



### **Inquiry into home schooling**

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on home schooling in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) The background of home schooling including comparison of practices with other jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand
  - (b) The current context of home schooling in New South Wales including:
    - (i) outcomes of home schooling including in relation to transition to further study and work
    - (ii) financial costs
    - (iii) demographics and motivation of parents to home school their children
    - (iv) extent of and reasons for unregistered home schoolers
    - (v) characteristics and educational needs of home schooled children
    - (vi) comparison of home schooling to school education including distance education
  - (c) Regulatory framework for home schooling including:
    - (i) current registration processes and ways of reducing the number of unregistered home schoolers
    - (ii) training, qualifications and experience of authorised persons
    - (iii) adherence to delivery of the New South Wales Syllabuses
    - (iv) potential benefits or impediments to children's safety, welfare and wellbeing
    - (v) appropriateness of the current regulatory regime and ways in which it could be improved
  - (d) Support issues for home schooling families and barriers to accessing support
  - (e) Representation of home schoolers within Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BoSTES)
  - (f) Any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by the last sitting day in November 2014.

## Committee membership

<b>The Hon Paul Green MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon David Clarke MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Helen Westwood MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	



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