for Youth, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Community Services (DoCS)

Dr Neil Shepherd, Director General

Mr Alan Ramsay, Executive Director, Finance

Ms Donna Rygate, Executive Director, Office of the Director General

Ms Meg Zvirbulis, Manager, Parliamentary and Cabinet Support

Office of Children and Young People

Ms Gillian Calvert, Commissioner for Children and Young People

Ms Jenny McDonald, Director, Office of Children and Young People

Office of the Children's Guardian

Ms Linda Mallett, Children's Guardian

Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC)

Ms Margaret Allison, Director General

Ms Marcia Dwonczyk, Deputy Director General, Community Participation

Ms Carolyn Burlew, Deputy Director General, Resource Management

Mr Stephen Mudge, Chief Financial Officer.

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 Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Youth open for examination.

The Minister made a brief opening statement about the Department of Community Services.

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

The Minister made a brief opening statement about the Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Youth.

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

Examination of the expenditure for the portfolio areas of Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services, and Youth concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.03pm until 5.30pm on Tuesday, 2 September 2003.

Beverly Duffy

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 3

Tuesday, 2 September 2003

At Parliament House at 5.25pm, Room 814/815

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (*Chair*)
Mrs Patricia Forsythe (*Deputy Chair*)
Mr Tony Catanzariti
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Robyn Parker
Ms Christine Robertson
Mr Henry Tsang

2. Budget Estimates 2003-2004

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

The Hon Morris Iemma MP, Minister for Health was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

NSW Health

Ms Robyn Kruk, Director-General
Mr Ken Barker, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Robert McGregor, Deputy 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 areas of Health open for examination.

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

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

3. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.32pm until 5.30pm on Wednesday, 3 September 2003.

Beverly Duffy
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 4

Wednesday, 3 September 2003

At Parliament House at 5.30pm, Room 814/815

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (*Chair*)

Mr Tony Catanzariti

Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans

Ms Catherine Cusack (Parker)

Mr Charlie Lynn (Forsythe)

Ms Christine Robertson

Mr Henry Tsang

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Ms Cusack would be representing Ms Parker and Mr Lynn would be representing Mrs Forsythe.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from the Government Whip advising the Committee of revised substitution arrangements for the remaining budget estimates hearings.

4. Budget Estimates 2003-2004

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

The Hon Sandra Nori MP, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Women was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Tourism Sport and Recreation

Ms Lisbet Dean, Acting Director-General

Ms Pauline Murphy, Acting Executive Director, Tourism

Mr Chris Priday, Ministerial Services, Tourism

Sport and Recreation

Mr Darryl Clout, Director, Properties and Grants, Sport

Mr John Cuthbert, Financial Controller, Sport

Sydney Olympic Park

Brian Newman, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park

Women

Ms Robyn Henderson, Director-General, Department for Women

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 Tourism and Sport and Recreation, and Women open for examination.

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

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Tourism and Sport and Recreation, and Women concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

5. Deliberative

The Chair advised the committee that the Treasurer, the Hon Michael Egan MLC, tabled Budget Estimates paper 3.3 on Tuesday 2 September 2003 and referred this to General Purpose Standing Committees for their inquiry and report as part of the 2003-2004 Budget Estimates inquiry.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm until 8.00 pm on Thursday, 4 September 2003.

Beverly Duffy
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 5

Thursday, 4 September 2003

At Parliament House at 8.00pm, Room 814/815

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (*Chair*)

Mr Tony Catanzariti

Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans

Mr Duncan Gay (Parker)

Ms Amanda Fazio (Tsang)

Mr Charlie Lynn (Forsythe)

Ms Christine Robertson

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Gay would be representing Ms Parker, Ms Fazio would be representing Mr Tsang, and Mr Lynn would be representing Mrs Forsythe.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Sent

- Correspondence dated 3 September 2003 has been sent on behalf of the Committee by the Director of General Purpose Standing Committees to the Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth, enclosing questions taken on notice at the hearing held on 1 September 2003.

4. Budget Estimates 2003-2004

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

The Hon Grant McBride MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Gaming and Racing

Mr K M Brown, Director-General

Mr M Foggo, Director Revenue and Resource Management

Ms J Henessy, Director Policy and Development

Mr P Baldwin, Assistant Director Office of Racing

Casino Control Authority

Mr R Harrex, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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 open for examination.

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

The Revd Dr Moyes declared an interest in the matter under discussion. The Revd Dr Moyes was the former Chair of the grants selection committee for the Casino Community Benefit Fund. The Committee resolved that it was not a conflict of interest with the activities of the Committee.

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

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10pm *sine die*.

Beverley Duffy

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 6

Wednesday 29 October 2003

At Parliament House at 1.15pm, Room 1108

1. Members present

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (*Chair*)
Mrs Patricia Forsythe (*Deputy Chair*)
Mr Tony Catanzariti
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Robyn Parker
Mr Peter Primrose (Tsang)
Ms Christine Robertson

2. Participating member

Ms Catherine Cusack

3. Substitute arrangements

The Chair note advice from the Government Whip that Mr Primrose would be substituting for Mr Tsang for the purposes of this deliberative meeting.

4. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Catanzariti, that Minutes Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be confirmed.

5. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from the Auditor-General, Mr RJ Sendt received 16 October 2003 (attached)
- Answers to questions on notice from the Minister for Health, received 16 October 2003
- Answers to questions on notice from the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation & Women, received 15 October 2003
- Answers to questions on notice from the Minister for Gaming and Racing, received 14 October 2003
- Answers from the Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services & Youth, received 9 October 2003

Sent

- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 10 September 2003 re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing
- Letter to the Minister for Gaming and Racing dated 10 September 2003 re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing
- Letter to the Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth dated 9 September 2003 re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing
- Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation & Women dated 11 September 2003 re questions taken on notice during budget estimates hearing

6. Budget Estimates 2003-2004

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Forsythe, that the Directors General and any other appropriate officers of the Departments of Gaming & Racing, Community Services, Ageing Disability Services & Youth, Tourism & Sport and Recreation, Women and Health appear at supplementary budget estimates hearings. These hearings should consist of three hearings each of three hours, and two directors general be invited per three hour period.

Ms Cusack then left the meeting.

7. Proposed self referral of inquiry into South Western Sydney Area Health Services

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.15pm *sine die*

Rachel Simpson
Senior Project Officer

Minutes No 7

Monday, 24 November 2003
At Parliament House at 9.00am

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Moyes (Chair)
Mrs Forsythe (until 9.30am, then during deliberative)
Dr Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Fazio (Robertson)
Ms Clarke (Parker)
Mr Primrose (Catanzariti)
Mr Ryan (Forsythe after 9.30am, until the deliberative)

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Primrose would be representing Mr Catanzariti, Ms Fazio would be representing Ms Robertson, Mr Clarke would be representing Ms Parker, and Mr Ryan would be representing Mrs Forsythe after 9.30am, until the deliberative.

3. Budget Estimates 2003-2004 – Supplementary Hearings

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

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 Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth open for examination.

At the request of the Minister the portfolio area of Department of Community Services was heard first.

The following departmental officers were admitted:

Department of Community Services

Dr N Shepherd, Director General
Mr A Ramsey, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Ms D Rygate, Executive Director, Office of the Director General
Ms M Zvirbulis, Manager, Parliamentary and Cabinet Support

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Community Services concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The following departmental officers were admitted:

Department of Ageing, Disability Services and Home Care

Ms M Allison, Director General

Ms M Dwonczyk, Deputy Director General

Ms C Burlew, Deputy Director General, Community Participation

Mr S Mudge, Chief Financial officer

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Community Services concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

4. Deliberative after the hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Chesterfield-Evans that the minutes of meeting no. 6 be confirmed.

Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC dated 21 November 2003 to the Committee Chair requesting the attendance of five additional witnesses for the supplementary estimates hearing for the Health portfolio hearing to be held on 26 November 2003.
- Letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC dated 20 November 2003 to the Director of GPSC 2 enclosing indicative questions for the Gaming and Racing portfolio hearing on 26 November 2003.
- Letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC dated 21 November 2003 enclosing indicative questions for the Health portfolio hearing on 26 November 2003.
- Letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC dated 24 November 2003 enclosing indicative question for the Women portfolio hearing on 1 December 2003.
- Letter from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC dated 24 November 2003 enclosing indicative question for the tourism, Sport and Recreation portfolio hearing on 1 December 2003.

Sent

- Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation, and Women dated 13 November 2003 regarding additional information from an answer to a question on notice.
- Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation and Women dated 10 November 2003 regarding supplementary budget estimates hearings.
- Letter to the Minister for Gaming and Racing dated 10 November 2003 regarding supplementary budget estimates hearings.
- Letter to the Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth dated 10 November 2003 regarding supplementary budget estimates hearings.
- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 10 November 2003 regarding supplementary budget estimates hearings.
- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 20 November 2003 forwarding indicative questions from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC.
- Letter to the Minister for Gaming and Racing dated 21 November forwarding indicative questions from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC.
- Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation, and Women dated 24 November forwarding indicative questions from the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC.
- Letter to the Minister for Health requesting the attendance of five additional witnesses for the supplementary estimates hearing for the Health portfolio hearing to be held on 26 November 2003.

Questions taken on Notice during the hearing

The Chair indicated that the officers would be requested to return answers to questions on notice taken during budget estimates with 7 days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Request for witnesses for Hearing on 26 November 2003.

Mrs Forysthe moved a motion, that the Committee request the following witnesses attend the hearing to be held on 26 November 2003 for the Health Portfolio:

- Ms Diana Horvath, Central Sydney Area Health Service
- Ms Judith Neville, Central Sydney Area Health Service
- Mr Graham Bush, South-West Sydney Area Health Service
- Amanda Adrian, Health Care Complaints Commission
- Ms Jennifer Collins, Central Sydney Area Health Service

Question put.

Ayes: Chair, Chesterfield-Evans, Forsythe, Clarke

Nos: Fazio, Primrose

Motion resolved in the affirmative.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 pm until 6.00pm on Tuesday, 25 November 2003.

Steven Reynolds

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 8

Tuesday, 25 November 2003
At Parliament House at 6.00pm

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Moyes (Chair)
Mrs Forysthe (Deputy Chair)
Dr Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Robertson
Ms Pavey (Parker)
Mr West (Tsang)
Mr Primrose (Catanzariti)

2. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Ryan would be representing Ms Parker, Mr West would be representing Mr Tsang and Mr Primrose would be representing Mr Catanzariti.

3. Budget Estimates 2003-2004 – Supplementary Hearings

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

The following departmental officers were admitted:

Department Of Health

Ms R Kruk, Director General, NSW Health
Mr R McGregor, Deputy Director General, Health System Support, NSW Health
Mr K Baker, Chief Finance Officer, NSW Health
Dr G Stewart, Deputy Director General, Population Health, NSW Health
Assoc Prof D Picone, Acting CEO, South Western Sydney Area Health
Dr D Horvath, Chief Executive Officer, Central Sydney Area Health Service
Ms A Adrian, Commissioner, Health Care Complaints Commission
Mr G Bush, Chairman, South Western Sydney Area Health Service

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 Health open for examination.

The Director General made a brief opening statement.

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

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

The following Departmental officials were admitted:

Department of Gaming and Racing

Dr K Brown, Director General, Department of Gaming and Racing

Mr D Loewenthal, Deputy Director General, Department of Gaming and Racing

Ms J Hennessey, Director, Policy and Development, Department of Gaming and Racing

Mr M Foggo, Director, Revenue and Resource Management, Department of Gaming and Racing

Mr B Farrell, Chief Executive Officer, Casino Control Authority, Department of Gaming and Racing

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

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

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

4. Deliberative after the hearing**Correspondence**

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from the Director General for Health dated 25 November 2003 indicating the availability of witnesses requested by the Committee on 24 November 2003.
- Letter from the Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC indicating his intention to rescind a resolution under item 7 of the minutes no 6 at its next meeting.

Sent

- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 24 November 2003 forwarding the Committee's request for additional witnesses for the hearing to be held on 25 November 2003.

Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose that Minutes No 7 be confirmed.

Time for return of answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing

The Chair informed the Committee that the Minister will be requested to return answers to questions on notice within 5 days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk, that is by close of business Monday 1 December 2003.

Additional supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Forsythe that the Committee invite Mr M Wallace and Ms J Collins both of the Central Sydney Area Health Service and, if she considers it appropriate, Ms R Kruk, Director General of NSW Health to give evidence at the Committee's supplementary budget estimates hearing on Monday 1 December 2003 from 11am.

Publication of previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose, that Minutes No 6 be published so as to make known the Committee's decision on the status of a proposed inquiry into South Western Sydney Area Health Service.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9.10pm until 9.30am on Monday, 1 December 2003 (budget estimates supplementary hearing)

Rachel Simpson
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 9

Monday, 1 December 2003

At Parliament House at 9.30am

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Moyes

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Mrs Forsythe – (Health portfolio only)

Mr Lynn (Forsythe) – (Women, Tourism, Sport and Recreation)

Ms Parker – (Women, Tourism, Sport, and Recreation)

Ms Robertson

Mr Primrose (Catanzariti, Health portfolio)

Mr Ryan (Parker for Health portfolio)

Mr Tsang

Ms Cusack (participating member for Women, Tourism, Sport, and Recreation)

2. Apologies

Mr Catanzariti

3. Substitute arrangements

The Chair advised that for the Tourism, Sport & Recreation and Women portfolio Mr Lynn would be representing Mrs Forsythe; and for the Health portfolio Mr Ryan will be representing Ms Parker, and Mr Primrose will be representing Mr Catanzariti.

4. Budget Estimates 2003-2004 – Supplementary Hearings

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

The following departmental officers were admitted:

Department of Tourism Sport & Recreation

Mr B Healey, Director General

Ms L Dean, Executive Director

Department of Women

Ms E Coombs, Acting Director General

Ms P Hall, Deputy Director General

Ms S Gorst, Director, Communications, Information & Planning

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 Tourism, Sport & Recreation, and Women open for examination.

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Tourism, Sport & Recreation, and Women concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

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

The following departmental officers were admitted:

NSW Health

Ms R Kruk, Director General

Mr R McGregor, Deputy Director General, Health System Support

Central Sydney Area Health Service

Mr M Wallace, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Ms J Collins, Director of Clinical Information

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 Health open for examination.

The departmental officers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

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

5. Deliberative after the hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson that the minutes of meeting no. 8 be confirmed.

Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from the Director General, NSW Health, dated 28 November 2003 regarding the Committee's supplementary budget estimates hearing on 01 December 2003.

Sent

- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 26 November 2003 regarding Questions taken on notice during supplementary budget estimates hearings
- Letter to the Minister for Gaming and Racing dated 26 November 2003 regarding questions taken on notice during supplementary budget estimates hearings
- Letter to the Minister for Health dated 26 November regarding further supplementary budget estimates hearings scheduled for 1 December 2003
- Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation, and Women dated 27 November 2003 regarding the supplementary budget estimates hearings scheduled for 1 December 2003.

Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Committee deliberated on the Chair's draft report.

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Forsythe, that the report be amended to indicate that supplementary hearings were called because of the Committee's concern about the quality of the answers provided in response to those taken on notice during initial hearings, and because of other issues that subsequently arose; that examples be provided of inadequate responses; and that in future agencies be requested to provide more specific responses when taking questions on notice.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Ryan, that the Committee meet to adopt a Chair's draft report following the receipt of answers from this and previous hearings at a meeting to be held immediately following question time in the Members Lounge on Wednesday 3 December 2003.

Consideration of recision motion

After discussion Mr Chesterfield-Evans indicated he would not move the recision motion for which he gave notice at the previous meeting.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Ryan, that the Committee meet during the week beginning Monday 15 December to consider the proposed inquiry in light of the HCCC report, as previously resolved at the Committee's meeting No. 6, and that the Committee's intention to so meet be made public by the Chair.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:55 pm until Wednesday 3 December 2003.

Steven Reynolds

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 10

Wednesday 3 December 2003
At Parliament House at 1.00pm

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Moyes (Chair)
Dr Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Parker
Mr Primrose (Catanzariti)
Mr Tsang

2. Substituting member

The Chair advised that Mr Primrose would be substituting for Mr Catanzariti for the purposes of this deliberative meeting.

3. Confirmation of minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose, that minutes no 9 be confirmed.

4. Budget Estimates 2003-2004***Consideration of the Chair's draft report***

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose, that the report, apart from Chapter 3, be adopted.

Answers to questions taken on notice during supplementary budget estimates hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose, that the Committee reconvene at a time suitable to Members to consider the response from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Women which had yet to be received by the Committee, and that the secretariat advise the Minister's office of a 9.00am Thursday 4 December 2003 deadline for return of answers. Failure to meet this deadline will be reported in the House.

Dr Chesterfield-Evans and Ms Parker expressed dissatisfaction with some of the answers received from the Health Department and in particular the imprecision of the dates of the creation of the job that was taken up by Ms Collins and the answer to question 9 from Ms Adrian of the HCCC regarding patients who were transferred from Campbelltown to other hospitals and that this be minuted.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.20 pm until Thursday 4 December 2003 at 10.15am.

Rachel Simpson
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 11

Thursday 4 December 2003
At Parliament House at 10.25am

1. Members Present

Revd Dr Moyes (Chair)
Dr Chesterfield-Evans
Ms Forsythe
Ms Parker
Mr Tsang

2. Confirmation of minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield Evans, that minutes no 10 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence received:

- Letter from the Minister for Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services and Youth providing further detail in relation to notional budget allocations to regions within DADHC
- Answers to questions taken on notice during supplementary budget estimates hearings into the Tourism, Sport & Recreation and Women portfolios, received 4 December 2003
- Letter from the Minister for Tourism, Sport & Recreation regarding time frame for return of answers to questions taken on notice during supplementary budget estimates hearings, received 4 December 2003

4. Budget Estimates 2003-2004***Consideration of the Chair's draft report***

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that the following words be inserted into the introduction to the report:

In relation to questions taken on notice during the supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Tourism, Sport & Recreation and Women, answers were received during the Committee's final deliberative meeting on the day of tabling. The Committee expressed its extreme dissatisfaction with the lateness of the response from the Minister.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Tsang, that the report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House on Thursday, 4 December 2003 in accordance with the resolution establishing the committee of 3 July 2003.

That pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975 and under the authority of Standing Order 224, the committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the report, correspondence and tabled documents, except those for which confidentiality has been requested.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.35am.

Rachel Simpson

Clerk to the Committee