



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

#### **Inquiry into off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in New South Wales**

##### **Terms of reference**

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy in NSW including at St Vincent's Hospital, St George Hospital, Sutherland Hospital, Macquarie University Hospital and clinics at Orange and Bathurst, and in particular:
  - (a) the efficacy of electronic prescribing systems, and their capacity to stop or limit off-protocol prescribing of chemotherapy,
  - (b) the value of a potential new patient information sheet on dose adjustment for patients and caregivers information,
  - (c) the process and systems around informed consent for all medical interventions, including chemotherapy,
  - (d) the capacity of the NSW Health system to have all notifiable cancer patients in New South Wales overseen by a Multidisciplinary Cancer Care Teams, and if this may prevent off-protocol prescribing,
  - (e) St Vincent's Hospital capability to comply with relevant NSW Health Policy Directives and Guidelines, particularly Open Disclosure Policy (PD2014\_028) and Incident Management Policy (PD2014\_004),
  - (f) the NSW Health Code of Conduct and specific programmes within NSW Health and St Vincent's Hospital, in relation to staff raising concerns about the practice of clinicians, and other breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The committee is to report by 19 May 2017.

##### **Committee membership**

<b>The Hon Paul Green MLC</b>	Christian Democratic Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC</b>	The Nationals	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC*</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Walt Secord MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

\* The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC has substituted for the Hon Courtney Houssos MLC from 9 February 2017 for the duration of the inquiry.