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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* (14/11/12) p 1368, Item 16; amended by *LC Minutes* (21/05/2013), 1712-1714, Item 19.

Committee membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Paul Green MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Jan Barham MLC	The Greens	
The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens
The Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr Maureen Faruqi MLC	The Greens
The Hon Luke Foley MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr John Kaye MLC	The Greens
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Lynda Voltz 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 2013-2014. 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 seven hearings, receiving thirteen hours and five minutes of evidence, to examine the portfolio areas of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW, Sport and Recreation, Family and Community Services, Women, Education, Ageing, Disability Services, Health and Medical Research.

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 Marie Ficarra MLC

Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2013-2014 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 14 November 2012, the Legislative Council resolved to hold the initial hearings of the General Purpose Standing Committees inquiry into the Budget Estimates on ‘Monday 12, Friday 16, Monday 19, Friday 23 August, and during the sittings of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 August 2013’.¹
- 1.2 On 21 May 2013, the Legislative Council further 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’.² The 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.

Hearings

- 1.3 The Committee held seven public hearings as follows:
- Monday 12 August 2013 – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs
 - Monday 12 August 2013 – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW
 - Monday 12 August 2013 – Sport and Recreation
 - Monday 12 August 2013 – Family and Community Services, Women
 - Wednesday, 14 August 2013 – Education
 - Friday 23 August 2013 – Ageing, Disability Services
 - Friday 23 August 2013 – Health, Medical Research.
- 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.

Questions on notice

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

¹ *LC Minutes* (14/11/12) Item 16, p 1368.

² *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.

Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities and Aboriginal Affairs was held on Monday 12 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Citizenship and Communities and Aboriginal Affairs portfolios:

- Budget for the Community Relations Commission's Multicultural Advantage Grants Program
- Membership of Minister Dominello's Ministerial Consultative Committees
- Reduction in budget estimates for the Community Relations Commission's employee-related expenses
- Restoration and repair of community war memorials
- Budget for the centenary of ANZAC celebrations
- Costings for expenditure on Aboriginal Affairs
- Implementation of the Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) initiative
- Achievements in improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW was held on Monday 12 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW portfolios:

- Patients' length of stay at the Campbelltown Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre
- Ability of the Minister and Ministry of Health to quarantine mental health funding within local health district budgets
- Non-government mental health service provider funding and service delivery
- Sexual safety in mental health facilities
- Treatment of mental health disorders among young adults
- Localised service delivery in Western NSW
- The Minister's representations to the Cross Border Commissioner
- Budget and activities of the Wild Dog Destruction Board

- Assessment process for Exceptional Circumstance Drought Relief payments.

Sport and Recreation

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolio of Sport and Recreation was held on Monday 12 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Sport and Recreation portfolio:

- Certain appointments to sporting boards
- Review of the *Combat Sports Act*
- Staffing levels within Sport and Recreation portfolio agencies
- NSW Government role in addressing drugs in sport
- Strategies to maximise financial impact of sporting events in regional areas.

Family and Community Services, Women

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolios of Family and Community Services, and Women was held on Monday 12 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's Examination of the Family and Community Services portfolio:

- Budgeted number of caseworkers versus on the ground number of caseworkers, Ernst and Young report into caseworker numbers, regional employment of caseworkers in New South Wales
- Indigenous children in out of home care
- Child protection reforms and Working with Children checks
- Impact of Housing NSW 'vacant bedroom charge'
- Funding of the Welfare Rights Centre
- Governance of the Aboriginal Housing Office
- Reforms to the Specialist Homelessness Service sector
- Transparency and reporting mechanisms
- Transfer of out of home care services to the non-government sector
- Street teams (Kings Cross and Cabramatta).

2.5 The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Women portfolio:

- Reforms to the Victim's Compensation Scheme
- Development of the Domestic and Family Violence framework
- Allocation of Domestic and Family Violence funding
- Homelessness and housing of women and children, including older women

- Operation of the Office of Women NSW, including staffing and consultancies
- Assistance programs for men, including the telephone counselling and referral service
- Women NSW funding program
- Women NSW reform agenda
- Women of the Year Awards.

Education

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Wednesday 14 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Education portfolio:

- Infrastructure budget and expenditure
- Capital works fund and its ability to address capacity problems
- Transparency of Total Asset Management Plan process
- Increase in class sizes and composite classes
- Urban densification – aligning education planning to demographic/urban planning
- Pre-school participation and the impact of increased fees
- Changes to the ability of schools to spend interest gained on Government funds stored in bank accounts
- School zones and the ability of students to move across zones if required
- 'Local Schools, Local Decisions' Program
- Impact of Commonwealth funding on NSW Government contributions to overall education funding
- Long day care and out of school care
- 'Smart and Skilled' Program
- TAFE teaching positions
- Private colleges and concerns surrounding the quality and standards of training service providers
- Replacement of demountables, fencing, heaters
- Gonski funding rollout
- Special education classes in regular schools
- National curriculum
- Literacy and numeracy teaching positions
- TAFE and creating a 'contestable market'

- Ethics classes
- NAPLAN participation

Ageing, Disability Services

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolio of Ageing and Disability Services was held on Friday 23 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Ageing and Disability Services portfolio:

- Funding for the Community Care Supports Program
- Home Care's capacity to deliver services to young people
- Staff working in boarding houses
- Young people living in residential aged care
- Support for children and people with a disability living in assisted boarding houses
- Transition of non-government disability service providers to the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Response to the Ombudsman report on deaths of people with a disability living in care
- Reforms under Stronger Together 2
- Operation of the NSW Elder Abuse Hotline
- Employment strategies for the ageing
- Strategy for local councils to respond to the ageing population.

Health, Medical Research

2.8 A hearing examining the portfolio of Health and Medical Research was held on Friday 23 August 2013. The following issues were raised during the Committee's examination of the Health and Medical Research portfolio:

- Capital works expenditure, including for Westmead Hospital and car park construction
- The number of nurses employed by NSW Health, including retention figures
- The number of hospital beds, including available beds
- Midwife-led care and training and recruitment of midwives
- Cancer care, including new cancer centres
- Nurse to patient ratios
- Aero-medical retrieval, ambulance services and patient transport
- Training of the medical workforce
- Support for medical research

Appendix 1 Witnesses

Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs – Monday 12 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Victor Dominello MP	Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian	Chairperson, Community Relations Commission
Mr Keith Stevens	Chief Financial Officer, Community Relations Commission
Ms Donna Rygate	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
Ms Debra Bock	Director Finance, Office of Communities
Mr Jason Ardler	General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, Office of Communities

Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW – Monday 12 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP	Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Healthy Lifestyles, and Minister for Western New South Wales
Mr David McGrath	Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office, Ministry of Health
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director General, Population and Public Health, Ministry of Health
Mr Ken Whelan	Deputy Director General, System Purchasing and Performance, Ministry of Health
Mr Simon Smith	Deputy Director General, Delivery and Implementation, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Sport and Recreation – Monday 12 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Graham Annesley MP	Minister for Sport and Recreation
Ms Donna Rygate	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
Mr Paul Doorn	Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Communities
Ms Janett Milligan	Executive Director, Venues NSW, Office of Communities
Ms Debra Bock	Director Finance, Office of Communities

Family and Community Services, Women – Monday 12 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Pru Goward MP	Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Women
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Maura Boland	Deputy Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Maree Walk	Chief Executive - Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Mike Allen	Chief Executive - Housing NSW, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Paul Callaghan	Chief Executive - Aboriginal Housing Office, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Kerry Boland	Children's Guardian, Office of the Children's Guardian
Ms Linda Matthews	Executive Director - Women NSW, Department of Family and Community Services

Education – Wednesday, 14 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP	Minister for Education
Dr Michele Bruniges	Director-General, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Director-General, Corporate Services, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Phillip Peace	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Greg Prior	Deputy Director-General Schools, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Leslie Loble	Chief Executive, Department of Education and Communities
Ms Pam Christie	Managing Director, Department of Education and Communities
Mr Tom Alegounarias	President, Board of Studies NSW

Ageing, Disability Services – Friday, 23 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. John Ajaka MLC	Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Jim Longley	Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Ms Samantha Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive, People and Choice, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Mr Peter DeNattris	Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Development and Reform, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Mr Alastair Hunter	Deputy Chief Executive, Service Delivery, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Mr Stephen Mudge	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Family and Community Services

Health, Medical Research – Friday, 23 August 2013

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP	Minister for Health, Minister for Medical Research
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director General, Population and Public Health, Ministry of Health
Mr Ken Whelan	Deputy Director General, System Purchasing and Performance, Ministry of Health
Dr Mary Foley	Director-General, Ministry of Health
Ms Karen Crawshaw	Deputy Director-General, Governance, Workforce & Corporate, Ministry of Health
Mr John Roach	Chief Finance Officer, Ministry of Health
Dr Rohan Hammett	Deputy Director-General, Strategy & Resources, Ministry of Health

Appendix 2 Tabled documents

Friday 23 August 2013

Health, Medical Research

- 1 Media release by Barry O'Farrell MP 'More beds, more nurses, real reform', 13 March 2011, tendered by Minister Skinner
- 2 Health Professionals Workforce Plan 2012-2022, NSW Ministry of Health, 2012, tendered by Minister Skinner
- 3 Medical Devices Fund 2013 report, NSW Ministry of Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner
- 4 Adult overweight and obesity, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner
- 5 Childhood Overweight and Obesity: Healthy children initiative, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner.

Appendix 3 Minutes

Minutes No. 33

Thursday 20 June 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 12.50pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair* (from 12.55 pm)

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke (from 12.55 pm)

Miss Gardiner

Mr Moselmane

Ms Westwood

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That draft Minutes No. 32 be confirmed.

3. ***

4. ***

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

5.1 Allocation of question time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That for the initial round of hearings into the Budget Estimates 2013-2014, the sequence of questions to be asked alternate between Opposition, Cross Bench and Government members, in that order, with 20 minutes allocated to each.

5.2 Publication of answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Miss Gardiner: That the Committee authorise the publication of answers to questions on notice, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

5.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Monday 12 August 2013, the Citizenship and Communities portfolio be examined from 9:00am until 9:45am and Aboriginal Affairs portfolio be examined from 9:45am until 10:30am.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Monday 12 August 2013, the Mental Health Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Monday 12 August 2013, the Sport and Recreation portfolios be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Monday 12 August 2013, the Family and Community Services portfolio be examined from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and the Women portfolio be examined from 4:00pm until 5:00pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Friday 23 August 2013, the Ageing and Disability portfolio be examined concurrently.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Westwood: That on Friday 23 August 2013, the Health portfolio be examined from 2:00pm until 5:00pm and the Medical Research portfolio be examined from 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

5.4 Witness requests

Members were asked to provide any witness requests to the Secretariat by 5:00pm, Friday 12 July 2013.

6. Interim social media guidelines – from the Chairs' Committee

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That the committee adopt the interim guidelines on the use of social media and electronic devices during committee proceedings.

7. ***

Stewart Smith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 35

Monday 12 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8:50 am

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Buckingham (*Barham – Western NSW, Sport and Recreation*)

Mr Clarke

Dr Faruqi (*Barham – Citizenship and Communities*)

Miss Gardiner

Dr Kaye (*Barham – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles*)

Mr Moselmane

Mr Primrose (*Moselmane – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)

Mr Veitch (*Westwood – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)

Ms Voltz (*Moselmane – Sport and Recreation*)

Ms Westwood (*Participating – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs*)

Mr Whan (*Westwood – Sport and Recreation*)

Mr Wong (*Westwood – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs*)

2. Substitutions

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

- Dr Faruqi for Ms Barham (*Citizenship and Communities*)
- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles*)
- Mr Buckingham for Ms Barham (*Western NSW, Sport and Recreation*)
- Mr Wong for Ms Westwood (*Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs*)
- Mr Primrose for Mr Moselmane (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)
- Mr Veitch for Ms Westwood (*Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW*)
- Ms Voltz for Mr Moselmane (*Sport and Recreation*)
- Mr Whan for Ms Westwood (*Sport and Recreation*).

3. Participating members

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

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 9 July 2013 – Email from Mr Julian Crowley, Minister Annesley’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 12 August 2013.
- 22 July 2013 – Email from Mr William Crook, Minister Goward’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 12 August 2013.
- 1 August 2013 – Email from Mr James Farrer, Minister Constance’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 23 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Kim Withers, Minister Piccoli’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 14 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Mr Michael Evangelidis, Minister Dominello’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 12 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Katrina Carlon, Minister Humphries’ office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 12 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Angela Zekanovic, Minister Skinner’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat advising witnesses to attend on 23 August 2013.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Mr Michael Evangelidis, Minister Dominello’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat request for no government questions during the Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs hearing.
- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Katrina Carlon, Minister Humphries’ office to Budget Estimates Secretariat request for no government questions during the Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW hearing.
- 2 August 2013 - Email from Mr Julian Crowley, Minister Annesley’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat request for no government questions during the Sport and Recreation hearing.

Sent

- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Dominello informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Humphries informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Emails from Committee Director to Minister Annesley informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Emails from Committee Director to Minister Goward informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Emails from Committee Director to Minister Piccoli informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Emails from Committee Director to Minister Constance informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 1 July 2013 – Emails from Committee Director to Minister Skinner informing the Ministry of the time allocation for portfolios and witness requests.
- 16 July 2013 – Email from Committee Director to Minister Piccoli requesting witnesses to accompany Minister on 14 August 2013.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

5.1 Webcasting of proceedings

Resolved on the motion of Mr Moselmann: That the Committee authorises the webcast of all the Committee’s 2013-14 Budget Estimates hearings via the Parliament’s website.

5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs

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

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson, Community Relations Commission
- Mr Keith Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, Community Relations Commission
- Ms Donna Rygate, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Communities
- Ms Debra Bock, Director Finance, Office of Communities
- Mr Jason Ardler, General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs, Office of Communities.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs open for examination.

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

Dr Faruqi left the meeting.

Ms Barham joined the meeting.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10:14 am.

The public and media withdrew.

Ms Barham, Mr Wong and Ms Westwood left the meeting.

5.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW

Mr Kaye, Mr Primrose and Mr Veitch joined the meeting.

The hearing recommenced at 10.45 am.

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

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr David McGrath, Director, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office, Ministry of Health
- Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director General, Population and Public Health, Ministry of Health
- Mr Ken Whelan, Deputy Director General, System Purchasing and Performance, Ministry of Health
- Mr Simon Smith, Deputy Director General, Delivery and Implementation, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW open for examination.

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

Dr Kaye left the meeting.

Mr Buckingham joined the meeting.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.47 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Mr Buckingham, Mr Primrose and Mr Veitch left the meeting.

5.4 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Sport and Recreation

Ms Voltz and Mr Whan joined the meeting.

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 Annesley that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament and noted that Ms Donna Rygate and Ms Debra Brock did not need to be sworn as they had already been sworn in the earlier hearing.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Paul Doorn, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation, Office of Communities
- Ms Janett Milligan, Executive Director, Venues NSW, Office of Communities.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Sport and Recreation open for examination.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.52 pm

The public and media withdrew.

5.5 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Clarke: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Citizenship and Communities, Aboriginal Affairs, Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW and Sport and Recreation on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12.50 pm, until 1:50 pm, Monday 12 August 2013, Jubilee Room (*Family and Community Services, Women*).

Merrin Thompson
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 36

Monday 12 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Mr Donnelly (*Moselmane – Family and Community Services, Women*)

Dr Faruqi (*Barham – Women*)

Miss Gardiner

Ms Westwood

Ms Cotsis (*participating*)

Mr Foley (*participating*)

2. Substitutions

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

- Mr Donnelly for Mr Moselmane (*Family and Community Services, Women*)
- Dr Faruqi for Ms Barham (*Women*).

3. Participating members

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

Mr Foley, Ms Barham and Ms Cotsis joined the meeting.

4. Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Family and Community Services, Women

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

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Maura Boland, Deputy Director General, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Maree Walk, Chief Executive - Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Mike Allen, Chief Executive - Housing NSW, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Paul Callaghan, Chief Executive - Aboriginal Housing Office, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Kerryn Boland, Children's Guardian, Office of the Children's Guardian.

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

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

Mr Foley left the meeting.

Ms Walk, Mr Allen, Mr Callaghan and Ms Kerry Boland withdrew.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Ms Linda Matthews, Executive Director, Women NSW, Department of Family and Community Services.

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

4.1 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, Women on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.05 pm, until 8.45 am, Wednesday 14 August 2013, Jubilee Room (*Education*).

Ian Young
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 37

Wednesday 14 August 2013
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*
Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*
Mr Clarke
Mr Donnelly (*Moselmane*)
Miss Gardiner
Dr Kaye (*Barham*)
Ms Sharpe (*participating until 10:40 am*)
Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

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

- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham
- Mr Donnelly for Mr Moselmane.

3. Participating members

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

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 2 August 2013 – Email from Ms Kim Withers, Minister Piccoli's office advising of the Minister's request for no government questions during the Education hearing.
- 14 August 2013 - Email from Ms Kim Withers, Minister Piccoli's office advising that Ms Carol Taylor, Chief Executive, Board of Studies NSW is unable to attend the Education hearing due to unforeseen circumstances.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

5.1 Time allocation

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That, with no Government questions asked on Wednesday 14 August 2013, the Education portfolio will be examined from 9.00am until 11.40am.

5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Education

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

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Dr Michele Bruniges, Director-General, Department of Education and Communities
- Mr Peter Riordan, Deputy Director-General, Corporate Services, Department of Education and Communities
- Mr Phillip Peace, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education and Communities
- Mr Greg Prior, Deputy Director-General Schools, Department of Education and Communities
- Ms Leslie Loble, Chief Executive, Department of Education and Communities
- Ms Pam Christie, Managing Director of TAFE NSW, Department of Education and Communities
- Mr Tom Alegounarias, President, Board of Studies NSW.

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

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11:53 am.

The public and media withdrew.

5.3 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 portfolio of Education on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:55 am until 8.45am, Friday 23 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Ageing, Disability Services*).

Rhia Victorino
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 38

Friday 23 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.49 am

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Khan (*Clarke*)

Miss Gardiner

Mr Wong (*Moselmane*)

Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

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

- Mr Wong for Mr Moselmane
- Mr Khan for Mr Clarke.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That with no Government questions asked, the portfolios of Ageing, Disability Services will run from 9.00 am until 10.20 am.

3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Ageing, Disability 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 Ajaka that he did not need to be sworn, as he had sworn an oath to his office as a member of Parliament.

The Chair also reminded Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director General, Department of Family and Community Services, that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Jim Longley, Chief Executive, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Ms Samantha Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive, People and Choice, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Peter DeNatis, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Development and Reform, Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Mr Alastair Hunter, Deputy Chief Executive, Service Delivery, Ageing, Disability and Home Care

- Mr Stephen Mudge, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Family and Community Services.

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

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

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10.35 am.

The public and media withdrew.

3.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the Committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for all previously examined portfolios for Budget Estimates 2013-2014, including Ageing, Disability Services, on Thursday 19 September 2013 at 1.00 pm following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at until 1.50 pm, Friday 23 August 2013, Macquarie Room (*Health, Medical Research*).

Samuel Griffith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 39

Friday 16 August 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.50 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Foley (*Donnelly – until 3.50 pm; participating until 4.40pm*)

Miss Gardiner

Dr Kaye (*Barham*)

Mr Khan (*Clarke*)

Mr Searle (*Donnelly – from 3.50 pm*)

Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

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

- Mr Foley for Mr Donnelly
- Dr Kaye for Ms Barham
- Mr Khan for Mr Clarke
- Mr Searle for Mr Donnelly

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following item of correspondence received:

- 2 August 2013 – Email from Mr Adam Zarth, Minister Skinner’s office advising of the Minister’s preference to retain Government questions during the Health, Medical Research hearing.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

4.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2013-2014 – Health, Medical Research

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

The Chair also reminded Dr Kerry Chant and Mr Ken Whelan that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

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

- Dr Mary Foley, Director-General, Ministry of Health
- Ms Karen Crawshaw, Deputy Director-General, Governance, Workforce & Corporate, Ministry of Health
- Mr John Roach, Chief Finance Officer, Ministry of Health
- Dr Rohan Hammett, Deputy Director-General, Strategy & Resources, Ministry of Health.

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

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

Minister Skinner tendered the following documents:

- Media release by Barry O’Farrell MP ‘More beds, more nurses, real reform’, 13 March 2011
- Health Professionals Workforce Plan 2012-2022 report, NSW Ministry of Health, 2012
- Medical Devices Fund 2013 report, NSW Ministry of Health, 2013
- Adult overweight and obesity, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013
- Childhood Overweight and Obesity: Healthy children initiative, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013.

Mr Searle joined the meeting at 3.50pm.

Mr Foley left the meeting at 4.40pm.

Mr Green left the meeting at 5.15pm.

The Minister and the departmental witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.30 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

4.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the Committee accept the following documents tendered during the Health, Medical Research hearing held on Friday 16 August 2013:

- Media release by Barry O’Farrell MP ‘More beds, more nurses, real reform’, 13 March 2011, tendered by Minister Skinner

- Health Professionals Workforce Plan 2012-2022, NSW Ministry of Health, 2012, tendered by Minister Skinner
- Medical Devices Fund 2013 report, NSW Ministry of Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner
- Adult overweight and obesity, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner
- Childhood Overweight and Obesity: Healthy children initiative, Snapshot May 2013, NSW Ministry for Health, 2013, tendered by Minister Skinner.

4.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the Committee deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Health, Medical Research at the upcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday, 19 September 2013 at 1.30 pm following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5.31 pm, until Thursday 19 September 2013 at 1.30pm.

Madeleine Foley

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 40

Thursday 19 September 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.00 pm

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Miss Gardiner

Revd Nile

Ms Westwood

2. Substitutions

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

- Revd Nile for Mr Green

3. Previous minutes

Resolved on the motion of Mr Clarke: That draft Minutes No. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

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- 5 September 2013 – Email from Minister Humphries' office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing
- 5 September 2013 – Email from Minister Dominello's office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing

- 5 September 2013 – Email from Minister Goward’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing
- 5 September 2013 – Email from Minister Upton’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing
- 9 September 2013 – Email from Minister Piccoli’s office to Budget Estimates Secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice during the hearing.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014

5.1 Supplementary hearings

Ms Barham moved: That the Committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Family and Community Services.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Barham, Ms Westwood

Noes: Mr Clarke, Ms Ficarra, Miss Gardiner, Revd Nile

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Clarke: That the Committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to all portfolios.

6. Adjournment

Sine die.

Stewart Smith

Clerk to the Committee

Draft Minutes No. 41

Thursday 17 October 2013

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

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

1. Members present

Ms Ficarra, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Barham

Mr Clarke

Miss Gardiner

Mr Moselmane

Ms Westwood

2. Previous minutes

Resolved on the motion of Ms Westwood: That Draft Minutes No. 40 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2013-2014: Chair's draft report

Resolved on the motion of Mr Green: That the draft report be the report of the Committee and that the Committee present the report to the House.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Green: That 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.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Green: That 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 documents kept confidential by resolution of the Committee.

4. Next meeting

Sine die.

Maree Leat

Clerk to the Committee