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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2010-2011 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 September 2010**

GPSC1	Tourism, Hunter, Science & Medical Research, Women	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Health	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Ports and Waterways, Illawarra	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC1	Mineral & Forest Resources	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Two: Tuesday 14 September 2010**

GPSC1	Treasury, Special Minister of State, State Development & Regional Development	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Local Government, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Redfern Waterloo	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC3	Attorney General, Regulatory Reform, Citizenship	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	4.45 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Three: Wednesday 15 September 2010**

GPSC2	Education and Training	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Fair Trading, Arts	9.15 am – 11.00 am
GPSC4	Housing, Small Business, Veteran's Affairs	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Community Services, State Plan	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC4	Planning, Infrastructure, Lands	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**Day Four: Thursday 16 September 2010**

GPSC4	Transport, Central Coast	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Industrial Relations, Commerce, Energy Public Sector Reform, Aboriginal Affairs	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC4	Roads, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	Water, Corrective Services	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**Day Five: Friday 17 September 2010**

GPSC3	Police, Finance	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Climate Change & Environment, Cancer	9.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Gaming & Racing, Sport & Recreation, Major Events	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries, Emergency Services, Rural Affairs	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

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

**Day One: Monday 15 November 2010**

GPSC 1  
GPSC 2

**Day Two: Tuesday 16 November 2010**

GPSC 1  
GPSC 3

**Day Three: Wednesday 17 November 2010**

GPSC 4  
GPSC 2

**Day Four: Thursday 18 November 2010**

GPSC 4  
GPSC 5

**Day Five: Friday 19 November 2010**

GPSC 5  
GPSC 3

5. That the committees may hold additional supplementary hearings after 19 November 2010 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.
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 or officer of a Department to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
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 last sitting day of the first sitting week in March 2011.
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 24 November 2009, see *LC Minutes* (24/11/2009) 1536-1537, Item 12; amended *LC Minutes* (2/12/2009) 1601-1602, Item 8; amended *LC Minutes* (1/09/2010) 2001-2002, Item 4; amended *LC Minutes* (8/09/2010) 2036, Item 16.

## Committee membership

<b>The Hon Robyn Parker MLC</b>	Liberal Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Christine Robertson MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC*</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Revd the Hon Dr Gordon Moyes MLC</b>	Family First Party	

## Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Mr Ian Cohen MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

\* The Hon Tony Catanzariti MLC was replaced by The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC as a member of the Committee on 29 September 2010.

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Budget Estimates 2010-2011. 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 four hearings, receiving fifteen and a half hours of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Health, Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth, Education and Training and Community Services and State Plan.

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.



Hon Robyn Parker MLC  
**Chair**



# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2010 – 2011 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 November 2009, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2010-2011 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 (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 the last sitting day of the first sitting week in March 2011.

## Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held four hearings as follows:
- Monday 13 September 2010 – Health
  - Monday 13 September 2010 – Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth
  - Wednesday 15 September 2010 – Education and Training
  - Wednesday 15 September 2010 – Community Services and State Plan.
- 1.4 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

## Transcripts

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the Committee's web page at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2).

## Questions on notice

- 1.6 Questions taken on notice and the answers to these questions are also available on the Committee's web page.

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<sup>1</sup> *LC Minutes* (24/11/2009) 1536-1537, amended by *LC Minutes* (2/12/2009) 1600-1601, amended by *LC Minutes* (1/9/2010) 2001-2002.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Health

2.1 A hearing to examine the portfolio of Health was held on Monday 13 September 2010. The following issues were raised:

- Hospital Performance
- Provision of dialysis equipment in regional areas
- Services for particular health issues, including, spinal cord injuries
- National health reform
- Surgery waiting times
- Staffing levels in NSW hospitals and the Department of Health
- Case-mix funding
- Particular health issues, including, childhood obesity, skin conditions in Aboriginal population
- The NSW Ambulance Service.

### Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth

2.2 A hearing to examine the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth was held on Monday 13 September 2010. The following issues were raised:

- Staffing issues in ADHC, including, WorkCover claims, staff abuse of clients, restructuring and unattached employees
- Service types funded by ADHC, including, respite services, group homes, boarding houses, home modification and maintenance and early intervention
- The level of unmet need for disability services in NSW
- Criteria and roles in contracting and tendering of disability services
- Individualised and flexible client funding arrangements
- 'Stronger Together' Phase 2
- Volunteering strategies.

## Education and Training

**2.3** A hearing to examine the portfolios of Education and Training was held on Wednesday 15 September 2010. The following issues were raised:

- Unflued gas heaters
- Employment of Ms Leanne Walker
- TAFE NSW
- The National curriculum
- Building the Education "Revolution" (BER) Program
- Hurstville Precinct Project.

## Community Services and State Plan

**2.4** A hearing to examine the portfolios of the Community Services and State Plan was held on Wednesday 15 September 2010.

**2.5** The following issues were raised in relation to Community Services:

- Implementation of recommendations made by Justice Wood
- Deaths of children known to the Department
- Access to compensation for child victims of crime
- Operation of the Child Protection Helpline
- Out of home care, including funding, costs, care plans for children leaving care, and Indigenous service providers
- Operation of programs including Staying Home Leaving Violence, Keeping Them Safe, and Brighter Futures
- Provision of information to parents of children attending childrens' services
- Campaign to recruit foster carers.

**2.6** The following issues were raised in relation to State Plan:

- Progress against State Plan targets
- Process for updating the State Plan and modifying targets
- Oversight of the State Plan including by independent advisors.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### 1. Health – Monday 13 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP	Minister for Health
Professor Debora Picone	Director General, Department of Health
Dr Richard Matthews	Deputy Director General, Strategic Development
Ms Karen Crawshaw	Deputy Director General, Health System Support
Dr Kerry Chant	Acting Director General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer
Dr Tim Smyth	Deputy Director General, Health System Quality, Performance and Innovation
Mr John Roach	Chief Financial Officer

### 2. Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth – Monday 13 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering and, Minister for Youth
Mr Jim Moore	Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Human Services NSW
Mr Peter Gardiner	Deputy Director General, ADHC, Department of Human Services NSW
Ms Lauren Murray	Deputy Director General, ADHC, Department of Human Services NSW
Ms Carol Mills	Director General, Communities NSW
Ms Megan Mitchell	Commissioner, NSW Commission for Children and Young People

### 3. Education and Training – Wednesday 15 October 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Verity Firth MP	Minister for Education and Training
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Director General, Department of Education and Training
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Director General, Finance and Infrastructure, Department of Education and Training
Ms Carol Taylor	Chief Executive, Office of the Board of Studies
Mr David Murphy	Director, Regulatory and Management Services, Office of the Board of Studies
Mr Patrick Lee	Chief Executive, NSW Institute of Teachers

### 4. Community Services and State Plan – Wednesday 15 September 2010

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Linda Burney MP	Minister for the State Plan and, Minister for Community Services
Ms Vicky D'Adam	Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Ms Susan Calvert	Director, Strategy & Policy Delivery Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Jenny Mason	Director General, Department of Human Services
Ms Annette Gallard	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Community Services
Mr Steve Matthews	Chief Financial Officer, NSW Community Services
Ms Sonja Stewart	Divisional Director, Communities and Early Years, NSW Community Services
Ms Nazli Munir	Director, Keep Them Safe Implementation Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kerry Boland	Children's Guardian, NSW Office for Children

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## Appendix 2 Tabled documents

**Monday 13 September 2010**

**Public Hearing, Jubilee Room, Parliament House**

1. *Sustainable Access Plan, Weekly Performance Report, Greater Metropolitan and Individual Metropolitan Area Health Services* – Tabled by the Hon Robyn Parker MLC.

**Wednesday 15 September 2010**

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

2. *NSW State Plan Annual Performance Report 2010* – Tabled by Minister Burney
3. *Keep Them Safe 2010/11 Budget Allocation* – Tabled by Minister Burney.

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes No 76

Friday, 10 September 2010

Room 1102, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.30 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Parker (*Chair*)

Ms Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Cantazariti (from 10.55 am)

Dr Kaye

Mr Moselmane (from 9.50 am)

Revd Moyes

Mr Pearce (*Ficarra*)

Mr Veitch (*Mr Catanzariti*) (from 9.30 am to 10.55 am)

Ms Voltz (*Mr Moselmane*) (from 9.30 am to 9.50 am)

#### 2. Committee membership

The Committee noted that Ms Cate Faehrmann has been nominated as a cross bench member of GPSC2, to replace Ms Lee Rhiannon.

#### 3. Substitutions

The Chair has received written advice that Dr John Kaye will be substituting for Ms Cate Faehrmann for the duration of the inquiry.

The Chair has received written advice that Mr Mick Veitch will be substituting for Mr Tony Catanzariti for the purpose of this meeting.

The Chair has received written advice that Ms Voltz will be substituting for Mr Moselmane for the purpose of this meeting.

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

#### 5. \*\*\*

#### 6. \*\*\*

#### 7. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011 – procedural resolutions

##### 7.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocate to each.

##### 7.2 Publication of Answers to QON

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: 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 confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

### 7.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That on Monday 13 September 2010, 2.00 pm-6.00 pm the Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, and Youth portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce: That on Wednesday 15 September, one hour be allocated to the State Plan portfolio with the remainder of the time allocated to the Community Services portfolio.

8. \*\*\*

### 9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.05 pm until Monday, 13 September 2010 at 9.15 am – Budget Estimates.

Beverly Duffy  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes No 77

Monday, 13 September 2010  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.00 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)  
Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)  
Mr Tony Catanzariti  
Ms Marie Ficarra  
Revd Dr Gordon Moyes  
Dr John Kaye (*Faehrmann*)  
Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

#### 2. Substitute members

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

- Dr Kaye to substitute for Ms Faehrmann.

#### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Tebbutt, Minister for Health regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

#### 4. Request to film

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That university students from University of Technology, Sydney be allowed to film the proceedings.

#### 5. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011

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 Tebbutt that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from NSW Health were sworn:

- Professor Deborah Picone, Director General

- Dr Richard Matthews, Deputy Director General, Strategic Development
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Director General, Health System Support
- Dr Kerry Chant, A/Deputy Director General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer
- Dr Tim Smyth, Deputy Director General, Health System Quality, Performance and Innovation
- Mr John Roach, Chief Financial Officer.

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

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Chair, Ms Parker MLC tendered the following document:

- Sustainable Access Plan, Weekly Performance Report, Greater Metropolitan and Individual Metropolitan Area Health Services.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 1.02 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 6. Deliberative meeting

Resolved on the motion of Ms Robertson: That according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 233(1), the Committee authorise the publication of tabled document, Sustainable Access Plan, Weekly Performance Report, Greater Metropolitan and Individual Metropolitan Area Health Services.

## 7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.05 pm until Monday, 13 September 2010 at 2.00 pm.

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No 78

Monday, 13 September 2010

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

### 1. Members present

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)

Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Tony Catanzariti

Mr Ian Cohen (*Faehrmann*)

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes

Mr Charlie Lynn (*Ficarra*)

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

### 2. Substitute members

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

- Mr Cohen to substitute for Ms Faehrmann
- Mr Lynn to substitute for Ms Ficarra.

### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Primrose, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering and Minister for Youth regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

### 4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Deputy Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Deputy Chair reminded Minister 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:

- Mr Jim Moore, Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Human Services NSW
- Mr Peter Gardiner, Deputy Director General, ADHC, Department of Human Services NSW
- Ms Lauren Murray, Deputy Director General, ADHC, Department of Human Services NSW
- Ms Carol Mills, Director General, Communities NSW
- Ms Megan Mitchell, Commissioner, NSW Commission for Children and Young People.

Ms Parker joined the meeting.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering and Youth open for examination.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Chair tendered the following item:

- *'Enjoy Making a Difference'* cap

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.55 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.55 pm until Wednesday, 15 September 2010 at 9.00 am.

Emily Nagle

**Clerk to the Committee**

### Minutes No 79

Wednesday, 15 September 2010

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)

Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Tony Catanzariti

Ms Catherine Cusack (*Ficarra*)  
Mr Greg Donnelly (*Moselmane*)  
Revd Dr Gordon Moyes  
Dr John Kaye (*Faehrmann*)

**2. Substitute members**

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

- Mr Greg Donnelly to substitute for Mr Moselmane
- Dr Kaye to substitute for Ms Faehrmann
- Ms Cusack to substitute for Ms Ficarra.

**3. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Firth, Minister for Education and Training regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010 2011.

**4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

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 Firth that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

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

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director General, Department of Education and Training
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Director General, Finance and Infrastructure, Department of Education and Training
- Ms Carol Taylor, Chief Executive, Office of the Board of Studies
- Mr David Murphy, Director, Regulatory and Management Services, Office of the Board of Studies
- Mr Patrick Lee, Chief Executive, NSW Institute of Teachers.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Education and Training 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 12.51 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.51 pm until Wednesday, 15 September 2010 at 2.00 pm.

Teresa McMichael  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No 80**

Wednesday, 15 September 2010

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

**1. Members present**

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)  
 Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)  
 Mr Ian Cohen (*Faehrmann*)  
 Ms Marie Ficarra  
 Mr Shaoquett Moselmane  
 Revd Dr Gordon Moyes (from 2.40 pm to 5.00 pm)  
 Ms Penny Sharpe (*Catanzariti*)

**2. Substitute members**

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

- Ms Sharpe to substitute for Mr Catanzariti
- Mr Cohen to substitute for Ms Faehrmann.

**3. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 20 August 2010 – From Secretariat to Minister Burney, Minister for Community Services and Minister for State Plan regarding the Minister's scheduled appearance time for the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010 2011.

**4. Public hearing: Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

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 Burney that she did not need to be sworn, as she had sworn an oath to her office as a member of Parliament.

The following officials from the Department of Premier and Cabinet were sworn:

- Ms Vicky D'Adam, Deputy Director General
- Ms Susan Calvert, Director, Strategy & Policy Delivery Unit.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of State Plan open for examination.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister tendered the following document:

- NSW State Plan Annual Performance Report 2010.

The evidence concluded and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

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

- Ms Jenny Mason, Director General, Department of Human Services
- Ms Annette Gallard, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Community Services
- Mr Steve Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, NSW Community Services
- Ms Sonja Stewart, Divisional Director, Communities and Early Years, NSW Community Services

- Ms Nazli Munir, Director, Keep Them Safe Implementation Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kerryn Boland, Children's Guardian, NSW Office for Children.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Community Services open for examination.

The Minister and other witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister tendered the following document:

- Keep Them Safe 2010/11 Budget Allocation.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.43 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### **5. Deliberative meeting**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That the Committee accept and publish, according to section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and Standing Order 223(1), the document 'Keep Them Safe 2010/11 Budget Allocation'.

That the Committee defer consideration of supplementary hearings until after answers to questions on notice are received for the following portfolios:

- Health
- Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth
- Education and Training
- Community Services
- State Plan.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.44 pm.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Draft Minutes No 81**

Thursday 21 October, 2010

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.08 pm

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

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)

Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Sophie Cotsis

Ms Marie Ficarra

Revd Dr Gordon Moyes

Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

#### **2. Minutes**

Resolved on the motion of Ms Robertson: That draft Minutes Nos 77, 78, 79 and 80, be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence received:

- 23 September 2010 - Letter from Minister Primrose clarifying information given at Budget Estimates Hearing on 13 September 2010, regarding the 'Making a Difference' campaign.
- 7 October 2010 – Letter from Minister Tebbutt requesting an extension of the due date for answers to questions on notice, due on 7 October 2010, for the Health portfolio
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Monday, 13 September 2010
  - 7 October 2010 – From Minister Tebbutt – Health
  - 7 October 2010 – From Minister Primrose – Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth
  - 12 October 2010 – Answers to additional questions, due on 12 October 2010, from Minister Tebbutt – Health.
- Letters providing answers to questions taken on notice during the Budget Estimates hearings on Wednesday, 15 September 2010
  - 11 October 2010 – Minister Firth – Education and Training
  - 11 October 2010 – Minister Burney – Community Services and State Plan.

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence sent:

- 16 September 2010 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Thursday 7 October 2010, to:
  - Minister Tebbutt – Health
  - Minister Primrose – Ageing, Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth.
- 20 September 2010 – Letters from the Secretariat requesting answers to Budget Estimates questions on notice by 5 pm Monday 11 October 2010, to:
  - Minister Firth – Education and Training
  - Minister Burney – Community Services and State Plan.

### 4. Correspondence from Minister Primrose

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Ficarra: That the Committee publish the Minister's letter received on 23 September 2010 and insert a footnote to the letter in an appropriate place in the transcript of 13 September 2010.

### 5. Budget Estimates Supplementary Hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That the Committee hold no further hearings in relation to the Inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2010-2011.

### 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1.08 pm.

Beverly Duffy  
Clerk to the Committee

### Draft Minutes No. 82

Thursday 21 October, 2010  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2  
Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

### 1. Members present

Ms Robyn Parker (*Chair*)  
Ms Christine Robertson (*Deputy Chair*)

Ms Sophie Cotsis  
Revd Dr Gordon Moyes  
Mr Shaoquett Moselmane

**2. Minutes**

Resolved on the motion of Ms Robertson: That draft Minutes No 81 be confirmed

**3. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence received:

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4 November 2010 – From Minister Firth, Minister for Education and Training, including updated information for questions 77-94 which were placed on notice following the Budget Estimates hearing.

**4. Budget Estimates 2010-2011: Chair's draft report**

The Chair's tabled her draft report number 36 entitled *Budget Estimates 2010-2011*, which having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That the draft report be the report of the Committee.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Robertson: That the Committee present the report to the House, together with transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.13 pm, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy  
Clerk to the Committee