



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Inquiry into the scrutiny of public accountability in New South Wales

Terms of reference

That, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the resolution establishing the Public Accountability Committee, the committee inquire into and report on future arrangements for the ongoing scrutiny by the Legislative Council of the matters set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the resolution establishing the committee.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the resolution note that:

2. The functions of the committee are to inquire into and examine the public accountability, financial management, regulatory impact and service delivery of New South Wales government departments, statutory bodies or corporations.
3. In performing its functions under paragraph 2, the committee may:
 - a. Examine the consolidated financial statements and general government sector financial statements transmitted to the Legislative Council by the Treasurer,
 - b. examine the financial reports of authorities of the State, being financial reports that have been:
 - i. audited by the Auditor-General or an auditor appointed under section 47(1) of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983, or
 - ii. laid before the Legislative Council by a Minister of the Crown,
 - c. examine the opinion or any report of the Auditor-General transmitted with the consolidated financial statements and general government sector financial statements or laid before the Legislative Council with the financial report of an authority of the State (including any documents annexed or appended to any such opinion or report),
 - d. examine any report of the Auditor-General laid before the Legislative Council,
 - e. report to the Legislative Council from time to time upon any item in, or any circumstances connected with, those financial reports, or reports or documents which the Committee considers ought to be brought to the notice of the Legislative Council,
 - f. report to the Legislative Council from time to time any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of those financial reports or in the method of keeping them or in the method of receipt, expenditure or control of money relating to those financial reports, and
 - g. inquire into expenditure by a Minister of the Crown made without Parliamentary sanction or appropriation or otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 or any other Act and report to the Legislative Council from time to time upon any matter connected with that expenditure which the Committee considers ought to be brought to the notice of the Legislative Council.

Committee membership

Rev the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	Liberal Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Mr Justin Field MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Natalie Ward MLC	Liberal Party	