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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2017 – 2018 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.

2. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Thursday 31 August 2017

PC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm
PC 3	Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 4	Police, Emergency Services	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Two: Friday 1 September 2017

PC 5	Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 6	Environment, Heritage, Local Government	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 5	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 6	Resources, Energy and Utilities, Arts	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Three: Monday 4 September 2017

PC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 1	The Legislature	12.15 pm – 1.15 pm
PC 1	Innovation and Better Regulation	1.45 pm – 3.45 pm
PC 3	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Tuesday 5 September 2017

PC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 4	Corrections, Counter Terrorism, Veterans Affairs	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 2	Mental Health, Women, Ageing	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
PC 3	Education	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Five: Wednesday 6 September 2017

PC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 5	Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport	9.00 am – 11.00 am
PC 5	Lands and Forestry, Racing	11.15 am – 1.15 pm
PC 2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 5	Roads, Maritime and Freight	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Six: Thursday 7 September 2017

PC 1	Premier	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 2	Disability Services, Multiculturalism	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Seven: Friday 8 September 2017

PC 6	Planning, Housing, Special Minister of State	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 3 to 6 October 2017.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin not earlier than 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.
6. That the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
7. That ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 15 December 2017.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm, within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. 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: *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

Committee details

Committee members

The Hon Robert Brown MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Rick Colless MLC	The Nationals	
Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC	The Greens	
Mr Scot MacDonald MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC	Liberal Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens
Mr Justin Field MLC	The Greens
The Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party
Ms Dawn Walker MLC	The Greens
The Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Scott Farlow MLC	Liberal Party

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018. 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 five hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport
- Lands and Forestry, Racing
- Roads, Maritime and Freight.

A supplementary hearing was also held for the Lands and Forestry, and Racing portfolios.

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 Robert Brown MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2017-2018 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 21 June 2017, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2017-2018 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report’.¹ 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 15 December 2017.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings be held from 31 August to 8 September 2017 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 3-6 October 2017.³

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held five public hearings as follows:
- Friday 1 September 2017 – Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry
 - Friday 1 September 2017 – Transport and Infrastructure
 - Wednesday 6 September 2017 – Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport
 - Wednesday 6 September 2017 – Lands and Forestry, Racing
 - Wednesday 6 September 2017 – Roads, Maritime and Freight.
- 1.4 The committee also held a supplementary hearing on Friday 17 November 2017 for the Lands and Forestry, and Racing portfolios.

Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings, questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and answers to these questions are available on the Budget Estimates web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates.

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 June 2017, pp 1756-1757.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Primary Industries, Regional Water, and Trade and Industry was held on Friday 1 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Water management and compliance
- Shark nets on the North Coast
- Animal welfare in feedlots and the slaughtering of animals in accordance with religious practices
- Construction of a water pipeline to Broken Hill and construction of the Wilcannia Weir
- Illegal clearing of a travelling stock reserve
- Implementation of biodiversity and biosecurity reforms by Local Land Services.

Transport and Infrastructure

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure was held on Friday 1 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the portfolio:

- Financial costing information for major transport projects
- Contractual arrangements with public transport service providers
- Upgrades of Intercity train services, including on the Blue Mountains line
- Bus and train service planning and delivery issues
- Companion animals on public transport.

Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Western Sydney, WestConnex, and Sport was held on Wednesday 6 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- WestConnex, including the widening of the M4, tolling on the M4 and M5 East, congestion and clearways on roads around WestConnex junctions, and the tender process for the Rozelle interchange
- Sale of 51 per cent of the Sydney Motorway Corporation
- Toll cash-back arrangements

- Sydney Gateway project
- Funding allocation under the Government's Stadium Strategy
- Representation of women on the Board of Venues NSW
- Participation rates in women's sport and grants to women's sport.
- Progress and design work on the Parramatta Light Rail project.

Lands and Forestry, Racing

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, and Racing was held on Wednesday 6 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Cemeteries policy
- Problem gambling
- Animal welfare in racing
- Koala habitats
- Forestry operations.

2.5 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, and Racing was held on Friday 17 November 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Community engagement strategy for Crown land management
- Land for future cemeteries
- Process around approvals of new gaming machines.

Roads, Maritime and Freight

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight was held on Wednesday 6 September 2017. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- WestConnex and its relationship to the Sydney Gateway project
- NorthConnex issues related to tolling of heavy vehicles and their use of local roads
- Routing issues for the proposed F6 motorway extension
- Cycling infrastructure investment
- Local council road funding programs run by the state government.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry – Friday 1 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Niall Blair MLC	Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water and Minister for Trade and Industry
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Mr Scott Hansen	Director General, Department of Primary Industries
Mr David Witherdin	Executive Director, State Operations, Local Land Services
Mr David Harris	Chief Executive Officer, WaterNSW

Transport and Infrastructure – Friday 1 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Andrew Constance MP	Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Stephen Troughton	Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, Transport for NSW
Mr Rodd Staples	Program Director, Sydney Metro Delivery Office, Transport for NSW
Ms Marg Prendergast	Coordinator General, Transport Coordination, Transport for NSW
Mr Howard Collins OBE	Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Mr Andrew Summers	Project Director, Sydney Light Rail Delivery Office
Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW
Mr Steffen Faurby	Chief Executive, State Transit Authority

Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport – Wednesday 6 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Peter Regan	Deputy Secretary, Finance and Investment, Transport for NSW
Mr Ken Kanofski	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Dennis Cliche	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Motorway Corporation
Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Mr Matt Miller	Chief Executive, Office of Sport, Department of Industry
Ms Anne Gripper	Executive Director, Sport and Recreation Services Group, Office of Sport, Department of Industry
Dr Phil Hamdorf	Executive Director, Sport Development Group, Office of Sport, Department of Industry

Lands and Forestry, Racing – Wednesday 6 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Paul Toole MP	Minister for Lands and Forestry and Minister for Racing
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Ms Alison Stone	Deputy Director General, Lands and Forestry, Department of Industry
Mr Nick Roberts	Chief Executive Officer, Forestry Corporation NSW
Ms Sarah Lees	Chief Executive Officer, Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW
Mr Paul Newson	Deputy Secretary, Liquor, Gaming and Racing, Department of Industry

Roads, Maritime and Freight – Wednesday 6 September 2017

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Melinda Pavey MP	Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
Mr Ken Kanofski	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW

Lands and Forestry, Racing – Friday 17 November 2017 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Ms Alison Stone	Deputy Director General, Lands and Forestry, Department of Industry
Mr Nick Roberts	Chief Executive Officer, Forestry Corporation NSW
Ms Sarah Lees	Chief Executive Officer, Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW
Mr Paul Newson	Deputy Secretary, Liquor, Gaming and Racing, Department of Industry
Mr Tim Holden	Acting Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands and Water

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 43

Wednesday 2 August 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 1.03 pm

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Dr Faruqi

Mr MacDonald

Mr Mookhey

2. Apologies

Mr Colless

Mr Pearce

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 26 July 2017 – Email from Ms Annie Savage, Office of the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 27 July 2017 – Email from Ms Jane Little, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex and Sport, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 27 July 2017 – Email from Ms Angeli Lee, Office of the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry, Racing, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 27 July 2017 – Email from Mr Andrew Dixson, Office of the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 28 July 2017 – Email from Mr Jock Sowter, Office of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates.

Sent:

- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex and Sport, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry, Racing, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details
- 10 July 2017 – Letter from Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates and requesting witness details.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted that the Budget Estimates timetable for 2017-2018 was agreed to by the House, with the following Portfolio Committee No. 5 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Friday 1 September	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry (Blair)	Jubilee
	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Transport and Infrastructure (Constance)	Jubilee
Wednesday 6 September	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport (Ayres)	Macquarie
	11.15 am – 1.15 pm	Lands and Forestry, Racing (Toole)	Macquarie
	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Roads, Maritime and Freight (Pavey)	Macquarie

4.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That with government members not asking questions:

- The portfolios of Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry be examined from 9.00 – 11.40 am
- The portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure be examined from 2.00 – 4.40 pm
- The portfolios of Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport be examined from 9.00 – 10.20 am
- The portfolios of Lands and Forestry, Racing be examined from 11.15 am – 12.35 pm
- The portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight be examined from 2.00 – 4.40 pm.

4.2 Sequence of questions

The committee noted that, under the resolution establishing the Portfolio Committees, the sequence of questions alternates between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

4.3 Procedure for examining more than one portfolio

The committee noted its intention to examine portfolios concurrently.

4.4 Additional witness requests

The committee noted each minister's list of proposed witnesses, as per the table below, and that members have until 5.00 pm Friday 4 August 2017 to provide any additional witness requests.

Minister	Portfolio	Witness	Position and Department
Blair	Primary Industries	Mr Scott Hansen	Director General, Department Primary Industries
		Mr David Witherdin	Executive Director, State Operations, Local Land Services

	Regional Water	Mr David Harris	Chief Executive Officer, Water NSW
	Trade and Industry	Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
Constance	Transport and Infrastructure	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
		Mr Stephen Troughton	Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure & Services, Transport for NSW
		Mr Rodd Staples	Program Director, Sydney Metro Delivery, Transport for NSW
		Ms Marg Prendergast	CBD Coordinator General, Transport for NSW
		Mr Howard Collins	Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
		Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive, Infrastructure NSW
Ayres	Western Sydney	Mr Geoff Roberts	Deputy Chief Commissioner, Economic Commissioner, Greater Sydney Commission
	WestConnex	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW
		Mr Peter Regan	Deputy Secretary, Finance and Investment, Transport for NSW
		Mr Ken Kanofski	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
	Sport	Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
		Mr Matt Miller	Chief Executive, Office of Sport, Department of Industry
		Ms Anne Gripper	Executive Director, Sport & Recreation Services, Department of Industry
		Dr Phil Hamdorf	Executive Director, Sport Development, Department of Industry
Toole	Lands and Forestry	Mr Simon Smith	Secretary, Department of Industry
		Ms Alison Stone	Deputy Director General – Lands and Forestry, Department of Industry
		Mr Nick Roberts	CEO, Forestry Corporation NSW
		Ms Sarah Lees	CEO, Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW

	Racing	Mr Paul Newson	Deputy Secretary – Liquor, Gaming and Racing, Department of Industry
Pavey	Roads, Maritime and Freight	Mr Ken Kanofski	Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
		Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.10 pm, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 44

Thursday 10 August 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Amato (substituting for Mr Colless, from 1.50 pm)

Dr Faruqi

Mr Graham (substituting for Mr Mookhey)

Mr MacDonald

Mr Pearce

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft minutes no. 43 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – procedural resolutions

3.1 Additional witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Faruqi: That the attendance of the following additional witnesses be requested at the Budget Estimates hearings for Portfolio Committee No. 5:

- Mr Andrew Summers, Project Director, Sydney Light Rail Delivery Office – for the Transport and Infrastructure portfolio
- Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW – for the Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Transport and Infrastructure portfolios
- Mr Steffen Faurby, Chief Executive, State Transit Authority – for the Transport and Infrastructure portfolio
- Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Motorway Corporation – for the Westconnex portfolio.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the attendance of the following additional witness be requested at the Budget Estimates hearings for Portfolio Committee No. 5:

- Mr Jim Betts, Chief Executive, Infrastructure NSW – for the Westconnex portfolio.

Mr Veitch moved: That the attendance of the following additional witness be requested at the Budget Estimates hearings for Portfolio Committee No. 5:

- Mr Gavin Hanlon, Deputy Director General, Water, Department of Primary Industries – for the Primary Industries, Regional Water and Trade and Industry portfolios.

Question put and negatived.

4. Other business

Mr Amato joined the meeting.

The committee noted that it would defer consideration of a possible extension of the committee's terms of reference for the inquiry into augmentation of water supply to a future meeting, following the completion of the interim report by Mr Ken Matthews AO as part of his independent investigation into the allegations raised by the ABC's Four Corners program.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.52 pm, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 46

Friday 1 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.50 am

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buckingham (substituting for Dr Faruqi) (from 9.17 am)

Mr Colless

Mr MacDonald

Mr Mookhey (from 8.55 am)

Mr Pearce

Mr Field (participating) (from 9.00 am until 9.31 am)

Mr Pearson (participating) (from 9.00 am until 10.22 am)

Mr Searle (participating) (from 10.45 am until 11.06 am)

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft minutes no. 44 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 14 August 2017 – Email from Mr Andrew Dixon, Office of the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, advising that the requested additional witnesses are available to attend Budget Estimates
- 16 August 2017 – Email from Mr Jock Sowter, Office of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, advising that Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW is available to attend Budget Estimates
- 18 August 2017 – Email from Mr David Rodwell, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex, and Sport, to the secretariat, advising that the additional requested witnesses are available to attend Budget Estimates

Sent:

- 10 August 2017 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Andrew Dixon, Office of the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, requesting additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 10 August 2017 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Amanda Choularton, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex, and Sport, requesting additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 10 August 2017 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Jock Sowter, Office of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, requesting additional witnesses for Budget Estimates.

4. **Inquiry into the implementation of the recommendations of the inquiry into commercial fishing in New South Wales**

4.1 ***In-camera* transcript from private briefing by the Minister for Primary Industries**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Colless: That the transcript from the *in-camera* briefing with the Minister for Primary Industries on Wednesday 16 August 2017 remain confidential.

5. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018**

5.1 **Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry.

5.2 **Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry**

Witnesses, the public and the 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 Blair MLC was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Simon Smith, Secretary, Department of Industry
- Mr Scott Hansen, Director General, Department of Primary Industries
- Mr David Witherdin, Executive Director, State Operations, Local Land Services
- Mr David Harris, Chief Executive Officer, WaterNSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry 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 11.40 am.

The public and media withdrew.

6. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.40 am, until 1.45 pm, Friday 1 September 2017, Jubilee Room (*Transport and Infrastructure*).

Samuel Griffith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 47

Friday 1 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.47 pm

1. Members presentMr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Colless

Dr Faruqi

Mr MacDonald

Mr Mookhey

Mr Pearce

Mr Pearson (substituting for Mr Brown) (from 1.54 pm until 3.30 pm)

Ms Sharpe (participating)

2. ApologiesMr Brown, *Chair***3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018****3.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Colless: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure until after questions on notice are received.

3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Transport and Infrastructure

Witnesses, the public and the 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 Constance MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Transport for NSW
- Mr Stephen Troughton, Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, Transport for NSW
- Mr Rodd Staples, Program Director, Sydney Metro Delivery Office, Transport for NSW
- Ms Marg Prendergast, Coordinator General, Transport Coordination, Transport for NSW
- Mr Howard Collins OBE, Chief Executive, Sydney Trains
- Mr Jim Betts, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
- Mr Andrew Summers, Project Director, Sydney Light Rail Delivery Office
- Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Freight, Strategy and Planning, Transport for NSW
- Mr Steffen Faurby, Chief Executive, State Transit Authority.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Transport and Infrastructure 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 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

4. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.40 pm, until 8.45 am, Wednesday 6 September 2017, Macquarie Room (*Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport*).

Stewart Smith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 48

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

1. **Members present**

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Colless

Mr Fang (substituting for Mr MacDonald)

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mookhey (until 9.25 am)

Mr Pearce (from 8.51 am)

Ms Voltz (substituting for Mr Veitch) (from 8.49 am)

2. **Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 5 September 2017 – Email from Ms Amanda Choularton, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport, advising that Mr Geoff Roberts, Economic Commissioner, Greater Sydney Commission is not able to attend the Budget Estimates hearing.

3. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018**

3.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair also reminded Mr Tim Reardon, Mr Jim Betts and Mr Simon Smith that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Ayres MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Peter Regan, Deputy Secretary, Finance and Investment, Transport for NSW
- Mr Ken Kanofski, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services
- Mr Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Motorway Corporation
- Mr Matt Miller, Chief Executive, Office of Sport, Department of Industry
- Ms Anne Gripper, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation Services Group, Office of Sport, Department of Industry
- Dr Phil Hamdorf, Executive Director, Sport Development Group, Office of Sport, Department of Industry.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Western Sydney, WestConnex, and Sport 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 10.20 am.

The public and media withdrew.

3.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Colless: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.20 am, until 11.00 am, Wednesday 6 September 2017, Macquarie Room (*Lands and Forestry, Racing*).

Stephen Frappell

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 49

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 11.03 am

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Colless

Mr Fang (substituting for Mr MacDonald)

Mr Pearce

Ms Walker (substituting for Dr Faruqi)

Mr Field (participating) (until 11.47 am)

Mr Pearson (participating) (until 12.05 pm)

Ms Sharpe (participating)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Lands and Forestry, Racing

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters.

The Chair reminded Mr Simon Smith that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Paul Toole MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Alison Stone, Deputy Director General, Lands and Forestry, Department of Industry
- Mr Nick Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Forestry Corporation NSW
- Ms Sarah Lees, Chief Executive Officer, Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW
- Mr Paul Newson, Deputy Secretary, Liquor, Gaming and Racing, Department of Industry.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, Racing 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 12.35 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, Racing.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.35 pm, until 1.45 pm, Wednesday 6 September 2017, Macquarie Room (*Roads, Maritime and Freight*).

Stephanie Galbraith
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 50

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.46 pm

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Colless

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mookhey

Mr Pearce

Dr Phelps (substituting for Mr MacDonald)

Ms Sharpe (participating) (until 4.13 pm)

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Roads, Maritime and Freight

Witnesses, the public and the 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.

The chair also reminded Mr Tim Reardon, Mr Ken Kanofski and Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Pavey MP was admitted.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight 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 4.40 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Roads, Maritime and Freight.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.41 pm, *sine die*.

Andrew Kiejda

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 52

Wednesday 18 October 2017

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 1.03 pm

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*

Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Colless

Dr Faruqi

Mr Mookhey

Mr Pearce

Ms Taylor (substituting for Mr MacDonald)

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Colless: That draft minutes nos. 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 27 September 2017 – Letters from Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 27 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 29 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry to the secretariat, clarifying evidence provided to the committee during Budget Estimates
- 29 September 2017 – Letters from Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 29 September 2017 – Letters from Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, on behalf of Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 29 September 2017 – Letter from Mr Ken Kanofski, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services to the secretariat, clarifying evidence provided to the committee during Budget Estimates

- 29 September 2017 – Letter from Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry, Racing to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections.

Sent:

- 6 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Anthea Savage, Minister Blair’s office, 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 2017 – Email from secretariat to Mr Andrew Dixon, Minister Constance’s office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 11 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Mr Jock Sowter, Minister Pavey’s office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 11 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Angeli Lee, Minister Toole’s office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 11 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Amanda Choularton, Minister Ayre’s office, 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 2017-2018

4.1 Supplementary hearings

Mr Colless moved: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

- Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport
- Lands and Forestry, Racing
- Roads, Maritime and Freight.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Noes: Mr Brown, Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Question resolved in the negative.

Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry

Mr Mookhey moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry portfolios on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the members. The supplementary hearing is to facilitate further responses in relation to the Matthews Report and to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Brown, Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

Transport and Infrastructure

Ms Faruqi moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the Transport and Infrastructure portfolio on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the members.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Brown, Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport

Mr Mookhey moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport portfolios on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the members.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Brown, Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

Lands and Forestry, Racing

Mr Veitch moved: That the committee hold a further 90 minute hearing (if government members decide to ask questions) to consider matters relating to the Lands and Forestry, Racing portfolios on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the members, to seek further information in relation to answers to the committee's questions on notice and supplementary questions.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Brown, Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Roads, Maritime and Freight

Ms Faruqi moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the Roads, Maritime and Freight portfolio on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the members.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Faruqi, Mr Mookhey, Mr Veitch.

Noes: Mr Brown, Mr Colless, Mr Pearce, Ms Taylor.

Question resolved in the negative.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.15 pm, until 10.00 am, Monday 6 November 2017 (briefing for inquiry into augmentation of water supply).

Beverly Duffy
Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 55

Friday 17 November 2017
Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.40 am

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*
Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*
Mr Fang
Mr Farlow (substituting for Mr MacDonald) (from 10.42 am)
Mr Field (substituting for Dr Faruqi) (from 11.08 am)
Mr Mookhey
Dr Phelps (substituting for Mr Colless)

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That draft minutes no. 52 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent:

- 3 November 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Angeli Lee, Minister Toole's office, requesting the attendance of Mr Tim Holden, Acting Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands and Water at the supplementary hearing for Lands and Forestry, Racing.

Received:

- 31 October 2017 – Email from Ms Angeli Lee, Minister Toole's office to secretariat, confirming attendance of the requested public servants at the supplementary hearing for Lands and Forestry, Racing
- 8 November 2017 – Letter from Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Transport for NSW to Clerk of the Parliaments, providing clarification of evidence given at the Budget Estimates hearing for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018

4.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Phelps: That with government members not asking questions, the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, Racing be examined from 10.45 am – 11.45 am.

4.2 Sequence of questions

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing the Portfolio Committees, the sequence of questions alternates between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

4.3 Timeframe for return of answers to questions on notice

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That witnesses be requested to return answers to questions on notice within 7 calendar days of the date on which the questions are forwarded to the witness.

4.4 Supplementary public hearing: Budget Estimates 2017-2018 – Lands and Forestry, Racing Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters.

The chair also reminded Mr Smith, Ms Stone, Mr Roberts, Ms Lees and Mr Newson that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

The following witness was sworn:

- Mr Tim Holden, Acting Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands and Water.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Lands and Forestry, Racing open for examination.

The departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.45 am.

The public and media withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.45 am, until Monday 20 November 2017, 5.45 pm, Macquarie Room, Parliament House (water inquiry briefing).

Sharon Ohnesorge
Clerk to the Committee

Draft minutes no. 57

Wednesday 6 December 2017
Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport
Members' Lounge, Parliament House, 10.03 am

1. Members present

Mr Brown, *Chair*
Mr Veitch, *Deputy Chair*
Mr Colless

2. Apologies

Mr Fang
Dr Faruqi
Mr MacDonald
Mr Mookhey

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That draft minutes no. 55 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following item of correspondence:

Sent:

- 11 September 2017 – Email from secretariat to Ms Angeli Lee, Minister Toole’s office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

Received:

- 29 November 2017 – Letter from Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry, Racing to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 1 December 2017 – Letter from Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water, and Trade and Industry, to Chair regarding commencement of new commercial fishing share linkage and management arrangements.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2017-2018**5.1 Consideration of Chair’s draft report**

The Chair submitted his draft report entitled Budget Estimates 2017-2018 which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Colless: That:

The draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;

The transcripts of evidence, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;

Upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, 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;

The committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;

That the report be tabled on Thursday 14 December 2017.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.05 am, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge
Committee Clerk

