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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 membership

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

The Hon Paul Green MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Lou Amato MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC ¹	The Nationals	
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Ernest Wong MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

Mr Justin Field MLC	The Greens
The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party

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¹ The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC replaced the Hon Scott Farlow MLC on the committee from 9 September 2016.

Chair'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 four hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Innovation and Better Regulation
- Local Government
- Regional Development, Skills, Small Business
- Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs.

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.



The Hon Paul Green MLC
Chair

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 to 7 October 2016.⁴

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Thursday 1 September 2016 – Innovation and Better Regulation
 - Friday 2 September 2016 – Local Government
 - Friday 2 September 2016 – Regional Development, Skills, Small Business
 - Friday 2 September 2016 – Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs.

Transcripts

- 1.4 Transcripts of the hearings are available on the committee’s web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc6.

Questions on notice

- 1.5 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.

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

⁴ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 1 June 2016, pp 935-938.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Innovation and Better Regulation

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of Innovation and Better Regulation was held on Thursday 1 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Innovation and Better Regulation portfolio:

- Compulsory Third Party Insurance scheme, super profits and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority Board
- Whole person impairment threshold
- The peer to peer economy
- Investment in the start-up and innovation sector
- Strata legislation
- Workers' Compensation surplus
- Fuel check app.

Local Government

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Local Government was held on Friday 2 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Local Government portfolio:

- Council amalgamations
- KPMG report regarding council amalgamations
- Pensioner rebates for water and sewer services
- Council administrator remuneration
- Rate pegging reforms
- Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS)
- Advertising expenditure on the 'Stronger Councils, Stronger Communities' campaign

- Timing of local government elections
- Euthanasia of dogs in council pounds.

Regional Development, Skills, Small Business

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Regional Development, Skills, Small Business was held on Friday 2 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Regional Development, Skills, Small Business portfolios:

- TAFE NSW public relations media strategy
- TAFE NSW business operating model
- Smart and Skilled contracts allocations
- School-based apprenticeships
- Fee-free scholarships
- VET enrolment numbers
- Regional grants and subsidies.

Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolios of Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs was held on Friday 2 September 2016. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs portfolios:

- Juvenile justice detention centres
- Veterans in prisons
- Capacity of prisons
- Illegal drug used, seized and testing inside prisons
- Programs for and management of radicalised inmates
- Privatisation of correction services
- Education in prisons
- Aboriginal over-representation in the juvenile justice system
- Usage of drones for surveillance, emergency rescue and communication

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- Relocation of the Headquarters of the Rural Fire Service (RFS)
 - Funding for new communications equipment for NSW State Emergency Services, NSW Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue NSW
 - Restoration of war memorials
 - Commemorations of the Vietnam War.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Innovation and Better Regulation – Thursday 1 September 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Victor Dominello MP	Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation
Mr Martin Hoffman	Secretary, NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Mr Rod Stowe	NSW Fair Trading Commissioner

Local Government – Friday 2 September 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Paul Toole MP	Minister for Local Government
Mr Steve Orr	Executive Director, Local Government Reform, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Tim Hurst	Acting Chief Executive, Office of Local Government

Regional Development, Skills, Small Business – Friday 2 September 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon John Barilaro MP	Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
Mr Gary Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Economic Skills and Industry Policy, Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
Mr Jon Black	Managing Director, TAFE NSW
Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM	Small Business Commissioner, Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development

Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs – Friday 2 September 2016

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon David Elliot MP	Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veterans Affairs
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood	Secretary, Department of Justice
Mr Wayne Evans	Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice
Mr Peter Severin	Commissioner, Corrective Services NSW
Ms Melanie Hawyes	Executive Director, Juvenile Justice, Department of Justice
Mr Feargus O'Connor	Acting Deputy Secretary, Liquor Gaming and Emergency Management, Department of Justice
Mr Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM	Commissioner, Rural Fire Service
Mr Rob Rogers	Deputy Commissioner, Rural Fire Services
Mr Greg Mullins AFSM	Commissioner, Fire and Rescue NSW
Mr Greg Newton	Acting Commissioner, State Emergency Service

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 26

Thursday 23 June 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 9.45am

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*

Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Farlow

Mr Mookhey

Mr Shoebridge

Mr Wong

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That draft minutes no. 25 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 6 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Thursday 1 September 2016	4.15 pm – 6.00 pm	Innovation and Better Regulation (Dominello)	Macquarie
Friday 2 September 2016	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Local Government (Toole)	Macquarie
	11.15 am. – 1.00 pm	Regional Development, Skills, Small Business (Barilaro)	Macquarie
	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs (Elliot)	Macquarie

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.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting.

3.2 Government questions

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

- On Thursday 1 September 2016, the portfolio of Innovation and Better Regulation be examined from 4.15pm until 5.25 pm
- On Friday 2 September 2016, the portfolio of Local Government be examined from 9.00 am until 10.20 am

- On Friday 2 September 2016, the portfolios of Regional Development, Skills, Small Business be examined from 11.15 am to 12.25 pm
- On Friday 2 September 2016, the portfolio of Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs be examined from 2.00 pm to 4.00 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 Witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Shoebridge: That members provide any additional witnesses, or changes to witnesses listed in last year's hearing notices to the secretariat by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 29 June 2016.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 9.52am, until Thursday 23 June 2016 at 2.05 pm, Members Lounge (*Crown Lands Inquiry*)

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 34

Thursday 1 September 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 4.15 pm

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*

Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Field (substituting for Mr Shoebridge)

Mr Mallard (substituting for Mr Farlow)

Mr Mookhey

Mr Shoebridge (participating, from 4.23pm)

Mr Wong

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Amato : That draft minutes no. 33 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 27 July 2016 – Email from Ms Tanya Raffoul, Office of the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veteran Affairs – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 28 July 2016 – Email from Ms Lindsay Cohen, Department of Industry – providing the list of witnesses for the Minister Barilaro's Budget Estimates hearing.
- 29 July 2016 – Email from Ms Olivia Roth, Office of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 August 2016 – Email from Ms Olivia Roth, Office of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation – providing advice on the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.

- 1 August 2016 – Email from Ms Katrina Carlon, Office of the Minister for Local Government – providing the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 30 July 2016 – Email from Mr Daniel Newlan, Office of the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business – providing advice on the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 8 August 2016 – Email from Ms Katrina Carlon, Office of the Minister for Local Government – providing advice on the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 12 August 2016 – Email from Ms Tanya Raffoul, Office of the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veteran Affairs – providing advice on the list of witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.

Sent

- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 1 July 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to the Hon David Elliot MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veteran Affairs – requesting witnesses for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 28 July 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Ms Tanya Raffoul, Office of the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veteran Affairs – requesting advice on witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 30 July 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Ms Olivia Roth, Office of the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation – requesting advice on witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 30 July 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Mr Daniel Newlan, Office of the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business – requesting advice on witnesses proposed for the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 2 August 2016 – Email from Committee Director to Ms Katrina Carlon, Office of the Minister for Local Government – 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 – Innovation and Better Regulation

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 Dominello MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Martin Hoffman, Secretary, NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
- Mr Anthony Lean, Deputy Secretary, Better Regulation, Department of Finance, Service and Innovation
- Mr Rod Stowe, NSW Fair Trading Commissioner

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Innovation and Better Regulation 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 5.29 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

4.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Innovation and Better Regulation on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.30 pm, until 8.45 am, Friday 2 September 2016, Macquarie Room (*Local Government*).

Susan Want

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 35

Friday 2 September 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*

Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack (from 9.04 am)

Mr Farlow

Mr Primrose (substituting for Mr Mookhey)

Mr Shoebridge

Mr Wong

Mr Moselmane (participating)

Mr Pearson (participating from 9.38 am until 10.07 am)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Local Government

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 Toole MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Steve Orr, Executive Director, Local Government Reform, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Tim Hurst, Acting Chief Executive, Office of Local Government.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Local Government open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Green tendered a document entitled 'Briefing Paper: Pensioner Concession Inequities – Water and Sewer'.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 10.20 am.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee accept and publish the document entitled 'Briefing Paper: Pensioner Concession Inequities – Water and Sewer' tendered by Mr Green during the Local Government hearing held on Friday 2 September 2016.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Moselmane: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Local Government on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.21 am, until 11.00 am, Friday 2 September 2016, Macquarie Room (*Regional Development, Skills, Small Business*).

Sharon Ohnesorge
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 36

Friday 2 September 2016
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.15 am

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*
Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*
Ms Cusack
Mr Farlow
Mr Mookhey
Mr Shoebridge
Mr Wong

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Regional Development, Skills, Small Business

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 Barilaro MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Simon Smith, Secretary, Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
- Mr Gary Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Economic Skills and Industry Policy, Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
- Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW
- Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM, Small Business Commissioner.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Regional Development, Skills, Small Business open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following document:

- Department of Industry, Request for Quote (RFQ): Part D – Statement of Requirements.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.25 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee accept the following document tendered during the Regional Development, Skills, Small Business hearing held on Friday 2 September 2016:

- Department of Industry, Request for Quote (RFQ): Part D – Statement of Requirements, tendered by Mr Mookhey.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee write, through the Minister for Regional Development, Skills, Small Business, to the Managing Director TAFE NSW to ascertain if the agency holds any objections to the committee publishing the document tendered by Mr Mookhey during the Regional Development, Skills, Small Business hearing held on Friday 2 September 2016.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Regional Development, Skills and Small Business on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.31 pm, until 1.45 pm, Friday 2 September 2016, Macquarie Room (*Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs*).

John Young
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 37

Friday 2 September 2016
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*
Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*
Ms Cusack
Mr Farlow
Mr Shoebridge
Ms Voltz (substituting for Mr Mookhey)
Mr Wong

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2016-2017 – Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs

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 Elliott MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood, Secretary, Department of Justice
- Mr Wayne Evans, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice
- Mr Peter Severin, Commissioner, Corrective Services NSW
- Ms Melanie Hawyes, Executive Director, Juvenile Justice, Department of Justice
- Mr Feargus O'Connor, Acting Deputy Secretary, Liquor Gaming & Emergency Management, Department of Justice
- Mr Shane Fitzsimmons, Commissioner, Rural Fire Service
- Mr Greg Newton, Acting Commissioner, State Emergency Service
- Mr Greg Mullins, Commissioner, Fire & Rescue NSW
- Ms Caroline Mackaness, Director, Veterans' Affairs.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Minister Elliot tendered a document entitled 'Inmate contraband finds-comparison'.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.02 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee accept and publish the document entitled 'Inmate contraband finds-comparison', tendered by the Minister during the Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs hearing held on Friday 2 September 2016.

2.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.03 pm, *sine die*.

Shu-Fang Wei

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 38

Friday 30 September 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.00 pm

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*

Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair* (via teleconference)

Ms Cusack (via teleconference)

Mr Mookhey (via teleconference)

Mr Shoebridge

Mrs Taylor (via teleconference)

Mr Wong

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Wong: That draft minutes nos. 34-37 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following correspondence:

Received:

- 27 September 2016 – Letter from Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Innovation and Better Regulation.
- 28 September 2016 – Letter from the Hon David Elliot MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Veterans Affairs to the Committee Director – requesting to correct

an error of fact giving in his evidence to the committee at the budget estimates hearing on 2 September 2016.

- 28 September 2016 – Letter from the Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW to the Committee Director – indicating TAFE NSW’s objection to publishing that tabled document ‘Request for Quote (RFQ) – Part D Statement of Requirements: PR Media Strategy TAFE NSW’.
- 28 September 2016 – Letter from Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolio of Local Government.
- 28 September 2016 – Letter from Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, Minister for Small Business, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Regional Development, Skills, Small Business.
- 28 September 2016 – Letter from Hon David Elliot MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, Ministers for Veterans Affairs, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Corrections, Emergency Services, Veterans Affairs.

Sent:

- 6 September 2016 – Letter to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business, from Committee Director, regarding a tabled document.
- 6 September 2016 – Email from Committee Director to the office of the Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation – 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 2016 – Email from Committee Director to the office of the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister Local Government – 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 2016 – Email from Committee Director to the office of the Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, Minister for Small Business – 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 2016 – Email from Committee Director to the office of the Hon David Elliot MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Veterans Affairs – 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. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

4.1 Transcript correction – Minister Elliott

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee publish Minister Elliot’s correction to the transcript.

4.2 Publication of tabled document

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Taylor: That:

- the committee defer the decision to publish the tabled document ‘Request for Quote (RFQ) – Part D Statement of Requirements: PR Media Strategy TAFE NSW’, and
- the secretariat seek further clarification from TAFE NSW regarding their objection to publishing the document.

4.3 Supplementary hearings

Mr Wong moved: That the committee seek further detailed answers from the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister Local Government, on certain questions and defer the decision on a supplementary hearing for the Local Government portfolio until receipt of the answers.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That the motion of Mr Wong be amended by omitting all words after ‘That’ and inserting instead ‘the committee hold a supplementary hearing for the Local Government portfolio on the afternoon of Thursday 6 October 2016’.

Amendment put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Mookhey, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Wong

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mrs Taylor

Amendment resolved in the negative.

Original question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Mookhey, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Wong

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mrs Taylor

Question resolved in the negative.

Ms Cusack moved: That the committee hold no further supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Innovation and Better Regulation, Local Government, Regional Development, Skills, Small Business, Corrections, Emergency Services and Veterans Affairs.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That the motion of Ms Cusack be amended by omitting all words after ‘That’ and inserting instead ‘the committee hold a supplementary hearing for the Corrections portfolio for one hour on the afternoon of Thursday 6 October 2016, inviting the Minister and senior staff as witnesses’.

Amendment put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Mookhey, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Wong

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mrs Taylor

Amendment resolved in the negative.

Original question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mrs Taylor

Noes: Mr Mookhey, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Wong

Question resolved in the affirmative.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.16 pm, until Monday 10 October 2016 (report deliberative for Crown land inquiry).

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 39

Monday 10 October 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No.6

Room 1254, Parliament House, 9.32 am

1. Members presentMr Green, *Chair*Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Khan (substituting for Mrs Taylor)

Mr Primrose

Mr Shoebridge (from 9.33 am)

Mr Veitch

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Amato: That minutes no 38 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 18 August 2016 – Email from Mr Tony Cosgrove, Secretary, Pottsville Community Association, to committee, expressing concern regarding submission time frame
- 29 August 2016 – Letter from Dr Lynette Walker, Secretary, Ballina Environment Society to secretariat, correction and clarification following appearance 3 August 2016
- 6 September 2016 – Email from Mr Kim Ostinga, Friends of King Edward Park, to committee, expressing concerns arising from evidence by Minister Blair at hearing on 15 August 2016
- 7 September 2016 – Email from Mr John Owens, Crown Land Alliance to committee, expressing concerns arising from evidence by Minister Blair and Mr Carapiet at hearing on 15 August 2016
- 28 September 2016 – Email from Ms Kay Williams, Crown Land Our Land Gosford to committee, drawing attention to Crown land issues in the Gosford area.
- 5 October 2016 – Letter from Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW, providing further detail on their objection to publishing a tabled document for the budget estimates inquiry.

Sent

- 30 September 2016 – Letter from Committee Director to Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW, seeking further detail on their objection to publishing a tabled document for the budget estimates inquiry.

4. Inquiry into Crown land**4.1 Public submissions**

The committee noted the following submissions were published by the committee clerk under the authorisation of the resolution appointing the committee: submission nos. 273, 349 to 355 and supplementary submission 294a.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That the committee authorise the publication of supplementary submission no. 350a.

4.2 Confidential submission

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Amato: That the committee keep submission no. 231 confidential, as per request of the author.

4.3 Answers to question on notice

The committee noted the following answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions were published by the committee clerk under the authorisation of the resolution appointing the committee:

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation, Wollongong City Council received 11 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr Ross Harris, Land Utilisation Officer, Moree Palins Shire Council received 16 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Michael Carapiet, former Chairman, Crown Lands Review Steering Committee received 18 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary from Mr Marcus Schintler, Manager Corporate Services (Governance), Kyogle Council received 22 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Frances Bray PSM, President, Wollumboola Protection Association Inc received 22 August 2016
- answer to a question on notice from Minister for Lands and Water received 23 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council received 24 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Heather Irwin, President, Stop Arms Fair in Eurobodalla received 25 August 2016
- answers to supplementary questions from Canberra Region Joint Organisation received 25 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Hamish Thompson, President, Combined Action to Retain Routes for Travelling Stock Group received 28 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Minister for Lands and Water received 29 August 2016
- answers to question on notice from Local Government NSW received 29 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr Rod Addison, Property Manager, Eurobodalla Shire Council received 29 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice received from Mr Craig Deasey, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council received 29 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Stephen Wright, Registrar, Office of the Registrar *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* received 30 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr John Stuchbery, Chair, Collingwood Beach Preservation Group received 30 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Patricia Warren, Secretary, Brunswick Heads Progress Association Inc., received 30 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Richard Green, Chair, United Lands Council received 31 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Russ Pigg, General Manager, Shoalhaven City Council received 31 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Andrew Leach, Manager Asset Planning, Richmond Valley Council received 1 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Michelle Catlin, Manager Administration and Governance, Orange City Council received 1 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice received from Mr Steve Edmonds, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust received 2 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr Mark Arnold, Executive Manager, Corporate Management, Byron Shire Council received 2 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Maria Matthes, Member, Friends of the Koala received 2 September 2016

- answers to questions on notice from Mr Don Barton, President, NSW Council of Freshwater Angler's received 2 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Dr John Lewer, Member, Friends of King Edward Park received 6 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Sue Chidgery, Member, Save Central Coast Reserves received 6 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Dr Oisin Sweeney, Chair, Jervis Bay Regional Alliance received 8 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Emma Brooks Maher, Secretary, Crown Land Our Land received 8 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Cr Bill West, Chair, Central NSW Councils received 8 September 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr David Peters, President, Agricultural Societies Council of NSW received 14 September 2016
- answers to question on notice from Minister for Lands and Water received 7 October 2016.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Amato: That the committee keep the following answers to questions on notice confidential due to sensitive information or adverse mention:

- answers to questions on notice from Mr Hamish Thompson, President, Combined Action to Retain Routes for Travelling Stock Group received 28 August 2016
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Gordon Laffan, Chief Executive Officer, Stockton Bowling Club Co-op received 30 August 2016.

4.4 Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Chair submitted his draft report entitled *Crown land in New South Wales*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That the following new paragraph and recommendation be inserted after paragraph 1.36:

'Given the importance of the new Crown land legislation the committee believes that it is essential that an exposure draft of the proposed legislation be made available well in advance of any Parliamentary debate. The details of the wording of proposed new statutory provisions and be crucial to the overall success or failure of the reforms. We have seen first-hand how competent an informed the public and interested stakeholders are when it comes to the nuances and specific of the current Crown land legislation and their considered input in reviewing a consultation draft would be invaluable.

Recommendation x

That a consultation draft of the proposed Crown land legislative reforms be provided for a minimum three weeks public consultation before the Bill is presented to parliament.'

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Primrose, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mr Khan.

Question resolved in the negative.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That paragraph 2.83 be amended by omitting 'The committee is generally supportive' and inserting instead 'The committee notes'.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Green, Mr Primrose, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Khan.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 2.83 be amended by inserting at the end:

‘The committee notes the very real concerns that while there are many very capable local councils that will protect land transferred to them as Local land, there are a minority of councils that are not as capable or community orientated. Given this, there is inadequate existing or proposed protections to ensure Crown land that is transferred to local councils will be protected in the public interest. If the proposal to transfer Crown land as Local land is to proceed, then additional protections to ensure the land is retained as public in the public interest should be considered in the legislative reforms.’

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following new recommendation be inserted after paragraph 2.83:

‘Recommendation x

That the NSW Government consider additional legislative protections to ensure Local land is retained as public land and managed in the public interest.’

Resolved on of Mr Khan: That paragraph 2.86 and Recommendation 3 be amended by inserting ‘equitable access to’ before ‘funds from any money’.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 2.105 be amended by

- a) omitting ‘the same community consultation methods currently in place’ and inserting instead ‘consultation methods based on provisions’,
- b) inserting the following sentence at the end ‘Given Crown land is not one-size-fits-all due to the diversity in the size, parcels and uses of Crown land, a different approach and level of scrutiny of dealing with these parcels is required. The committee considers model plans of management for different classes of land would be beneficial.’

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That Recommendation 5 be amended by omitting ‘the same community consultation methods for plans of management that currently operate in the *Local Government Act 1993*’ and inserting instead ‘consultation methods based upon plans of management that currently operate in the *Local Government Act 1993*, including model plans of management for different classes of land’.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph 4.18:

‘The committee believes that any stocktake of Crown land must include a review of its local, regional and state environmental significance. The committee received numerous submissions from stakeholders that identified how important Crown land is as an environmental asset in New South Wales. Whether it was the increasingly rare vegetation retained along travelling stock routes that has been protected from clearing for agriculture or precious coastal reserves that have been protected from development, Crown land holds some of the most important environmental assets in the State.’

Resolved on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following new recommendation be inserted after paragraph 4.19:

‘Recommendation x

That the NSW Government, when implementing the stocktake of Crown land in New South Wales at recommendation x, must consider an audit of its ecological value including its local, regional and state environmental significance.’

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 4.67 be amended by inserting at the end: 'We will review the information received from the department and may hold a further inquiry if considered necessary.'

Resolved on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 5.35 be amended by inserting at the end: 'The committee has concerns that the social and environmental values of many parcels of land set aside as unmade Crown roads are not being adequately assessed given the very short public consultation period, the lack of adequate resources in the Department and the narrow scope of the existing public notification.'

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That paragraph 5.36 be amended by omitting 'from 28 to 60 days'.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That recommendation 12 be amended by omitting 'to 60 days'.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That recommendation 12 be amended by inserting at the end: 'and consider methods to widen the scope of public notification so that a broader group of interested stakeholders are made aware of proposed land sales'.

Mr Shoebridge moved: That paragraph 5.37 be amended by omitting 'is generally supportive of' and inserting instead 'notes the proposal that will see'.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Primrose, Mr Shoebridge, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mr Khan.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 5.59 be amended by inserting at the end: 'We note the very clear evidence of the economic, social and environmental importance of the travelling stock route network and its importance to the future of this State.'

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 5.60 be amended by inserting at the end of the last sentence: ', and the important environmental and cultural values of the travelling stock route network'.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following new committee comment and recommendation be inserted after paragraph 6.12:

'Committee comment

The committee recognises the fact that prior to 1788 all of New South Wales was Aboriginal land. We also recognise the unique and continuing relationship that Aboriginal people have to the land across New South Wales. We accept the representations that were made to the committee on behalf of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council that the Crown Lands Act should therefore recognise Aboriginal custodianship.

Recommendation x

That the NSW Government ensure the new Crown land legislation recognises the fact of prior and continuing Aboriginal custodianship of Crown land and operates together with the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.'

Mr Shoebridge moved: That the following new paragraph and recommendation be inserted after paragraph 6.56:

'It is evident that insufficient resources have been applied by the NSW Government to allow for the efficient and timely assessment of Aboriginal land claims. This is not a new problem that can be slated home to the existing government, or indeed any one government over the past three decades. It is the result of more than 30 years of inattention and neglect. One very important part of the solution therefore is for the NSW Government to adequately resource the department to efficiently and properly address the backlog.'

Recommendation x

That the NSW Government adequately resource the Department of Industry – Lands to efficiently and properly address the unacceptable backlog of Aboriginal land claims.’

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Shoebridge.

Noes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mr Khan, Mr Primrose, Mr Veitch.

Question resolved in the negative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That paragraph 6.76 be amended by omitting ‘we believe zoning and planning policies’ and inserting instead ‘we note the evidence that zoning and planning policies’.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Cusack: That paragraph 6.76 be amended by omitting the following sentence: ‘We therefore recommend that the NSW Government consider a process to unlock environmental and planning constraints on land granted under Aboriginal land claims to give custodianship and power to local Aboriginal land councils to determine how land is to be used for social, cultural or economic opportunities.’.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 6.76:

‘Where Local Aboriginal Land Councils can identify that their reasonable expectations for development are being hampered as a result of overt or tacit opposition from local councils that is not well founded in evidence, then we believe there is a proper role for the Minister for Planning to intervene. Local Aboriginal Land Councils, like all other land owners in New South Wales, deserve to have their planning proposals considered without discrimination and on their merits.’

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the following paragraph and recommendation be omitted:

‘6.77 The committee endorses the recommendation made by the Standing Committee on State Development in its report on Economic development in Aboriginal communities which is as follows: ‘That the Department of Planning and Environment review planning legislation to better accommodate the aspirations envisaged in the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*’ [FOOTNOTE: Standing Committee on State Development, NSW Legislative Council, *Economic development in Aboriginal communities* (2016), p 71.]. The committee acknowledges the difficulties posed by bureaucratic red tape in rezoning land granted under claim and the inability of land councils to successfully claim economically viable land. We believe a strategy for prioritising land under claim that is economically viable would be beneficial to land councils. This would allow land councils to prioritise and be granted land that was economically viable without environmental restriction thus giving them the opportunities needed to set them on the path to becoming economically sustainable and in turn supporting their communities. The committee therefore recommends that the NSW Government develop a whole of government strategy that prioritises claims for economically viable land.

Recommendation 18

That the NSW Government develop a whole of government strategy to unlock environmental and planning constraints on land granted under Aboriginal land claims including consideration of an Aboriginal State Environmental Planning Policy.’

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That:

- a) the draft report, as amended, be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;

- b) the transcripts of evidence, submissions, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;
- c) upon tabling, all unpublished attachments to submissions be kept confidential by the committee;
- d) upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, submissions, 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;
- e) the committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;
- f) the committee secretariat be authorised to update any committee comments where necessary to reflect changes to recommendations or new recommendations resolved by the committee;
- g) dissenting statements be provided to the secretariat within 24 hours after receipt of the draft minutes of the meeting;
- h) the report be tabled on 13 October 2016.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee thank the secretariat for its work on the inquiry, including on the report.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.48 am, *sine die*.

Sam Griffith

Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes no. 40

Wednesday 16 November 2016

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

Members Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.47am

1. Members present

Mr Green, *Chair*

Mr Amato, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Cusack

Mr Shoebridge (from 10.49am)

Mrs Taylor

Mr Wong

2. Apologies

Mr Mookhey

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Wong: That draft minutes no. 39 be confirmed.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2016-2017

4.1 Publication of tabled document

Ms Cusack moved: That the committee keep confidential the document 'Department of Industry, Request for Quote (RFQ): Part D – Statement of Requirements' tabled by Mookhey following the Regional Development, Skills, Small Business hearing held on Friday 2 September 2016.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Amato, Ms Cusack, Mr Green, Mrs Taylor
Noes: Mr Wong

Question resolved in the affirmative.

4.2 Consideration of Chair's draft report – Budget Estimates 2016-2017

Resolved on the motion of Mr Wong:

- 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.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.50am *sine die*.

Rebecca Main
Clerk to the Committee

