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Terms of reference

1. These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 24 June 2015, see NSW Legislative Council Minutes, 24 June 2015, pp 230-231.
2. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015 - 2016 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.

3. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 31 August 2015

GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 1 September 2015

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Health	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Three: Wednesday 2 September 2015

GPSC 4	Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 3 September 2015

GPSC 4	Justice and Police, Arts, Racing	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 6	Innovation and Better Regulation	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Friday 4 September 2015

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 6	Local Government	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 6	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 6	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

4. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6 to 9 October 2015.

5. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude by 6.00 p.m.
6. That the committees must hear evidence in public.
7. That the committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
8. That Ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
9. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 18 December 2015.
10. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 p.m., within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
11. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Ms Jan Barham MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Ben Franklin MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	The Nationals	
Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens	
Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party	
Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC	The Greens	
Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens	
Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party	

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016. 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 following portfolios:

- Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs
- Education
- Mental Health, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Health.

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.



Ms Jan Barham MLC

Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2015-2016 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 June 2015, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report’.¹ The resolution (hereafter referred to as the Budget Estimates resolution) requires each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 18 December 2015.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings will be held in the week commencing 31 August 2015 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6-9 October 2015.³

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Monday 31 August 2015 – Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs
 - Monday 31 August 2015 – Education
 - Tuesday 1 September 2015 – Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 - Tuesday 1 September 2015 – Health.

Transcripts

- 1.4 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the committee’s web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3.

Questions on Notice

- 1.5 Questions taken on notice and the answers to these questions are also available on the committee’s web page.

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during the hearings

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

Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs was held on Monday 31 August 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs portfolios:

- National Quality Framework
- Out of school care
- Funding under national partnership agreements
- Expenditure of preschool education
- Long day care services
- Constitutional recognition of Australian Indigenous people
- Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) plan
- Aboriginal Centre for Excellence
- Aboriginal employment in government agencies
- Land claims
- Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program
- Local decision making.

Education

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Monday 31 August 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Education portfolio:

- Cost of the Learning Management and Business Reform project
- National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) contract
- Voluntary lunchtime religious activities in public schools
- Funding to non-government schools

- Alarm systems in schools
- Community Languages Schools Program
- School chaplaincy program
- Demand for a high school in Medowie.

Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was held on Tuesday 1 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault portfolios:

- Role of the Minister for Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and other programs related to domestic violence, including the *It Stops Here: Domestic and Family Violence Framework*, domestic violence specialist police officers, and access to woman's refuges
- Appointment of a new Health Care Complaints Commissioner
- Strategies to address the ice epidemic
- Dental health, including fluoridisation and waiting lists for dental treatment
- Rates of hospitalisation for young woman at risk of self-harm
- Post-natal depression services
- *Going Home, Staying Home* post-implementation review
- Medical use of cannabis
- Mental health related incidents and responses undertaken by mental health teams
- Representation of women on boards, the judiciary and in Parliament.

Health

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Health was held on Tuesday 1 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Health portfolio:

- Ambulance response times
- Hospital waiting lists
- Subsidies for childcare centres at certain hospitals, including St George Hospital and Sutherland Hospital
- Isolated Patients Transport and Accommodation Assistance Scheme
- Aboriginal health issues and services, particularly in regional areas, including access to clean drinking water
- Closure of the Aboriginal Medical Service in Western Sydney
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Emergency department benchmarks
- Numbers of paramedics
- Review of Murwillumbah hospital birthing unit
- Health impacts of coalmining
- Avian influenza
- Development of the Royal North Shore Hospital
- E-cigarettes
- Paediatric rheumatology
- Construction of Maitland hospital
- Upgrade of Manning Base Hospital
- Mental health services
- Specialist palliative care services
- Climate change and its impact on health.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs – Monday 31 August 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Leslie Williams MP	Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Mr Philip West	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs, Office of Communities
Mr Murat Dizdar	A/Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education

Education – Monday 31 August 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP	Minister for Education
Dr Michele Bruniges AM	Secretary, Department of Education
Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Ms Janet Davey	Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Evaluation, Department of Education
Mr Philip West	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
Mr Murat Dizdar	A/Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
Mr Tom Alegounarias	President, Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES)

Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault –Tuesday 1 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Pru Goward MP	Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Dr Mary Foley	Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Acting Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Resources, NSW Ministry of Health
Mr John Roach PSM	Chief Financial Officer, NSW Ministry of Health
Dr Murray Wright	Chief Psychiatrist, NSW Ministry of Health
Ms Carolyn Thompson	Acting Director, Women NSW
Ms Karen Crawshaw	Deputy Secretary, Governance, Workforce and Corporate, NSW Health

Health –Tuesday 1 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Jillian Skinner MP	Minister for Health
Dr Mary Foley	Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health
Dr Kerry Chant PSM	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health
Ms Karen Crawshaw	Deputy Secretary, Governance, Workforce and Corporate, NSW Health
Dr Zoran Bolevich	Executive Director, Health Systems Information and Performance Reporting, NSW Ministry of Health
Mr Stewart Dowrick	Acting Deputy Secretary, System Purchasing and Performance, NSW Ministry of Health
Mr John Roach PSM	Chief Financial Officer, NSW Ministry of Health

Name	Position and Organisation
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Acting Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Resources, NSW Ministry of Health

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Monday 31 August 2015

Education

- 1 Email dated Wednesday 19 August 2015, from Mr Gregory Prior, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance regarding Prayers Groups Operations in Schools with Secondary Enrolments. Tendered by Mr Murat Dizdar, Relieving Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education.
- 2 Appendix 6: Overseas travel, Annual report Department of Education, tabled by Hon Walt Secord MLC.

Tuesday 1 September 2015

Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- 3 NSW Government response to the NSW Coroner's report on the deaths of Mr Nick Waterlow and Ms Chloe Heuston, tendered by Dr Murray Wright, Chief Psychiatrist, NSW Ministry of Health.
- 4 Current Tender Detail View – HAC 15/29, published date of 21 August 2015, tendered by Hon Walt Secord MLC.

Tuesday 1 September 2015

Health

- 5 Publication Plan 2015 of the Bureau of Health Information, accessed online 1 September 2015, tendered by Hon Walt Secord MLC.
- 6 Document entitled "Americanisation of NSW Healthcare", tendered by Minister for Health, Hon Jillian Skinner MP.

Appendix 3 Minutes

Minutes No. 4

Monday 10 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.03 am

1. Members present

Ms Barham, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mrs Houssos

Mrs Mitchell

Mr Secord

Mrs Taylor

2. Apologies

Revd Nile

3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That draft minutes no. 3 be confirmed.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

4.1 Allocation of question time

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing General Purpose Standing Committees, the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Mrs Houssos joined the meeting.

4.2 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That no questions be asked by government members during the committee's hearings for Budget Estimates 2015-2016, and that the amount of time for questions be reduced by one third.

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the portfolios be examined in this order on Monday 31 August 2015:

- Early Childhood Education – 9.00 am to 9.40 am
- Aboriginal Affairs – 9.40 am to 10.20 am.

4.3 Witnesses

The committee did not request that any additional witnesses be invited to the initial hearings.

5. ***

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.20 pm until Friday 14 August 2015, 9.00am, Macquarie Room, Parliament House (public hearing).

Stewart Smith

Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 7

Monday 31 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.47 am

1. Members presentMs Barham, *Chair*Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Franklin

Mrs Houssos

Mrs Mitchell

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Dr Kaye (participating) (until 9.45 am)

Mr Moselmane (participating) (from 9.35 am)

Mr Shoebridge (participating) (from 9.50 am)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Received:

- 12 August 2015 – Email from Mr Matthew Versi, Office of the Minister for Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – forwarding updated list of witnesses accompanying the Minister to the Budget Estimates hearing on 1 September 2015.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016**3.1 Public hearing: Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 Williams was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Leslie Loble, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
- Mr Philip West, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
- Mr Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs
- Mr Murat Dizdar, Relieving Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Early Childhood Education.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs 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 10.25 am.

The public and media withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

4. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 10.30 am, until 1.45 pm, Monday 31 August 2015.

Teresa McMichael
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 8

Monday 31 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.58 pm

1. **Members present**

Ms Barham, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mrs Houssos

Mrs Mitchell

Revd Mr Nile

Mr Pearce (substituting for Mr Franklin)

Mr Secord

Dr Kaye (participating)

2. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016**

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Education

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 Piccoli was admitted.

The following witnesses were examined under a former oath:

- Mr Philip West, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
- Ms Leslie Loble, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
- Mr Murat Dizdar, Relieving Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Secretary, Department of Education
- Mr Peter Riordan, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
- Ms Janet Davy, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Evaluation, Department of Education
- Mr Tom Alegounarias, President, Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES).

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Secord tabled the following document:

- Appendix 6: Overseas travel, page 139 from Annual Report 2014, NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Mr Dizdar tendered the following document:

- Email dated Wednesday 19 August 2015, from Mr Gregory Prior, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance regarding Prayers Groups Operations in Schools with Secondary Enrolments.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.45 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Education hearing held on Monday 31 August 2015:

- Email dated Wednesday 19 August 2015, from Mr Gregory Prior, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance regarding Prayers Groups Operations in Schools with Secondary Enrolments.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Education on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.47 pm, until 9.00 am, Tuesday 1 September 2015.

Samuel Griffith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 9

Tuesday 1 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

1. Members present

Ms Barham, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Franklin

Mrs Mitchell

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Ms Voltz (substituting for Mrs Houssos)
Dr Faruqi (participating)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 Goward was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Dr Mary Foley, Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health
- Dr Kerry Chant PSM, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health
- Ms Elizabeth Koff, A/Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Resources, NSW Ministry of Health
- Mr John Roach PSM, Chief Financial Officer, NSW Ministry of Health
- Dr Murray Wright, Chief Psychiatrist, NSW Ministry of Health
- Ms Carolyn Thompson, Acting Director, Women NSW
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Secretary, NSW Health.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Secord tendered the following document:

- Current Tender Detail View – HAC 15/29, published date of 21 August 2015.

Dr Wright tendered the following document:

- NSW Government response to the NSW Coroner's report on the deaths of Mr Nick Waterlow and Ms Chloe Heuston.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.54 am.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tended documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault hearing held on Tuesday 1 September 2015:

- Current Tender Detail View – HAC 15/29, published date of 21 August 2015, tendered by Mr Secord.
- NSW Government response to the NSW Coroner's report on the deaths of Mr Nick Waterlow and Ms Chloe Heuston, tendered by Dr Wright.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.59 am, until 1.45 pm, Tuesday 1 September 2015.

Cathryn Cummins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 10

Tuesday 1 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

1. Members present

Ms Barham, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Franklin

Mrs Houssos

Mrs Mitchell

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Mr Buckingham (participating)

Mr Pearson (participating)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Health

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting 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 Skinner was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Dr Zoran Bolevich, Director, Health Systems Information and Performance Reporting, NSW Ministry of Health
- Mr Stewart Dowrick, A/Deputy Secretary, System Purchasing and Performance, NSW Ministry of Health.

The following witnesses were examined under a former oath:

- Dr Mary Foley, Secretary, NSW Ministry of Health
- Dr Kerry Chant PSM, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health

- Ms Karen Crawshaw PSM, Deputy Secretary, Governance, Workforce and Corporate, NSW Ministry of Health
- Ms Elizabeth Koff, A/Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Resources, NSW Ministry of Health
- Mr John Roach PSM, Chief Financial Officer, NSW Ministry of Health.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Secord tendered the following document:

- Publication Plan 2015 of the Bureau of Health Information accessed online 1 September 2015.

The Minister for Health, the Hon. Jillian Skinner, MP, tendered the following document:

- Document entitled “Americanisation of NSW Healthcare”.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.44 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Health hearing held on Tuesday 1 September 2015:

- Publication Plan 2015 of the Bureau of Health Information, accessed online 1 September 2015, tendered by Mr Secord
- Document entitled “Americanisation of NSW Healthcare”, tendered by Minister for Health, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Health on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.48 pm, until Monday 26 October 2015.

Tina Higgins
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 11

Tuesday 29 September 2015
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3
Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.05 pm

1. Members present

Ms Barham, *Chair*
Mr Franklin (by teleconference)
Mrs Houssos

Mrs Mitchell (by teleconference)

2. Apologies

Reverend Nile
Mr Secord

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: that draft minutes no's 7, 8, 9 and 10 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 24 September 2015 - Letter from Hon Leslie Williams MP, Minister for Early Education and Aboriginal Affairs, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.
- 24 September 2015 - Letter from Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.
- 25 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.
- 25 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health, Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

Sent:

- 3 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Leslie Williams MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 3 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 4 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Pru Goward MP, Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 4 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

5.1 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Mitchell: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs
- Education
- Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Health.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.12 pm until 10.00 am, 16 October 2015 for the Inquiry into Reparations for the Stolen Generation.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes no. 17

Wednesday 11 November 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Parkes Room, Parliament House, Sydney at 1.47 pm

1. Members present

Ms Barham, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mrs Mitchell

Revd Nile

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Consideration of chair’s draft report

The chair submitted her draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2015-2016* which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile:

- 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, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be published 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 after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting;
- That the report be tabled on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.48 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main

Clerk to the Committee

