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## Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2013-2014 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 12 August 2013

GPSC 5	Local Government, The North Coast	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 10.30 am
GPSC 5	Fair Trading	12.15 pm – 1.15 pm
GPSC 2	Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW	10.45 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Sport and Recreation	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Women	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Small Business	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### Day Two: Tuesday 13 August 2013

GPSC 3	Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, The Arts	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Roads and Ports	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Three: Wednesday 14 August 2013

GPSC 4	Attorney General, Justice	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Police and Emergency Services, The Hunter	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Four: Thursday 15 August 2013

GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 2	Education	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance and Services, The Illawarra	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Five: Friday 16 August 2013

GPSC 5	Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, The Central Coast	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Planning and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm
GPSC 5	The Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### Day Six: Monday 19 August 2013

GPSC 3	Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 3	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Transport	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**Day Seven: Friday 23 August 2013**

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

3. That an initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 8 – 11 October 2013.
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 the last sitting day of the first sitting week in February 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 14 November 2012, see *LC Minutes* (14/11/2012) 1368, Item 16; amended by *LC Minutes* (21/05/2013), 1712-1714, Item 19.

## Committee membership

<b>Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC</b>	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Walt Secord MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Mick Veitch MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

## Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Luke Foley MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Amanda Fazio</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>Mr Shaoquett Moselmane MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Peter Primrose MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Helen Westwood MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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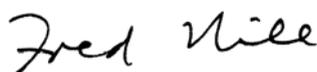
## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present the report of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 on the 2013-2014 Budget Estimates. During the inquiry, the Committee held six public hearings, receiving 11 hours of evidence to examine the portfolio areas of:

- Treasury, Industrial Relations
- Finance and Services
- The Illawarra
- Premier, Western Sydney
- Planning and Infrastructure

A supplementary hearing of almost one and a half hours into the Premier portfolio was held on Friday 1 November 2013.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank the Ministers and their officers who gave evidence during the inquiry.



Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC  
**Chairman**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2013-2014 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 21 May 2013, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2013-2014 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 February 2014. Each Committee is required by the resolution to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the house by 14 February 2014.<sup>2</sup>

## Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held six public hearings as follows:
- Thursday 15 August 2013 – Treasury, Industrial Relations
  - Thursday 15 August 2013 – Finance and Services
  - Thursday 15 August 2013 – The Illawarra
  - Friday 16 August 2013 – Premier, Western Sydney
  - Friday 16 August 2013 – Planning and Infrastructure
  - Friday 1 November 2013 – Premier (supplementary hearing)
- 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/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1).

## 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* (14/11/12) Item 16, p 1368.

<sup>2</sup> *LC Minutes* (21/05/2013) Item 19, pp 1712-1714.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Treasury, Industrial Relations

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Treasury and Industrial Relations was held on Thursday, 15 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the hearing:

- GST
- Staffing in Treasury
- ICAC Budget
- Gentrader Sale
- Appointments to State Owned Corporations
- Sale of Lotteries and other assets
- GST distribution and allocation
- Revenue
- Port of Newcastle – revitalisation and leasing of the Newcastle Port
- Jobs and the voluntary redundancy program
- Payroll tax rebates
- Wages policy for State employees
- Industrial rights
- Public sector redundancies and annual leave balances.

### Finance and Services

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Services was held on Thursday, 15 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- Wastewater discharge at Malabar
- Jobs Action Plan
- The status of the Digital Archive Repository
- Appointments to the Sydney Water Board
- Compulsory Third Party reform proposals
- Programs to address workplace bullying

## **The Illawarra**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolio of the Illawarra held on Thursday, 15 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- Port Kembla Lease
- Restart the Illawarra program
- Public transport to the Illawarra
- Decentralisation of Government Departments to the Illawarra.

## **Premier, Western Sydney**

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney was held on Friday, 16 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- The rules for lobbyists in New South Wales and lobbyists on the Liberal Party State Executive
- The Crown Ltd proposal for a new casino at Barangaroo
- Government appointments to the boards of statutory corporations
- Funding for schools and outcomes for students under the National Education Reform Agreement
- Marriage equality and the findings of the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues in its report entitled 'Same-sex marriage law in New South Wales'
- Steps being taken by the Government to tackle gun crime in New South Wales
- The provision of Government services through 'one-stop-shops' being offered by Services NSW
- Child deaths as a result of neglect and abuse and the finding of the Ombudsman in his 'Report on Reviewable Deaths in 2010 and 2011'
- The trial of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in New South Wales
- Investment in infrastructure in Greater Western Sydney, including a possible second airport at Badgerys Creek.

## **Planning and Infrastructure**

**2.5** A hearing examining the portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure was held on Friday, 16 August 2013. The following issues were raised:

- Consultation regarding the draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy and the demarcation of the Blue Mountains Local Government Area within the strategy
- Identification of Urban Activation Precincts within the draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy

- The processing of submissions regarding the Planning White Paper *A new planning system for NSW*
- Draft planning legislation, proposed changes to ecologically sustainable development principles, the right of judicial review of planning decisions, community involvement with planning powers and the financial impact of developments
- Conservation of Challoner Cottage, Mittagong as a heritage building
- Purpose and value of the proposed Community Participation Charter
- Proposed changes to the right to requests a review of land rezoning, proposed interim strategic compatibility certificates for developers
- Proposed changes to State Environmental Planning Policy [SEPP] with regard to mining approvals, consideration of the significance of the resource to become the principal consideration and air quality standards in the proposed SEPP
- North West Rail link, sourcing of products for construction
- WestConnex infrastructure project, compulsory purchase of property, allocation of the Priority Infrastructure Fund to local government areas.

### **Premier (Supplementary hearing)**

2.6 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolios of Premier was held on Friday 1 November 2013. The following issues were raised:

- Lobbyist Register and Lobbyist Code of Conduct
- Process of Board appointments
- Smart and Skilled program.



## Appendix 1 Witnesses

### 1. Treasury, Industrial Relations – Thursday 15 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Mike Baird MP	Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations
Mr Philip Gaetjens	Treasury Secretary, Treasury
Ms Maryanne Mrakovic	Associate Secretary, Treasury
Mr Kevin Cosgriff	Associate Secretary, Treasury
Mr Mark Ronsisvalle	Deputy Secretary, Treasury
Mr Tim Spencer	Deputy Secretary, Treasury
Mr Matt Roberts	Deputy Secretary, Treasury
Ms Vicki Telfer	Executive Director NSW Industrial Relations

### 2. Finance and Services – Thursday 15 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Finance and Services
Mr Laurie Glanfield	Director General, Finance and Services
Mr Sajeev George	Chief Finance Officer, Finance and Services
Mr Kevin Young	Managing Director, Sydney Water
Mr Kim Wood	Managing Director, Hunter Water
Ms Geniere Aplin	General Manager - Workers Compensation Insurance, WorkCover Authority of NSW
Mr John Watson	General Manager - Work, Health and Safety, WorkCover Authority of NSW
Mr Andrew Nicholls	General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority of NSW

### 3. The Illawarra – Thursday 15 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon John Ajaka MLC	Minister for the Illawarra
Mr Simon Smith	Deputy Director General, Delivery and Implementation, Department of Premier and Cabinet

### 4. Premier, Western Sydney – Friday 16 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Barry O'Farrell MP	Premier, Minister for Western Sydney
Mr Chris Eccles	Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet

### 5. Planning and Infrastructure – Friday, 16 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP	Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
Mr Sam Haddad	Director General, Department of Planning and Infrastructure

**6. Premier, Western Sydney – Friday 1 November 2013**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
Mr Chris Eccles	Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Paul Miller	General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet

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## Appendix 2 Tabled documents

**Thursday 15 August 2013**

**Finance and Services**

- 1 Mr Secord tendered various documents relating to Sydney Water waste water releases.
- 2 Mr Kevin Young, Managing Director, Sydney Water, tendered the following document: Letter from Mr Arthur Sinodinos AO, Chairman, Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd to Dr Thomas Parry AM, Chairman, Sydney Water Corporation, dated 1 September 2011.

**Friday 16 August 2013**

**Premier and Cabinet**

- 3 Mr Foley tendered the following document: LinkedIn profile of Mr Joseph Tannous.

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes No. 24

Thursday 15 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.48 am

#### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Donnelly (*Veitch*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Secord

Mr Shoebridge (*Kaye – Industrial Relations*)

Mr Searle

#### 2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Mr Donnelly for Mr Veitch
- Mr Shoebridge for Dr Kaye (*Industrial Relations*).

#### 3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Mr Searle (*Treasury and Industrial Relations*) would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

#### 4. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That draft Minutes No. 22 be confirmed.

#### 5. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### *Received*

- 2 July 2013 – Email from Minister Hazzard's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to accompany the Minister on 16 August 2013.
- 31 July 2013 – Email from Premier O'Farrell's office advising that the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission is not available to attend the hearing on 16 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Treasurer Baird's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to accompany the Treasurer on 15 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Premier O'Farrell's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to accompany the Premier on 16 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Lisa Harrington, Treasurer's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising that the Minister would like to forego government questioning during the Treasury hearing on 15 August 2013.
- 9 August 2013 – Email from Mr James Farrer, Minister Constance's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising of the witnesses to accompany the Minister on 15 August 2013.

##### *Sent*

- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Treasurer Baird's office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.

- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Pearce’s office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Premier O’Farrell’s office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Hazzard’s office informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 16 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Pearce’s office requesting witnesses to accompany the Minister on 15 August 2013.
- 16 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Premier O’Farrell’s office requesting witnesses to accompany the Minister on 16 August 2013.
- 7 August 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Treasurer Baird’s office advising that the Committee has agreed to no government questioning during the Treasury and Industrial Relations hearing on 15 August 2013.

## 6. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

### 6.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Treasury, Industrial Relations

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 reminded Treasurer Baird 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 the department for the portfolio of Treasury were sworn:

- Mr Philip Gaetjens, Treasury Secretary,
- Ms Maryanne Mrakovcic, Associate Secretary,
- Mr Kevin Cosgriff, Associate Secretary,
- Mr Mark Ronsisvalle, Deputy Secretary,
- Mr Tim Spencer, Deputy Secretary,
- Mr Matt Roberts, Deputy Secretary.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Searle joined the hearing.

The departmental witnesses, with the exception of Mr Phillip Gaetjens, withdrew.

The public hearing for the portfolio of Treasury concluded at 11.05 am.

Dr Kaye left the hearing.

Mr Shoebridge joined the hearing.

The following official for the portfolio of Industrial Relations was sworn:

- Ms Vicki Telfer, Executive Director.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Industrial Relations open for examination at 11.18 am.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.01 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 6.2 Supplementary hearings

Mr Donnelly moved: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That the motion of Mr Donnelly be amended by omitting all words after “for” and insert instead “all portfolios of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice, unless otherwise resolved.”

Question on the amendment of Mr Shoebridge put and passed.

Motion of Mr Donnelly, as amended, put and passed.

## 7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.06 pm, until 1.50 pm, Thursday 15 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Finance and Services, The Illawarra*).

Rachel Callinan

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 24

Thursday 15 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Donnelly (*Secord*)

Ms Fazio (*The Illawarra*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Searle (*Veitch*)

Mr Secord

Mr Shoebrige (*Kaye – The Illawarra*)

### 2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Mr Shoebridge for Dr Kaye (*The Illawarra*)
- Mr Donnelly for Mr Secord (*Finance and Services, The Illawarra*)
- Mr Searle for Mr Veitch (*Finance and Services, The Illawarra*)

### 3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Ms Fazio and Mr Secord would be attending the hearing as participating members.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

##### 4.1 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox, that with no Government questions asked on Thursday 15 August 2013 the:

- Finance and Services portfolio will be examined from 2.00pm until 4.00pm
- The Illawarra portfolio will be examined from 4.15 pm until 4.55 pm.

##### 4.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Finance and Services

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 reminded Minister Constance 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 corporation were sworn:

- Mr Kevin Young, Managing Director, Sydney Water
- Mr Kim Wood, Managing Director, Hunter Water
- Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Finance and Services
- Mr Sajeev George, Chief Finance Officer, Finance and Services
- Ms Geniere Aplin, General Manager - Workers Compensation Insurance, WorkCover Authority of NSW
- Mr John Watson, General Manager - Work, Health and Safety, WorkCover Authority of NSW
- Mr Andrew Nicholls, General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority of NSW.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

Mr Secord tendered various documents relating to Sydney Water waste water releases.

Mr Kevin Young, tendered the following document:

- Letter from Mr Arthur Sinodinos AO, Chairman, Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd to Dr Thomas Parry AM, Chairman, Sydney Water Corporation, dated 1 September 2011.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.11pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Mr Secord left the meeting.

##### 6.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – The Illawarra

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 reminded Minister Ajaka 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 corporation were sworn:

- Mr Simon Smith, Deputy Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.54 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### **4.4 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the Committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Finance and Services and the Illawarra hearings held on Thursday 15 August 2013:

- Various documents relating to Sydney Water waste water releases,
- Letter from Mr Arthur Sinodinos AO, Chairman, Australian Water Holdings Pty Ltd to Dr Thomas Parry AM, Chairman, Sydney Water Corporation, dated 1 September 2011.

### **5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.55 pm, until 8.45 am, Friday 16 August 2013, Jubilee Room (*Premier, Western Sydney*).

Rebecca Main

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No. 25**

Friday 16 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.47 am

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

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Dr Faruqi (*Kaye from 11.50 am*)

Mr Foley (*Secord*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Primrose (*Veitch*)

Ms Sharpe (*participating*)

#### **2. Substitutions**

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Dr Faruqi for Dr Kaye (*Western Sydney*)
- Mr Foley for Mr Secord (*Premier, Western Sydney*)
- Mr Primrose for Mr Veitch (*Premier, Western Sydney*).

#### **3. Participating members**

The Chair advised that Ms Sharpe would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

#### 4. **Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Premier, Western Sydney**

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 reminded Premier O'Farrell that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Chris Eccles, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

The Premier and the departmental witness were examined by the Committee.

Mr Foley tabled the following document:

- LinkedIn profile of Mr Joseph Tannous.

Dr Kaye left the meeting.

Dr Faruqi joined the meeting.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Western Sydney open for examination.

The Premier and the departmental witness were examined by the Committee.

The Premier and the departmental witness withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.33 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

##### 4.1 **Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose: That the Committee accept the following document tabled during the Premier, Western Sydney hearing held on Friday 16 August 2013:

- LinkedIn profile of Mr Joseph Tannous, tabled by Mr Foley.

#### 5. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.35 pm, until 1.50 pm, Friday 16 August 2013, Jubilee Room (*Planning and Infrastructure*).

Stephen Frappell

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### **Minutes No. 26**

Friday 16 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

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

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Moselmane (*Secord*)

Mr Shoebridge (*Kaye*)

Ms Westwood (*Veitch*)

Mr Foley (*participating*)

## 2. Substitutions

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Mr Shoebridge for Dr Kaye (*Planning and Infrastructure*)
- Mr Moselmane for Mr Secord (*Planning and Infrastructure*)
- Ms Westwood for Mr Veitch (*Planning and Infrastructure*).

## 3. Participating members

The Chair advised that Mr Foley would be attending the hearing as a participating member.

## 4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### *Received*

- 6 August 2013 – Email from Ms Lee Dixon, Minister Hazzard's office advising of the Minister's request for no government questions during the Planning and Infrastructure hearing.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

### 5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That with no Government questions being asked on Friday 16 August 2013 the Planning and Infrastructure portfolio will be examined from 2.00pm until 3.30pm.

### 5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Planning and Infrastructure

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 reminded Minister Hazzard that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Sam Haddad, Director General, Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure open for examination.

The Minister and the departmental witness were examined by the Committee.

The Minister and the departmental witness withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.35 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3.35 pm, *sine die*.

Ian Young

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 27**

Tuesday 17 September 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 1153, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.30 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Secord

Mr Veitch

**2. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That Draft Minutes Nos 23-26 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 21 August 2013 – Letter from the Hon Andrew Constance MP – Minister for Finance and Services – correction in the transcript regarding McClintoch Report.
- 10 September 2013 – Email from Minister Ajaka’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 10 September 2013 – Email from Minister Constance’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 10 September 2013 – Email from Treasurer Baird’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 11 September 2013 – Email from Minister Hazzard’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.
- 11 September 2013 – Email from Premier O’Farrell’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014****4.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mason-Cox: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Treasury, and Finance and Services.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Chair write to the Premier seeking response to the items on pages 28, 29, 30, 33 and 34 of the initial Budget Estimates hearing transcript and advise that the Premier has 14 days to respond.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That consideration of recalling the Premier for supplementary hearings be deferred until receipt of the answers to the questions on notice and that a further determination be then made as to the necessity for a supplementary hearing.

**5. Next meeting**

Inquiry into allegations of bullying in WorkCover NSW meeting – Tuesday, 17 September 2013 at 1.45 pm in Room 1153, Parliament House.

Stewart Smith  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 29**

Wednesday 16 October 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.15 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Secord

Mr Veitch

**2. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That Draft Minutes No 27 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 25 September 2013 – Letter from Mr Chris Eccles, Director General, Premier and Cabinet, to the Chair providing documentation relating to the further questions on notice from the 2013-14 Budget Estimates inquiries. (*previously circulated*)

***Sent:***

- 19 September 2013 – Letter from the Chair to the Hon Barry O'Farrell, Premier, regarding unanswered questions on notice in the 2013-14 Budget Estimates inquiries.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**4.1 Supplementary hearing – Portfolio of Premier**

4.1.1 Mr Veitch moved: That the Committee hold a further hearing of up to two hours to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Premier and that the Director-General, Mr Chris Eccles, be invited to the supplementary hearing to answer questions. Further, that, as a courtesy, the Premier be extended an invitation to attend the hearing if he so desires.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Kaye, Rev Nile, Mr Secord, Mr Veitch

Noes: Ms Cusack, Mr Mason-Cox, Mrs Pavey

Question resolved in the affirmative.

**5. Next meeting**

Inquiry into allegations of bullying in WorkCover NSW meeting –Wednesday 6 November 2013, at 10.00 am, Macquarie Room (*public hearing*).

Stewart Smith  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Draft Minutes No. 30**

Friday 1 November 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.50 am

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chair*

Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Foley (*Secord*)

Dr Kaye

Mr Mason-Cox

Mr Veitch

**2. Substitutions**

The Chair advised that the following members would be substituting for the hearing:

- Mr Foley for Mr Secord

**3. Draft minutes**

Confirmation of Draft Minutes No 29 (*previously circulated*).

**4. Correspondence*****Sent:***

- 16 October 2013 – Letter from the Chair to the Hon Barry O’Farrell MP, Premier, advising that Mr Eccles was invited to a hearing to provide evidence regarding the portfolio of Premier.
- 16 October 2013 – Letter from the Chair to Mr Chris Eccles, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet, inviting him to attend and provide evidence at a further hearing regarding the portfolio of Premier.

***Received:***

- 24 October 2013 – Email from the Department of Premier and Cabinet advising that Mr Chris Eccles, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and Mr Paul Miller, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, will both be attending the Budget Estimates supplementary hearing on 1 November 2013.
- 24 October 2013 – Email from the Premier’s office, advising that the Premier will not be attending the Budget Estimates supplementary hearing on 1 November 2013.

## **5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-14**

### **5.1 Allocation of questions**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Pavey: That, with no Government questions asked on Friday 1 November 2013, the Premier portfolio will be examined from 10.00 am until 11.20 am, with the sequence of questions asked alternately between Opposition and Cross Bench, in that order, with an initial round of 20 minutes allocated to each, and remaining time available split equally between the two groups.

### **5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Premier**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair reminded Mr Eccles that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath earlier in an earlier Budget Estimates hearing.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Paul Miller, General Counsel, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

The departmental witnesses were examined by the Committee.

The departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.20 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### **5.3 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Premier.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.20 am until 10.00 am, Wednesday, 6 November 2013 in the Macquarie Room for the inquiry into allegations of bullying in WorkCover NSW.

Helen Hughes

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Draft Minutes No. 35**

Tuesday 10 December 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney at 9.30 am

**1. Members present**Revd Nile, *Chairman*Mrs Pavey, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Ms Ficarra (*Mr Mason-Cox*)

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge

Mr Veitch

**2. Substitutions**

The Chair advised that the following member would be substituting for the meeting:

- Ms Ficarra for Mr Mason-Cox
- Mr Shoebridge for Dr Kaye.

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft Minutes Nos. 30 and 34 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 27 November 2013 – Email from Mr Chris Eccles office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.

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**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-14 – Consideration of the Chair's draft report**The Chair tabled his draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2013-14*, which having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Pavey - That:

- the draft report be the report of the Committee and that the Committee present the report to the House
- the transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Inquiry be tabled in the House with the report; and
- upon tabling, all transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice, 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.

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

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Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

