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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2008-2009 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That the committees consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the committees.

3. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

### **Day One: Monday 13 October 2008**

GPSC 1	Roads	9.15 am - 11.00 am
GPSC 2	Health, Central Coast	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Ports & Waterways	11.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	4.45 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 2	Aboriginal Affairs	4.45 pm - 6.00 pm

### **Day Two: Tuesday 14 October 2008**

GPSC 1	Treasury	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Local Government	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC 3	Mental Health	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC 3	Police	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
GPSC 3	Lands	4.15 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC 3	Emergency Services	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Arts	5.15 pm - 6.00 pm

### **Day Three: Wednesday 15 October 2008**

GPSC 2	Education & Training	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Transport & Illawarra	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Women	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC 2	Community Services	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

**Day Four: Thursday 16 October 2008**

GPSC 5	Climate Change and the Environment	9.15 am - 11.45 am
GPSC 4	Fair Trading, Citizenship	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Commerce	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Small Business, Science & Medical Research	2.00 pm - 3.45 pm
GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Mineral Resources	2.00 pm - 6.30 pm
GPSC 4	Tourism, Hunter	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

**Day Five: Friday 17 October 2008**

GPSC 5	Energy	9.15 am - 11.15 am
GPSC 3	Attorney General, Justice, Industrial Relations	9.15 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	State Development	11.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
GPSC 5	Water, Rural Affairs, Regional Development	2.00 pm - 4.15 pm
GPSC 5	Housing, Western Sydney	4.30 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Juvenile Justice, Volunteering, Youth	4.15 pm - 6.00 pm

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

**Day One: 17 November 2008**

GPSC 1

GPSC 2

**Day Two: 18 November 2008**

GPSC 1

GPSC 3

**Day Three: 19 November 2008**

GPSC 4

GPSC 2

**Day Four: 20 November 2008**

GPSC 4

GPSC 5

**Day Five: 21 November 2008**

GPSC 5

GPSC 3

5. That the committees may hold additional supplementary hearings after 21 November 2008 as required.

6. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9:15 am and conclude by 6:00 pm except on Thursday 16 October 2008 on which day hearings may conclude by 6.30 pm.
7. The committees must hear evidence in public.
8. The committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
9. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questioning
10. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
11. The committees are to present a final report to the House by the first sitting day in March 2009.
12. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
13. All answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing, and questions on notice lodged up to two days following the hearing, must be provided within 21 days, or as otherwise determined by the committee.

The terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 5 December 2007, see *LC Minutes* (5/12/2007), 423-426, amended by *LC Minutes* (26/6/2008) 721-723, amended by *LC Minutes* (24/09/2008) 785-787

## Committee membership

<b>Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Ian West MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

## Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Duncan Gay MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Greg Pearce MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon David Clarke MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Don Harwin MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Eddie Obeid MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>Ms Sylvia Hale MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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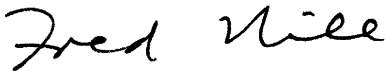


## Chairman's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Budget Estimates 2008-2009. 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.

During the initial round of hearings the Committee held seven hearings, receiving 15 hours of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Roads, Ports and Waterways, Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform, The Legislature, Treasury, Premier and Arts. The Committee subsequently held a further four supplementary hearings, to again examine the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform; Ports and Waterways; Roads, and Treasury.

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 for their contributions to the Inquiry process.



Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC  
**Chairman**



# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2008-2009 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 5 December 2007, the Legislative Council resolved ‘that the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2008-2009 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.’<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 The resolution (referred to as the Budget Estimates Resolution) required each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by the first sitting day in March 2009.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.3 On 26 November 2008, the House extended the reporting date to Thursday 5 March 2009.<sup>3</sup>

## Hearings

- 1.4 The Committee held eleven public hearings as follows:
  - Monday 13 October 2008 – Roads
  - Monday 13 October 2008 – Ports and Waterways
  - Monday 13 October 2008 – Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform
  - Monday 13 October 2008 – The Legislature
  - Tuesday 14 October 2008 – Treasury
  - Tuesday 14 October 2008 – Premier
  - Tuesday 14 October 2008 – Arts
  - Monday 17 November 2008 – Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform – supplementary hearing
  - Monday 17 November 2008 – Ports and Waterways – supplementary hearing
  - Monday 17 November 2008 – Roads – supplementary hearing
  - Tuesday 18 November 2008 – Treasury – supplementary hearing.
- 1.5 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

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<sup>1</sup> *LC Minutes* (5/12/2007), 423-426

<sup>2</sup> *LC Minutes* (5/12/2007), 423-426, amended by *LC Minutes* (26/6/2008) 721-723, amended by *LC Minutes* (24/09/2008) 785-787

<sup>3</sup> *LC Minutes* (26/11/08), 11703

## **Transcripts**

- 1.6 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1).

## **Questions on notice**

- 1.7 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.

### Roads

**2.1** A hearing to examine the portfolio of Roads was held on Monday 13 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Matters relating to the Minister's office and the Roads and Traffic Authority, including staffing levels
- Integrated transport planning
- Operation and management of the M5 East Motorway
- Report by Jim Steer on Sydney's transport needs
- Impact of climate change on road upgrade projects
- Consideration of oil price rises in planning of new motorways
- Future of the Lane Cove Tunnel
- Testing of drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and the link to the incidence of road crash fatalities
- Efforts to improve road safety in school zones
- Reductions in road fatalities
- Performance of the RTA and its success in managing large-scale events
- Budget allocation and reporting for the Pacific Highway upgrade projects
- Progress of road upgrade projects and cost pressures
- Heavy vehicle driver fatigue laws
- Cycling projects underway as part of the NSW Bike Plan.

**2.2** A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Roads was held on Monday 17 November 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Funding for and progress of Pacific Highway upgrade projects
- Use of E-Tags on the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Time-of-day pricing on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel
- Consideration of cyclists in planning new road projects
- Availability of Federal funding for new road projects
- Impact of the Mini-Budget on roads funding
- RTA cost-savings put forward in the Mini-Budget

- Licensing requirements of E-bikes or motorised scooters
- Iron Cove Bridge upgrade and public transport impacts
- Process for determining speed limits.

## **Ports and Waterways**

**2.3** A hearing to examine the portfolio of Ports and Waterways was held on Monday 13 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Berths available for cruise ships in Sydney Harbour
- Measures being taken at the Port of Newcastle to support coal exports
- Expansion of Port Botany, including selection of a new stevedore contractor
- Review of Regional Environmental Plans
- Safety initiatives for boating on Sydney Harbour, including the number of night patrols
- Rentals of private residential wetlands
- Improvements to boating facilities
- Progress of Ports Growth Plan
- Future role of NSW Maritime
- New requirements for people applying for recreational boat licences
- Amalgamation of volunteer marine rescue organisations
- Response to recommendations of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to improve the efficiency of ports.

**2.4** A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Ports and Waterways was held on Monday 17 November 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Disposal of marine flares
- Night patrols on Sydney Harbour
- Berths available for cruise ships in Sydney Harbour
- Greiner Plan for Hunter Valley coal exports
- Development plans for marinas, including Rose Bay Marina
- Contract for a new stevedore at Port Botany
- Changes to the pilot boat scheme for Sydney Harbour
- Policy on staff usage of NSW Maritime vessels
- Performance figures for Port Botany
- Recruitment process for NSW Maritime employees

- Dredging works in Newcastle Harbour
- Impact on roads of relocating car shipments to Port Kembla
- Redevelopment of Walsh Bay.

## **Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform**

**2.5** A hearing to examine the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform was held on Monday 13 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Future of NSW Lotteries
- Operation of the State Property Authority, including savings achieved and procedures to prevent conflicts of interest
- Calculation of NSW's superannuation liability
- Harmonisation of national occupational health and safety legislation
- Re-testing program for holders of fraudulently-issued certificates of competency
- Financial position of Work Cover
- Role of business advisory officers
- Services delivered by the Motor Accidents Authority and the Life Time Care and Support Authority
- Work Cover awards, including the Safe Work awards and the Young Workers Poster Competition
- Management of the government office property portfolio
- Efforts to cut red tape, including by the Better Regulation Office
- Hedging position of NSW electricity generators
- Review of the State Infrastructure Strategy
- Rationale underlying the better regulation principles
- Costing of Tillegra Dam proposal
- Impact of the Mini-Budget on the commencement date of capital projects
- Efforts to improve the green slip motor vehicle insurance scheme
- Assistance to businesses, including in rural and regional NSW, and through the Work Cover Business Assistance Group
- Proposed improvements to NSW workers' compensation scheme
- Performance of the Better Regulation Office
- Benefits of projects to build new government buildings.

**2.6** A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform was held on Monday 17 November 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Future of surplus government properties
- Financial position of Work Cover
- Preparation of the Mini-Budget
- Impact of wages growth on NSW finances
- Infrastructure levies
- Calculation of NSW's superannuation liabilities
- North West Metro proposal, including the costing and evaluation process
- Tillegra Dam proposal
- Harmonisation of national occupational health and safety legislation
- Role and performance of the Better Regulation Office
- Infrastructure proposals, including the State Infrastructure Strategy and the process for securing Federal funding
- Prosecutions by Work Cover and the role played by field inspectors
- Determination of NSW's credit rating.

## **The Legislature**

**2.7** A hearing to examine the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Monday 13 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Initiatives to promote community access to the Parliament
- Increase in staff salaries and operating costs
- Budgetary impact of accommodating ministers and parliamentary secretaries
- Budget for building works
- Outcomes of energy and water saving initiatives
- Arrangements for special constables, including the storage of firearms
- Support services provided to members of Parliament, including the opening hours of the Parliamentary Library
- Period of Christmas closure.



## Treasury

**2.8** A hearing to examine the portfolio of Treasury was held on Tuesday 14 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Credit rating for NSW, including the impact of the unsuccessful electricity reform package, the cost to the economy of any downgrade in the credit rating, the impact of the Mini-Budget on the credit rating, and the impact of the credit rating on investment in NSW
- Targets for financial liabilities
- Office of State Revenue website providing access to speed camera images
- Assistance to first home buyers and car owners in areas affected by floods or storms
- Future of electricity reform
- Findings of the Owen Report
- Projected wage increases for public servants
- Exposure of State and Local Government investments to the US financial crisis
- Consultancy services provided by Bernie Fraser and Ian Macfarlane
- Impact of the Federal Government's financial rescue package
- Credit rating process undertaken by Moody's and Standard and Poor's
- Demographic changes in NSW
- Capital expenditure on rail projects
- Accuracy of forecasts in the Budget Papers
- Impact of interest rate cuts by the Reserve Bank
- State of the NSW labour market
- NSW share of the GST revenue
- Plans for cutting payroll tax.

**2.9** A supplementary hearing to examine the portfolio of Treasury was held on Tuesday 18 November 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Relationship between the NSW Budget and the economy and economic activity
- Resignation of the Treasury Secretary, John Pierce
- Government plans for electricity assets
- Process for developing the Mini-Budget
- NSW credit rating
- Applications for infrastructure funding from the Federal Government

- Special purpose payments from the Federal Government
- Cost saving proposals put forward in the Mini-Budget
- Rate of economic growth in NSW
- Tillegra Dam proposal.

## **Premier**

**2.10** A hearing to examine the portfolio of Premier was held on Tuesday 14 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- Premier's working history
- Staffing levels in the Premier's office
- Availability of media releases
- Benefits and costs of hosting major events in Sydney, including the V8 Super Car race
- Reform of electoral and political party funding, and the findings of the report prepared by Anne Twomey
- Funding for the Mardi Gras parade
- International financial crisis and efforts to address it through the Mini-Budget
- Efforts to improve performance of the rail network
- Capital works programs to address school maintenance
- Secondments to ministerial offices and division of responsibilities between departmental and ministerial staff
- Regulation of post-ministerial employment
- Response to recommendations made by the Parliament's ICAC Committee
- Information technology in schools
- Crime rates
- Measures to address climate change
- Capital works proposals submitted to Infrastructure Australia
- Prevention of violence against women
- Contractual arrangements for Bernie Fraser and Ian Macfarlane
- Reduced revenue from stamp duty.

## **Arts**

**2.11** A hearing to examine the portfolio of Arts was held on Tuesday 14 October 2008. The following issues were raised:

- NSW Cultural Grants program, including its funding, the findings of the recent review, and the evaluation process for grant recipients
- Role of regional arts boards
- Evaluation process for grants recipients
- Funding of writers' centres
- Impact of the Mini-Budget on funding for the Arts portfolio
- Funding for the development of arts accommodation
- ConnectEd Arts partnership.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### 1. Roads – Monday 13 October 2008

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Michael Daley MP	Minister for Roads
Mr Les Wielinga	Chief Executive Officer, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Bushby	Director, Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Geoff Fogarty	Acting Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Paul Hesford	Director, Finance and Commercial Development, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr David Stuart Watt	Director, Licensing, Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Veysey	Acting Director, Business Coordination, Road and Safety Policy, Roads and Traffic Authority

### 2. Ports and Waterways – Monday 13 October 2008

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Joseph Tripodi MP	Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Minister for Ports and Waterways
Mr Steve Dunn	Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
Mr Tony Middleton	Acting Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime

### 3. Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform – Monday 13 October 2008

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Joseph Tripodi MP	Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Minister for Ports and Waterways
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Michael Schur	Deputy Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Management, NSW Treasury
Mr William Murphy	Acting Director, Better Regulation Office
Mr David Bowen	General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority and Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
Mr Jon Blackwell	Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW
Ms Vicki Telfer	General Manager, Strategy and Policy, WorkCover NSW
Ms Anne Skewes	Chief Executive Officer, State Property Authority

**4. The Legislature – Monday 13 October 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	President of the Legislative Council
Ms Lynn Lovelock	Clerk of the Parliaments
Mr Brian Ward	Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
Mr Greg McGill	Financial Controller, Department of Parliamentary Services

**5. Treasury – Tuesday 14 October 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	Treasurer
Mr John Pierce	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Tony Newbury	Executive Director, Office of State Revenue

**6. Premier – Tuesday 14 October 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Nathan Rees MP	Premier and Minister for the Arts
Ms Robyn Kruk	Director-General, Department of Premier and Cabinet

**7. Arts – Tuesday 14 October 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Nathan Rees MP	Premier and Minister for the Arts
Ms Carol Mills	Director-General, Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation

**8. Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform – Monday 17 November 2008 (supplementary hearing)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Michael Schur	Deputy Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Jon Blackwell	Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW
Ms Anne Skewes	Chief Executive Officer, State Property Authority
Ms Carmel Donnelly	Acting General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
Ms Jane Anderson	Acting Assistant Director, Better Regulation Office, Department of Premier and Cabinet

**9. Ports and Waterways – Monday 17 November 2008 (supplementary hearing)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Steve Dunn	Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
Mr Tony Middleton	Acting Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime

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**10. Roads – Monday 17 November 2008 (supplementary hearing)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Les Wielinga	Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Bushby	Director, Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Brian Watters	Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Paul Hesford	Director, Finance and Commercial Development, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr David Stuart Watt	Director, Licensing, Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
Mr Michael Veysey	Acting Director, Business Coordination, Road Safety and Policy, Roads and Traffic Authority

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**11. Treasury – Tuesday 18 November 2008 (supplementary hearing)**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr John Pierce	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Michael Schur	Deputy Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Management, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	Deputy Secretary, Environment and Economic Services, NSW Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economics, NSW Treasury

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## Appendix 2 Tabled documents

**Tuesday 14 October 2008**

**Public Hearing, Room 814/815, Parliament House**

1. *Victoria's Credit Rating History (Moody's)* – Tendered by Mr Roozendaal

**Tuesday 18 November 2008**

**Public Hearing (supplementary), Jubilee Room, Parliament House**

2. *Statement by John Pierce, 18 November 2008* – Tendered by Mr Pierce

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes No. 9

Wednesday 24 September 2008

Member's Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 6.35pm

#### 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Ms Kayee Griffin

Dr John Kaye

Mrs Melinda Pavey

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin: That draft Minutes No 8 be confirmed.

#### 3. \*\*\*

#### 4. \*\*\*

#### 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

The Clerk advised the arrangements for the 2008-09 Budget Estimates hearings regarding catering, briefing sessions for members and their staff, filming and witness requests.

The Chairman indicated his preference that a sandwich lunch be provided for committee members on the two days of hearings.

#### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.20 pm until 10:00 am, Thursday 9 October 2008.

Steven Reynolds

**Clerk to the Committee**

### Minutes No. 11

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.00 am

#### 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*

Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Mr Duncan Gay (Mason-Cox)

Ms Marie Ficarra (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West



## 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Gay to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Ficarra to substitute for Mrs Pavey
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

## 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to Minister Daley, Minister for Roads; regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

## 4. Conduct of hearing

### Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Ficarra: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each.

### Return date for answers to questions on notice

The Committee indicated their intention not to vary the Budget Estimates Resolution requiring answers to questions on notice to be returned within 21 days.

### Publication of answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Ficarra: That, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the Committee authorise the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions on notice, except those answers for which a confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

### Morning/afternoon break

The Chair advised that there would be a brief break at 10:30 am.

## 5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008 -2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Daley that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Les Wielinga, Chief Executive Officer, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Michael Bushby, Director, Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Geoff Fogarty, Acting Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director, Finance and Commercial Development, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr David Stuart Watt, Director, Licensing, Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Michael Veysey, Acting Director, Business Coordination, Road Safety and Policy, Roads and Traffic Authority.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11am. The public and media withdrew.

## 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11 am until Monday 13 October 2008 at 11.15 am.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 12

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.15 am

### 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*  
Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Rhiannon (Kaye)  
Ms Marie Ficarra (Pavey)  
Mr Duncan Gay (Mason-Cox)  
Ms Penny Sharpe  
Mr Ian West

### 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Ficarra to substitute for Mrs Pavey
- Mr Gay to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to Minister Tripodi, Minister for Ports and Waterways; regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

### 4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Tripodi that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Steve Dunn, Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
- Mr Tony Middleton, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Ports and Waterways open for examination.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.00 pm. The public and media withdrew.

#### 5. Other business

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Gay: That the Committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Roads on 17 November 2008 for 1¾ hours and that the Committee invite Mr Alec Brown to appear.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Gay: That the Committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Ports and Waterways on 17 November 2008 for 1¾ hours.

#### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1 pm until Monday 13 October 2008 at 2.00 pm.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### Minutes No. 13

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*  
 Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*  
 Dr John Kaye  
 Mr Pearce (Pavey)  
 Mr Matthew Mason-Cox  
 Ms Penny Sharpe  
 Mr Ian West

#### 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mrs Pavey.

#### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to Minister Tripodi, Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform; regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

#### 4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Minister Tripodi that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Michael Schur, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr William Murphy, Acting Director, Better Regulation Office

- Mr David Bowen, General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority and Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
- Mr Jon Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, WorkCover NSW
- Ms Vicki Telfer, General Manager, Strategy and Policy, WorkCover NSW
- Ms Anne Skewes, Chief Executive Officer, State Property Authority

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform open for examination.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The public hearing concluded at 4:30 pm. The public and media withdrew.

## 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:30 pm until Monday 13 October 2008 at 4.45 pm.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 14

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 4.45 pm

### 1. Members present

Ms Kayee Griffin, *Chair*

Mr David Clarke (Pavey)

Mr Don Harwin (Mason-Cox)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

### 2. Apologies

Revd Fred Nile

### 3. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Clarke to substitute for Mrs Pavey
- Mr Harwin to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

### 4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to The Hon Peter Primrose MLC, President of the Legislative Council, regarding the President's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

## 5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded President Primrose that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Lynn Lovelock, Clerk of the Parliaments
- Mr Brian Ward, Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
- Mr Greg McGill, Financial Controller, Department of Parliamentary Services.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.20pm. The public and media withdrew.

## 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.20 pm until Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 9.00 am.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 15

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.00 am

### 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*  
 Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*  
 Dr John Kaye  
 Mr Greg Pearce (Pavey)  
 Mr Matthew Mason-Cox  
 Ms Penny Sharpe  
 Mr Eddie Obeid

### 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mrs Pavey.
- Mr Obeid to substitute for Mr West.

### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to the Treasurer; regarding the Treasurer's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

#### **4. Conduct of hearing**

##### Morning/afternoon break

The Chair advised that there would be a brief break at 10.30 am and 3.30 pm.

#### **5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Treasurer Roozendaal that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr John Pierce, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Tony Newbury, Executive Director, Office of State Revenue.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Treasury open for examination.

The Treasurer and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Roozendaal tendered the following documents:

- Victoria's Credit Rating History (Moody's).

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.00 pm. The public and media withdrew.

#### **6. Other business**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That the Committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform on 17 November 2008 for 1¾ hours.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.01 pm until Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 2.00 pm.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Minutes No. 16**

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

#### **1. Members present**

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*

Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Catherine Cusack (Mason-Cox)

Mr Trevor Khan (Pavey)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

## 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Cusack to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Khan to substitute for Mrs Pavey
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

## 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to the Premier, regarding the Premier's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

## 4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the Minister that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Robyn Kruk, Director-General, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of the Premier open for examination.

The Premier and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.05 pm. The public and media withdrew.

## 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.05 pm until Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 5.15 pm.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 17

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 5.15 pm

## 1. Members present

Revd Mr Fred Nile, *Chairman*

Ms Kayee Griffin, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Catherine Cusack (Mason-Cox)

Ms Sylvia Hale (Kaye)

Mr Trevor Khan (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

## 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Cusack to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Hale to substitute for Dr Kaye
- Mr Khan to substitute for Mrs Pavey.

## 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 29 September 2008 – From Secretariat to the Premier and Minister for Arts; regarding the Premier's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2008-2009.

## 4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the Premier that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Carol Mills, Director-General, Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of the Arts open for examination.

The Premier and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5:45 pm. The public and media withdrew.

## 5. Deliberative meeting

### Tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the Committee accept and publish, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the following document tendered during the public hearings on Tuesday 14 October 2008:

- Victoria's Credit Rating History (Moody's) (tendered by Mr Roozendaal).

### Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That the Committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio areas of Treasury, Premier and the Arts until after the return of answers to questions on notice, and that no further hearings be held for the portfolio of The Legislature.

## 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5:47 pm *sine die*.

Rachel Callinan  
Clerk to the Committee



**Minutes No. 18**

Tuesday 28 October 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 6.35pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Mr Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Ms Amanda Fazio (*Griffin*)

Dr John Kaye

Mrs Melinda Pavey

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

**2. Substitute members**

The Committee noted advice of the following substitution:

- Ms Fazio to substitute for Ms Griffin.

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That Draft Minutes No. 10 (Mini-Budget hearing) and 11 – 17 (Budget Estimates), be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 17 October 2008 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Friday 7 November 2008, to:
  - Treasurer Roozendaal – Treasury
  - Premier Rees – Premier, Arts.
- 16 October 2008 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Thursday 6 November 2008, to:
  - Minister Daley – Roads
  - Minister Tripodi – Ports and Waterways, Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform
  - President Primrose – The Legislature.

**5. \*\*\*****6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.50 pm.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 19**

Wednesday 12 November 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.05 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Mr Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mrs Melinda Pavey  
Ms Penny Sharpe  
Mr Ian West

## 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That Draft Minutes No. 18 be confirmed.

## 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### *Received*

- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 13 October 2008:
  - 6 November – Minister Daley (Roads)
  - 6 November – Minister Tripodi (Ports and Waterways)
  - 6 November – Minister Tripodi (Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform)
  - 6 November – President Primrose (The Legislature).
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Tuesday 14 October 2008:
  - 7 November – Treasurer Roozendaal (Treasury)
  - 7 November – Premier Rees (Premier)
  - 7 November – Premier Rees (Arts).

### *Sent*

- 22 October 2008 – Letters from the Principal Council Officer inviting the Minister to nominate witnesses to attend supplementary Budget Estimates hearings on Monday 17 November 2008, to:
  - Minister Tripodi – Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform at 9.15 am; Ports and Waterways at 11.15 am
  - Minister Daley – Roads at 2 pm.

## 4. Budget Estimates supplementary hearings

### Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That the Committee hold a further hearing on 18 November 2008 from 10 am to 1 pm to consider matters relating to the Treasury portfolio, and that the Committee invite the following witnesses:

- Treasurer Roozendaal
- Mr John Pierce, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Michael Schur, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Premier and Arts.

## 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.20 pm.

Madeleine Foley  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 20**

Monday, 17 November 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9:03 am

**1. Members present**

Revd Fred Nile (*Chairman*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mr Greg Pearce (Pavey) (from 9.15 am)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

**2. Substitute members**

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following member would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mrs Pavey.

**3. Previous Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That draft minutes No. 19 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 5 November 2008 – From the Hon Michael Daley MP, Minister for Roads, providing clarification of the evidence given during the Budget Estimates hearing on Monday 13 October 2008
- 7 November 2008 – From the Hon Nathan Rees MP, Premier and Minister for Arts, providing clarification of the evidence given during the Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 14 October 2008.
- 14 November 2008 – From Mr Les Wielinga, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority, advising that Mr Alec Brown will not be available to appear as a witness on Monday 17 November, due to his absence on leave.

***Sent:***

- 12 November 2008 – From the Principal Council Officer to Treasurer Roozendaal, inviting the Treasurer and Treasury officials to attend the supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 18 November 2008.

**5. Conduct of hearing**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin: That questions directed to Mr Pierce during the on 18 November 2008 be asked first, to allow Mr Pierce to leave the hearing at 11.45 am.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin: That for each of the four supplementary Estimates hearings to be held on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 November, the time allowed for questions be divided equally between the Opposition, Cross Bench and Government, and that Government members forgo their portion of the time to allow the hearings to finish early.

**6. Reporting date**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That the Committee seek an extension of its reporting date from the House, from Tuesday 3 March to Thursday 5 March 2009.

## 7. Public hearing: Finance, Infrastructure, Regulatory Reform

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Jon Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, Work Cover NSW
- Ms Anne Skewes, Chief Executive Officer, State Property Authority.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Ms Carmel Donnelly, Acting General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Care and Support Authority
- Ms Jane Anderson, Acting Assistant Director, Better Regulation Office, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, NSW Treasury
- Mr Michael Schur, Deputy Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Management, NSW Treasury

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance, Infrastructure and Regulatory Reform open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10:40 am. The public and media withdrew.

## 8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10:40 am until 11:15 am on 17 November 2008.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 21

Monday, 17 November 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11:15 am

### 1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Marie Ficarra (Pavey)

Mr Duncan Gay (Mason-Cox)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

### 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Ficarra to substitute for Mrs Pavey.
- Mr Gay to substitute for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

### 3. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn in the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Steve Dunn, Chief Executive, NSW Maritime
- Mr Tony Middleton, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, NSW Maritime.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Ports and Waterways open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12:35 pm. The public and media withdrew.

### 4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:35 pm until 2:00 pm 17 November 2008.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

### Minutes No. 22

Monday, 17 November 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2:00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Marie Ficarra (Pavey)

Mr Duncan Gay (Mason-Cox)

Ms Lee Rhiannon (Kaye)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

#### 2. Substitute members

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Ms Ficarra for Mrs Pavey
- Mr Gay for Mr Mason-Cox
- Ms Rhiannon to substitute for Dr Kaye.

### 3. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr Les Wielinga, Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Michael Bushby, Director, Network Management, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Paul Hesford, Director, Finance and Commercial Development, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr David Stuart Watt, Director, Licensing, Registration and Freight, Roads and Traffic Authority
- Mr Michael Veysey, Acting Director, Business Coordination, Road Safety and Policy, Roads and Traffic Authority.

The following official was sworn:

- Mr Brian Watters, Director, Major Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Authority.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the Roads portfolio open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3:25 pm. The public and media withdrew.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3:25 pm until 10 am on Tuesday 18 November 2008.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Minutes No. 23**

Tuesday, 18 November 2008

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10:00 am

##### **1. Members present**

Revd Fred Nile (*Chair*)

Ms Kayee Griffin (*Deputy Chair*)

Dr John Kaye

Mr Matthew Mason-Cox

Mr Greg Pearce (Pavey)

Ms Penny Sharpe

Mr Ian West

##### **2. Substitute members**

The Chair advised that he had received written advice that the following members would be substituting for the purposes of this hearing:

- Mr Pearce to substitute for Mrs Pavey.

##### **3. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2008-2009**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded the following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at the initial Budget Estimates hearing:

- Mr John Pierce, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, NSW Treasury
- Mr Michael Schur, Deputy Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Management, NSW Treasury.

The following officials from departments, statutory bodies or corporations were sworn:

- Mr Stephen Brady, Deputy Secretary, Environment and Economic Services, NSW Treasury
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economics, NSW Treasury.

The Chair then declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Treasury open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Pierce tendered a copy of a statement he issued on 14 November 2008 entitled: *Message from the Secretary of the NSW Treasury*, relating to his resignation from the NSW public sector.

By leave of the Committee, Mr Pierce withdrew at 11:30am.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12:10pm. The public and media withdrew.

#### **4. Deliberative meeting**

##### Tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin: That the Committee accept and publish, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the following document tendered during the public hearing:

- Message from the Secretary of the NSW Treasury, 14 November 2008, tendered by Mr John Pierce, Secretary, NSW Treasury.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12:15pm *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**