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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 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 initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

### Day One: Monday 18 August 2014

GPSC2	Health, Medical Research	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC5	Primary Industries	10.30 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Western NSW	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

### Day Two: Tuesday 19 August 2014

GPSC3	Transport, The Hunter	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	The Legislature	2.00 pm - 2.45 pm
GPSC3	Local Government	3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
GPSC2	Ageing, Disability Services, The Illawarra	9.00 am - 12.00 pm
GPSC2	Mental Health	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm
GPSC2	Education	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Three: Wednesday 20 August 2014

GPSC4	Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation	9.00 am - 1.30 pm
GPSC4	Attorney General, Justice	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC5	The Environment, Heritage, The Central Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Four: Thursday, 21 August 2014

GPSC3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Tourism and Major Events, Small Business, The North Coast	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC3	Roads and Freight	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
GPSC1	Planning, Women	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Premier, Infrastructure, Western Sydney	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

### Day Five: Friday 22 August 2014

GPSC1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
GPSC1	Finance and Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
GPSC4	Fair Trading	9.00 am - 10.30 am
GPSC4	Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts	10.45 am - 12.15 pm
GPSC4	Family and Community Services	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

3. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7 to 10 October 2014.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. The committees must hear evidence in public.
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. There is no provision under this resolution for a Minister to make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. A daily Hansard record is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.
9. The committees are to present a final report to the House by 19 December 2014.
10. Members may lodge questions on notice with the Clerk to the committee during a Budget Estimates hearing and up to two days following.
11. 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.

These terms of reference were referred to the committee by the House on 12 November 2013, see *LC Minutes* (12/11/13), p 2161, Item 31; amended by *LC Minutes* (15/05/2014)2527-2529, Item 21.

## Committee membership

### General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	The Nationals	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters and Fishers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Jan Barham MLC	The Greens
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Shaoquett Moselane MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Steve Whan MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Ernest Wong MLC	Australian Labor Party

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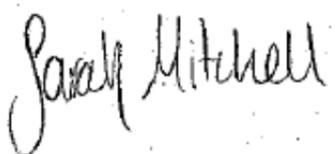
## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015. 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 portfolio areas of:

- Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation
- Attorney General, Justice
- Fair Trading
- Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts
- Family and Community Services.

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.



Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC  
**Chair**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2014-2015 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 12 November 2013 the Legislative Council resolved to hold the initial hearings of the General Purpose Standing Committees' inquiry into the Budget Estimates during the weeks commencing 18 August and 25 August 2014.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 On 15 May 2014, the Legislative Council further resolved that 'the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2014-2015 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report'.<sup>2</sup> The resolution required each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 19 December 2014. Furthermore, the resolution stipulated that the initial hearings would be held in the week commencing 18 August and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 7-10 October.

## Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Wednesday 20 August 2014 – Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation
  - Wednesday 20 August 2014 – Attorney General, Justice
  - Friday 22 August 2014 – Fair Trading
  - Friday 22 August 2014 – Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts
  - Friday 22 August 2014 – Family and Community Services.
- 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/gpsc4](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc4).

## 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> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 12 November 2013, p 2161.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 15 May 2014, pp 2527-2529.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Police and Emergency Services

**2.1** A hearing examining the portfolio of Police and Emergency Services was held on Wednesday 20 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Police portfolio:

- Police Transport Command
- police officers with pre-employment criminal convictions
- police charged with criminal offences
- regional and command staffing levels
- outlaw Motorcycle Gang legislation
- injured police compensation claims
- police suffering psychological injuries
- lost and stolen firearms
- police Honour Roll.

**2.2** The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Emergency Services portfolio:

- Fire and Rescue NSW frontline services
- allocation and redeployment of Fire and Rescue NSW resources
- SAM system
- training for SES employees on dealing with loose-fill asbestos
- reinstatement of former SES Deputy Commissioner
- incident at Fingal Head and application of 10/50 land clearing regulations.

### Sport and Recreation

**2.3** The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Sport and Recreation portfolio:

- Minister for Sport and Recreation pecuniary interest register disclosures
- sporting events attended by Minister
- Stadia strategy
- Brookvale Oval

- Sydney Olympic Park
- Institute of Sport.

## Attorney General, Justice

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Attorney General, Justice was held on Wednesday 20 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Attorney General portfolio:

- Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund
- closure, suspension or reduction of sitting days at local courts
- alcohol-related crime and domestic violence and regional communities
- funding of community legal centres
- outsourcing of court reporting
- consorting laws
- bribery and corruption laws
- bail laws.

2.5 The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Justice portfolio:

- prison population
- prison officer vacancies
- random urine analysis tests in prisons
- prisoners on remand
- community-based offender management
- strip searching and scanning of female prisoners
- Youth on Track program
- section 28 of the *Bail Act*.

## Fair Trading

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Fair Trading was held on Friday 22 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Fair Trading portfolio:

- death caused by electric shock from USB battery charger
- employment of the NSW Fair Trading Commissioner
- review of NSW Fair Trading
- NSW Fair Trading counter inquiries

- NSW Fair Trading media unit
- unlabelled palm oil in products.

## **Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts**

**2.7** A hearing examining the portfolio of Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts was held on Friday 22 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Hospitality, Gaming and Racing portfolio:

- future funding of The Championships
- ClubGRANTS Scheme
- responsible service of alcohol and responsible conduct of gambling competency training
- poker machine licences
- Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in New South Wales's interim report
- proposal to sell Wentworth Park
- shortage of staff in hospitality
- balance between promoting and regulating gaming and alcohol industries
- operation of the Crown Casino
- release of liquor density report
- bar staff competency cards
- policing of the responsible service of alcohol.

**2.8** The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of The Arts portfolio:

- Advanced Development Fund and Early Stage Development Fund
- international production incentives
- major films in pre-production or production
- Newcastle Regional Art Gallery
- funding to local public libraries
- support for communities and cultural policy
- Arts and Cultural Development Program
- Cultural Accord.

## Family and Community Services

**2.9** A hearing examining the portfolio of Family and Community Services was held on Friday 22 August 2014. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Family and Community Services portfolio:

- the operation of the Eastern Beaches Sobering Up Centre
- the sale of public housing properties in Millers Point, Sydney
- public housing, asset and portfolio management
- potential public housing property sales in South Eveleigh, Sydney
- demand for homelessness services
- Aboriginal homelessness and whether the services provided are culturally appropriate
- The Going Home Staying Home reforms
- police support to victims of domestic violence
- expenditure of the Child Protection Advisory Group
- Family and Community Services caseworker vacancies.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation - Wednesday 20 August 2014

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Mr Andrew Scipione	Commissioner, NSW Police Force
Mr Nick Kaldas	Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations, NSW Police Force
Ms Catherine Burn	Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Operations, NSW Police Force
Mr David Hudson	Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Services, NSW Police Force
Mr Peter Hastings	Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
Ms Vicki D'Adam	Chief Executive Officer, Ministry for Police and Emergency Services
Mr Greg Mullins	Commissioner, Fire and Rescue NSW
Mr Shane Fitzsimmons	Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service
Mr Mark Morrow	Acting Deputy Commissioner, NSW State Emergency Service
Mr Phil Minns	Acting Chief Executive, Office of Sport
Mr Paul Doorn	Executive Director, Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation
Ms Janett Milligan	Executive Director, Office of Sport, Venues NSW
Ms Debra Bock	Director Finance, Office of Sport, Strategic and Business Services

**Attorney General, Justice - Wednesday 20 August 2014**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Brad Hazzard MP	Attorney General and Minister for Justice
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood	Secretary, Department of Attorney General and Justice
Ms Valda Ruis	Chief Executive, Juvenile Justice
Mr Peter Severin	Commissioner, NSW Corrective Services

**Fair Trading - Friday 22 August 2014**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	Minister for Fair Trading
Mr Rodney Stowe	Commissioner, NSW Fair Trading

**Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts - Friday 22 August 2014**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Troy Grant MP	Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing and Minister for the Arts
Mr Mark Paterson AO	Secretary, NSW Trade and Investment
Mr Angus Armour	Deputy Secretary, Industry Innovation, Hospitality and the Arts, NSW Trade and Investment
Ms Mary Darwell	Executive Director, Arts NSW, NSW Trade and Investment
Mr Paul Newson	Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, NSW Trade and Investment

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**Family and Community Services - Friday 22 August 2014**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP	Minister for Family and Community Services
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Family and Community Services
Ms Maree Walk	Chief Executive, Community Services, Family and Community Services
Ms Mandy Young	Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office, Family and Community Services
Mr Stephen Mudge	Chief Financial Officer, Family and Community Services
Ms Kerry Boland	NSW Children's Guardian, Office of the Children's Guardian

## Appendix 2 Tabled documents

**Wednesday 20 August 2014**

**Attorney General, Justice**

- 1 Letter from The Chief Magistrate of the Local Court, Judge Graeme Henderson to Ms Julie Ruse, Executive Officer, Women's Domestic Violence, Court Advocacy Services NSW Inc, tabled by the Hon Ernest Wong MLC.

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes no. 24

Wednesday 18 June 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Room 1153, Parliament House, 2.10 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge (2.13 pm)

Ms Voltz

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Lynn: That draft Minutes No. 23 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

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#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – procedural resolutions

##### 4.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Borsak: That the allocation of questions to be asked be left in the hands of the Chair.

##### 4.2 Order for examination of portfolios: If portfolios are not to be considered concurrently

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That on Wednesday 20 August 2014, the:

- Police and Emergency Services portfolios be examined from 9.00 am until 12.00 pm
- Sport and Recreation portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 1.30 pm
- Attorney General portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm
- Justice portfolio be examined from 4.15 pm until 6.00 pm

That on Friday 22 August 2014, the:

- Hospitality, Gaming and Racing portfolios be examined from 10.45 am until 11.45 am
- The Arts portfolio be examined from 11.45 am until 12.15 pm.

##### 4.3 Witness requests

Members were asked to provide any witness requests to the Secretariat by 5:00pm, Friday 4 July 2014.

#### 5. Webcasting of the budget estimates hearings in the Macquarie Room

Resolved on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee authorises the webcast of the committee's 2014/15 Budget Estimates hearings via the Parliament's website.

#### 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.20 pm until 8.45 am on Wednesday 20 August 2014, in the Macquarie Room (*Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation*).

Stewart Smith

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 25**

Wednesday 20 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

**1. Members present**Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Mr Shoebridge

Ms Voltz

Mr Whan (substituting for Mr Searle)

Ms Sharpe (participating - Police and Emergency Services)

**2. Apologies**Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Mr Shoebridge - Sport and Recreation)

**3. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That draft minutes no. 24 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 1 August 2014 – Email from Mr Tim Archer, Chief of Staff, Minister Upton, advising of witnesses appearing with the Minister on 22 August 2014 and reasons of non-attendance by witnesses requested to appear by committee.
- 1 August 2014 – Letter from Mr Chris Hall, Chief of Staff, Minister Ayres, advising of witnesses attending Budget Estimates hearings.
- 1 August 2014 – Email from Ms Anna Reed, Minister Ayres' office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation.
- 28 July 2014 – Email from Ms Megan Batchelor, Minister Hazzard's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Attorney General and Justice.
- 28 July 2014 – Email from Ms Melinda Critchley, Minister Mason-Cox's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Fair Trading.
- 1 August 2014 – Email from Ms Rachael Hayes, Minister Grant's office to Budget Estimates secretariat advising of witnesses attending hearing into Hospitality, Gaming and Racing and The Arts.

***Sent:***

- 8 July 2014 – Letter from committee director to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from committee director to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Sport and Recreation, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from committee director to the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, Minister for Fair Trading, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from committee director to the Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Hospitality, Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister for the Arts, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.
- 8 July 2014 – Letter from committee director to the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, inviting the minister to the Budget Estimates 2014/15 hearings.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015

### 5.1 Allocation of questioning

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That with no questions asked by government members on Wednesday 20 August 2014 the:

- Police portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 10.30am
- Emergency Services portfolio be examined from 10.30 am until 11.00 am
- Sport and Recreation portfolio be examined from 12.15 pm until 1.05 pm.

### 5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation

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.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Andrew Scipione, Commissioner, NSW Police Force
- Mr Nick Kaldas, Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations, NSW Police Force
- Ms Catherine Burn, Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Operations, NSW Police Force
- Mr David Hudson, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Services, NSW Police Force
- Mr Peter Hastings, Commissioner, NSW Crime Commission
- Ms Vicki D'Adam, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry for Police and Emergency Services.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation open for examination.

The minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Ms Sharpe left the meeting.

The following witness was examined on her former oath:

- Ms Vicki D'Adam, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry for Police and Emergency Services.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Greg Mullins, Commissioner, Fire and Rescue NSW
- Mr Shane Fitzsimmons, Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service
- Mr Mark Morrow, Acting Deputy Commissioner, NSW State Emergency Service

The minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public and media withdrew.

Mr Shoebridge left the meeting.

The committee took a short break from 11.20 am until 12.15 pm.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Phil Minns, Acting Chief Executive, Office of Sport
- Mr Paul Doorn, Executive Director, Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation
- Ms Janett Milligan, Executive Director, Office of Sport, Venues NSW
- Ms Debra Bock, Director Finance, Office of Sport, Strategic and Business Services.

The minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Chair ruled that the time for questions from the Opposition had expired.

Mr Whan moved: That the committee dissent from the ruling of the Chair on the grounds that the time allocated to the Crossbench be utilised for questioning by the Opposition.

The witnesses, public and media withdrew.

Question put:

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Whan, Ms Voltz.

Noes: Mrs Mitchell, Mr Khan, Mr Lynn.

Question resolved in the negative.

The witnesses, the public and the media were readmitted.

The public hearing concluded at 12.47 pm. The witnesses, public and media withdrew.

### **5.3 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Whan: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Police and Emergency Services and Sport and Recreation on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 12.49 pm, until 1.45 pm, Wednesday 20 August 2014, Macquarie Room (*Attorney General, Justice*).

John Young

**Clerk to the Committee**

## **Minutes no. 26**

Wednesday 20 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.49 pm

### **1. Members present**

Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Mr Moselmane (substituting for Ms Voltz - Justice)

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge (from 1.52 pm)

Mr Wong (substituting for Ms Voltz - Attorney General)

### **2. Apologies**

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

### **3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

#### **3.1 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That with no questions asked by government members on Wednesday 20 August 2014 the:

- Attorney General portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 3.20 pm
- Justice portfolio be examined from 3.30 pm until 4.40 pm.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting at 1.52 pm.

### **3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Attorney General, Justice**

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.

Attorney General Hazzard MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Attorney General and Justice
- Ms Valda Ruis, Chief Executive, Juvenile Justice
- Mr Peter Severin, Commissioner, NSW Corrective Services

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Attorney General, Justice open for examination.

The Attorney General and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Wong tabled the following document:

- Letter from the Chief Magistrate, Judge Graeme Henderson to Ms Julie Ruse, Executive Officer, Women's Domestic Violence, Court Advocacy Services NSW Inc.

Mr Wong left the meeting at 3.20 pm.

Mr Moselmane joined the meeting at 3.30 pm.

The evidence concluded and the Attorney General and witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.3 Tabled document**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee accept and publish the following document tabled during the Attorney General, Justice hearing held on Wednesday 20 August 2014:

- Letter from the Chief Magistrate, Judge Graeme Henderson to Ms Julie Ruse, Executive Officer, Women's Domestic Violence, Court Advocacy Services NSW Inc, tabled by Mr Wong.

### **3.4 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Attorney General, Justice on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **4. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.44 pm, until 8.45 am, Friday 22 August 2014, Room 814/815 (*Fair Trading*).

Teresa McMichael

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes no. 27**

Friday 22 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

**1. Members present**Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Ms Barham (substituting for Mr Shoebridge – The Arts)

Ms Fazio (substituting for Mr Searle – Fair Trading, The Arts)

Dr Kaye (substituting for Mr Shoebridge – Fair Trading, Hospitality, Gaming and Racing)

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Mr Whan (substituting for Ms Voltz - Hospitality, Gaming and Racing)

Mr Veitch (substituting for Mr Searle - Hospitality, Gaming and Racing)

Ms Voltz

**2. Apologies**Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair***3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015****3.1 Order of examination of portfolios**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That with no questions asked by government members on Friday 22 August 2014 the:

- Fair Trading portfolio be examined from 9.00 am until 10.00 am
- Hospitality, Gaming and Racing portfolios be examined from 10.45 am until 11.25 am
- The Arts portfolio be examined from 11.25 am until 11.45 am.

**3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Fair Trading**

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 Mason-Cox MLC was admitted and examined.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Rodney Stowe, Commissioner, NSW Fair Trading.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Fair Trading open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witness were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witness withdrew.

The public hearing for the portfolio of Fair Trading concluded at 10:02 am.

**3.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts**

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 Grant MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Mark Paterson, Secretary, NSW Trade and Investment

- Mr Angus Armour, Deputy Secretary, Industry Innovation, Hospitality and the Arts, NSW Trade and Investment
- Ms Mary Darwell, Executive Director, Arts NSW, NSW Trade and Investment
- Mr Paul Newson, Executive Director, Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, NSW Trade and Investment.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witness were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and departmental witness withdrew.

The public hearing for the portfolios of Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts concluded at 11.54 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.4 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Fazio: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Fair Trading, Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## **4. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.54 am, until 1.45 pm, Friday 22 August 2014, Room 814/815 (*Family and Community Services*).

Samuel Griffith

**Clerk to the Committee**

## **Minutes no. 28**

Friday 22 August 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

### **1. Members present**

Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Ms Barham (substituting for Mr Shoebridge)

Mr Donnelly (substituting for Ms Voltz)

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Ms Sharpe (substituting for Mr Searle)

Ms Westwood (participating)

### **2. Apologies**

Mr Robert Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Wong (participating)

### **3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

#### **3.1 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That with no questions asked by government members on Friday, 22 August 2014 the Family and Community Services portfolio be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

### 3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2014-2015 – Family and Community Services

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding 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 Upton MP was admitted and examined.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Stephen Mudge, Chief Financial Officer, Family and Community Services
- Ms Mandy Young, Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office, Family and Community Services
- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Family and Community Services
- Ms Maree Walk, Chief Executive, Community Services, Family and Community Services
- Ms Kerryn Boland, NSW Children's Guardian, Office of the Children's Guardian

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Family and Community Services 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 4.05 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### 3.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Family and Community Services on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## 4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.05 pm, *sine die*.

Alex Stedman

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes no. 29

Thursday 18 September 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

### 1. Members present

Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Dr Kaye (substituting for Mr Shoebidge for meeting and for the duration of the inquiry into the Fair Trading Amendment (Ticket Reselling) Bill)

Mr Khan

Mr Lynn

Mr Searle

Ms Voltz

### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Lynn: That draft minutes no. 25–28 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 12 September 2014 – From Minister Ayres providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation
- 15 September 2014 – From Minister Hazzard providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Attorney General, Justice
- 16 September 2014 – From Minister Mason-Cox providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Fair Trading
- 16 September 2014 – From Minister Grant providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts
- 16 September 2014 – From Minister Upton providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Family and Community Services.

***Sent***

- 25 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Ayres, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Sport and Recreation, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 25 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Hazzard, Attorney General and Minister for Justice, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 27 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Mason-Cox, Minister for Fair Trading, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 27 August 2014 – From the Secretariat to Minister Grant, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing and Minister for the Arts, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions
- 27 August 2014 – From Secretariat to Minister Upton, Minister for Family and Community Services, forwarding highlighted transcript and supplementary questions.

**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Mr Khan moved: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Police and Emergency Services, Sport and Recreation, Attorney General, Justice, Fair Trading, Hospitality, Gaming and Racing, The Arts, Family and Community Services.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Khan, Mr Lynn, Mrs Mitchell

Noes: Dr Kaye, Mr Searle, Ms Voltz.

Question resolved in the affirmative on the casting vote of the Chair.

**6. \*\*\*\*****7. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 1.55 pm, *sine die*.

John Young  
Clerk to the Committee

**Draft Minutes no. 31**

Thursday 13 November 2014

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 5.26 pm

**1. Members present**

Mrs Mitchell, *Chair*

Mr Searle

Ms Voltz

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz: That draft minutes no. 30 be confirmed.

**3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2014 – 2015**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz:

- 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, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the inquiry not already made public, be made public 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 of receipt of the minutes;
- That the report be tabled by Thursday 20 November 2014.

**4. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 5.27 pm, *sine die*.

Beverly Duffy

**Clerk to the Committee**