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## Terms of reference

1. These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the House on 24 June 2015, see NSW Legislative Council Minutes, 24 June 2015, pp 230-231.
2. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015 - 2016 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.

3. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

### **Day One: Monday 31 August 2015**

GPSC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Two: Tuesday 1 September 2015**

GPSC 2	Ageing, Disability Services, Multiculturalism	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 2	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 3	Mental Health, Medical Research, Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 3	Health	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Three: Wednesday 2 September 2015**

GPSC 4	Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 4	Planning	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### **Day Four: Thursday 3 September 2015**

GPSC 4	Justice and Police, Arts, Racing	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
GPSC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 1	Premier, Western Sydney	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
GPSC 6	Innovation and Better Regulation	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm

### **Day Five: Friday 4 September 2015**

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	Environment, Heritage	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
GPSC 6	Local Government	9.00 am – 11.00 am
GPSC 6	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business	11.15 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 6	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

4. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6 to 9 October 2015.

5. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 a.m. and conclude by 6.00 p.m.
6. That the committees must hear evidence in public.
7. That the committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
8. That Ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
9. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 18 December 2015.
10. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 p.m., within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
11. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

## Committee membership

### General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

<b>Revd the Hon Fred Nile MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chairman</i>
<b>The Hon Ben Franklin MLC</b>	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Scott Farlow MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Dr John Kaye MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Peter Primrose MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Hon Robert Brown MLC</b>	Shooters and Fishers Party
<b>Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party



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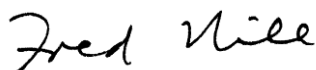
## Chairman's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016. 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 following portfolios:

- Finance, Services and Property
- The Legislature
- Treasury, Industrial Relations
- Premier, Western Sydney

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.



Revd. the Hon Fred Nile MLC  
**Chairman**

# Chapter 1 Introduction

## Referral of the 2015-2016 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 24 June 2015, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2015-2016 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> 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 18 December 2015.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings will be held in the week commencing 31 August 2015 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 6-9 October 2015.<sup>3</sup>

## Hearings

The committee held four public hearings as follows:

- Wednesday 2 September 2015 – Finance, Services and Property
- Wednesday 2 September 2015 – The Legislature
- Thursday 3 September 2015 – Treasury, Industrial Relations
- Thursday 3 September 2015 – Premier, Western Sydney.

## Transcripts

- 1.3 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

- 1.4 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*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.

<sup>3</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 June 2015, pp 230 - 231.



## Chapter 2 Issues raised during the hearings

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

### Finance, Services and Property

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance, Services and Property was held on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Finance, Services and Property portfolio:

- Government assets register
- Changes to NSW Public Works
- Workers compensation scheme
- Government procurement
- Jobs in IT structure and support to government services and agencies
- Service NSW software
- Steel industry.

### The Legislature

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of The Legislature portfolio:

- Efficiency dividends and savings measures
- Introduction of the new Mediaportal
- Operation of security gates
- New office wing on level 9
- Hosting of events, exhibitions and functions.

### Treasury, Industrial Relations

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations was held on Thursday 3 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Treasury, Industrial Relations portfolios:

- The fiscal gap
- Stamp duty receipts and the volatility of income streams
- Forecast revenue from mining royalties
- Infrastructure budget
- Progress of electricity privatisation and the budgetary impact
- Roll-out of the Learning Management and Business Reform (LBMR) project
- TCorp wholesale bonds, Waratah bonds and Social Impact Investment Bonds
- Content and format of the Budget Papers
- Proposals to reform the GST, including the removal of GST from sanitary products
- Charging GST for online transactions of less than \$1,000
- Measures to address bullying in the public sector
- Protection measures for public sector whistle-blowers
- Development of gender equity performance indicators
- Number of women in the State Executive Service.

## **Premier, Western Sydney**

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolios of Premier, Western Sydney was held on Thursday 3 September 2015. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Premier, Western Sydney portfolios:

- Badgery's Creek Airport and curfews
- Screening of Gayby Baby film in schools
- Same sex marriage
- Electoral Commission policies
- Review of the public school enrolment form

- Lindt Siege
- Proposed increase in the GST
- Increasing state health expenditure
- Steel industry and potential closure of the furnace at Port Kembla
- Sale of public housing and relocation of tenants
- Water allocations for general security irrigators
- Coal seam gas
- Housing affordability
- Renewable energy
- Mining licences
- Increase in use of the drug ice
- Ethics and religious education classes in schools
- UrbanGrowth
- Ethanol review by IPART
- Electricity privatisation and the state infrastructure building program
- Tourism.





## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Finance, Services and Property – Wednesday 2 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Minister for Finance, Services and Property
Vivek Bhatia	Chief Executive Officer, Insurance and Care NSW, and former Chief Executive Officer
Mr John Hubby	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Mr Sam Romaniuk	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Government Property NSW
Mr Martin Hoffman	Secretary, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Mr Glenn King	Chief Executive Officer, Services NSW

### The Legislature – Wednesday 2 September 2015

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Don Harwin	President, NSW Legislative Council
Mr Steven Reynolds	Deputy Clerk, NSW Legislative Council
Mr Robert Stefanic	Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
Mr John Gregor	Director, Financial Services Branch, Department of Parliamentary Services

**Treasury, Industrial Relations – Thursday 3 September 2015**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP	Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations
Ms Vicki Telfer	Executive Director, NSW Industrial Relations, NSW Treasury
Mr Timothy John Spencer	Deputy Secretary, Commercial Group, NSW Treasury
Ms Maryanne Mrakovcic	Acting Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Group, NSW Treasury
Ms Caralee McLiesh	Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Group, NSW Treasury

**Premier, Western Sydney – Thursday 3 September 2015**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Mike Baird MP	Premier and Minister for Western Sydney
Mr Blair Robert Comley	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet

## Appendix 2 Tabled documents

**Thursday 3 September 2015**

**Premier, Western Sydney**

1. Powerpoint presentation, Reform of Federation: Leaders Retreat July 2015: Addressing the Fiscal Gap: Leaders' Retreat Summary, dated 21 July 2015, tendered by the Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, Hon Mike Baird MP.

## Appendix 3 Minutes

### Minutes no. 2

Wednesday 12 August 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.47 am

#### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Dr Kaye)

Ms Voltz (substituting for Mr Searle)

#### 2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That draft minutes no 2 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### **Received:**

- 30 July 2015 – Email from Dr Brian Lindsay, Office of the President of the Legislative Council, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the President to Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015.
- 31 July 2015 – Email from Ms Caroline Hutcherson, Office of the Premier, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Premier to Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015.
- 31 July 2015 – Email from Mr Keiran Byrne, Office of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015
- 4 August 2015 – Email from Mr Brett Cox, Office of the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, forwarding list of witnesses accompanying the Minister to Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015

##### **Sent:**

- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property, inviting the Minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, inviting the Minister to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 24 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, inviting the Premier to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.
- 30 July 2014 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President, Legislative Council, inviting the President to the Budget Estimates 2015-2016 hearings.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

**4.1 Allocation of question time**

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing General Purpose Standing Committees, the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

**4.2 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted its intention to examine all portfolios concurrently.

**4.3 Witnesses**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose: That the committee invite the following additional witnesses to the hearing for Premier and Western Sydney on 3 September 2015:

- Mr Peter Boxall, Chair, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
- Mr Hugo Harmstorf, Chief Executive Office, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

**5. Next meeting**

The committee adjourned at 10.55 am until 8.45 am, Wednesday 2 September 2015 in the Macquarie Room (*Finance, Services and Property*).

Madeleine Foley  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes No. 3**

Wednesday 2 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.53 am

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Donnelly (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Shoebridge (participating) (from 10.15 am)

**2. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That draft minutes no. 2 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

**Received:**

- 14 July 2015 – Email from Mr Daniel Hill, Office of the Minister for Planning, forwarding updated list of witnesses accompanying the Minister to the Budget Estimates hearing on 2 September 2015
- 25 August 2015 – Letter received from Hon Mile Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, declining the request for witnesses from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to attend the Budget Estimates hearings on 3 September 2015

**Sent:**

- 14 August 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, requesting additional witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing on 3 September 2015

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

##### 4.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That with no questions asked by government members:

- On Wednesday 2 September 2015, the portfolios of Finance, Services and Property be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00 am
- On Wednesday 2 September 2015, the portfolio of The Legislature be examined from 12.15 pm until 12.45 pm
- On Thursday 3 September 2015, the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations be examined from 9.00 am until 11.40 am
- On Thursday 3 September 2015, the portfolios of Premier, Western Sydney be examined from 2.00 pm until 4.40 pm

##### 4.2 UTS journalism students

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the undergraduate journalism students from UTS be permitted to film and record the committee's proceedings for Budget Estimates 2015-2016, provided that the students sign an undertaking to abide by the requirements of the Broadcasting Resolution, and that the students remain behind the bollards in the public area of the hearing room.

##### 4.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Finance, Services and Property, The Legislature, Treasury, Industrial Relations, Premier and Western Sydney on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

##### 4.4 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Finance, Services and Property

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chairman made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chairman 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 Perrottet was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Martin Hoffman, Secretary, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
- Mr Sam Romaniuk, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Government Property NSW
- Mr Vivek Bhatia, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance and Care NSW, and former Chief Executive Officer, Safety, Return to Work and Support,
- Mr Glenn King, Chief Executive Officer, Service NSW
- Mr John Hubby, Deputy-Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation

The chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance, Services and Property 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 11.00 am.

The public and media withdrew.

## 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.00 am, until 12.15 pm, Wednesday 2 September 2015.

Kate Mihaljek  
Clerk to the Committee

## Minutes No. 4

Wednesday 2 September 2015  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1  
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 12.12 pm

### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*  
Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*  
Mr Farlow  
Dr Kaye  
Mr Khan  
Mr Primrose  
Mr Searle  
Mr Moselmane (substituting for Mr Searle)

### 2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016

#### 2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – The Legislature

President Harwin, departmental witnesses, the public and media were admitted. The chairman made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chairman 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 Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Rob Stefanic, Executive Manager, Department of Parliamentary Services
- Mr John Gregor, Director, Finance, Department of Parliamentary Services.

The chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of The Legislature open for examination.

The President and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.54 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### 3. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 12.55 pm, until 9.00 am, Thursday 3 September 2015.

Teresa McMichael

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No. 5**

Thursday 3 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.46 am

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

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr MacDonald

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

Ms Cotsis (participating)

Mr Shoebridge (participating for Industrial Relations) (from 10.46 am to 11.28 am)

#### 2. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016**

##### **2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Treasury, Industrial Relations**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chairman made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chairman 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 Treasurer was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Ms Caralee McLiesh, Deputy Secretary, Agency, Budget and Policy Group, NSW Treasury
- Ms Maryanne Mrakovcic, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Group, NSW Treasury
- Mr Tim Spencer, Deputy Secretary, Commercial Group, NSW Treasury
- Ms Vicki Telfer, Executive Director, Industrial Relations, NSW Industrial Relations.

The chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations open for examination.

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting at 10.46 am.

Mr Shoebridge left the meeting at 11.28 am.



The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.35 am.

The public and media withdrew.

### 3. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.37 am, until 1.50 pm, Thursday 3 September 2015.

Cathryn Cummins

**Clerk to the Committee**

### **Minutes No. 6**

Thursday 3 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.53 pm

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

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

Mr Brown (participating)

Ms Sharpe (participating)

#### 2. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016**

##### **2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Premier, Western Sydney**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chairman 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.

Premier Baird was admitted.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Blair Comley PSM, Secretary, Department of Premier & Cabinet

The chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney open for examination.

The Premier and departmental witness were examined by the committee.

Premier Mike Baird MP tendered the following document:

- Powerpoint presentation, Reform of Federation: Leaders Retreat July 2015: Addressing the Fiscal Gap: Leaders' Retreat Summary, dated 21 July 2015

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Premier, Western Sydney hearing held on Thursday 3 September 2015:

- Powerpoint presentation, Reform of Federation: Leaders Retreat July 2015: Addressing the Fiscal Gap: Leaders' Retreat Summary, dated 21 July 2015, tendered by Premier Mike Baird MP.

## 3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.43 pm, *sine die*.

Tina Higgins

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 7

Wednesday 30 September 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.01 pm

### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair* (by teleconference)

Mr Donnelly (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

### 2. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That minutes no.6 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### **Received:**

- 25 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of The Legislature.
- 28 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.
- 29 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.
- 29 September 2015 – Letter from Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

#### **Sent:**

- 7 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 7 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 8 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 8 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

#### 4. Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Finance, Services and Property
- The Legislature
- Premier, Western Sydney.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Donnelly: That:

- The committee note that four supplementary questions were directed to the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy following a Budget Estimates hearing by General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5, and that Minister Roberts responded that ‘These questions are better directed to the Treasurer, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian.’
- The committee put the four additional questions to the Treasurer, Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, with answers due to be returned by 5 pm, Friday 9 October 2015
- The committee decide whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations following receipt of the answers.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned 2.13 pm, *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

#### Minutes No. 8

Thursday 15 October 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Member’s Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow  
Dr Kaye  
Mr Khan  
Mr Primrose  
Mr Searle

**2. Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That minutes no.7 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 9 October 2015 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – answers to further questions for the Treasury portfolio.

***Sent:***

- 30 September 2015 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – further questions for the Treasury portfolio.

**4. Supplementary hearings**

**4.1 Publication of answers from the Treasurer**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan, that the answers received from the Treasurer, regarding questions previously put to Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy be published.

**4.2 Supplementary hearing**

Mr Searle moved, That:

- The committee write to the Treasurer, Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP to provide her with another opportunity for her to answer the questions that were previously directed to Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.
- The committee request that the Treasurer, Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP return her answers to questions by 5 pm, Monday 26 October 2015.
- If the committee is not satisfied with the responsiveness of the answers, the committee will meet to consider whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the treasury portfolio, limited to these questions.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Dr Kaye, Revd Nile, Mr Primrose, Mr Searle.

Noes: Mr Farlow, Mr Franklin, Mr Khan

Question resolved in the affirmative.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 1.18 pm until 1.00 pm, 28 October 2015.

Beverly Duffy  
**Clerk to the Committee**

**Minutes No. 9**

Wednesday 28 October 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Member's Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.01 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

**2. Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye: That draft minutes no.8 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 26 October 2015 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, attaching answers to further questions for the Treasury portfolio
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***Sent:***

- 15 October 2015 – Letter from Clerk Assistant-Committees to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, providing the Treasurer with another opportunity to answer questions that were previously directed to Hon Anthony Roberts MP as Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

**4. Supplementary hearings****4.1 Publication of answers from the Treasurer**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle. That the answers received from the Treasurer, regarding questions previously put to Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy be published.

**4.2 Supplementary hearing**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolio of Treasury, Industrial Relations.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 1.02 pm *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**

**Draft minutes no. 10**

Wednesday 11 November 2015

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney at 1.30 pm

**1. Members present**

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Dr Kaye

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That draft minutes no. 9 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

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**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2015-2016 – Consideration of chairman's draft report**

The chairman submitted his draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2015-2016* which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Kaye:

- 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, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- That upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be published 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 after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting;
- That the report be tabled on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 1.32 pm *sine die*.

Madeleine Foley

**Clerk to the Committee**