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Terms of reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2006-2007 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 three 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. That the hearings be held according to the following timetable:

Monday 28 August 2006

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

GPSC 1: Premier, State Development, Citizenship

GPSC 3: Justice, Juvenile Justice

2.00 pm to 6.00 pm

GPSC 4: Local Government, Western Sydney, Fair Trading

GPSC 5: Water Utilities, Regional Development, Small Business, Illawarra

8.00 pm to 10.30 pm

GPSC 1: The Legislature

GPSC 2: Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Women, Aboriginal Affairs

*Note: This timetable was varied by the Leader of the Government. The final timetable for Budget Estimates 2006-2007 is on Parliament's website.

Friday 1 September 2006

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
 GPSC 1: Industrial Relations, Commerce, Finance
 GPSC 4: Roads
- 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
 GPSC 3: Police
 GPSC 5: Energy, Ports, Waterways
- 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
 GPSC 3: Gaming and Racing, Central Coast
 GPSC 4: Housing

Monday 4 September 2006

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
 GPSC 1: Treasury, Infrastructure, Hunter
 GPSC 2: Health
- 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
 GPSC 1: Education and Training
 GPSC 5: Environment, Arts
- 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
 GPSC 2: Community Services, Youth
 GPSC 5: Primary Industries

Friday 8 September 2006

- 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
 GPSC 2: Ageing and Disability Services
 GPSC 4: Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research
- 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
 GPSC 3: Lands, Emergency Services, Rural Affairs
 GPSC 4: Transport
- 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm
 GPSC 3: Attorney General
 GPSC 5: Natural Resources, Mineral Resources.

11. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
12. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the last sitting day in November 2006.
13. The timetable in paragraph 10 may be varied by the Leader of the Government, provided the time allocated for each portfolio hearing is not reduced.
14. Members may lodge with the Clerk to the committee proposed issues for questioning up to seven days prior to the holding of the initial hearing for that portfolio.
15. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.

Committee membership

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (Chair)	The Nationals	<i>Chair</i>
Ms Sylvia Hale MLC (Deputy Chair)	The Greens	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon David Oldfield MLC	Independent	

Other members who attended the hearings

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Christine Robertson MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Ian West MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon John Ryan MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC	The Greens
The Hon Arthur Chesterfield-Evans	Australian Democrats

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present the report of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 on the 2006-2007 Budget Estimates. The Committee examined the following portfolio areas:

- Planning
- Redfern Waterloo
- Science and Medical Research
- Local Government
- Roads
- Housing
- Transport
- Western Sydney
- Fair Trading.

The Committee would like to thank the Ministers and other witnesses who gave evidence during the Inquiry.



Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC

Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2006-2007 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On Thursday 8 June 2006, the Legislative Council resolved ‘that the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2006-2007 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the GPSCs for inquiry and report’.¹
- 1.2 Each committee was to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by the last sitting day of November 2006.²

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held 10 public hearings as follows:
- Monday 28 August – Local Government
 - Monday 28 August – Western Sydney, Fair Trading
 - Friday 1 September – Roads
 - Friday 1 September – Housing
 - Friday 8 September – Planning, Redfern Waterloo, Science and Medical Research
 - Friday 8 September – Transport
 - Monday 6 November – Transport
 - Monday 6 November – Roads
 - Friday 10 November – Local Government
 - Friday 10 November – Planning, Redfern Waterloo.
- 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/gpsc4

Questions on notice

- 1.6 Questions taken on notice, and the answers to these questions, are also available on the Committee’s web page.

¹ *Minutes of Proceedings, No 7, 2nd Session of the 53rd Parliament, 8 June 2006, item 25*

² *Minutes of Proceedings, No 7, 2nd Session of the 53rd Parliament, 8 June 2006, item 25, para 12*

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Local Government

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of Local Government was held on Monday 28 August 2006. The following issues were raised:

- cost shifting and the sustainability of local councils
- review of the code of conduct
- reduction in councillor numbers
- impact of WorkChoices legislation on local government
- issues relating to the Tweed Shire Council
- salary and employment conditions of former employees
- changes to council wards
- rate pegging
- review of rate exemptions and concessions
- rise in petrol prices and impact on local councils
- retained revenue and investment income
- strategies to address gender balance in local councils.

Supplementary hearing

2.2 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Local Government was held on Friday 10 November 2006. The following issues were raised:

- matters relating to the site of a dis-used quarry at Hornsby, including the acquisition process undertaken by the Hornsby Council, the role of the Department of Local Government in the acquisition, and compensation payable to the site's former owner
- matters relating to investigations into local councils undertaken by the Department of Local Government, including the resources available to the Department, the differences between inquiries, investigations and reviews, the processes involved in a review, and the trigger for an inquiry or investigation
- investigations into the proposed construction of a cultural centre at Port Macquarie
- monitoring the financial accountability of local councils
- education programs to prevent dog attacks on young children
- management plans for land deemed community land.

Western Sydney, Fair Trading

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolio of Western Sydney, Fair Trading was held on Monday 28 August 2006. The following issues were raised:

- builder licences including qualifications, criminal record checks and professional development
- complaints against builders, complaint handling system, and complaints raised by the Building Action Review Group
- Home Building Grants Program
- review of the Residential Tenancies Act conducted by the Office of Fair Trading and issues raised during the review, including: improving procedures for dealing with tenants in rental arrears; grounds on which tenancies are terminated; ways of handling disputes between co-tenants; and rights of boarders and lodgers
- Fair Trading Information Centre in Parramatta
- access to services by people of non-English speaking backgrounds
- Office of Fair Trading working with the real estate industry to achieve better outcomes for consumers
- community based tenancy services funded by the Office of Fair Trading
- changes to the Fair Trading Act 1997 to more effectively deal with unfair practices and consumer scams
- Office of Fair Trading investigators and dealing with serious misconduct
- Rental Bond Board monies
- number of different licenses administered/issued by Department of Fair Trading
- Consumer Trading and Tenancy Tribunal
- employment in Western Sydney
- functions of the Office of Western Sydney
- Corporate Partners For Change
- Western Sydney Industry Awards.

Roads

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Roads was held on Friday 1 September 2006. The following issues were raised:

- Lane Cove Tunnel
- repairs and compensation for damage to property
- road maintenance

- RTA's occupational health and safety initiatives
- upgrade of the Pacific Highway
- E-tags for motor cyclists
- AusLink funding agreement
- road safety around schools
- changes to the F6
- Cross City Tunnel
- funding for the Timber Bridge Program.

Supplementary hearing

2.5 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Roads was held on Monday 6 November 2006. The following issues were raised:

- matters relating to the construction of the Lane Cove Tunnel, including any bonus for early completion, progress to date, expected completion date, delay of surface road works, monitoring of air quality
- plans for the F6 transport corridor
- roll-out of flashing lights in 100 school zones
- changing costs of heavy vehicle registration in NSW compared to other states
- air quality in the M5 East tunnel, including steps to improve air quality, and the potential impact of regular portal emissions
- the Pacific Highway Upgrade program, including completion of the Possum Brush to Bundaree Creek project, and potential impacts of preferred route at Banora Point
- roll-out of bus lane cameras in Sydney
- funding of Timber Bridges Replacement Program
- efforts to prevent abuse of the Mobility Parking Scheme
- auction of rare numberplates and use of proceeds
- update on progress in construction of the Windsor Road upgrade, and the project budget
- any changes to the forklift and wide load regulations
- conclusions of the report on the proposal to use an upgraded Summerland Way as an alternative to the Pacific Highway
- RTA achievements, including receipt of two Engineering Excellence awards, and progress made in significant infrastructure projects
- RTA's international financial reporting standards.

Housing

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Housing was held on Friday 1 September 2006. The following issues were examined:

- Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement
- waiting list for public housing in NSW
- public housing statistics
- reshaping housing reforms
- public housing register
- Affordable Housing Strategy
- consultancies
- Gordon Estate redevelopment
- evictions from public housing
- public housing property sales and auctions
- behaviour of public housing tenants.

Planning, Redfern Waterloo, Science and Medical Research

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolios of Planning, Redfern Waterloo, and Science and Medical Research, was held on Friday 8 September 2006. The following issues were raised:

- radiotherapy services in NSW
- smoking in pubs and clubs
- breast screening
- redevelopment of 'The Block,' Redfern
- recruitment processes for the Department of Planning
- Metropolitan Strategy
- Growth Centres Commission
- approvals for coal mining
- Major Development Monitor 2005/06
- residential land supply
- NSW regional planning
- land releases in the north west growth zone.

Supplementary hearing

2.8 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolios of Redfern Waterloo and Planning was held on Friday 10 November 2006. The following issues were raised:

- financial viability of the Redfern Waterloo Authority
- media promotion of the Redfern Waterloo Authority's work
- cultural awareness training for employees of the Redfern Waterloo Authority
- redevelopment proposals and affordable housing for indigenous people
- employment opportunities for indigenous people
- the State Plan and its coordination
- issues relating to Bickham and Anvil Hill coalmines
- sale and redevelopment of Beacon Hill High School site
- development proposals, including at Minchinbury (landfill), Callan Park, Berowra Waters Marina, and East Darling Harbour
- turnaround times for development applications
- Section 94 and 94A plans – council inputs and appeals process
- Cities and Centres program
- progress of the BASIX initiative
- new Local Environment Plan template
- freight train expansion at Port Botany and emissions from M5 East Air Filter.

Transport

2.9 A hearing examining the portfolio of Housing was held on Friday 8 September 2006. The following issues were raised:

- maintenance of ferry fleet including improvements in the Balmain Shipyard, changes in maintenance costs over last financial year and the proportion of the fleet in active service.
- performance of Sydney Ferries Corporation including patronage levels, complaints, capacity, expenditure on charter vessels, and status of safety and reliability targets
- Government's budgetary commitment for ferries
- fitness testing of ferry masters and train drivers
- distribution by CityRail of K Time Bars and newsletters to train commuters
- new CityRail timetable including reliability of train services, safety considerations, definition of 'on time' running, patronage levels and impact of slower running times between stations

- status of infrastructure projects including upgrading of train stations, the proposed restoration of Casino – Murwillumbah rail line, Rail Clearways Plan, Metropolitan Rail Expansion Plan and the North-West rail link
- rolling stock projects including maintenance and replacement of train carriages, delivery of new carriages and cleanliness and hygiene of intercity trains
- purchase of new buses including commencement schedule and cost, replacement of old buses and average age of bus fleet
- modifications to bus timetables in response to changes in demand
- introduction of T-Card ticketing system including anticipated commencement date, concession systems, impact of technical difficulties and details of contract with contractor ERG
- impact of introducing light rail into the Sydney central business district.

Supplementary hearing

2.10 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Transport was held on Monday 6 November 2006. The following issues were raised:

- delays in delivery of the new outer suburban OSCAR and Hunter Valley trains, including issues of budget, design and construction, and expected delivery dates
- programs to recruit and train new drivers, including for the new OSCAR and Hunter Valley trains
- platform safety and efforts to improve safety for parents with prams
- issues relating to major events, including integrated ticketing, efforts to alleviate the impact of track-work, and how to improve use of public transport to major events
- matters relating to T-Card ticketing, including project progress, timing of the trials, and contract details
- changes to bus services, including the process for reviewing the viability of bus services as well as for introducing new services
- improvements to bus services, including the introduction of the cashless 'Bondi Bendy' bus service
- plans to develop a green bus dept at Leichhardt
- efforts to improve the safety of Sydney Ferries through improved crew training, and to improve reliability through increased availability of vessels
- measures undertaken by Sydney Ferries to counter terrorist threats.

Appendix 1 Witnesses

Local Government – Monday 28 August 2006

Name	Position
Hon Kerry Hickey MP	Minister for Local Government
Mr Garry Payne	Director General, Department of Local Government
Mr Ross Woodward	Deputy Director General, Department of Local Government

Western Sydney, Fair Trading – Monday 28 August 2006

Name	Position
Hon Diane Beamer MP	Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for Fair Trading
Ms Lyn Baker	Commissioner, Office of Fair Trading
Ms Steve Griffin	Acting General Manager, Home Building Service, Office of Fair Trading
Mr Michael Silk	Executive Director, Fair Trading Services, Office of Fair Trading
Ms Jane Moxon	Manager, Office of the Minister for Western Sydney, Premier's Department
Mr Rob Lennon	Western Sydney Regional Coordinator, Office of the Minister for Western Sydney, Premier's Department

Roads – Friday 1 September 2006

Name	Position
Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	Minister for Roads
Mr Les Wielinga	Chief Executive Officer, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brett Skinner	Director, Finance, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Phil Margison	Acting Director, Traffic and Transport, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Bushby	Director, Road Safety, Licensing and Vehicle Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr David Stuart-Watt	Director, Operations and Services, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brian Watters	Acting Director, Road Network Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority

Housing – Friday 1 September 2006

Name	Position
Hon Diane Beamer MP	Acting Minister for Housing
Mr Mike Allen	Director General, Department of Housing
Mr Paul Vever	Acting Deputy Director General, Department of Housing

Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research – Friday 8 September 2006

Name	Position
Hon Frank Sartor MP	Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern and Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research
Mr Sam Haddad	Director General, Department of Planning
Mr Peter Lucas	Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Shared Services, Department of Natural Resources
Mr Angus Dawson	Chief Executive Officer, Growth Centres Commission
Professor James Bishop	Chief Cancer Officer and Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Institute
Mr Loftus Harris	Director General, Department of State and Regional Development
Mr Robert Domm	Chief Executive Officer, Redfern Waterloo Authority
Ms Kerry Doyle	Executive Director, Office for Science and Medical Research, Department of State and Regional Development

Transport – Friday 8 September 2006

Name	Position
Hon John Watkins MP	Minister for Transport
Mr Jim Glasson	Director General, Ministry of Transport
Mr John Lee	Chief Executive Officer, State Transit Authority
Mr Vince Graham	Chief Executive Officer, RailCorp
Rear Admiral Geoff Smith	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ferries Corporation

Transport – Monday 6 November 2006

Name	Position
Mr Jim Glasson	Director General, Ministry of Transport
Mr John Lee	Chief Executive Officer, State Transit Authority
Mr Vince Graham	Chief Executive Officer, RailCorp
Rear Admiral Geoff Smith	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ferries Corporation

Roads – Monday 6 November 2006

Name	Position
Mr Les Wielinga	Chief Executive Officer, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brett Skinner	Director, Finance and Commercial Development, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr David Stuart-Watt	Acting Director, Licensing Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Bushby	Director, Network Planning, Road Maintenance and Traffic Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brian Watters	Director, Road Network Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority

Name

Position

Mr Soames Job

General Manager, Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority

Local Government – Friday 10 November 2006

Name

Position

Mr Garry Payne

Director General, Department of Local Government

Mr Ross Woodward

Deputy Director General, Department of Local Government

Planning, Redfern and Waterloo – Friday 10 November 2006

Name

Position

Mr Robert Domm

Chief Executive Officer, Redfern Waterloo Authority

Mr Sam Haddad

Director General, Department of Planning

Mr Peter Lucas

Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Shared Services, Department of Natural Resources

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes No. 92

Monday 28 August 2006

At Parliament House at 9am

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chair)

Mr Tony Catanzariti (Griffin)

Mr Charlie Lynn (Clarke)

Mr David Oldfield

Ms Christine Robertson (Donnelly)

Ms Penny Sharpe (Burnswoods)

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Ms Penny Sharpe to substitute for Ms Jan Burnswoods
- Ms Christine Robertson to substitute for Mr Greg Donnelly
- Mr Tony Catanzariti to substitute for Ms Kayee Griffin
- Mr Charlie Lynn to substitute for Mr David Clarke.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to Minister Hickey inviting him to appear before the Committee at 9am, Monday 28 August 2006, attaching a copy of the proposed issues submitted in advance for questioning (22 August 2006).

4. Conduct of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sylvia Hale: That Ministers be requested to return answers to questions on notice taken during Budget Estimates hearings, and written questions on notice lodged with the Clerk to the Committee during a Budget Estimate's hearing and up to two days following, within 21 days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The public and media were admitted.

Minister Hickey MP, Minister for Local Government, was admitted, accompanied by the following officers:

Department of Local Government

Mr Garry Payne, Director General

Mr Ross Woodward, Deputy Director General

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Local Government open for examination.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

Short adjournment from 12:45pm to 12:48pm on the request of the Minister.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

6. Deliberative meeting

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That the Committee defer a decision regarding a supplementary hearing pending receipt of the answers to questions on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1:10pm until 3:45pm on Monday, 28 August 2006 in the Waratah Room.

Julie Langsworth
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 93

Monday 28 August 2006

At Parliament House at 4.05pm

1. Members present

Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Charlie Lynn (Clarke)

Mr David Oldfield

Ms Christine Robertson (Griffin)

Mr John Ryan (Gardiner)

Ms Penny Sharpe (Burnswoods)

Mr Ian West (Donnelly)

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Ms Penny Sharpe to substitute for Ms Jan Burnswoods
- Ms Christine Robertson to substitute for Ms Kayee Griffin
- Mr Ian West to substitute for Mr Greg Donnelly
- Mr John Ryan to substitute for Ms Jenny Gardiner
- Mr Charlie Lynn to substitute for Mr David Clarke.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to Minister Beamer inviting her to appear before the Committee at 4pm Monday 28 August 2006, attaching a copy of the proposed issues submitted in advance for questioning (22 August 2006).

4. Conduct of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sylvia Hale: That Ministers be requested to return answers to questions on notice taken during Budget Estimates hearings, and written questions on notice lodged with the Clerk to the Committee during a Budget Estimate's hearing and up to two days following, within 21 days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk.

Committee agreed, on the motion of Ms Sylvia Hale: That Fair Trading be examined first followed by Western Sydney.

5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The public and media were admitted.

Hon Diane Beamer MP, Minister for Western Sydney and Minister for Fair Trading, was admitted and accompanied by the following officers:

Office of Fair Trading

Ms Lyn Baker, Commissioner

Mr Steve Griffin, A/General Manager, Home Building Service

Mr Michael Silk, Executive Director, Fair Trading Services

Office of the Minister for Western Sydney

Ms Jane Moxom, Manager

Mr Rob Lennon, Western Sydney Regional Coordinator.

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn or affirmed. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Western Sydney and Fair Trading open for examination.

The Minister made a brief opening statement.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

Ms Sylvia Hale tendered a document Building Action Review Group, Inc.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

6. Deliberative meeting

Tabled documents

Document tabled during hearing – not made public.

Supplementary hearing

The Committee agreed to defer a decision regarding a supplementary hearing pending receipt of the answers to questions on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6:36pm until 8:45am on Friday, 1 September 2006 in the Jubilee Room.

Susan Want
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 94

Friday 1 September 2006
At Parliament House at 8.55am

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chair)
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Mr Tony Catanzariti (Griffin)
Mr Don Harwin (Clarke)
Dr Arthur Chesterfield Evans (Oldfield)
Ms Amanda Fazio (Donnelly)

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Ms Amanda Fazio to substitute for Mr Greg Donnelly
- Mr Tony Catanzariti to substitute for Ms Kayee Griffin
- Mr Don Harwin to substitute for Mr David Clarke
- Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr David Oldfield.

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:
Sent

- Letter to Minister Roozendaal inviting him to appear before the Committee at 9am Friday 1 September 2006, noting that no issues for questioning were submitted in advance (28 August 2006).

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The public and media were admitted.

The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC, Minister for Roads, was admitted and accompanied by the following officers:

Roads and Traffic Authority

Mr Les Wielinga, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Brett Skinner, Director, Finance

Mr Phil Margison, A/Director Traffic and Transport

Mr Mike Bushby, Director, Road Safety, Licensing and Vehicle Management

Mr David Stuart-Watt, Director, Operations and Services

Mr Brian Watters, A/Director Road Network Infrastructure

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn or affirmed. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Roads open for examination.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

The Minister tendered the following document: Preliminary investigations.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

5. Deliberative meeting

Tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That under 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 document tabled during the hearing.

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That the Committee defer its decision on whether to hold a supplementary hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio area of Roads pending the receipt of responses to questions on notice.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.05pm until 7:45pm on Friday, 1 September 2006 in Jubilee Room.

Julie Langsworth

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 95

Friday 1 September 2006

At Parliament House at 7.50pm

1. Members present

Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chair)

Ms Catherine Cusack (Gardiner)

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Kayee Griffin

Mr Charlie Lynn (Clarke)

Ms Penelope Sharpe (Burnswoods)

2. Apologies

Dr Chesterfield-Evans

3. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Ms Penelope Sharpe to substitute for Ms Jan Burnswoods
- Ms Catherine Cusack to substitute for Ms Jenny Gardiner
- Mr Charlie Lynn to substitute for Mr David Clarke
- Dr Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr David Oldfield.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to Minister Burton inviting her to appear before the Committee at 8pm on Friday 1 September 2006, attaching a copy of the proposed issues submitted in advance for questioning (28 August 2006).

5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The public and media were admitted.

Hon Diane Beamer MP, Acting Minister for Housing, was admitted and accompanied by the following officers:

Department of Housing

Mr Mike Allen, Director General

Mr Paul Vever, Acting Deputy Director General

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn or affirmed. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Housing open for examination.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

Ms Cusack requested that, owing to the length of the opening statement provided by the Minister at the commencement of the hearing, the time allocated for questions from Opposition and Cross Bench members be extended to 25 minutes each.

The Chair ruled that the time allocated for questions from Opposition and Cross Bench members be extended to 25 minutes.

Ms Sharpe moved: That the Committee dissent from the ruling of the Chair.

The media and the public withdrew.

Ms Sharpe moved: That the Committee dissent from the ruling of the Chair on the grounds that that at the deliberative at the beginning of the hearing it was agreed that the time for questions would be shared equally between the Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members in 20 minute blocks.

The Committee deliberated.

Question put: That the Committee dissent from the ruling of the Chair.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Donnelly, Ms Griffin, Ms Sharpe

Noes: Ms Cusack, Mr Lynn, Ms Hale.

There being an equality of votes, the Chair gave her casting vote with the Noes.

Question resolved in the negative.

The witnesses, the public and the media were readmitted and evidence resumed.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

6. Deliberative meeting

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin: That the Committee hold no further hearings in relation to the Housing portfolio.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.47 pm until 8:45am on Friday, 8 September 2006 in Room 814.

Julie Langsworth

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 96

Friday 8 September 2006

At Parliament House at 8.50 am

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)

Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chair)

Ms Jan Burnswoods

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Kayee Griffin

Mr Greg Pearce (Clarke)

Mr Ian West (Burnswoods 9.00 am – 9.21am)

2. Apologies

Mr David Oldfield

3. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Mr Ian West to substitute for Ms Jan Burnswoods (9.00 am – 9.21 am)
- Mr Greg Pearce to substitute for Mr David Clarke

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to Minister Sartor inviting him to appear before the Committee at 9am Friday 8 September 2006, attaching a copy of the proposed issues submitted in advance for questioning (4 September 2006).

5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The public and media were admitted.

Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Redfern Waterloo and Science and Medical Research, was admitted and accompanied by the following officers:

Department of Planning

Mr Sam Haddad, Director General

Corporate Shared Services Department of Natural Resources

Mr Peter Lucas, Chief Financial Officer

Cancer Institute of NSW

Professor James Bishop, Chief Cancer Officer and Chief Executive Officer

Redfern Waterloo Authority

Mr Robert Domm, Chief Executive Officer

Office for Science and Medical Research

Ms Kerry Doyle, Executive Director

State and Regional Development

Mr Loftus Harris, Director General

Growth Centres Commission

Mr Angus Dawson, Chief Executive Officer

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn or affirmed. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Planning, Redfern Waterloo and Science and Medical Research open for examination.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

The Minister tabled the following:

- Document of the Metropolitan Strategy entitled “Supporting Greater Metropolitan: Sydney’s Land Supply”, and
- Report of the Department of Planning entitled “New South Wales Major Development Monitor 2005-06” dated September 2006.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

6. Deliberative meeting***Tabled documents***

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That under 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 documents tabled during the hearing.

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce: That the Committee consider holding further hearings after receipt and consideration of the answers to questions taken on notice.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.03 pm until 2.55 pm on Friday 8 September 2006 in Room 814.

Julie Langsworth
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 97

Friday 8 September 2006
At Parliament House at 2pm

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Mr Charlie Lynn (Clarke)
Mr David Oldfield

Mr Peter Primrose (Griffin)
Ms Lee Rhiannon (Hale)
Ms Penelope Sharpe (Donnelly)

2. **Substitute members**

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Ms Penelope Sharpe to substitute for Mr Greg Donnelly
- Mr Peter Primrose to substitute for Ms Kayee Griffin
- Mr Charlie Lynn to substitute for Mr David Clarke
- Ms Lee Rhiannon to substitute for Ms Sylvia Hale

3. **Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter to Minister Watkins inviting him to appear before the Committee at 2pm Friday 8 September 2006 (4 September 2006).

4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007**

The public and media were admitted.

Minister Watkins MP, Minister for Transport, was admitted and accompanied by the following officers:

State Transit Authority

Mr John Lee, Chief executive Officer

Ministry of Transport

Mr Jim Glasson, Director General

RailCorp

Mr Vince Graham, Chief Executive Officer

Sydney Ferries Corporation

Rear Admiral Geoff Smith, Chief Executive Officer

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. Witnesses from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn or affirmed. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Transport open for examination.

The Minister and the officers accompanying the Minister answered questions from members of the Committee.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and the media withdrew.

5. **Deliberative meeting**

Supplementary hearings

Committee agreed to consider holding a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio area of Transport after receiving answers to questions on notice.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6:00pm sine die.

Susan Want
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 99

Thursday 19 October 2006
Room 1136, 1.20pm

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale (Deputy Chair)
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)
Mr David Clarke
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Kayee Griffin

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitution:

- Dr Chesterfield-Evans for Mr Oldfield.

3. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Hale: That Minutes No. 92, 93, 94, 95 and 96 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent

- Emails from Principal Council Officer, attaching letters requesting answers to questions taken on notice during Budget Estimates hearings and written questions on notice submitted by members, to:
 - Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport, requesting answers by 4 October 2006 (dated 13 September 2006)
 - Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research, requesting answers by 4 October 2006 (dated 13 September 2006)
 - Hon Diane Beamer MP, A/Minister for Housing, requesting answers by 27 September (dated 6 September 2006)
 - Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC, Minister for Roads, requesting answers by 27 September (dated 6 September 2006)
 - Hon Kerry Hickey MP, Minister for Local Government, requesting answers by 22 September 2006 (dated 1 September 2006)
 - Hon Diane Beamer MP, Minister for Western Sydney and Fair Trading, requesting answers by 21 September (dated 31 August 2006).

Received

- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice (previously circulated), from:
 - Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport (received 13 October 2006)

- Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research (received 13 October 2006)
- Hon Diane Beamer MP, A/Minister for Housing (received 28 September 2006)
- Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC, Minister for Roads (received 28 September 2006)
- Hon Kerry Hickey MP, Minister for Local Government (received 25 September 2006)
- Hon Diane Beamer MP, Minister for Western Sydney and Fair Trading (received 22 September 2006).
- Letter from Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research, to Chair, requesting an extension until 16 October 2006 to provide answers to the questions on notice (received 3 October 2006) previously circulated
- Letter from Ms Emma Murphy, Chief of Staff to the Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport, to Chair, advising that answers to questions on notice would be provided by 13 October 2006 (received 28 September 2006) previously circulated.

5. Supplementary hearings

Ms Hale moved: That the Committee hold supplementary hearings for the following portfolios:

- Planning, Redfern and Waterloo
- Local Government
- Transport
- Roads.

Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Gardiner, Dr Chesterfield-Evans, Mr Clarke, Ms Hale

Noes: Ms Burnswoods, Mr Donnelly, Ms Griffin.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Hale: That there be two full days of hearings, with the portfolios to be examined as follows:

- Monday 6 November – Transport 10am – 1pm and Roads 2pm – 5pm
- Friday 10 November – Local Government 10am – 1pm and Planning, Redfern and Waterloo, Science and Medical Research 2pm – 5pm.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2pm until 10am on Monday 6 November.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 100

Monday 10 November 2006

At Parliament House at 9.50am

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)

Ms Jan Burnswoods

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Kayee Griffin
Mr Charlie Lynn (Clarke)

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitution:

- Mr Charlie Lynn to substitute for Mr David Clarke
- Ms Lee Rhiannon to substitute for Ms Sylvia Hale.

3. Apologies

The Committee noted advice of the following apologies:

- Ms Lee Rhiannon
- Mr David Oldfield.

4. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That minutes no. 97 be confirmed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That minutes no. 99 be confirmed.

5. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Received

- Letter from Mr Bogumil Eichstaedt, to Chair, outlining his concerns regarding Hornsby Quarry and asking for these concerns to be raised during the supplementary hearings (received 27 October 2006)

6. Conduct of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That it be noted in the minutes that Ms Hale had moved the motion that supplementary Estimates hearings be held on Monday 6 November, and that neither Ms Hale nor a substitute was in attendance.

The Committee agreed that at both of the hearings to be held this day, the time for questioning be divided equally between Government, Opposition and Cross Bench members.

The Committee agreed that at the Transport hearing, questions relating to Rail should be asked first, those relating to State Transit second, and those relating to Sydney Ferries last.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That at both of the hearings to be held this day, the return date for answers to questions taken on notice be 5pm on 22 November 2006.

7. Conduct of hearing on Planning and Redfern Waterloo

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That in relation to the hearing scheduled for Friday 10 November, the Redfern Waterloo portfolio be examined first, for one hour, and the Planning portfolio be examined for the remainder of the hearing.

8. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The witnesses, public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the Transport portfolio open for examination.

The following witnesses were reminded that they were giving evidence on their former oath or affirmation:

State Transit Authority

Mr John Lee, Chief Executive Officer

Ministry of Transport

Mr Jim Glasson, Director General

RailCorp

Mr Vince Graham, Chief Executive Officer

Sydney Ferries Corporation

Rear Admiral Geoff Smith, Chief Executive Officer.

The witnesses answered questions from members of the Committee.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and media withdrew.

9. Deliberative meeting

Supplementary hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That there be no further hearings to examine the Transport portfolio.

10. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.05pm until 2pm on Monday 6 November in the Jubilee Room, to examine the Roads portfolio.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 101

Monday 10 November 2006

At Parliament House at 2pm

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)

Ms Jan Burnswoods

Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)

Mr David Clarke

Mr Greg Donnelly

Ms Kayee Griffin

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitution:

- Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr Oldfield.

3. Apologies

The Committee noted advice of the following apology:

- Ms Sylvia Hale.

4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The witnesses, public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the Roads portfolio open for examination.

The following witnesses were reminded that they were giving evidence on their former oath or affirmation:

Roads and Traffic Authority

- Mr Les Wielinga, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Brett Skinner, Director, Finance and Commercial Development
- Mr David Stuart-Watt, A/Director, Licensing Registration and Freight
- Mr Michael Bushby, Director, Network Planning, Road Maintenance and Traffic Management
- Mr Brian Watters, Director, Roads Network Infrastructure.

The witnesses answered questions from members of the Committee.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and media withdrew.

5. Deliberative meeting***Supplementary hearing***

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That there be no further hearings to examine the Roads portfolio.

Return date for answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That for those questions taken on notice during the Transport hearing, for which the witnesses undertook to provide the answers in two parts, the first part of these answers be provided by 5pm on 22 November, and the second part by 6 December.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.05pm until 10am on Friday 10 November in the Jubilee Room, to examine the Local Government portfolio.

Madeleine Foley
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 102

Friday 10 November 2006
At Parliament House at 9.55am

1. Members present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield – from 10am)
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Kayee Griffin
Mr Don Harwin (Clarke)

2. Substitute members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Dr Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr Oldfield
- Mr Harwin to substitute for Mr Clarke.

3. Apologies

The Committee noted advice of the following apology:

- Ms Sylvia Hale.

4. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That minutes no. 100 and 101 be confirmed.

5. Conduct of hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That for both the hearings to be held this day, if a Cross Bench member is not present, the time for questioning be divided equally between the Government and the Opposition members. Alternatively, if a Cross Bench member is present, 20 minutes for questioning be allocated to each the Government and Opposition members, and 10 minutes be allocated to the Cross Bench member.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That for both the hearings to be held this day, the return date for answers to questions taken on notice be 5pm on 22 November 2006.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That it be noted in the minutes that Ms Hale had moved the motion that supplementary Estimates hearings be held on Friday 10 November, and that Ms Hale had sent an apology because of ill health but had failed to provide a substitute from her own or any other Cross Bench party.

6. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007

The witnesses, public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the Local Government portfolio open for examination.

The following witnesses were reminded that they were giving evidence on their former oath or affirmation:

Department of Local Government

Mr Garry Payne, Director General
Mr Ross Woodward, Deputy Director General.

The witnesses answered questions from members of the Committee.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and media withdrew.

7. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1pm until 2pm, to examine the portfolios of Planning and Redfern Waterloo.

Madeleine Foley
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 103

Friday 10 November 2006
At Parliament House at 2pm

1. **Members present**

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Kayee Griffin
Mr Greg Pearce (Clarke)

2. **Substitute members**

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Dr Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr Oldfield
- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mr Clarke.

3. **Apologies**

The Committee noted advice of the following apology:

- Ms Sylvia Hale.

4. **Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2006-2007**

The witnesses, public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding procedural matters. The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Planning and Redfern Waterloo open for examination.

The following witnesses were reminded that they were giving evidence on their former oath or affirmation:

Redfern Waterloo Authority

Mr Robert Domm, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Planning

Mr Sam Haddad, Director General

Department of Natural Resources

Mr Peter Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Shared Services.

The witnesses answered questions from members of the Committee.

Evidence concluded and the witnesses, public and media withdrew.

5. Deliberative meeting

Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That there be no further hearings for the portfolios of Local Government, Planning and Redfern Waterloo.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.05pm until Friday 17 November (hearing on the Operations of the Home Building Service).

Madeleine Foley
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 104

Friday 17 November 2006
Parliament House at 9:30am

1. Members Present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)
Mr John Ryan (Clarke)
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Ms Kayee Griffin

2. Substitute Members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr David Oldfield;
- Mr John Ryan to substitute for Mr David Clarke.

3. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That minutes no. 98, 102 and 103 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent

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- Letters requesting that answers to questions taken on notice during Budget Estimates hearings be returned by 5pm on 22 November 2006, to:
 - Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport (7 November)
 - Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC, Minister for Roads (7 November)
 - Hon Kerry Hickey MP, Minister for Local Government (13 November)
 - Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo (13 November).

Received

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- Letter from the Hon John Watkins MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, to the Chair, regarding answers to questions on notice from the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 November 2006 (17 November 2006).

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7. **Deliberative meeting**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Hale: That the Committee's deliberative meeting be rescheduled to 2.15pm.

Budget Estimates 2006-2007

Resolved, on the motion Mr Ryan: That a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport advising that the response to questions on notice should be provided as soon as possible and noting that the Committee is due to report on the last day of Parliament.

8. ***

9. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 pm.

Rebecca Main
A/Principal Council Officer

Minutes No. 105

Monday 20 November 2006
Parliament House, Room 814/815 at 9:40 am

1. **Members Present**

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)
Mr Greg Pearce (Clarke)
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Jan Burnswoods

Ms Kayee Griffin

2. Substitute Members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:

- Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr Oldfield
- Withdrawal of substitution advice: Mr Ryan to substitute for Mr Clarke
- New advice of substitution: Mr Pearce to substitute for Mr Clarke

3. ***

4. Deliberative

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly, that item No 5 of Minutes no.104 be amended by noting that the return date for answers to questions of notice from the hearing on 17 November, be two weeks from 22 November 2006.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly, that Minutes no 105, be confirmed, as amended.

Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Sent

- Letter from Chair to Emma Murphy, Chief of Staff, Minister for Transport, regarding response to questions on notice from the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 November 2006 (17 November 2006 – attached).

5. Consideration of Chair's draft report: Budget Estimates 2006-2007 (previously circulated) deferred from meeting 104

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That the report be the report of the Committee and be presented to the House, subject to the inclusion of a statement regarding the provision of answers to questions on notice by the Transport Minister, if the answers are not received by 5pm on 22 November 2006. Further, that this statement be circulated at the Committee's meeting on 23 November, prior to inclusion in the report.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That pursuant to section 4 of the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975 and under the authority of Standing Order 223, the Committee authorises the publication of all non-confidential correspondence, tabled documents and minutes.

Members were reminded that it is the standard practice of the Clerk to correct typographical mistakes and stylistic and grammatical errors, without recourse to the Committee.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:40pm.

Rebecca Main
A/Principal Council Officer

Draft Minutes No. 106

Thursday 23 November 2006
Parliament House, Parkes Room at 2:00 pm

1. Members Present

Ms Jenny Gardiner (Chair)
Ms Sylvia Hale
Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans (Oldfield)
Mr Greg Pearce (Clarke)
Mr Greg Donnelly
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Ms Kayee Griffin

2. Substitute Members

The Committee noted advice of the following substitutions:
Dr Chesterfield-Evans to substitute for Mr Oldfield
Mr Pearce to substitute for Mr Clarke

3. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: that Minutes no 105 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence:

- ***
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during Budget Estimates hearings from:
 - Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport (22 November)
 - Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC, Minister for Roads (22 November)
 - Hon Kerry Hickey MP, Minister for Local Government (21 November)
 - Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo (22 November).

5. ***

6. Budget Estimates 2006-2007 report

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That the report be tabled.

7. ***

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.25pm

Rebecca Main
A/Principal Council Officer