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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2016 - 2017 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That, notwithstanding the House's resolution of 6 May 2015 allocating portfolio responsibilities to the General Purpose Standing Committees, for the purposes of the 2016-2017 budget estimates inquiry General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 is to examine the Legislature portfolio.
3. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 29 August 2016

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	The Legislature	11.15 am – 12.00 pm
GPSC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Tuesday 30 August 2016

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 31 August 2016

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 5	Industry, Resources and Energy	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Four: Thursday 1 September 2016

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 2 September 2016

GPSC 5	Primary Industries, Lands and Water	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
GPSC 5	The 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 4 to 7 October 2016.
5. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
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 16 December 2016.
10. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm, 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.

These terms of reference were referred to the committee by the House on 1 June 2016, see LC Minutes 1 June 2016, pp 935-938.

Committee details

Committee members

Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chairman</i>
The Hon Ben Franklin MLC	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Scott Farlow MLC	Liberal Party	
Mr Justin Field ¹	The Greens	
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC	The Greens

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¹ Mr Justin Field MLC replaced Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC on the committee from 22 September 2016.

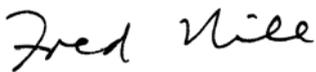
Chairman's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017. 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 Legislative Council.

The inquiry consisted of three hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Finance, Services and Property
- 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 2016-2017 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 1 June 2016, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2016-2017 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 (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 16 December 2016.³
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings will be held in the week commencing 29 August 2016 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 4-7 October 2016.⁴
- 1.3 Notwithstanding the resolution of the House of 6 May 2015 allocating portfolio responsibilities to the General Purpose Standing Committees, the Budget Estimates resolution also stipulated that for the purposes of the 2016-2017 Budget Estimates Inquiry, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 will examine the Legislature portfolio instead of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1.

Hearings

- 1.4 The committee held three public hearings as follows:
- Wednesday 31 August 2016 – Finance, Services and Property
 - Thursday 1 September 2016 – Treasury, Industrial Relations
 - Thursday 1 September 2016 – Premier, Western Sydney.
- 1.5 A brief summary of the key issues raised during the hearings is contained in Chapter 2.

Transcripts

- 1.6 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the committee’s web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1.

Questions on notice

- 1.7 Questions taken on notice and the answers to these questions are also available on the committee’s web page.

² Minutes, *NSW Legislative Council*, 1 June 2016, pp 935 - 938.

³ Minutes, *NSW Legislative Council*, 1 June 2016, p 936.

⁴ Minutes, *NSW Legislative Council*, 1 June 2016, pp 935 - 936.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during 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 31 August 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Finance, Services and Property portfolio:

- Review of the land acquisition process
- Land acquisition relating to the WestConnex project
- Management of seriously injured workers under icare NSW
- Sale of properties in Millers Point and the Rocks
- Heritage listing of Sirius building
- Properties associated with greyhound racing
- Privatisation of Land and Property Service and the management of the insurance fund
- Rise of house prices and difficulties of first home buyers.

Treasury, Industrial Relations

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations was held on Thursday 1 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Treasury, Industrial Relations portfolios:

- Ausgrid bid
- Sydney house prices
- Stamp duty receipts
- Western Sydney metro
- Climate change impact on the State budget
- Port of Newcastle container caps.

Premier, Western Sydney

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Premier, Western Sydney was held on Thursday 1 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Premier, Western Sydney portfolios:

- Greyhound racing
- Safe Schools program
- Climate change
- Exporting of coal
- Proposed Western Sydney Airport
- WestConnex
- Role of ICAC and whether there should be a national anti-corruption body
- Renewable energy
- Special Religious Education
- Sale of Millers Point properties
- Housing affordability
- Coal seam gas
- Biodiversity
- New trains.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Finance, Services and Property – Wednesday 31 August 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Minister for Finance, Services and Property
Mr Martin Hoffman	Secretary, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Mr Clinton Gould	CFO, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Mr Brett Newman	CEO, Property NSW
Dr Rachna Gandhi	CEO, Service NSW
Mr Vivek Bhatia	CEO, icare NSW

Treasury, Industrial Relations – Thursday 1 September 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP	Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations
Mr Rob Whitfield	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Caralee McLiesh	Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Group, NSW Treasury
Mr John MacKay	Director, Commercial Policy and Financing/Transactions, NSW Treasury
Ms Vicki Telfer	Executive Director, Industrial Relations, NSW Treasury

Premier, Western Sydney – Thursday 1 September 2016

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

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 11

Wednesday 22 June 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Parkes Room, Parliament House, Sydney at 10.45am

1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Dr Kaye)

Mr Farlow

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That draft minutes no. 10 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

The committee noted that the Budget Estimates timetable for 2016-2017 was agreed to by the House, with the following GPSC 1 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Wednesday 31 August 2016	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Finance, Services and Property (Perrottet)	Macquarie
Thursday 1 September 2016	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Treasury, Industrial Relations (Berejiklian)	Jubilee
	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Premier, Western Sydney (Baird)	Jubilee

3.1 Allocation of question time

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

3.2 Government questions

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

- On Wednesday 31 August 2016, the portfolios of Finance, Services and Property be examined from 9.00 am until 11.00am
- On Thursday 1 September 2016, the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations be examined from 9.00am to 11.40am
- On Thursday 1 September 2016, the portfolios of Premier, Western Sydney be examined from 2.00 pm to 4.40 pm.

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

The committee noted its intention to examine portfolios concurrently.

3.4 Witnesses

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the same position titles from last year's hearings be invited to attend this year's hearings, subject to any changes within the structure of the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.49 am *sine die*.

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 12

Wednesday 31 August 2016

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

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Mr Buckingham)

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That draft minutes no. 11 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 29 July 2016 – Email from Mr Keiran Byrne, Office of the Minister for Finance Services and Property – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 29 July 2016 – Email from Mr Zach Bentley, Office of the Treasurer – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 29 July 2016 – Email from Ms Caroline Hutcherson, Office of the Premier – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 August 2016 – Email from Mr Keiran Byrne, Office of the Minister for Finance Services and Property – providing advice on the witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 2 August 2016 – Email from Mr Zach Bentley, Office of the Treasurer – providing advice on the witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 16 August 2016 – Email from Mr Zach Bentley, Office of the Treasurer – providing an updated list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.

Sent

- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance Services and Property – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Minister for Western Sydney – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.

- 30 July 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Mr Zach Bentley, Office of the Treasurer – requesting advice on witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 30 July 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Mr Keiran Byrne, Office of the Minister for Finance Services and Property – requesting advice on witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

4.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Finance, Services and Property

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Dominic Perrottet MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Martin Hoffman, Secretary, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
- Mr Clinton Gould, CFO, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
- Mr Brett Newman, CEO, Property NSW
- Dr Rachna Gandhi, CEO, Service NSW
- Mr Vivek Bhatia, CEO, icare

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Newman tendered the following document:

- Property Sales.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.01 am.

The public and media withdrew.

4.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Finance, Services and Property hearing held on Wednesday 31 August 2016:

- Property Sales, tendered by Mr Brett Newman, CEO, Property NSW.

4.3 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 the portfolio of Finance, Services and Property on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.02 am, until 8.45 am, Thursday 1 September 2016, Jubilee Room (*Treasury, Industrial Relations*).

Sarah Dunn

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 13

Thursday 1 September 2016
 General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1
 Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.48 am

1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*
 Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*
 Mr Buckingham (until 11.08 am)
 Mr Farlow
 Mr Mookhey (participating)
 Mr Primrose
 Mr Searle
 Mrs Taylor (substituting for Mr Khan)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017**2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Treasury, Industrial Relations**

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Gladys Berejiklian MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Rob Whitfield, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Caralee McLiesh, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal and Economic Group, NSW Treasury
- Mr John MacKay, Director - Commercial Policy & Financing/Transactions, NSW Treasury
- Ms Vicki Telfer, Executive Director, Industrial Relations, NSW Treasury

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Treasury and Industrial Relations open for examination.

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The committee adjourned from 10.24 am to 10.34 am.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.30 am.

The public and media withdrew.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.31 am, until 1.45 pm, Thursday 1 September 2016, Jubilee Room (*Premier, Western Sydney*).

Stewart Smith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 14

Thursday 1 September 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.55 pm

1. Members present

Revd Nile, *Chairman*

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Mr Buckingham (until 4.13pm)

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

Ms Sharpe (participating)

Dr Faruqi (participating, from 4.11pm)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017**2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Premier, Western Sydney**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That if a cross bench member does not use their allocated time, the remaining time until 4.40pm be divided equally between the other cross bench members and opposition.

Witnesses, the public and media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Premier Mike Baird MP was admitted.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Blair Comley, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

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

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 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 the portfolios of Premier and Western Sydney and Treasury and Industrial Relations, on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.41 pm, until sine die.

Tina Higgins

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 15

Wednesday 28 September 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.02am

1. Members present

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Mr Field

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

2. Apologies

Revd Nile

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That draft minutes nos. 12-14 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following correspondence:

Received:

- 27 September 2016 – Email from Caroline Hutcherson, Office of the Premier – attaching signed cover letter, responses to supplementary questions, responses to questions taken on notice and corrected transcript.
- 27 September 2016 – Email from Bret Cox, Office of the Treasurer – attaching signed cover letter, responses to supplementary questions, responses to questions taken on notice and corrected transcript.
- 26 September 2016 – Email from Keiran Byrne, Office of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property – attaching signed cover letter, responses to supplementary questions, responses to questions taken on notice and corrected transcript.

Sent:

- 5 September 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Mr Keiran Byrne, Office of the 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.
- 6 September 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Ms Caroline Hutcherson, Office of the Premier – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 6 September 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Mr Zach Bentley, Office of the Treasurer – attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

5.1 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the Finance, Services and Property portfolio.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That

- The committee seek further detailed answers from the Treasurer, Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, regarding:
 - Question on notice on page 16 of the transcript: expended and estimated costs relating to the Australian Energy Regulator determination
 - Supplementary questions 41-51 and 97-107, 135-159 relating to port issues.
 - Supplementary questions 55-65 and 111-121 relating to the Office of Industrial Relations.
- The committee meet at 1.00 pm on Thursday, 20 October 2016 to decide whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations following receipt of the answers.

Mr Searle moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the Premier and Western Sydney portfolios.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Field, Mr Primrose, Mr Searle

Noes: Mr Farlow, Mr Franklin, Mr Khan

Question resolved in the negative on the casting vote of the chair.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.14 am, until 1.00pm, Thursday 20 October 2016.

Rebecca Main

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 16

Thursday 20 October 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.07 pm

1. Members present

Mr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Mr Field

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

2. Apologies

Revd Nile

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That draft minutes nos. 15 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following correspondence:

5. Correspondence***Received:***

- 13 October 2016 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – providing additional information to certain questions relating to the Treasury and Industrial Relations portfolios (previously circulated).

Sent:

- 30 September 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – seeking detailed answers to certain questions for the Treasury portfolio (attached).

6. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017**6.1 Publication of answers from the Treasurer**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Farlow: That the committee publish the additional information from the Treasurer.

6.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee write again to the Treasurer to thank her for the response and seek the specific costs relating to the Australian Energy Regulator determination, similar to answer provided last year.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee meet to decide whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Treasury, Industrial Relations following receipt of the further answers.

7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.13 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes No. 17

Thursday 17 November 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 5.10 pm

1. Members presentMr Franklin, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Mr Field

Mr Khan

Mr Primrose

Mr Searle

2. Apologies

Revd Nile

3. Chair

In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chair took the Chair.

4. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That draft minute no. 16 be confirmed.

5. Correspondence***Received:***

- 8 November 2016 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – providing additional information to certain questions relating to the Treasury portfolio
- 17 November 2016 – Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – providing further additional information to certain questions relating to the Treasury portfolio
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Sent:

- 21 October 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations – seeking further detailed answers to certain questions for the Treasury portfolio

6. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017**6.1 Publication of answers from the Treasurer**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee publish the additional information from the Treasurer as received on 8 November 2016 and 17 November 2016.

6.2 Supplementary hearings

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

7. Consideration of Chairman's draft report – Budget Estimates 2016-2017

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Farlow:

- 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, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Budget Estimates hearings 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, minutes of proceedings and correspondence relating to the Budget Estimates hearings, 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 the report be tabled on Friday 25 November 2016.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.12 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

