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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.

2. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 18 August 2014

GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries	10.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Western NSW	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 19 August 2014

GPSC3	Transport, The Hunter	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC3	Local Government	3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services, The Illawarra	9.00 am - 12.00 pm
GPSC2	Mental Health	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm
GPSC2	Education	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 20 August 2014

GPSC4	Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation	9.00 am - 1.30 pm
GPSC4	Attorney General, Justice	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC5	The Environment, Heritage, The Central Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday, 21 August 2014

GPSC3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Roads and Freight	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning, Women	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 22 August 2014

GPSC1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Finance and Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC4	Fair Trading	9.00 am - 10.30 am
GPSC4	Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts	10.45 am - 12.15 pm
GPSC4	Family and Community Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

3. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7 to 10 October 2014.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. The committees must hear evidence in public.
6. The committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
7. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
9. The committees are to present a final report to the House by 19 December 2014.
10. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
11. All answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, must be provided within 21 days, or as otherwise determined by the committee.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 12 November 2013, see *LC Minutes* (12/11/13), p 2161, Item 31; amended by *LC Minutes* (15/05/2014)2527-2529, Item 21.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

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

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

Ms Jan Barham MLC	The Greens
Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens
The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Luke Foley MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens
The Hon Steve Whan MLC	Australian Labor Party

* Mr Pearce replaced Mr MacDonald on 21 October 2014.

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015. This annual inquiry into the Budget Estimates ensures parliamentary oversight of the Budget, and provides an important mechanism for the accountability of the executive government to the Council.

The inquiry consisted of four hearings to examine the portfolio areas of:

- Transport, The Hunter
- The Legislature
- Local Government
- Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast
- Roads and Freight.

A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio area of Trade and Investment was also held.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the ministers and their officers who assisted the committee during this important inquiry. I am grateful to my fellow committee members and the secretariat staff for their contributions to the inquiry process.



Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2014-2015 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 12 November 2013 the Legislative Council resolved to hold the initial hearings of the General Purpose Standing Committees' inquiry into the Budget Estimates during the weeks commencing 18 August and 25 August 2014.¹
- 1.2 On 15 May 2014, the Legislative Council further resolved that 'the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report'.² The resolution required each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 19 December 2014. Furthermore, the resolution stipulated that the initial hearings would be held in the week commencing 18 August and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7-10 October.

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held five public hearings as follows:
- Tuesday 19 August 2014 – Hospitality and Racing, The Arts
 - Tuesday 19 August 2014 – The Legislature
 - Tuesday 19 August 2014 – Local Government
 - Thursday 21 August 2014 – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism, Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast
 - Thursday 21 August 2014 – Roads and Freight.
- 1.4 In addition, a supplementary hearing was also held on the 20 November 2014 to examine the portfolio area of Trade and Investment. A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

Transcripts

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3.

¹ *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 12 November 2013, p 2161.

² *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 15 May 2014, pp 2527-2529.

Questions on notice

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

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Transport, The Hunter

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of Transport was held on Tuesday, 19 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Transport portfolio:

- Opal Card implementation
- North West Rail Link project
- ride sharing
- quiet carriages on trains.

2.2 The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Ferries, Rail, State Transit portfolio:

- fare evasion and Transport Officers
- replacement of XPT fleet
- 6 new ferries by end of 2016
- truncation of the Newcastle rail line
- racial abuse on public transport.

2.3 The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of The Hunter portfolio:

- bus services in the Hunter
- Hunter Transport policy
- Lake Macquarie/Glendale Interchange
- manufacturing jobs in the Hunter region.

The Legislature

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Tuesday, 19 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of The Legislature portfolio:

- public display of the Parliament's artworks
- deselection and disposal of books from the Parliamentary Library
- plans for additional accessible toilets in Parliament House.

Local Government

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Local Government was held on Tuesday, 19 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Local Government portfolio:

- arrangements for the local government election in Newcastle
- declaration of pecuniary interests in respect of principal planning instruments
- corporate votes in local government elections
- abolition of rate pegging
- representations concerning corporate votes
- local government input into liquor licencing.

Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, the North Coast was held on Thursday, 21 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the portfolio of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services:

- Narrabri gas project and the Maules Creek coal project
- unsolicited proposal bid from Buldev and Hunter Ports to build a new coal terminal in Newcastle
- impact of gas price rises
- compatibility between dairy and coal seam gas industries, and the expansion of dairy exports
- Smart Work Hub pilot program
- free trade agreements with Japan and South Korea
- investment in regional NSW
- provisions for bad debts and the debt recovery process in the Department of Trade and Investment
- Resources for Regions.

2.7 The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, and Small Business:

- Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund
- changes to public transport signage
- budget of the Office of the Small Business Commissioner

- advisory and dispute resolution services provided by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner
- Visitor Accommodation Supply Plan
- overnight visitors expenditure and visitor numbers
- Regional Visitor Economy Fund grants.

2.8 The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of The North Coast portfolio:

- progress of work on the Pacific Highway upgrade
- Cross Border Commissioner
- employment opportunities on the North Coast
- regional relocation grants
- Grafton Bridge repairs and potential upgrade.

2.9 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Trade and Investment was held on Thursday, 20 November 2014. The following issues were raised:

- return flow credit rules for groundwater
- NSW Government Gas Plan
- coal seam gas
- SAP implementation
- China – Australia Free Trade Agreement

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Transport, The Hunter - Tuesday 19 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP	Minister for Transport and Minister for the Hunter
Mr Dave Stewart	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Fergus Gammie	Deputy Director General, Transport Services, Transport for NSW
Mr Tim Reardon	Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW
Mr Peter Rowley	Chief Executive, State Transit
Mr Howard Collins	Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
Mr Rodd Staples	Project Director, North West Rail Link
Mr Christopher Lock	Deputy Director General, Transport Projects, Transport for NSW
Mr William Tatnell	Senior Regional Coordinator, Hunter Region, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

The Legislature - Tuesday 19 August 2014

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

Local Government - Tuesday 19 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Paul Toole MP	Minister for Local Government
Mr Ross Woodward	Chief Executive, Office of Local Government
Mr Steve Orr	Deputy Chief Executive, Office of Local Government
Ms Corin Moffatt	Manager Innovation and Development, Office of Local Government

Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast - Thursday 21 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Andrew Stoner MP	Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business and Minister for the North Coast
Mr Mark Paterson AO	Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment
Mr Angus Armour	Deputy Secretary, Industry Innovation Hospitality & the Arts
Ms Jeannine Biviano	Deputy Secretary, Finance Strategy & Operations
Ms Robyn Hobbs	Small Business Commissioner, Office of Small Business
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW

Trade and Investment – Supplementary hearing – 20 November 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Mark Paterson AO	Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment

Roads and Freight - Thursday 21 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Duncan Gay MLC	Minister for Roads and Freight
Mr Dave Stewart	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Tim Reardon	Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Roads, Transport for NSW
Mr Peter Duncan	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Peter Wells	Director, Customer and Compliance, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Ken Kanofski	Director, Journey Management, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Geoff Fogarty	Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Dennis Cliche	Chief Executive Officer, WestConnex Delivery Authority
Ms Margaret Prendergast	General Manager, Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW
Paul Hesford	Director Finance, Roads and Maritime Services
Ms Rachel Johnson	Deputy Director General, Freight and Regional Development, Transport for NSW
Mr Grant Gilfillan	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports
Mr Angus Mitchell	Director, Maritime, Roads and Maritime Services

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Tuesday 19 August 2014

Transport, The Hunter

- 1 Transport for NSW, briefing document regarding an update on Opal Cards by the General Manager obtained from the Government Information (Public Access) Act process, tabled by the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC.

Thursday 21 August 2014

Roads and Freight

- 2 Emails regarding Westconnect traffic analysis, tabled by the Hon Walt Secord MLC.
- 3 City of Canterbury, media release - Council concerned over King Georges Clearway, tabled by the Hon Walt Secord MLC.
- 4 City of Canterbury, mayoral minutes – Clearways on King Georges Road, Wiley Park, tabled by the Hon Walt Secord MLC.

Appendix 3 Minutes

Minutes no. 43

Thursday 19 June 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Room 1136, Parliament House, 2.02 pm

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Ms Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi (2.03 pm)

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That draft minutes no. 42 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – procedural resolutions

3.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the sequence of questions be asked during the hearing rotate between opposition, cross bench and government members, in that order, with an equal amount of time allocated to each group.

3.2 Order for examination of portfolios: If portfolios are not to be considered concurrently

Ms Sharpe moved: That on Tuesday 19 August 2014, the

- Transport portfolio, including Ferries, Rail and State be examined from 9.00 am until 12.00 pm
- Hunter portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 1.00 pm.

Question put

The committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch,

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

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That on Tuesday 19 August 2014, the

- Transport portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 10.30 am
- Ferries, Rail and State Transit areas within the Transport portfolio be examined from 10.45 am until 12.15 pm.
- Hunter portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 1.00 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald:

That on Thursday 21 August 2014, the

- Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services portfolios be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- Tourism and Major Events, Small Business portfolios be examined from 11.15 am until 12.15 pm
- The North Coast portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 1.00 pm
- The Roads portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm
- The Freight portfolio be examined from 5.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

3.3 Witness requests

Members were asked to provide any witness requests to the Secretariat by 5:00pm, Friday 4 July 2014.

3.4 Webcasting of the budget estimates hearings in the Macquarie Room

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee authorises the webcast of the Committee's 2014/15 Budget Estimates hearings via the Parliament's website.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2.18 pm until 8:45 am on Tuesday 19 August 2014, in the Macquarie Room (*Transport, The Hunter*).

Stewart Smith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 44

Tuesday 19 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Ms Fazio (substituting for Mr Veitch)

Mr Green

Dr Kaye (substituting for Dr Faruqi – *The Hunter*)

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

2. Apologies

3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That draft minutes no. 43 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 30 July 2014 – Email from Mr Brett Cox, Minister Berejiklian's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into *Transport and The Hunter*.
- 31 July 2014 – Email from Mr Andrew Kouros, Minister Berejiklian's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of amendments to witnesses attending hearing into *Transport and The Hunter*.

- 31 July 2014 – Email from Mr Darren Bark, Minister Toole’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Local Government.
- 1 August 2014 – Email from Ms Laura Clarke, Minister Stoner’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast.
- 1 August 2014 – Email from Ms Susanna Montrone, Minister Gay’s office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Roads and Freight.
- 6 August 2014 – Email from Ms Susanna Montrone, Minister Gay's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of inability of witness requested to attend.

Sent

- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Minister for Transport and Minister for the Hunter, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Freight, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business and Minister for the North Coast, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 15 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council, inviting the President to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 6 August 2014 – Email to Minister Gay’s office, Roads and Freight - request for confirmation of unavailability of witnesses requested by GPSC3 to appear at Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015

5.1 Order of examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That with no questions asked by government members on Tuesday 19 August 2014 the:

- Transport portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 10.00 am
- Ferries, Rail, State Transit portfolios be examined from 10.15 am until 11.15 am
- The Hunter portfolio be examined from 11.20 am until 11.50 am.

5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Transport, The Hunter

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Berejiklian MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Dave Stewart, Secretary, Transport for NSW
- Mr Fergus Gammie, Deputy Director General, Transport Services, Transport for NSW
- Mr Tim Reardon, Deputy Director General, Policy and Regulation, Transport for NSW
- Mr Peter Rowley, Chief Executive, State Transit

- Mr Howard Collins, Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
- Mr Rodd Staples, Project Director, North West Rail Link
- Mr Christopher Lock, Deputy Director General, Transport Projects, Transport for NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Transport, The Hunter open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Ms Sharpe tendered a briefing document regarding an update on Opal Cards by the General Manager obtained from the Government Information (Public Access) Act process.

Dr Kaye substituted for Dr Faruqi for the portfolio of The Hunter.

Mr Rodd Staples withdrew.

Mr Bill Tatnell, Senior Regional Coordinator, Hunter Region, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, was sworn as a witness for examination.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.50 am.

The public and media withdrew.

5.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Transport, The Hunter hearing held on Tuesday 19 August 2014:

- Briefing document regarding an update on Opal Cards, tendered by Ms Sharpe.

5.4 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Transport, The Hunter on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.53 am, until 1.45 pm, Tuesday 19 August 2014, Macquarie Room (*The Legislature, Local Government*).

Rebecca Main

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 45

Tuesday 19 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.53 pm

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cotsis (substituting for Ms Sharpe – Local Government)

Ms Fazio (substituting for Mr Veitch – The Legislature)

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Mr Moselmane (substituting for Mr Veitch – Local Government)

Mr Primrose (substituting for Ms Sharpe – The Legislature)

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Faruqi)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**2.1 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That with no questions asked by government members in relation to the Local Government portfolio on Tuesday 19 August 2014, the portfolio be examined from 3.00 pm until 4.20 pm.

2.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – The Legislature

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

President Harwin MLC was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Robert Stefanic, Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
- Mr John Gregor, Director, Finance, Department of Parliamentary Services.

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

The President and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 2.45pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Mr Primrose and Ms Fazio left the meeting.

2.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Local Government

Ms Cotsis and Mr Moselmane joined the meeting.

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Toole MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Ross Woodward, Chief Executive, Office of Local Government
- Mr Steve Orr, Deputy Chief Executive, Office of Local Government
- Ms Corin Moffatt, Manager Innovation and Development, Office of Local Government.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Local Government open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.21 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.4 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of The Legislature on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.25 pm, until 8.45 am, Thursday 21 August 2014, Room 814/815 (*Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast*).

Merrin Thompson
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 46

Thursday 21 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham (substituting for Dr Faruqi - Tourism, Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast)

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Dr Faruqi - Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services)

Mr Green

Mr Foley (participating – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services)

Mr MacDonald

Mr Searle (participating – Tourism and Major Events, Small Business)

Mr Secord (substituting for Ms Sharpe - The North Coast)

Mr Veitch

Mr Whan (substituting for Ms Sharpe - Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**2.1 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That with no questions asked by government members on Thursday 21 August 2014 the:

- Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services portfolios be examined from 9.00 am until 10.20 am
- Tourism and Major Events, Small Business portfolios be examined from 11.15 am until 11.55 am
- The North Coast portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 12.45 pm
- The Roads portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm
- The Freight portfolio be examined from 4.00 pm until 4.40 pm.

2.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Stoner MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment
- Mr Angus Armour, Deputy Secretary, Industry Innovation Hospitality & the Arts
- Ms Jeannine Biviano, Deputy Secretary, Finance Strategy & Operations.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Foley left the meeting.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Buckingham left the meeting.

Mr Searle joined the meeting.

Ms Barham joined the meeting.

The following witness was examined on their former oaths:

- Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Robyn Hobbs, Small Business Commissioner, Office of Small Business
- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Small Business open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Searle left the meeting.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Secord joined the meeting.

Mr Whan left the meeting.

The following witnesses were examined on their former oaths:

- Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, NSW Trade & Investment.
- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of The North Coast open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The public hearing concluded at 12.38 pm.

The witnesses, public and media withdrew.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.39pm, until 1.45 pm, Thursday 21 August 2014, Room 814/815 (*Roads and Freight*).

Cathryn Cummins
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 47

Thursday 21 August 2014
 General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3
 Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*
 Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*
 Dr Faruqi
 Mr Green
 Mr MacDonald
 Mr Secord (*substituting for Ms Sharpe*)
 Mr Veitch

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Roads and Freight

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Mr Dave Stewart and Mr Tim Reardon, they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Mr Green joined the meeting.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Peter Duncan, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Peter Wells, Director, Customer and Compliance, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Ken Kanofski, Director, Journey Management, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Geoff Fogarty, Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive Officer, WestConnex Delivery Authority
- Ms Margaret Prendergast, General Manager, Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director Finance, Roads and Maritime Services.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Roads open for examination.

Minister Gay and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Secord tendered the following documents:

- emails regarding westconnect traffic analysis

- media Release: Council concerned over King Georges Clearway, City of Canterbury
- Mayoral Minutes 26 June 2014.

The evidence concluded and the following witnesses withdrew:

- Mr Peter Wells, Director, Customer and Compliance, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Ken Kanofski, Director, Journey Management, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Geoff Fogarty, Director, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive Officer, WestConnex Delivery Authority
- Ms Margaret Prendergast, General Manager, Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director Finance, Roads and Maritime Services.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Ports
- Mr Angus Mitchell, Director, Maritime, Roads and Maritime Services
- Ms Rachel Johnson, Deputy Director General, Freight and Regional Development, Transport for NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Freight for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The public hearing concluded at 4.55 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered by Mr Secrod during the Roads hearing held on Thursday 21 August 2014:

- Emails regarding westconnect traffic analysis
- Media Release: Council concerned over King Georges Clearway, City of Canterbury
- Mayoral Minutes 26 June 2014.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

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

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.55pm, *sine die*.

Shu-Fang Wei
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 48

Wednesday 17 September 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 10.45 am

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

2. Apologies**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That draft minutes nos 44 - 47 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

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- 10 September 2014 – Letter from the Hon Duncan Gay MLC to Clerk of the Parliaments providing formal request from the government for an extension to the government response to the inquiry into tourism in local communities
- 11 September 2014 – From Minister Berejiklian providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Transport, The Hunter
- 11 September 2014 – From President Harwin providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of The Legislature
- 11 September 2014 – From Minister Toole providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Local Government
- 15 September 2014 – From Minister Stoner providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast
- 15 September 2014 – From Minister Gay providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Roads and Freight.

Sent:

- 22 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Berejiklian, Minister for Transport and Minister for the Hunter, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 22 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to President Harwin, President of the Legislative Council, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 22 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Toole, Minister for Local Government, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 26 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Stoner, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business and Minister for the North Coast, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 26 August 2014 – From Secretariat to Minister Gay, Minister for Roads and Freight, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015 - Supplementary hearings

Ms Sharpe moved: That the committee hold further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Transport, The Hunter; Local Government on a date during the week of 7-10 October 2014, to be determined by the chair in consultation with members.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Noes: Mr Blair, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones.

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

Mr Veitch moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast on a date during the week of 7-10 October 2014, to be determined by the chair in consultation with members.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Noes: Mr Blair, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones.

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

Dr Faruqi moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Roads and Freight on a date during the week of 7-10 October 2014, to be determined by the chair in consultation with members.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Faruqi, Ms Sharpe, Mr Veitch

Noes: Mr Blair, Mr MacDonald, Mrs Maclaren-Jones.

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

Resolved on the motion of Mr Blair: That the committee hold no further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of The Legislature.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.56 am *sine die*.

Elizabeth Parker

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 49

Tuesday 14 October 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 2.14 pm

1. Members presentMrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Green

Mr MacDonald

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

2. Apologies**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That draft minutes no. 48 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 18 September 2014 – From Minister Toole providing answer to additional question on notice for the portfolio of Local Government

Sent

- 16 September 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Toole, Minister for Local Government, forwarding additional question on notice.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**5.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the committee hold a supplementary hearing of one and a half hours to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Trade and Investment, and invite Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, NSW Trade and Investment, to appear as a witness, on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 9.00 am.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.20 pm until Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 9.00 am.

Sarah Dunn

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 50

Thursday 20 November 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Waratah Room, Parliament House, 5.10 pm

1. Members presentMrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Borsak (participating)

Mr Brown (substituting for Mr Green)

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Dr Faruqi)

Mr MacDonald (substituting for Mr Pearce)

Ms Sharpe

Mr Veitch

2. Apologies**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That draft minutes no. 49 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 14 October 2014 – Email from Ms Laura Clarke, Minister Stoner's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of Mr Mark Paterson AO attending supplementary hearing into Trade and Investment

Sent:

- 14 October 2014 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to the Hon Andrew Stoner MP, Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Small Business and Minister for the North Coast, inviting Mr Mark Paterson AO to appear as a witness at the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Trade and Investment
- 28 October 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to Mr Mark Paterson AO, Secretary, NSW Trade and Investment, inviting Mr Paterson to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 supplementary hearing into Trade and Investment.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**5.1 Allocation of question time**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair That with no questions asked by government members on Thursday 20 November 2014 the Trade and Investment portfolio be examined from 5.10 pm until 6.10 pm.

5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Trade and Investment

The witness, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting and webcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair reminded Mr Paterson that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath earlier in an earlier Budget Estimates hearing.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Trade and Investment open for examination.

The witness was examined by the committee.

Mr Brown tabled two documents, entitled:

- Email from representative of Game Council
- Letter from Pigot Miller accountants to Game Council.

The evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

The public and the media withdrew.

5.3 Tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Blair: That the committee accept the following documents tabled during the Trade and Investment hearing held on Thursday 20 November 2014:

- Email from representative of Game Council
- Letter from Pigot Miller accountants to Game Council.

5.4 Supplementary hearings

Resolved on the motion of Mr Brown: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Trade and Investment.

5.5 Answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That answers to questions on notice be returned within 14 days.

5.6 Report deliberative date

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That a report deliberative to discuss the Chair's draft report be held on Monday 15 December 2014 at 11.30 am.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 6.10 pm until Monday 15 December 2014 at 11.30 am.

Stewart Smith

Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes no. 51

Monday 15 December 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney 10.00 am

1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Chair*

Mr Blair, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Pearce

Mr Veitch

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft minutes no. 51 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014 – 2015

3.1 Report deliberative

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce:

- That the draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;
- That the transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry not already made public, be made public by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee;
- That the committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;
- That dissenting statements be provided to the secretariat within 24 hours of receipt of the minutes;
- That the report be tabled by Friday 19 December 2014.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.01 am, *sine die*.

Stewart Smith
Clerk to the Committee