



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-2009

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2008-2009 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. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 13 October 2008

GPSC1	Roads	9.15 am - 11.00 am
GPSC2	Health, Central Coast	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Ports & Waterways	11.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC1	The Legislature	4.45 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC2	Aboriginal Affairs	4.45 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 14 October 2008

GPSC1	Treasury	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Local Government	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC3	Mental Health	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC3	Police	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
GPSC3	Lands	4.15 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC3	Emergency Services	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Arts	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 15 October 2008

GPSC2	Education & Training	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Transport & Illawarra	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Women	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC2	Community Services	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC4	Planning, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 16 October 2008

GPSC5	Climate Change and the Environment	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC4	Fair Trading, Citizenship	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Commerce	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Small Business, Science & Medical Research	2.00 pm - 3.45 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries, Mineral Resources	2.00 pm - 6.30 pm
GPSC4	Tourism, Hunter	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 17 October 2008

GPSC5	Energy	9.15 am - 11.15 am
GPSC3	Attorney General, Justice, Industrial Relations	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	State Development	11.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
GPSC5	Water, Rural Affairs, Regional Development	2.00 pm - 4.15 pm
GPSC5	Housing, Western Sydney	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC3	Juvenile Justice, Volunteering, Youth	4.15 pm - 6.00 pm

4. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: 17 November 2008

GPSC 1
GPSC 2

Day Two: 18 November 2008

GPSC 1
GPSC 3

Day Three: 19 November 2008

GPSC 4
GPSC 2

Day Four: 20 November 2008

GPSC 4
GPSC 5

Day Five: 21 November 2008

GPSC 5
GPSC 3

5. That the committees may hold additional supplementary hearings after 21 November 2008 as required.
6. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9:15 am and conclude by 6:00 pm except on Thursday 16 October 2008 on which day hearings may conclude by 6.30 pm.
7. The committees must hear evidence in public.
8. 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.
9. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questioning
10. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
11. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the first sitting day in March 2009.

12. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
13. 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.

(Minutes of Proceedings No. 35, Wednesday 5 December 2007, Item 18, pp 423-426, amended by Minutes of Proceedings No. 62, Thursday 26 June 2008, Item 7, pp 721-723, amended by Minutes of Proceedings No. 66, Wednesday 24 September, Item 26, pp 785-787.)