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Terms of Reference

- 1) That the Budget Estimates and related documents 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) For the purposes of this inquiry any Member of the House may attend a meeting of a Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the Committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.
- 4) The Committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.
- 5) Not more than 3 Committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.
- 6) When a Committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.
- 7) 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) The report of a Committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.
- 9) A daily Hansard record of the hearings of a Committee on the Budget Estimates is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
- 10) The Committees have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House.
- 11) The Committees present a final report to the House by Thursday 6 September 2001.

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the Legislative Council on 29 May 2001 (Minutes of Proceedings No 100, p 969).

Committee Membership

Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC Independent *Chair*

Hon John Hatzistergos MLC Australian Labor Party *Deputy Chair*

Hon John Johnson MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Greg Pearce MLC Liberal Party

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

Hon Jim Samios MLC Liberal Party

Hon Ian West MLC Australian Labor Party

Other Members who attended the hearings

Hon Michael Gallacher MLC Liberal Party

Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon John Ryan MLC Liberal Party

Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party

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Chair's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2001-2002 for the portfolio areas of:

Police

Attorney-General

Fair Trading, Sport and Recreation, Corrective Services

Juvenile Justice, Youth Affairs

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the relevant Ministers and officers of the departments and organisations who appeared before it.

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC
Chair

Introduction

Referral of the 2001-2002 Budget Estimates

On 29 May 2001, the Legislative Council resolved that the Budget Estimates and related documents presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Funds be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.¹ Each Committee was required to examine the Budget Estimates for their relevant portfolios and report to the House by Thursday 6 September 2001.²

Examination of the Budget Estimates

General Purpose Standing Committee No 3 examined the Budget Estimates for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:

- 21 June 2001 Fair Trading, Sport and Recreation, Corrective Services
- 22 June 2001 Juvenile Justice, Youth Affairs
- 22 June 2001 Attorney General
- 25 June 2001 Police

This report summarises the main issues discussed at each hearing. The full transcript of evidence taken at these hearings can be found at the Committee's Web page accessible via the Parliament's home page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

During these hearings, Ministers took a number of questions on notice. In addition the Committee lodged written questions on notice for each of the portfolio areas examined. The Committee notes that answers have been provided to all questions placed on notice. Copies of the questions and answers can be found at the Committee's Web page at the above address.

Hard copies of the transcript of evidence and answers to questions on notice can be obtained by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee Secretariat on 02 9230 3544.

¹ Minutes of Proceedings, No 100, 29 May 2001. See Appendix 1 for more information about the General Purpose Standing Committees.

² Resolution of 29 May 2001, para 11.

Chapter 1 Fair Trading, Sport and Recreation and Corrective Services

The Committee heard from the Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services and Minister for Sport and Recreation, together with Mr Brendan O'Reilly, Director-General, Department of Sport and Recreation, Dr Leo Keliher, Commissioner, Corrective Services, and Mr David O'Connor, Director-General, Department of Fair Trading, at a public hearing held on 21 June 2001.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Sport and Recreation

- Strategies for improving outcomes for disadvantaged groups, including people with disabilities and indigenous people
- Sporting legacy of the 2000 Olympics
- Survey of sporting organisations affected by the HIH collapse
- Strategies for involving ethnic communities in sport
- Funding for shooting clubs and country athletes

Fair Trading

- Inquiry into the home warranty insurance scheme
- Measures to address concerns about the home building industry in NSW
- Replacement of HIH in the home warranty insurance scheme
- Undertakings by Henley Properties Limited in the Supreme Court
- Revenue from builders' licensing
- Suspension of building licence of Mr Malik Drif
- State Government rescue package for people with insurance claims affected by the HIH collapse
- Measures to regulate builders and assist victims of faulty building work

- Funding for non profit organisations
- No-interest loan schemes
- Funding for building consumers advocacy
- Fair Trading Tribunal and Residential Tribunal funding and dispute resolution practices

Corrective Services

- Detoxification and rehabilitation assistance for prison officers suffering from drug or alcohol related problems
- Allegations concerning an incident involving an intoxicated inmate
- Complaints about bias and nepotism in the recruitment and appointment of senior officers
- Staff numbers and security at Berrima gaol, and strategies to improve security in the NSW correctional system
- Government expenditure in the electorate of Ryde
- Transport of Ivan Milat to Toronto Court
- Prison assaults
- High Risk Management Unit at Goulburn
- Costs of answering questions flowing from the budget estimates hearings last year
- Home detention program
- Resources committed to indigenous women in relation to correctional services, and programs for the reintegration of indigenous women into the community
- Positions in Corrective Services designated for indigenous people
- Cost-benefit analysis of Dillwynia gaol

Chapter 2 Juvenile Justice

The Committee heard from the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, together with Mr D Sherlock, Director General, Department of Juvenile Justice, Mr P Muir, Director of Operations, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Mr R Hermann, Director of Corporate Services at a public hearing held on 22 June 2001.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Juvenile Justice

- Programs for children with disruptive behaviour
- Drug detection dog program in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Drug and alcohol facilities for young people in regional and rural New South Wales
- Pre-employment skills training
- Youth justice conferencing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- Youth Drug Court and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- Staffing of youth justice conferencing
- Juvenile Justice clients with intellectual disabilities and the Department's Disability Plan
- Self harm in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Transferrals to the adult prison system
- Training courses and programs for staff in Juvenile Justice Centres
- Staff turnover rates and stress leave
- Debriefing and counselling of staff after incidents in Juvenile Justice Centres

- Numbers of beds for young women offenders
- Children the subject of parental responsibility orders who enter the Juvenile Justice system
- Accommodation options for young people on remand
- Pre-sentence report recommendation outcomes
- Costs of Juvenile Justice Centres on a per capita basis

Chapter 3 Attorney General

The Committee heard from the Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, together with Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Attorney General's Department, Mr Bill Grant, Deputy Director General, Attorney General's Department, Ms Margaret Allison, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Commission, and Mr Russell Cox, Director, Financial and Strategic Services, Attorney General's Department, at a public hearing held on 22 June 2001.

A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Attorney General

- Drug Court program
- Costs of special inquiries
- Fees charged by Crown Solicitor's Office for legal advice to certain Members of Parliament and parliamentary committees
- Backlog in maintenance program in courts
- Allocation of sittings to various District Courts and country courts
- Pilot program for domestic violence perpetrators
- Costs of the recent appearance of Ivan Milat at Toronto Court
- Allocation of additional resources to the court system as a result of additional police powers or activity
- Indigenous justice strategy and programs relating to indigenous youth
- Review of the wards project
- Educational programs for judges and magistrates
- Procedures for the investigation of complaints received by the Judicial Commission
- Expenditure by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on administration and answering correspondence from victims' families in cases where the Director of Public Prosecutions has declined to prosecute
- Overseas trips undertaken by the Director of Public Prosecutions

- Participation in overseas projects by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Cases heard by Magistrate Pat O'Shane following Judicial Commission finding
- Extensions to Orange courthouse
- Backlog of applications for victims compensation
- Delays, and additional programs to be undertaken, in Local Courts
- Costs of preparing answers to questions on notice taken at the budget estimates hearings

Chapter 4 Police

At a public hearing held on 22 June 2001, the Committee heard from the Hon Paul Whelan MP, Minister for Police, together with Mr L Tree, Director General, Ministry for Police; Mr P Ryan, Commissioner of Police; Mr P Bhatt, General Manager, Finance, NSW Police Service; Mr P Bradley, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission; Mr T Sage, Assistant Commissioner, NSW Police Integrity Commission. A list of the issues discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Police

- Crime Commission budget figures
- Organisational reform of the Police Service
- Consultant's audit of the reform of the Police Service
- DNA data base
- Deaths and injuries arising from accidental discharge of Glock service revolvers
- New recruits from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Informant management
- Police services for rural and regional areas
- Commissioner's travel
- Firearm laws
- Benefits arising from the Sydney Olympics
- Community involvement in crime prevention and community safety initiatives
- Integrity at the Police College, Goulburn
- Pension and long term sick leave statistics
- Use of new police powers
- Drug and alcohol testing of officers
- Police Service premises
- Innocence Panel

Appendix 1

Establishment, Powers and Portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment, powers and portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The five General Purpose Standing Committees of the Legislative Council were first established in 1997.³ The committees were reappointed on 13 May 1999, shortly after the commencement of the present Parliament.⁴ Since the inception of the General Purpose Standing Committees, the Budget Estimates and related papers have been referred to them for inquiry and report.

The General Purpose Standing Committees have a majority of non-government members. Of the five General Purpose Standing Committees, three are chaired by Cross Bench members and two are chaired by Opposition members.

The functions of the General Purpose Standing Committees are to inquire into and report on:

- any matters referred to them by the House,
- the expenditure, performance or effectiveness of any department of government, statutory body or corporation,
- any matter in any annual report of a department of government, statutory body or corporation.⁵

Powers of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The General Purpose Standing Committees have power to:

- send for and examine persons, papers, records and things
- adjourn from place to place
- make visits of inspection within the State
- request the attendance of and examine members of the House
- publish, before presentation to the House, submissions received and evidence taken in public and
- report from time to time their proceedings, evidence taken in public and recommendations.⁶

³ Minutes of Proceedings, No 65, 7 May 1997, p. 677.

⁴ Minutes of Proceedings, No 3, 13 May 1999, p. 62 (hereafter referred to as Resolution of 13 May 1999).

⁵ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 3.

⁶ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 8.

Portfolios

The five General Purpose Standing Committees have responsibility for Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities,⁷ which are as follows:

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premiers, Arts and Citizenship
 Treasury, State Development
 Education and Training
 The Legislature
 Special Minister of State, Assistant Treasurer, Industrial Relations

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Health
 Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services, Women
 Small Business, Tourism
 Mineral Resources, Fisheries

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Police
 Attorney General
 Fair Trading, Sport and Recreation, Corrective Services
 Juvenile Justice, Youth

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Urban Affairs and Planning, Aboriginal Affairs, Housing
 Transport, Roads
 Gaming and Racing, Hunter Development
 Public Works and Services

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Information Technology, Energy, Forestry, Western Sydney
 Agriculture, Land and Water Conservation
 Environment, Emergency Services
 Local Government, Regional Development, Rural Affairs

⁷ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 1.

Appendix 2

Questions on Notice

Questions on notice

Response times for questions on notice

The Committee did not formally resolve to set specific dates by which a response to questions on notice would be sought. In each case, the Committee discussed an appropriate time frame for the provision of written answers with the Minister at the conclusion of the hearing and obtained the Minister's agreement to that time frame. The agreed time frames appear in the table below. The return date for answers in the table was calculated from the date that questions were sent to the Minister's office.

Minister	Hearing Date	Agreed Time Period	Date Questions Sent	Return Date for Answers	Date Answers Received
Hon P F Whelan MP	25 June 2001	35 Days	29 June 2001	3 August 2001	6 August 2001
Hon J A Watkins MP	21 June 2001	35 Days	2 July 2001	6 August 2001	23 August 2001 ⁸
Hon C M Tebbutt MLC	22 June 2001	35 Days	2 July 2001	6 August 2001	7 August 2001
Hon R J Debus MP (Attorney General)	22 June 2001	35 Days	28 June 2001	2 August 2001	6 August 2001

Answers to questions on notice

Copies of answers to questions placed on notice by the Committee can be obtained by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee secretariat on **02 9230 3544**. The answers are also available on the internet via the Parliament home page at **www.parliament.nsw.gov.au**.

⁸ On 9 August 2001, the Committee received a written request from the Minister's Office that the deadline for submission of answers to questions on notice be extended until 17 August 2001.

Appendix 3

Minutes of Proceedings

Minutes No 42

21 June 2001

At Parliament House at 6:20pm

1. **Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (in the Chair)
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC (Samios)
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC
The Hon John Johnson MLC
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC (Sport and Recreation, Corrective Services)
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC (West)
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC
The Hon John Ryan MLC (Pearce for Fair Trading)

2. **Apologies**

Nil

3. **Budget Estimates 2001-2002**

The Chair advised that Mr Primrose would be representing Mr West and Mr Gallacher would be representing Mr Samios.

The Chair advised that Mr Ryan would be representing Mr Pearce during the part of the hearing relating to the Fair Trading portfolio.

4. **Correspondence received**

The Chair tabled correspondence from The Hon Michael Egan MLC, concerning the postponement of budget estimates hearings on 19 June 2001, as a result of industrial action.

The Chair tabled correspondence from The Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services and Minister for Sport and Recreation, requesting that the budget estimates hearing questioning be allocated as follows: Sport and Recreation (40 minutes), Corrective Services (40 minutes) and Fair Trading (40 minutes).

5. **Hearing Procedures**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Gallacher that the Committee allocate time for questioning as follows:

Sport and Recreation – 30 minutes
Fair Trading – 45 minutes
Corrective Services – 45 minutes

The Committee discussed whether questions would be placed on notice after the hearing. The Committee agreed that any remaining questions would be both placed on the notice paper and forwarded to the Minister for response.

6. Opening of hearing

The Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Corrective Services and Minister for Sport and Recreation, was admitted at 6:35pm and accompanied by the following advisers:

Mr Brendan O'Reilly
Director-General, Department of Sport and Recreation

Dr Leo Keliher
Commissioner, Corrective Services

Mr David O'Connor
Director-General, Department of Fair Trading

The public and media were admitted at 6:35pm.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the Sport and Recreation portfolio open for examination at 6.46pm.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister withdrew in order to attend a division in the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee adjourned at 7:18pm.

The Minister returned from the division.

The Committee resumed at 8:04pm.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the Fair Trading portfolio open at 8:04pm.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the Corrective Services portfolio open at 8:46pm.

The Minister withdrew in order to attend a division in the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee adjourned at 9:01.

The Minister returned from the division.
The Committee resumed at 9:10pm.

The Minister confirmed his willingness to take questions on notice, and undertook to provide answers within 35 days.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for Sport and Recreation, Fair Trading and Corrective Services concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:45pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 43

22 June 2001

At Parliament House at 9:30 am

1. **Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (in the Chair)
The Hon Don Harwin MLC (Pearce)
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC
The Hon John Johnson MLC
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC
The Hon John Ryan MLC (Samios)
The Hon Ian West MLC

2. **Apologies**

Nil

3. **Budget Estimates 2001-2002**

The Chair advised that the Hon Don Harwin MLC would be representing the Hon Greg Pearce MLC and the Hon John Ryan MLC would be representing the Hon Jim Samios MLC.

4. **Hearing Procedures**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

5. **Draft Minutes**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Ryan that the draft minutes No 43 be adopted.

6. **Opening of hearing**

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC, Minister for Juvenile Justice, was admitted at 9:35 am and accompanied by the following advisers:

Mr David Sherlock
Director General, Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr Peter Muir
Director of Operations, Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr Robert Hermann
Director of Corporate Services, Department of Juvenile Justice

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the Juvenile Justice portfolio open at 9:40 am.

The Minister and her advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister confirmed her willingness to take questions on notice, and undertook to provide answers within 35 days.

The Committee adjourned at 10:40 am and resumed at 10:55 am.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for Juvenile Justice concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:45 am.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 44

22 June 2001

At Parliament House at 12:58pm

1. **Members Present**

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (in the Chair)
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC (Johnson)
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC
The Hon Jim Samios MLC
The Hon Ian West MLC
The Hon John Johnson MLC (at 2:25pm)

2. **Apologies**

Nil

3. **Budget Estimates 2001-2002**

The Chair advised that the Hon Peter Primrose MLC would be representing The Hon John Johnson MLC.

4. **Hearing Procedures**

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

5. **Opening of hearing**

The Hon Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, was admitted at 1:03pm and accompanied by the following advisers:

Mr Laurie Glanfield
Director General, Attorney General's Department

Mr Bill Grant
Deputy Director General, Attorney General's Department

Ms Margaret Allison
Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Commission

Mr Russell Cox
Director, Financial and Strategic Services, Attorney General's Department.

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the Attorney General's portfolio open at 1:05pm.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 2:05pm and resumed at 2:18pm.

The Minister confirmed his willingness to take questions on notice, and undertook to provide answers within 35 days.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the Attorney General's portfolio concluded and the witnesses withdrew 3:09pm.

6. Publication of answers to questions on notice

The Committee deliberated

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos MLC that under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions placed on notice arising from the Committee's Budget Estimates hearings for 2001-2002, after the answers have been circulated to Committee Members.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:10pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 45

25 June 2001

At Parliament House at 7:30pm

1. Members Present

The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC (in the Chair)
The Hon John Johnson MLC
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC (Samios)
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC
Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC
The Hon Henry Tsang MLC (West)

2. Budget Estimates 2001-2002

The Chair advised that the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC would be representing The Hon Jim Samios MLC, and the Hon Henry Tsang would be representing the Hon Ian West MLC.

3. Hearing Procedures

The Committee discussed time allocations for program areas, and determined to examine the Police Integrity Commission program area first, followed by the NSW Crime Commission, then the Police program area.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

4. Opening of hearing

The Hon Paul Whelan MP, Minister for Police, was admitted at 7:36pm and accompanied by the following advisers:

Mr Piyush Bhatt
General Manager, Finance NSW Police Service

Mr Phillip Bradley
Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission

Mr Peter Ryan
Commissioner, NSW Police Service

Mr Tim Sage
Assistant Commissioner, Police Integrity Commission

Mr Les Tree
Director General, Ministry for Police

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Police open at 7:38pm.

The Minister made an opening statement.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

The Minister confirmed his willingness to take questions on notice and undertook to provide answers within 35 days.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Police concluded and the witnesses withdrew at 9:45pm.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:45pm.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 48

5 September 2001

At Parliament House at 10.10am

1. Members Present

The Hon Helen Sham-Ho MLC (Chair)
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC
The Hon Ian West MLC

2. Apologies

Ms Lee Rhiannon

3. Confirmation of minutes

Resolved on motion of Mr Hatzistergos that the minutes of meeting numbers 43, 44, 45 and 46 be confirmed.

4. Tabled documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos, that the correspondence received be noted and the correspondence sent be endorsed.

4.1 Correspondence sent

- Letter dated 28 June 2001 from the Committee Clerk to the Hon R J Debus MP regarding questions on notice.
- Letter dated 29 June 2001 from the Committee Clerk to the Hon P F Whelan MP regarding questions on notice.
- Letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Committee Clerk to the Hon C M Tebbutt MLC regarding questions on notice.
- Letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Committee Clerk to the Hon J A Watkins MP regarding questions on notice.

4.2 Correspondence received

- Letter received 6 August 2001 from the Hon Paul Whelan LLB MP regarding answers to questions on notice.
- Letter received 6 August 2001 from the Hon Bob Debus MP regarding answers to questions on notice.
- Letter received 7 August 2001 from the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC regarding answers to questions on notice.
- Facsimile received 9 August 2001 from the Hon John Watkins MP requesting an extension on response date for answers to questions on notice.
- Letter received 23 August 2001 from the Hon John Watkins MP regarding answers to questions on notice.

5. Draft report on Budget Estimates 2001-2002

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled "Budget Estimates 2001-2002", which having been circulated to each member of the Committee was accepted as having been read.

The Committee proceeded to consider the draft report.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos that the report be adopted as the report of the Committee.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos that the report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with the resolution referring the Budget Estimates to the Committee.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Hatzistergos that transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions and relevant correspondence be tabled in the House with the report and made public.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10:15am.

Tanya Bosch

Clerk to the Committee