



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

INQUIRY INTO BUDGET ESTIMATES 2007-2008

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the resolution appointing five general purpose standing committees reflecting Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities adopted by this House on 10 May 2007 be amended to reflect the changes to Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities as follows:
 - (a) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1
 - Premier
 - Citizenship
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Western Sydney
 - Treasury
 - Infrastructure
 - Hunter
 - The Legislature
 - Roads
 - Commerce
 - (b) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
 - Education and Training
 - Industrial Relations
 - Assistant Finance
 - Central Coast
 - Fair Trading
 - Youth
 - Volunteering
 - Ageing
 - Disability Services
 - Health
 - (c) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3
 - Police
 - Illawarra
 - Attorney General
 - Justice
 - Emergency Services
 - Water Utilities
 - Gaming and Racing
 - Sport and Recreation
 - Local Government
 - Aboriginal Affairs

(d) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Transport
Finance
Planning
Redfern Waterloo
Arts
Science and Medical Research
Women
Community Services
Small Business
Regulatory Reform
Ports

(e) General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Primary Industries
State Development
Mineral Resources
Energy
Lands
Rural Affairs
Regional Development
Waterways
Housing
Tourism
Climate Change & Environment
Water.

2. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2007-2008 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.
3. The committees are to consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the committees.
4. The committees must hear evidence in public.
5. Not more than two committees are to hear evidence simultaneously.
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. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
8. That the Leader of the Government is to provide to each Committee, by Friday 13 July 2007, a schedule outlining the attendance of relevant Ministers to appear before each committee, for the committee's consideration.
9. The committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.
10. The committees are to present a final report to the House by Friday 30 November 2007.

11. Committee members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee up to two days following a hearing.
12. Questions lodged on notice are subject to standing order 67 and will be published in the Questions and Answers Paper.