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## Terms of reference

1. That on tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2019 – 2020 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2019 – 2020:
  - (a) initial hearings be scheduled over 12 days from 29 to 30 August, 2 to 6 September and 9 to 13 September 2019, with the examination of portfolios on those days to be specified by further resolution of the House,
  - (b) supplementary hearings be scheduled over five days from 28 October to 1 November 2019, or on such other dates as required, with the examination of portfolios on those days to be determined by resolution of each committee,<sup>1</sup>
  - (c) further hearings be scheduled over 12 days from 2 to 17 March 2020, with the examination of portfolios on those days to be specified by further resolution of the House and the time for giving of evidence by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and officers to be determined by resolution of each committee,<sup>2</sup>
  - (d) each scheduled day for the initial and further rounds<sup>3</sup> of hearings will begin at 9.30 am and conclude by 8.30 pm,<sup>4</sup>
  - (e) the committees must hear evidence in public,
  - (f) the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
  - (g) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions,
  - (h) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following a hearing,
  - (i) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members, and
  - (j) committees are to present a final report to the House by 30 June 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 October 2019, p 520.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 November 2019, p 729.

<sup>3</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 October 2019, p 520.

<sup>4</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 November 2019, p 729.

3. That this House resolve to adopt a revised schedule for future budget estimates inquiries similar to the Senate estimates process comprised of:
- (a) an initial round of estimates hearings over 12 days on the tabling of the Budget Estimates and related papers,
  - (b) supplementary hearings scheduled over five days in October or November of that year, and
  - (c) further hearings scheduled over 12 days in February or March of the following year.

The terms of reference were referred to the committee by the House on 8 May 2019, and amended on 16 October 2019 and 20 November 2019.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 8 May 2019, pp 117-119; 16 October 2019, p 520; 20 November 2019, p 729.

## Committee details

### Committee members

<b>The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Robert Borsak MLC</b>	Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Ms Abigail Boyd</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Ben Franklin MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Taylor Martin MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Natalie Ward MLC</b>	Liberal Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Lou Amato MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Naill Blair MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Anthony D'Adam MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Scott Farlow MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>Mr Justin Field MLC</b>	Independent
<b>The Hon John Graham MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Rose Jackson MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals
<b>The Hon Mark Latham MLC</b>	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
<b>The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Peter Primrose MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Walt Secord MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020. 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.

Portfolio Committee No. 1 is responsible for the scrutiny of the following portfolio areas:

- Premier
- Treasury
- Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
- Finance and Small Business
- Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
- The Legislature

The key evidence gathering mechanism of this Inquiry is through the conduct of public hearings. This report lists the key issues raised during the hearings. Transcripts, tabled documents and additional answers provided after the hearings are published on the [Inquiry's webpage](#).

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.



Hon Tara Moriarty MLC  
**Chair**

## Chapter 1 Introduction

The Inquiry into Budget Estimates is one of the key mechanisms for parliamentary committees to scrutinise government expenditure, performance and effectiveness. It holds ministers and government officials to account and provides a greater level of transparency to the public.

The Inquiry is conducted annually by the Legislative Council's Portfolio Committees. Each committee examines the budget estimates of its responsible portfolios, with ministers and senior public servants as the primary witnesses. The evidence taking process of the Inquiry consists of answers provided during public hearings and answers to post-hearing written questions (known as supplementary questions). There is no provision for written submissions.

### Referral of the Budget Estimates 2019-2020

- 1.1 The Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 ('the Inquiry') was referred to the portfolio committees on 8 May 2019 by the Legislative Council.<sup>6</sup> The budget estimates resolution establishing the Inquiry and that sets out the rules for the Inquiry is reproduced on page iv and v.
- 1.2 The budget estimates resolution this year had significant procedural changes compared to previous years. The amount of time for questioning for each portfolio area was significantly increased, and the duration of the whole inquiry across all the portfolio committees was 12 days, compared to previous years of five. The variations to the conduct of the Inquiry are outlined below.

#### Total hearing time for questioning

- 1.3 The resolution authorised the committees to conduct three rounds of hearings: initial, supplementary and further hearings, from 9.30 am to 8.30 pm, to examine all portfolios for each minister.
- 1.4 The total amount of time available for scrutiny was nearly tripled compared to previous estimates inquiries. In the past, only two rounds of hearings (initial and supplementary) were conducted and portfolios under the same minister were examined for under four hours duration. That meant that Ministers and senior public servants could generally face a maximum of eight hours of questioning over two budget estimates hearings. In contrast, under the new resolution Ministers and senior public servants could face potentially up to 33 hours of questioning over three different hearings.
- 1.5 On 16 October 2019, the House amended the resolution to require only initial and further rounds of the hearings to begin at 9.30 am and conclude by 8.30 pm. The committees were therefore able to determine when and how much time was required for supplementary hearings, if any.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 8 May 2019, pp 117-119.

<sup>7</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 October 2019, p 520.

### Witnesses

- 1.6 The resolution required ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure, to appear in the morning session, and only officers giving further evidence during the afternoon session.<sup>8</sup> It is noted that parliamentary secretaries were not required to give evidence to earlier estimates inquiries.
- 1.7 On 20 November 2019, the resolution was further amended so that, for the further hearings, each committee could determine who (ministers, parliamentary secretaries, public servants, or representatives from statutory bodies) they wanted to call and when and for how long they were to appear.<sup>9</sup>

### Number of hearings

- 1.8 The Budget Estimates resolution, as amended, stipulated that the initial hearings be held between 29 August and 13 September 2019, supplementary hearings from 28 October to 1 November 2019, and further hearings from 2 to 17 March 2019.<sup>10</sup>
- 1.9 During the course of the Inquiry, the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, respectfully requested that the committee consider changing the date of his appearance before the committee, potentially by swapping with the date that the portfolio of The Legislature was due to be examined. The committee agreed to this request, and to comply with the Resolution of the House, did so by establishing a whole new inquiry.<sup>11</sup> Information about the new inquiry is detailed in the Committee Report No. 51 for the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature.
- 1.10 Information relating to the two hearings conducted under the new inquiry are included in this report for accessibility.

### Hearings

- 1.11 The committee held 13 public hearings as follows:
- Thursday 29 August 2019 – Treasury
  - Friday 30 August 2019 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
  - Tuesday 3 September 2019 – Finance and Small Business
  - Thursday 5 September 2019 – Premier
  - Tuesday 10 September 2019 – The Legislature

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<sup>8</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 8 May 2019, pp 117-119.

<sup>9</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 November 2019, pp 117-119.

<sup>10</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 November 2019, pp 117-119.

<sup>11</sup> *Minutes*, Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance, 12 March 2020.

- Wednesday 11 September 2019 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
- Tuesday 29 October 2019 – Treasury (supplementary hearing)
- Tuesday 3 March 2020 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (further hearing)
- Thursday 5 March 2020 – Finance and Small Business (further hearing)
- Monday 9 March 2020 – Treasury (further hearing)
- Thursday 12 March 2020 – Premier (further hearing)
- Tuesday 10 March 2020 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney<sup>12</sup>
- Tuesday 16 March 2020 – The Legislature and Premier.<sup>13</sup>

## Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.12 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](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates).

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<sup>12</sup> This hearing was conducted as part of the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature.

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## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Finance and Small Business

**2.1** A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Small Business was held on Tuesday 3 September 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Administration of Foodora (food delivery company) and Revenue NSW investment in the company resulting in \$550,000 owed to Revenue NSW
- Gig economy's compliance with payroll tax obligations and current investigations conducted by Revenue NSW
- Point of consumption tax for licensed betting service providers in Australia
- Regulation of franchises and wage theft investigations
- Franchise contracts and whistle-blower protections
- Essential Energy job losses
- Allegations of bullying by Landcom board member and operation of Landcom board
- Water NSW dividend target and separation of functions – compliance vs sale
- Data breaches and Information and Privacy Commission NSW
- Procurement NSW
- Revenue NSW call centre staffing
- Revenue from and collection of fines
- Tax compliance
- Dividend payment
- Small business disputes.

**2.2** A further hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Small Business was held on Thursday 5 March 2020. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Small businesses impacted by bushfires
- Special bushfire loans scheme
- Special disaster grants for primary producers
- Land taxes for bushfire victims
- WestConnex and PPR exemptions
- Indigenous businesses awarded domestic contracts for goods and services

- Revenue from gaming machines
- Impact of coronavirus on the economy and small businesses
- Role of the small business commissioner
- Procurement guidelines
- Impact of Parramatta Light Rail on small businesses
- Broken Hill Pipeline
- Wage theft investigations and tax compliance
- Resignation of the Small Business Commissioner
- Mediation services offered by the Small Business Commissioner
- Timeframe for the completion of the statutory review
- Reporting by state owned corporations
- Applications under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme
- Essential Energy employee numbers
- Transfer of call centre staff from Revenue NSW to Service NSW.

## **Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney was held on Wednesday 11 September 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Legal dispute between Sydney Morning Herald and Destination NSW (re: GIPA/FOI request for expenditure information)
- Planning process for redevelopment of Star City Casino
- Impact of the lock out laws on Sydney's night time economy
- International visitor numbers to NSW
- Ambulance response times in Western Sydney
- Impacts of climate change on Western Sydney
- Job creation in Western Sydney as a result of Aerotropolis Development
- Manufacturing in Western Sydney (closure of Kimberly-Clark factory in Ingleburn)
- NSW Government review of Go Equity Fund investments
- The move of Jobs for NSW into the Treasury portfolio as part of the recent machinery of government changes
- The State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038

- Risks to the NSW economy including overseas shocks, the drought and reductions in the growth of tourism from China
- The review of Destination NSW, budget cuts to Destination NSW and the results for Destination NSW in the People Matter Survey 2018
- Funding applications from regional tourism operators to Destination NSW and funding grants for tourism initiatives in regional NSW
- Planning for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis including infrastructure upgrades, construction activity and cooperation between different levels of government
- The program for the replacement of Sydney stadiums, including the timing of the delivery of new stadiums and the contractual arrangements.

**2.4** A further hearing examining the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney was held on Tuesday 10 March 2020<sup>14</sup>. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Penrith Panthers sport and conference facilities
- Impact of summer bushfires on tourism
- Destination NSW and tourism campaigns
- Proposal to raise Warragamba Dam wall
- Aerotropolis planning
- Progress in planning for the economic development of the Western Parkland City, including the Western Sydney Aerotropolis
- Job creation estimates for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis
- Spending under the Jobs for NSW Strategy
- Destination NSW strategies for bushfire recovery
- Implementation of the Global NSW strategy
- Modelling and analysis of jobs being retained by new industry versus going offshore
- Advice to the Minister and strategies to ameliorate the negative economic effects of COVID-19, including on tourism
- Funding and spending of the Regional Tourism Fund.

<sup>14</sup> This hearing was conducted as part of the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature. Transcripts, post hearing answers to questions and the final report of the Inquiry can be found on the inquiry page: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2587>

## Premier

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Premier was held on Thursday 5 September 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Sydney Stadium rebuild
- Scoping study to privatise the Forestry Corporation
- Murray Darling Basin plan and water management
- Climate change
- Public service jobs in NSW
- Sydney Modern tender process
- Strip searches at music festivals
- Funding for Law Enforcement and Conduct Commission and the ICAC
- Nuclear energy and energy supply for NSW
- Pill testing
- Recruitment
- Electoral Commission Funding
- iVote
- Privacy concerns.

2.6 A further hearing examining the portfolio of Premier was held on Thursday 12 March 2020. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Funding allocations to the Penrith Panthers club and membership of the club held by Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
- Oversight of the Ministerial Code of Conduct
- Circumstances surrounding the Minister for Police's firing of prohibited weapons at the John Morony Correctional Complex rifle range
- Funding allocated to integrity and oversight agencies
- NSW Police Force quotas for strip searches
- Declarations of interests made by the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans
- Declarations of interests made by the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women
- Response to Coronavirus public health epidemic
- Infrastructure project spending
- Public interest disclosures legislation

- Role of Public Service Commissioner
- COAG response to domestic violence
- Special Commission into ICE
- Appointments, qualifications and payment of cluster Secretaries
- Premier's priorities
- ICAC budget
- Law Enforcement Conduct Commission
- State Infrastructure plan and capital program
- People Matter Survey
- Electoral Commission budget
- iVote
- Preparedness for September 2020 local government elections.

## **Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts**

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolio of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts was held on Friday 30 August 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Funding for museums and galleries including in regional areas
- Refurbishment of cultural venues and the Sydney Modern redevelopment
- Machinery of government changes including staffing, employee relations and staff numbers
- Proposed reforms regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Bullying in the public sector and bullying claims
- Gender parity in the public sector
- OCHRE plan and local decision making
- Lighting of the Sydney Opera House sails
- Coroner's inquiries into deaths of Aboriginal people
- Opportunities for tourists and visitors to engage with Aboriginal culture
- Allocation to the New South Wales Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances [NCARA]
- Powerhouse Museum collection and heritage listing of the museum
- Planning control in Pyrmont
- Aboriginal land claims

- Payments to consultants
- Arts funding including regional arts budget
- Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

**2.8** A further hearing examining the portfolio of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts was held on Tuesday 3 March 2020. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Preparations for responding to COVID-19 virus at cultural facilities
- Potential for flooding of the new Powerhouse Museum
- Widening gender pay gap
- Use of contingent labour in the public sector
- Steps towards a treaty with First Nations Peoples
- Restructure of Create NSW
- Appointing Law Enforcement Conduct Commissioner and Industrial Relations Commissioner
- Update to the Sydney Opera House
- Actions to address silting of the Brewarrina Fish Traps
- Redistribution process for Lower House seats
- Female Factory at Parramatta
- Australian Museum renovations
- Restructure of CreateNSW
- Projections onto the Opera House
- World heritage listing of fish traps
- Land claims under the Aboriginal Land Claims Act
- Wage gap across jurisdictions.

## The Legislature

**2.9** A hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Tuesday 10 September 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Meeting the efficiency dividends and capital expenditure of the Parliament
- How the Parliamentary budget is set, the transparency of this process and how other Parliaments manage their budget
- Hansard staffing, including impacts of efficiency dividends, employment award and work health and safety matters

- Permanent employment of cleaning staff
- Legislative Council attendants staffing and the impact to staff at the desk on level 11
- Exit gate on Hospital Road and carpark exit
- Consultation with staff regarding the level eight ceiling repairs
- Providing financial assistance for disadvantaged school children to visit the Parliament
- Access to security data, such as CCTV footage in Members offices, and access to Members email accounts
- Café Quorum vegan options, use of free-range eggs and scrambled eggs and the zero waste approach in the café.

**2.10** A further hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Tuesday 16 March 2020<sup>15</sup>. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Parliament's response to Covid-19
- Closing of Parliament to the public
- NSW Parliament's Pandemic Plan.

## Treasury

**2.11** A hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Thursday 29 August 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- The sale and release of the softwood plantation
- State liabilities in relation to the ongoing remediation and rehabilitation of contamination at Eraring, Liddell and Vales Point power stations
- The Australian Energy Market Operator [AEMO] report noting the risk of blackouts after the closure of Liddell Power Station
- Forecast final costs of the CBD Light Rail project and the Metro West project
- Closure of Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre due to the risk that the ash dam at Eraring Power Station would potentially cause toxic sludge
- Phasing out coal and the impact this will have on the budget and jobs
- Expected recovery costs in the budget relating to the drought and the impacts of climate change on the budget
- Appointment of John Brogden as CEO of Landcom

<sup>15</sup> This hearing was conducted as part of the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature. Transcripts, post hearing answers to questions and the final report of the Inquiry can be found on the inquiry page: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2587>

- The long timeframes for planning approvals in New South Wales, particularly the Southern Regional Planning Panel.
- Newcastle Port
- Liaison with Parliamentary Budget Office ahead of the 2019 State election
- Home Building Compensation Fund
- Aerotropolis program
- NSW Generations Fund
- Asset recycling
- Consumer spending and wages growth
- Outcomes based funding
- Dust diseases and silicosis claims
- Tax revenue policy
- Sale of Westconnex
- Parliamentary budget
- State-owned corporations
- Wages policy.

**2.12** A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Tuesday 29 October 2019. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Quantitative easing and the impacts attributable to the government intervening in the economy to put more money back into it
- Cost forecasting for the metro west rail project and whether the government has sufficient money to pay for the project or borrow for it thus increasing public debt
- The government's input to the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure project list and when the State's preferred projects will be announced
- The review of the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) within the context of the government's stated policy of improving the planning process so that planning can be done more quickly and efficiently thereby increasing productivity
- Governance and industrial matters at Landcom
- Parramatta Light Rail
- Mining royalties
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Dore Review
- EML
- Silicosis and recent policy announcements

- Gambling taxes
- Report on State Finances and Total State Sector Accounts
- Treasury cap
- Movement of Pillar and Mercer employees
- Joint financial arrangements
- Wharf Renewal Project and other Arts projects
- Port Authority of NSW
- Unsolicited proposals policy and continuous disclosure
- Performance reporting and monitoring policy
- Hydrogen industry
- State-Federal agreements.

**2.13** A further hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Monday 9 March 2020. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Impact of coronavirus on state economy, job market and likelihood of recession
- Icare underpayment of injured workers
- Icare return to work rates, triage process for complaints/claims
- Dore report on Icare
- Scoping study for full privatisation of WestConnex and previous sale of 51% government share for \$9.3 billion
- Regional seniors travel card contract managed by Westpac
- Icare perceived conflicts of interest regarding contracts
- Treasury graduate program
- Role of the state regarding climate change policy.



## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Treasury – Thursday 29 August 2019

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Treasurer
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Ms Kim Curtain	A/Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
Mr John Nagle	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare

### Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts – Friday 30 August 2019

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary, Community and Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Emma Hogan	Public Service Commissioner, Public Service Commission
Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Ms Maud Page	Deputy Director and Director of Collections, Art Gallery of NSW
Ms Lisa Havilah	Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
Ms Louise Herron	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House

## Finance and Small Business – Monday 3 September 2019

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance and Small Business
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary - Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary - Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue - Revenue NSW, Customer Service

## Premier – Thursday 5 September 2019

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP	Premier
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Mr John Schmidt	NSW Electoral Commissioner,
Mr Michael Barnes	NSW Ombudsman
Mr Paul Miller	Deputy NSW Ombudsman
Ms Amy Brown	Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet

## The Legislature – Tuesday 10 September 2019

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon John Ajaka MLC	President of the Legislative Council
Mr David Blunt	Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Department of the Legislative Council
Mr Mark Webb	Chief Executive, Department of Parliamentary Services

Mr John Gregor Director, Financial Services, Department of Parliamentary Services

## Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney – Wednesday 11 September 2019

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Kim Curtain	Acting Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Mr Sam Sangster	Chief Executive Officer, Western City and Aerotropolis Authority
Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW

## Treasury – Thursday 29 October 2019 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Ms Kim Curtain	A/Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
Mr John Nagle	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare
Mr Peter Achterstraat AM	NSW Productivity Commissioner

### **Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts – Tuesday 3 March 2020 (further hearing)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary, Community and Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Lisa Havilah	Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
Ms Kya Blondin	A/Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
Ms Nicole Courtman	Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
Ms Lil Gordon	A/Head of Aboriginal Affairs
Dr Michael Brand	Director, Art Gallery of NSW
Ms Maud Page	Deputy Director and Director of Collections, Art Gallery of NSW
Mr Scott Johnston	A/Public Service Commissioner

### **Finance and Small Business – Thursday 5 March 2020 (further hearing)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance and Small Business
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Brady	A/Small Business Commissioner and Chief Commissioner of State Revenue - Revenue NSW
Mr Cullen Smythe	Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW, Customer Service

**Treasury – Monday 9 March 2020 (further hearing)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Treasurer
Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Ms Kim Curtain	Deputy Secretary, Jobs, Investment and Tourism, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Walters	NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
Mr Peter Achterstraat	NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
Mr John Nagle	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare

**Premier – Thursday 12 March 2020 (further hearing)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP	Premier
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Ms Amy Brown	Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet

## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes no. 2

Thursday 20 June 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance  
Room 1254, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.33 pm

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That draft minutes no. 1 be confirmed.

#### 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted the Budget Estimates timetable for 2019-2020 was agreed to by the House. Below is a table of Portfolio Committee No. 1 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio
Thursday 29 August 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)
Friday 30 August 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)
Tuesday 3 September 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Treasury (Perrottet)
Thursday 5 September 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Premier (Berejiklian)
Tuesday 10 September 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm	The Legislature (Ajaka)
Wednesday 11 September 2019	9.30 am – 12.30 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres)

##### 3.1 Allocation of question time

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

##### 3.2 Government questions

### 3.3 Order for examination of portfolios

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That:

- (a) consideration of the order for examination of the following portfolios be postponed until a future meeting following receipt of proposed witness lists:
  - Finance and Small Business on Thursday 29 August 2019,
  - Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts on Friday 30 August 2019,
  - Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney portfolio on Wednesday 11 September 2019, and
- (b) the remaining portfolios allocated to Portfolio Committee No. 1 be examined concurrently.

### 3.4 Witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the secretariat write to the ministers named in the budget estimates resolution to request that they nominate witnesses to appear at each estimates hearing, for the committee's consideration.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee consider whether to invite parliamentary secretaries to appear at the budget estimates hearings at a future meeting.

## 4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.48 pm, *sine die*.

Jenelle Moore  
Committee Clerk

## Minutes no. 3

Tuesday 6 August 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Parkes Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 6.56 pm

### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*  
Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Boyd  
Mr Franklin  
Mr Martin  
Mr Searle  
Mrs Ward

### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That draft minutes no. 2 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### **Received:**

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- 12 July 2019 – Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Parliamentary Director, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 15 July 2019 – Email from the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.

- 23 July 2019 – Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 24 July 2019 – Email from Ms Michelle Gregory, Departmental Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 26 July 2019 – Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 29 July 2019 – Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Parliamentary Advisor, Office of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, to the secretariat, providing a witness list for the Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 30 July 2019 – Email from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC to the secretariat, advising: that Mr David Shoebridge MLC will substitute for her on 30 August 2019 for parts of the hearings for the Special Minister of State, Public Services and Employee Relations and Aboriginal Affairs and on 5 September 2019 for the Premier's hearing for the whole day; that Ms Cate Faehrmann will substitute for her on 30 August 2019 for parts of the hearing related to the Arts portfolio.
- 30 July 2019 – Email from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC to the secretariat, advising that Mr David Shoebridge MLC will substitute for her at the Legislature hearing on 10 September 2019.

#### *Sent*

- 28 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, inviting the Premier to Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 28 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, inviting the Treasurer to Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 28 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 28 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 28 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, inviting the President to Budget Estimates initial hearings.
- 29 June 2019 – Letter from the secretariat to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates initial hearings.

## **4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – procedural resolutions**

### **4.1 Allocation of question time**

The committee noted that, under the resolution establishing the Portfolio 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.

The committee discussed whether the government intends to ask questions during the hearings.

### **4.2 Order for examination of portfolios and witnesses**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle:

- (a) That the portfolios allocated to Minister Harwin be examined in the following order during the morning session on Friday 30 August 2019:
  - Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations
  - Aboriginal Affairs
  - The Arts.
- (b) That the portfolios allocated to Minister Harwin be examined in the following order during the afternoon sessions on Friday 30 August 2019:

- Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations
- Aboriginal Affairs
- The Arts.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the remaining portfolios allocated to Portfolio Committee No. 1 be examined concurrently.

#### 4.3 Additional witness requests

The committee noted each minister's list of proposed witnesses, as per the table below, and that members have until 6.30 pm Wednesday 7 August 2019 to provide any additional witness requests.

Minister	Portfolio	Witness	Position and Department
Perrottet	Treasury	Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
		Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary - Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
		Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary - Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
		Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary - Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
		Ms Kim Curtain	Acting Deputy Secretary - Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
		Mr John Nagle	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare
Harwin	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
		Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary: Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Tudehope	Finance and Small Business	Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
		Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary - Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
		Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary - Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
		Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM	Small Business Commissioner, NSW Treasury
		Mr Stephen Brady	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue - Revenue NSW, Customer Service / Revenue NSW
Berejiklian	Premier	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Ajaka	The Legislature	Mr David Blunt	Clerk of the Parliaments
		Mr Mark Webb	Department of Parliamentary Services
		Mr John Gregor	Director, Financial Services
Ayres	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney	Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury
		Ms Kim Curtain	Acting Deputy Secretary - Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
		Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
		Mr Sam Sangster	Chief Executive Officer, Western City and Aerotropolis Authority

#### 4.4 Parliamentary secretaries

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee consider whether to invite parliamentary secretaries to appear at the budget estimates hearings at a future meeting.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7.15 pm, *sine die*.

Jenelle Moore  
Clerk to the Committee

#### Minutes no. 4

Thursday 29 August 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.16 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Latham (*substituting for Mr Borsak*) (*until 5.00 pm*)

Mr Mallard (*substituting for Mr Franklin*)

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (*participating*)

Mr Secord (*substituting for Mr Searle*)

Mr Searle (*participating from 11.00 am until 3.54 pm*) (*from 6pm until 6.10pm, 8 pm until 8.30 pm*)

Mr Shoebridge (*participating from 2.09 pm until 2.32 pm*) (*from 7.10 pm until 8.03 pm*)

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That draft minutes no. 3 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

**Received**

- 13 August 2019 – Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Parliamentary Director, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, advising that the additional witnesses requested by the committee will not be attending the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 14 August 2019 – Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, to the secretariat, advising whether certain additional witnesses will be able to attend the Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts Budget Estimates hearing on 30 August 2019.
- 15 August 2019 – Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Parliamentary Advisor, Office of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Chris Wheeler, Deputy NSW Ombudsman has retired but his successor, Mr Paul Miller, is able to appear at the Premier Budget Estimates hearing on 5 September 2019, and that all other additional witnesses are available to attend.
- 16 August 2019 – Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, to the secretariat, advising that Mr David Thodey will not attend the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Budget Estimates hearing on 11 September 2019 and that the Minister and Treasury Secretary will be able to answer questions in relation to Jobs for NSW.
- 20 August 2019 - Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, to the secretariat advising that Mr Barney Glover is no longer available to attend the Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts Budget Estimates hearing on 30 August 2019 and Paddy Carney, Chair of MAAS can appear for him instead.

**Sent**

- 12 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Parliamentary Advisor, Office of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, providing a list of additional witness requests for Budget Estimates.
- 12 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Chris Ashton, Parliamentary Director, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, providing a list of additional witness requests for Budget Estimates.
- 12 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, providing a list of additional witness requests for Budget Estimates.
- 12 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, providing a list of additional witness requests for Budget Estimates.
- 12 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Michelle Gregory, Departmental Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, to the secretariat, confirming that the committee has not requested additional witnesses for Budget Estimates.
- 15 August 2019 – Email from the secretariat to the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, confirming that the committee has not requested additional witnesses for Budget Estimates.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020****4.1 Government questions**

Ms Boyd moved: That with no questions asked by government members, the portfolio of Treasury be examined from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 7.40 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Ward: That the resolution of Ms Boyd be amended by omitting all words after "That" and inserting instead: "the portfolio of Treasury be examined:

- in the morning session, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with no questions asked by government members
- in the afternoon and evening sessions, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm with government members asking questions."

Motion, as amended, put and passed.

#### **4.2 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That in the morning session opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That for the afternoon and evening sessions, the opposition, crossbench and government be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the three groups equally.

#### **4.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Treasury**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, was 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 following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Ms Kim Curtain, A/Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
- Mr John Nagle, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Treasury open for examination.

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Searle joined the hearing at 11.00 am.

The Treasurer withdrew at 11.33 am.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That, for the afternoon session, where the government relinquishes their allocated time for questions while reserving the right to ask questions where necessary, the time remaining be divided between the opposition and cross-bench equally.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That, for the evening session, where the government relinquishes their allocated time for questions while reserving the right to ask questions where necessary, the time remaining be divided between the opposition and cross-bench equally.

The public hearing continued.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 8.31 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**4.4 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Treasury until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

**4.5 Request for papers**

Mr Searle moved: That the Chair write to the Secretary of NSW Treasury to request that he provide the following annexures to a submission made to a report on allegations of bullying made against Ms Suzanne Jones:

Annexure D – Draft letter to Ms Jones

Annexure E – Draft speaking points for the Secretary

Annexure F – Draft public statement

Annexure G – Draft letters to Landcom CEO, Chair and Landcom employees.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Boyd, Ms Moriarty, Mr Mookhey.

Noes: Mr Mallard, Mr Martin, Mrs Ward.

Question resolved in the affirmative, on the casting vote of the Chair.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 8.37 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 30 August 2019, Jubilee Room (*Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts*).

Sarah Dunn/Rhia Victorino

**Committee Clerks**

**Minutes no. 5**

Friday 30 August 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

**1. Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Blair (*substituting for Mrs Ward*)

Ms Faehrmann (*substituting for Ms Boyd for parts relating to Arts, from 11.25 am to 12 pm and from 2.17 pm to 2.49 pm*)

Mr Franklin (*until 12 pm*)

Mr Khan (*substituting for Mr Franklin, from 2.00 pm*)

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mr Secord (*participating*)

Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd for parts relating to Special Minister of State, Public Services and Employee Relations and Aboriginal Affairs, from 9.15 am to 11.20 am and from 2.49 pm to 4.48 pm*)

## 2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### *Received*

- 28 August 2019 – Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, requesting that Mr Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs, appear at the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 28 August 2019 – Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, advising that Ms Paddy Carney, Chair of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences is no longer available to appear at the Budget Estimates hearing and that CEO, Ms Lisa Havilah is available to appear instead.

## 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020

### 3.1 Government questions

Resolved on the motion of Mr Franklin: That:

- with no government questions asked by government members in the morning session, the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts be examined from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, and
- the committee consider the asking of government questions for the afternoon session prior to the commencement of that session.

### 3.2 Allocation of questioning

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally.

### 3.3 Time allocated for examination of portfolios and witnesses

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the portfolios be examined currently throughout the day.

### 3.4 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts

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 Harwin was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Emma Hogan, Public Service Commissioner, Public Service Commission
- Ms Maud Page, Deputy Director and Director of Collections, Art Gallery NSW
- Ms Louise Herron, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
- Ms Lisa Havilah, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
- Mr Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- Ms Pauline McKenzie, Executive Director, Heritage, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister tendered the following documents:

- Documents relating to disclosure of a gift, including a letter from the Hon Don Harwin MLC to The Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet attaching gift disclosure.

Mr Shoebridge left the meeting.

Ms Faehrmann joined the meeting.

The Minister withdrew at 12.00 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That government, opposition and crossbench members be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the groups equally.

The public hearing continued.

Ms Faehrmann joined the meeting at 2.17 pm.

Ms Faehrmann left the meeting at 2.49 pm.

Mr Shoebridge joined the meeting at 2.49 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.05 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.5 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing held on Friday 30 August 2019:

- Documents relating to disclosure of a gift Letter of Hon Don Harwin MLC to The Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet attaching gift disclosure.

### **3.6 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee defer its decision to whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

### **3.7 Request for documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the Treasury Secretary be invited to further consider his answers and provide further clarifying information in relation to the questions from Mr Shoebridge about the methods by which the Parliament's budget allocation is determined and the amount included in the Appropriations (Parliament) Bill, and the respective roles of NSW Treasury and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

#### 4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 6.10 pm, until 9.15 am, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Macquarie Room (*Finance and Small Business*).

Madeleine Foley/Susan Want

#### Committee Clerks

#### Minutes no. 6

Tuesday 3 September 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.17 am

#### 1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Acting Chair*

Mr Blair (*substituting for Mrs Ward from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm*)

Ms Boyd (*from 9.30 am until 10.15 am and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm*)

Mr Farlow (*substituting for Mrs Ward from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm*)

Mr Franklin

Mrs Houssos (*substituting for Ms Moriarty*)

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (*substituting for Mr Searle*)

Mr Shoebridge (*participating*) (*from 9.43 am until 10.03 am*)

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020

##### 2.1 Government questions

Resolved on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the portfolio of Finance and Small Business be examined from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, with government members reserving the right to ask questions for 20 minutes from 6.40 pm until 7.00 pm only.

##### 2.2 Allocation of questioning

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Ward: That:

- the opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally from 9.30 to 11.30 am, and 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- the opposition, crossbench and government be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the three groups equally from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

##### 2.3 Election of Deputy Chair

The Acting Chair called for nominations for a member to act as Deputy Chair for the purposes of this meeting only.

Mr Franklin moved: That Mr Franklin be elected as Acting Deputy Chair of the committee.

There being no further nomination, the Acting Chair declared Mr Franklin elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purposes of this meeting only.

##### 2.4 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Finance and Small Business

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury.

The following witness was sworn:

- Mr Stephen Brady, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW, Customer Service.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Finance and Small Business open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 11.30 am.

The public hearing continued.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 17.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That as members have no further questions for witnesses, witnesses be advised that they will not be required to attend the hearing scheduled to commence at 6.00 pm today.

### **2.5 Hearing for the portfolio of the Premier, Thursday 5 September 2019**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That, for the Portfolio Committee No. 1 examination of the Premier on Thursday 5 September 2019, the committee invite the Electoral Commissioner, the Ombudsman and the Deputy Ombudsman to appear from 2.00 pm only.

### **2.6 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Finance and Small Business until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## **3. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 6.07 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 5 September 2019, Jubilee Room (*Premier*).

Emma Rogerson/Susan Want  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes no. 7**

Thursday 5 September 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

**1. Members present**Ms Moriarty, *Chair*Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*Ms Faehrmann (*substituting for Ms Boyd from 11.00am*)Mr Farlow (*substituting for Mr Franklin*)

Mr Fanklin (from 9.15 am until 11.32 am)

Mr Martin

Mr Primrose (*participating*)

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd for remainder of hearing*)

Mrs Ward

**2. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 4 September 2019 – Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to the secretariat, requesting that Ms Amy Brown, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet, appear at the Budget Estimates hearing from 2.00pm.
- 5 September 2019 – Letter from Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, Treasury to the Chair, responding to the committee's correspondence of 30 August relating to four identified documents not provided as part of the order for papers concerning Landcom.

**3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020****3.1 Government questions**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Franklin:

That the portfolio of Premier be examined as follows:

- (a) from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with no government questions,
- (b) from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with no government questions,
- (c) from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, with the opposition, crossbench asking questions from 6.00 pm to 6.40 pm and with government questions to take place between 6.40 pm and 7.00 pm.

**3.2 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally, except for between 6.40pm and 7.00 pm when the government may ask questions.

**3.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Premier**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier was 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, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

The following witness was sworn:

- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Premier open for examination.

The Premier and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Premier withdrew at 11.32 am.

The public hearing continued.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner
- Mr Michael Barnes, NSW Ombudsman
- Mr Paul Miller, Deputy NSW Ombudsman
- Ms Amy Brown, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Mr Schmidt tendered the following document:

- NSW Electoral Commission – Workforce Strategy and Resource Plan, dated 18 February 2019

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.01 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.4 Tendered documents**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Premier hearing held on Thursday 5 September 2019:

- NSW Electoral Commission – Workforce Strategy and Resource Plan, dated 18 February 2019, tendered by Mr Schmidt.

### **3.5 Correspondence received from Mr Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury**

The committee consider correspondence received from Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, Treasury to the Chair, dated 5 September 2019 responding to the committee's correspondence of 30 August 2019 relating to four identified documents not provided as part of the order for papers concerning Landcom.

### **3.6 Request for documents**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Searle: That the Chair write to Mr Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet requesting the following documents:

- The Port of Newcastle transaction contract and all associated documents and correspondence, including the Port Commitment Deeds
- The contract and associated documents and correspondence for the Port Botany and Port Kembla transaction.

### 3.7 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Premier, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

#### 4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 6.01 pm, until 9.15 am, Tuesday 10 September 2019, Preston Stanley Room (*The Legislature*).

Rebecca Main/Stewart Smith  
**Committee Clerk**

#### Minutes no. 8

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Buttigieg (*substituting for Mr Searle*)

Mr D'Adam (*participating*)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Moselmane (*participating*)

Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd*)

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### **Received:**

- 3 September 2019 – Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, to the secretariat, requesting that Mr Simon Draper, CEO, Infrastructure NSW, appear at the Budget Estimates hearing for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

##### **Sent:**

- 3 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr David Bold and Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, advising that the committee has requested that the Electoral Commissioner, the Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman be invited to appear in the afternoon only rather than for the duration of the hearing
- 4 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

### 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020

#### 3.1 Government questions

Resolved on the motion of Mr Franklin: That no government questions be asked for the portfolio of The Legislature.

#### 3.2 Allocation of questioning

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally.

#### 3.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – The Legislature

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon John Ajaka MLC, President was 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 following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Mark Webb, Chief Executive, Department of Parliamentary Services
- Mr John Gregor, Director, Financial Services, Department of Parliamentary Services

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of The Legislature open for examination.

The President and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The President withdrew at 11.32 am.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.35 am.

The public and media withdrew.

#### 3.4 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of The Legislature, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

### 4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.36 am, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 11 September 2019, Jubilee Room (*Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney*).

Sarah Dunn  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes no. 9**

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

**1. Members present**Ms Moriarty, *Chair*Ms Boyd (*until 11.30 am*)Mrs Houssos (*substituting for Mr Searle*)Ms Jackson (*participating*)Mr Khan (*substituting for Mr Franklin*)

Mr Martin

Mrs Ward

**2. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Sent***

- 6 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Benedict Kang, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and 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.
- 6 September 2019 – Letter from the Chair to Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, requesting a number of documents.

**3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Franklin:

That the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney be examined as follows:

- (a) from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with no government questions,
- (b) from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with no government questions,
- (c) from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, with the opposition, crossbench asking questions from 6.00 pm to 6.40 pm and with government questions to take place between 6.40 pm and 7.00 pm.

**3.1 Allocation of questioning**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the opposition and crossbench be allocated 20 minutes of questioning each and any time remaining be divided between the two groups equally, except for between 6.40 pm and 7.00 pm when the government may ask questions.

**3.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Kim Curtain, A/Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, NSW Treasury
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Mr Sam Sangster, Chief Executive Officer, Western City and Aerotropolis Authority

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 11.30 am.

The public hearing continued.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.58 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### **3.3 Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### ***Received***

11 September 2019 – Letter from Mr Stephen Brady, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, to the chair, making certain corrections to evidence given at the Finance and Small Business budget estimates hearing on 3 September 2019.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Khan: That the committee authorise the publication of the letter received from Mr Stephen Brady, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, to the chair, making certain corrections to evidence given at the Finance and Small Business budget estimates hearing on 3 September 2019.

### **3.4 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## **4. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 6.04 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main/Stephen Frappell  
**Committee Clerk**

## **Minutes no. 10**

Thursday 17 October 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance  
Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.36 pm

### **1. Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward (from 1.35 pm)

## 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That draft minutes nos 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 be confirmed.

## 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### *Received*

- 12 September 2019 – Letter from Mr Michael Pratt, Secretary, Treasury, to the Chair, providing additional information in response to comments made during the Treasury hearing on Thursday 29 August 2019.
- 12 September 2019 – Letter from Mr John Nagle, CEO, icare, to the Chair, providing clarification to his evidence from the hearing for the Treasury on Thursday 29 August 2019.
- 20 September 2019 – Letter from Mr Michael Barnes, NSW Ombudsman, to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice and providing clarification to his evidence from the hearing for the Premier on Thursday 5 September 2019.
- 24 September 2019 – Letter from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, to the Chair, providing a response to the committee's request for documents in relation to the Ports of Newcastle, Botany and Kembla.

### *Sent*

- 10 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski and Mr David Bold, Office of the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 13 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Lisa Andersen, Office of the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.
- 16 September 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western, 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 2019-2020

### 4.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions

The committee noted that 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 Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, received 24 September 2019.
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, received 25 September 2019.
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Damien Tudehope MP, Minister for Finance and Small Business, received 27 September 2019.
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, received 1 October 2019.
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council, received 4 October 2019.
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, received 4 October 2019.

#### 4.2 Request for documents

The committee noted correspondence from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, in relation to the long term lease of the Ports of Newcastle, Botany and Kembla. Ms Boyd has advised that the NSW Treasury was the lead agency on these transactions and that it would be appropriate for the committee to correspond with NSW Treasury about the request for documents.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee authorise the Chair to give a notice of motion in the House to request documents relating to the long term lease of the Ports of Newcastle, Botany and Kembla under standing order 52.

#### 4.3 Letter from NSW Treasury

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the committee authorise the publication of the correspondence from Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, Treasury providing additional information regarding the NSW Parliament Budget Allocation process, received 12 September 2019.

#### 4.4 Clarifications to evidence

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin:

- That the committee authorise the publication of the following correspondence:
  - Mr John Nagle, CEO, icare, dated 12 September 2019, correcting evidence he provided to the committee on 29 August 2019
  - Mr Michael Barnes, NSW Ombudsman, dated 20 September 2019, clarifying evidence he provided to the committee on 5 September 2019.
- That the committee authorise the addition of footnotes to the evidence of Mr John Nagle, 29 August 2019 and Mr Michael Barnes, 5 September 2019 reflecting their clarification of evidence.

#### 4.5 Transcript corrections

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee authorise the addition of footnotes to the evidence of the following transcript corrections received from witnesses:

- Mr Michael Pratt's transcript of evidence for the Treasury hearing on 29 August 2019 at p 29.
- Mr Tim Reardon's transcript of evidence for the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing on 30 August 2019 at p 40
- Ms Amy Brown's transcript of evidence for the Premier hearing on 5 September 2019 at p 57
- Mr Gary Barnes's transcript of evidence for the Premier hearing on 5 September 2019 at p 61.

#### 4.6 Supplementary hearings

Mr Searle moved: That the committee hold supplementary hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios over one day:

- Treasury (Perrottet) - 5 hours, plus 1 hour for the crossbench.
- Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres) – 3 to 3.5 hours.

#### 5. Next meeting

*Sine die.*

#### 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.48 pm, *sine die*.

Jenelle Moore  
Clerk to the Committee

**Minutes no. 11**

Tuesday 29 October 2019

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.18 am

**1. Members present**Mr Moriarty, *Chair*Ms Boyd (*until 1.17 pm and from 2.30 pm to 3.13 pm*)Mr Franklin, *Acting Deputy Chair*Mr Martin (*until 1.23 pm and from 2.50 pm*)

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Mr Searle (participating) (*from 11.00 am until 11:50 am*)

Mr Secord (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mrs Ward (*until 12.50 pm and from 2.30 pm*)**2. Apologies**

Mr Borsak

**3. Previous minutes**

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

**4. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 23 October 2019 – Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, advising the Treasurer is available between 7.30 am to 8.30 am on 29 October 2019 to attend the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Treasury
- 23 October 2019 – Email from Ms Amanda Choularton, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, to the secretariat, advising that invited witnesses are unable to attend the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney on 29 October 2019
- 23 October 2019 – Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, advising the availability of witnesses for the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Treasury on 29 October 2019, and requesting that the hearing start at 10.30 am
- 23 October 2019 – Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, advising the Treasurer is unable to attend the supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Treasury on 29 October 2019.

***Sent***

- 21 October 2019 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Lisa Andersen, Office of the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, advising that there will not be a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of The Legislature
- 21 October 2019 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski and Mr David Bold, Office of Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, advising that there will not be a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Premier
- 21 October 2019 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Benedict Kang, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, advising that there will not be a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Finance and Small Business
- 21 October 2019 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Patrick Moore, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, advising that there will not be a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts

- 22 October 2019 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, requesting that a list of witnesses be invited to give evidence at a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Treasury
- 22 October 2019 - Email from the secretariat to Ms Amanda Choularton, Mr Michael Haynes and Ms Rebecca Meyer, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, requesting that a list of witnesses be invited to give evidence at a supplementary hearing for the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020

### 5.1 Allocation of questioning

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That, with no government questions, the time for questions be allocated as follows:

<i>Opposition</i>	<i>Crossbench – Ms Boyd only</i>
8 x 30 min blocks	6 x 10 min blocks

### 5.2 Election of Deputy Chair

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That Mr Franklin act as Deputy Chair for the duration of the hearing on 29 October 2019.

### 5.3 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Treasury

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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Ms Kim Curtain, Interim Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investments and Precincts
- Mr John Nagle, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, NSW Productivity Commissioner

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Treasury open for examination.

The witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following document:

- State Insurance Regulatory Authority – Claim Detail Report, tendered by Mr Mookhey.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.32 pm.

### 5.4 Tended documents – *after the hearing*

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Treasury hearing held on Tuesday 29 October 2019, with the exception of all identifying information:

- State Insurance Regulatory Authority – Claim Detail Report, tendered by Mr Mookhey.

### 5.5 Transcript redaction

The committee noted correspondence from Ms Rana Halabi, Business Partner, Ministerial & Parliamentary Support, icare, to the secretariat, dated 29 October 2019, regarding the identification of a workers compensation claim number during the hearing.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the workers compensation claim number identified during the Treasury hearing held on Tuesday 29 October 2019 be redacted from the transcript of evidence.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the correspondence from Ms Rana Halabi, Business Partner, Ministerial & Parliamentary Support, icare, to the secretariat, dated 29 October 2019, be kept confidential.

### 5.6 Further hearings

The committee noted that further hearings have been schedule for February 2020.

## 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.38 pm, *Sine die*.

Rhia Victorino  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes no. 13

Wednesday 5 February 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Room 813C, Parliament House, Sydney, at 3.55 pm

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Draft minutes

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

#### 3. \*\*\*

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – initial and supplementary hearings

##### 4.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions

The committee noted that 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 Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, received 22 November 2019
- additional answers to questions on notice from the NSW Ombudsman (in relation to their appearance at the Premier's hearing), received 9 December 2019.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – procedural resolutions – further hearings

The 2019-2020 Budget Estimates timetable for further hearings was agreed to by the House. Below is a table of Portfolio Committee No. 1 hearings:

Date	Portfolio
Tuesday 3 March 2020	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)
Thursday 5 March 2020	Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)
Monday 9 March 2020	Treasury (Perrottet)
Tuesday 10 March 2020	The Legislature (Ajaka)
Thursday 12 March 2020	Premier (Berejiklian)
Monday 16 March 2020	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres)

### 5.1 Total hearing time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That:

- the following portfolios under the same Minister be examined on the nominated hearing day from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, with the first two and a half hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, with the first three hours of the afternoon session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions, if desired,
  - Premier
  - The Treasury
  - Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
  - Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
- the portfolios of Finance and Small Business be examined from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm, and 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, with the first two hours of each session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions, if desired,
- the Legislature portfolio be examined from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, with the first three hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour reserved for Government questions, if desired,
- Ministers be invited to attend the morning session of the hearing, and that the Committee reserves the right to invite the minister back for the afternoon session, and that the Committee will advise the minister by 12.00 pm if this is required.

### 5.2 Allocation of question time

The committee noted that under the resolution establishing the Portfolio 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.

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

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee defer its consideration of whether to examine the portfolios separately to the next committee meeting.

**5.4 Witness requests**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That committee members email the Secretariat the list of witnesses requested by midday Thursday 6 February 2020.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That Parliamentary Secretaries not be invited to the hearings as a witness, unless requested by a member as per the resolution for witness requests.

**6. \*\*\*****7. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.25 pm, until 9:15 am Monday 10 February 2020, Macquarie Room, Parliament House (*Work Health and Safety Amendment (Review) Bill 2019 hearing*).

Stewart Smith/Rebecca Main

**Committee Clerk**

**Minutes no. 15**

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

**1. Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair (from 9.15 am to 10.54 am, and from 11.09 am to 11.42 am)*

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd for parts relating to Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations and Aboriginal Affairs, from 10.11 am to 10.38 am, and from 11.15 am to 11.35 am*)

Mrs Ward

Mr Secord (*participating*)

**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That draft minutes no. 12 be confirmed.

**3. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

***Received***

- 11 February 2020 - Email from Ms Lisa Anderson, Office of the President of the Legislative Council, to secretariat, confirming witnesses attendance for the PC 1 Legislature hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 Treasury hearing
- 13 February 2020 - Email from Ms Selene Hung, Parliamentary Services, Department of Treasury to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 Treasury hearing
- 13 February 2020 - Email from the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC to secretariat, advising that Mr Borsak will chair to the Budget Estimates hearing on 5 March 2020 for the Finance and Small Business portfolio
- 14 February 2020 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 Premier hearing

- 14 February 2020 - Letter from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing
- 14 February 2020 - Letter from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 Finance and Small business hearing
- 14 February 2020 - Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, confirming witness attendance for the PC 1 hearing
- 18 February 2020 - Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, confirming additional witness attendance for the PC 1 hearing
- 18 February 2020 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier to the Secretariat, confirming Premier's witnesses attendance for the PC 1 hearing
- 24 February 2020 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to secretariat, advising that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal does not fall under the Treasury portfolio

***Sent***

- 11 February 2020 – Email from the secretariat to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, witness invitation for Budget Estimates further hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Dominic Perrottet, Treasurer, witness invitation for Budget Estimates further hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister for State, Minister for Public Service & Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and Arts, witness invitation for Budget Estimates further hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Premier, witness invitation for Budget Estimates Further Hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment Tourism and Western Sydney, witness invitation for Budget Estimates Further Hearing
- 11 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon John Ajaka MLC, President, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates Further Hearing
- 20 February 2020 - Email from Secretariat to Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Premier, additional witness request - Premier Portfolio
- 21 February 2020 - Email from Secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier, reissuing the witness invitation for Dr Paterson and Ms Livingstone for the Premier's hearing
- 21 February 2020 - Email from Secretariat to Hon Don Harwin MLC, Confirmation of witnesses for the PC1 State, Public Service, Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing
- 21 February 2020 - Email from Secretariat to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Confirmation of witnesses for the PC1 Finance and Small Business hearing
- 21 February 2020 - Email from Secretariat to Hon Stuart Ayres, Confirmation of witnesses for the PC1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing
- 21 February 2020 - Email from secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier, withdrawing witness request for Dr Paterson and Ms Livingston, IPART for the Premier's hearing
- 24 February 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, witness invitation for Dr Paterson and Ms Livingstone, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

#### **4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – further hearings**

##### **4.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts were to be examined concurrently from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, with the first two and a half hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, with the first three hours of the afternoon session reserved for

questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions.

#### **4.2 Supplementary questions**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That further to the resolution of the House, members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two days, except Saturday and Sunday, of the day of the receipt of the transcript of a hearing.

#### **4.3 Timing of questions**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That during the time for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, questioning proceed in blocks of 20 minutes for the Opposition and 20 for the cross bench, with any time within a block not used by the Opposition or cross bench, able to be utilised by the other.

#### **4.4 Public hearing: Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Don Harwin MLC, Ministers and senior public servants attend an annual Budget Estimates inquiry to answer questions about the expenditure, performance and effectiveness of their agencies. was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Lisa Havilah, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
- Ms Maud Page, Deputy Director and Director of Collections, Art Gallery of NSW.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Kya Blondin, A/Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
- Ms Nicole Courtman, Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
- Ms Lil Gordon, A/Head of Aboriginal Affairs
- Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of NSW
- Mr Scott Johnston, A/Public Service Commissioner.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Shoebridge tendered the following document:

- Historical picture of the flooded Parramatta River.

The Chair noted that the following witnesses had requested to be released from the hearing and excused them from attending for the remainder of the day:

- Ms Maud Page, Deputy Director and Director of Collections, Art Gallery of NSW
- Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of NSW.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the Minister return for the hearing resuming at 2.00 pm.

#### 4.5 Tended documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing held on Tuesday 3 March 2020:

- Historical picture of the flooded Parramatta River, tendered by Mr Shoebridge.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.30 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 5 March 2020, Macquarie Room, Budget Estimates hearing (*Finance and Small Business*).

Merrin Thompson/Susan Want/Stewart Smith  
Committee Clerk

#### Minutes no. 16

Thursday 5 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

#### 1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *A/Chair*

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (*substituting for Mr Searle*)

Mr Shoebridge (*Substitution for Ms Boyd, from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm*)

Mrs Ward

Ms Jackson (*participating*)

#### 2. Apologies

Ms Moriarty

#### 3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – further hearings

##### 3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolios of Finance and Small Business were to be examined concurrently from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, with the first two hours of each session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions.

##### 3.2 Public hearing: Finance and Small Business

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury

- Mr Stephen Brady, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue - Revenue NSW, Customer Service.

The following witness was sworn:

- Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue - Revenue NSW, Customer Service.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance and Small Business open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister and Mr Pratt withdrew at 12.00 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.33 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### 4. **Deliberative meeting**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the committee defer consideration of the request from Minister Ayres to reschedule the hearing for the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney scheduled for 16 March, until the deliberative meeting prior to the hearing for the Treasury portfolio on Monday 9 March 2020.

#### 5. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 3.40 pm, until 9.15 am, Monday 9 March 2020, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing (*Treasury*).

Tina Higgins/Beverly Duffy

**Committee Clerk**

#### **Minutes no. 17**

Monday 9 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

#### 1. **Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair (until 12.05 pm)*

Ms Boyd, *A/Deputy Chair*

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin (*from 9.30 am to 11.00 am*)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones (*substituting for Mr Martin, from 11.25 am*)

Mr Secord (*substituting for Mr Searle*)

Mrs Ward (*until 12.05 pm, from 2.13 pm*)

Mr Buttigieg (*substituting for Mr Searle, until 9.30 am*)

Mr Graham (*participating from 10.41 am to 11.10 am, and from 2.00 pm to 2.09 pm*)

Mrs Houssos (*participating from 9.30 am to 2.56 pm*)

Mr Latham (*participating until 4.16 pm*)

Mr Mookhey (*participating from 10.04 am to 10.41 am, and from 2.25 pm until 4.20 pm*)

Mr Searle (*participating from 4.09 pm*)

Mr Shoebridge (*participating from 10.14 am to 10.52 am, from 2.03 pm to 2.31 pm, and from 2.46 pm to 4.00 pm, from 4.20 pm*)

**2. Apologies**

Mr Borsak

**3. Election of Deputy Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Mr Franklin moved: That Ms Boyd be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of this meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Ms Boyd elected Acting Deputy Chair.

**4. Consideration of terms of reference**

The Chair tabled a letter from three committee members, Mr Franklin, Mr Martin and Mrs Ward, proposing the following self-reference:

**Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature**

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance inquire into and report on the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2019 – 2020 relating to the portfolios of:
  - (k) Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and
  - (b) The Legislature.
2. That for the purposes of the Inquiry:
  - (a) the committee conduct one hearing for the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney portfolios on Tuesday 10 March 2020 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm with the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm with departmental witnesses only,
  - (b) the committee conduct one hearing for the Legislature portfolio on Monday 16 March 2020 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm,
  - (c) the committee must hear evidence in public,
  - (d) the committee may ask for explanations from the Minister, officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
  - (e) witnesses, including the Minister, may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions,
  - (f) members of the Legislative Council may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two days, except Saturday and Sunday, of the day of receipt of the transcript of the hearing,
  - (g) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members, and
  - (h) the committee tables its final report by 30 June 2020.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That the committee adopt the terms of reference as amended.

## **5. Conduct of the inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature**

### **5.1 Hearing dates**

The committee noted that:

- one hearing will be conducted for the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney portfolios on Tuesday 10 March 2020 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm with the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm with departmental witnesses only,
- one hearing will be conducted for the Legislature portfolio on Monday 16 March 2020 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

## **6. Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – Further hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Ward: That the committee does not take evidence from:

- President John Ajaka MLC, the President of Legislative Council, on Tuesday 10 March 2020, and
- Minister Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney on Tuesday 16 March 2020.

## **7. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – further hearings**

### **7.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolio of Treasury was to be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, with the first two and a half hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, with the first three hours of the afternoon session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions.

### **7.2 Public hearing: Treasury**

Minister, departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

Treasurer Perrottet MP was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Ms Kim Curtain, Deputy Secretary, Jobs, Investment and Tourism, NSW Treasury
- Mr Peter Achterstraat, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
- Mr John Nagle, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Treasury open for examination.

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Treasurer withdrew at 12.05 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.00 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## 8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.01 pm, until 9.15 am, Tuesday 10 March 2020, Preston-Stanley Room, Budget Estimates hearing (*Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney*).

Emma Rogerson  
Committee Clerk

## Minutes no. 18

Tuesday 10 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Preson-Stanley Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

### 1. Members present

Mr Moselmane, *A/ Chair (substituting for Ms Moriarty)*

Mr Donnelly, *A/ Deputy Chair (substituting for Mr Searle)*

Ms Faerhmann (*substituting for Ms Boyd, from 9.30 am to 10.16 am*)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin (*from 2.00 pm to 2.20 pm, and from 3.02 pm to 4.06 pm*)

Mrs Ward (*until 3.05 pm*)

Mr Buttigieg (*participating from 3.19 pm*)

Mr Field (*participating from 8.58 am to 10.55 am*)

Mr Searle (*participating until 12.12 pm*)

### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak

### 3. Election of Acting Chair

The Committee Clerk called for nominations for the Chair.

Mr Franklin moved: That Mr Moselmane be elected Acting Chair of the committee for the purpose of this meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Clerk declared Mr Moselmane elected Acting Chair.

### 4. Election of Deputy Chair

Mr Moselmane (*elected Acting Chair*) took the Chair.

The Acting Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Mr Franklin moved: That Mr Donnelly be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of this meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Acting Chair declared Mr Donnelly elected Acting Deputy Chair.

## **5. Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and The Legislature**

### **5.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney were to be examined concurrently from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, with the first two and a half hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, and from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, with the first three hours of the afternoon session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of each session reserved for Government questions.

### **5.2 Public hearing: Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney**

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Ms Kim Curtain, Deputy Secretary, Jobs, Investment and Tourism, NSW Treasury
- Mr Sam Sangster, Chief Executive Officer, Western City and Aerotropolis Authority
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The following witness was sworn:

- Mr Stephen Mahoney, A/Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 12.12 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.06 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.06 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 12 March 2020, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing (*Premier*).

Stewart Smith/Merrin Thompson  
**Committee Clerk**

**Minutes no. 19**

Thursday 12 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

**1. Members present**Mr Borsak, *Acting Chair*Mr Primrose, *A/Deputy Chair (substituting for Ms Moriarty)*Mr Amato (*from 2.00 pm to 3.07 pm*)

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin (*from 9.19 am*)Mr Martin (*until 12.33 pm*)

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward

Mr Graham (*participating from 3.03 pm to 3.19 pm*)Ms Sharpe (*participating from 9.29 am*)Mr Shoebridge (*participating from 9.28 am to 11.05 am, and from 2.50 pm to 3.13 pm*)**2. Election of Deputy Chair**

The Acting Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Mr Searle moved: That Mr Primrose be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of this meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Acting Chair declared Mr Primrose elected Acting Deputy Chair.

**3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 – further hearings****3.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

Resolved on the motion of Mr Searle: That the portfolio of the Premier is to be examined as follows:

- from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm with the first three hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench, a short break be taken from 11.05 am to 11.15 am, and the last half hour of the session reserved for Government questions
- from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm, with the first three hours of the afternoon session reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour of this session reserved for Government question
- the timing of questioning be split between the Opposition and cross bench in 20 minute sessions.

**3.2 Public hearing: Premier**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, was 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 the following witnesses that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Premier open for examination.

The Premier and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Premier withdrew at 12.33 pm.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Searle, that the resolution establishing the inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019/2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature be amended by:

1. Omitting 1(a) and 1(b) and inserting instead:  
“(a) Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney,  
(b) The Legislature, and  
(c) The Premier.”
2. In paragraph 2(b), omit “1.00 pm” and insert instead “11.30 am”
3. After 2(b), insert “the committee conduct one hearing with the NSW Electoral Commissioner on Monday 16 March 2020 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm”.

The public hearing resumed.

An additional witness was admitted.

The chair reminded the following witness that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Ms Amy Brown, Deputy Secretary of Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Committee continued to examine the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Premier.

The public hearing concluded at 3.35 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

#### 4. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 3.35 pm, until 9.15 am, Monday 16 March 2020, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing (*The Legislature*).

Jenelle Moore/Susan Want  
**Committee Clerk**

#### **Minutes no. 20**

Monday 16 March 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance  
Jubilee, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

#### 1. **Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*  
Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair (from 10.50 am)*  
Mr Buttigieg (*substituting for Mr Searle*)  
Mr Franklin  
Mr Martin  
Mrs Ward  
Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd*)  
Mr Moselmane (*participating*)

Mr Searle (*participating*)

## 2. Correspondence

Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### ***Received***

- 3 March 2020 – Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier to secretariat, requesting Amy Brown as an additional witness for the PC1 Premier hearing
- 4 March 2020 – Letter from Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney to secretariat, requesting a swap or reschedule for the Minister's appearance
- 9 March 2020 – Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to secretariat, requesting that Mr Tim Reardon and Ms Amy Brown be excused at 3.45pm for the Premier's hearing on 12 March 2020
- 9 March 2020 – Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Office of Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney to secretariat, confirming Minister Ayres and witnesses will attend the hearing on 10 March 2020
- 9 March 2020 – Email from Ms Cathy Ciano, Senior Executive Assistance, NSW Ombudsman, to secretariat, requesting for two additional witnesses to appear alongside NSW Ombudsman at the Premier hearing
- 11 March 2020 – Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to secretariat, advising that Mr Schmidt is unwell and will not be attending the PC1 Premier hearing on 12 March 2020
- 11 March 2020 – Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, to secretariat, advising that Mr Schmidt would be available to attend the Legislature hearing on 16 March 2020.

### ***Sent***

- 5 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier, confirming witness appearance for Amy Brown for the PC1 hearing on 12 March 2020
- 9 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, advising the new hearing on 10 Tuesday 2020 has been agreed by the committee
- 9 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Mr Patrick Moore, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 10 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Ms Cathy Ciano, NSW Ombudsman, advising that the two additional NSW Ombudsman attendees had been agreed to by the committee for the Premier hearing on 12 March 2020
- 12 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Ms Cathy Ciano, NSW Ombudsman, advising that the attendance of the Office of the Ombudsman no longer required for hearing on 12 March 2020
- 12 March 2020 – Email from secretariat to Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, inviting Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner to appear at the conclusion of the Legislature hearing.

## 3. Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and The Legislature

### 3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that according to the resolution establishing the Inquiry that:

- the portfolio of The Legislature is to be examined from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with the first three hours reserved for questioning by the Opposition and cross bench and the last half an hour reserved for Government questions, and

- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner is to be examined from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

### **3.2 Public hearing**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, was 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 following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Mark Webb, Chief Executive, Department of Parliamentary Services.

The President and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the President and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, was sworn and examined.

The evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.02 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

## **4. Adjournment**

*Sine die.*

Stewart Smith  
**Committee Clerk**

### **Draft minutes no. 22**

Monday 18 May 2020

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance  
via Webex, at 2.01 pm

#### **1. Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*  
Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Boyd  
Mr Franklin  
Mr Martin  
Mr Searle  
Mrs Ward

#### **2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That draft minutes nos 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### ***Received:***

- 3 March 2020 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier to secretariat, requesting Ms Amy Brown be invited as an additional witness for the hearing for the Premier
- 4 March 2020 - Letter from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney to secretariat, requesting to reschedule the further hearing date allocated to examine his responsible portfolios due to a Community Cabinet event
- 9 March 2020 - Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to secretariat, requesting that Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary and Ms Amy Brown, Deputy Secretary from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, be excused from 3.45 pm at the hearing for the Premier portfolio
- 9 March 2020 - Email from Ms Cathy Ciano, Senior Executive Assistance, NSW Ombudsman, to secretariat, requesting Mr Paul Miller, Deputy Ombudsman, Reviews, Investigations and Community Services Division, and Ms Ainslee Scott, Director, Corporate Services, from NSW Ombudsman, be invited to accompany the Ombudsman to appear at the hearing for the Premier portfolio
- 11 March 2020 - Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to secretariat, advising that Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral commissioner, is unwell and will not be attending the hearing on 12 March 2020
- 11 March 2020 - Email from Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet to secretariat, advising that Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral commissioner, would be available to attend the hearing for the Legislature portfolio if required
- 24 March 2020 - Letter from Mr Cullen Smyth, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue to Acting Deputy Chair, clarifying evidence given during the hearing for Finance and Small Business portfolios
- 25 March 2020 - Email from Mr Patrick Moore, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, and Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts to secretariat, requesting for an extension to provide post hearing responses
- 30 March 2020 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer to secretariat, requesting for an extension to provide post hearing responses
- 14 April 2020 – Email from Mr Matt Richards, A/Executive Director, Legal, Office of General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, requesting for a further extension of three weeks to provide post hearing responses due to the resignation of Special Minister of the State and Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts.
- 5 May 2020 – Letter from Ms Kya Blondin, Executive Director, People and Government, Sydney Opera House to the committee, clarifying evidence given during the hearing for Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
- 11 May 2020 – Email from Mr Greg Cameron, noting an answer to a supplementary question provided by the Treasurer.

#### ***Sent:***

- 9 March 2020 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Patrick Moore, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of Hon. Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 13 March 2020 - Email - from secretariat to Mr Richard Egan, Strategy and Research Advisor, Office of the Minister for Finance and Small Business, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 17 March 2020 - Email from secretariat to Mr Adam Foda, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer of NSW, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 18 March 2020 - Email from secretariat to Ms Rebecca Meyer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions

- 19 March 2020 - Email from secretariat to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Parliamentary Adviser, Office of the Premier, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted
- 23 March 2020 - Email from secretariat to Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet, attaching transcript of evidence for NSW Electoral Commissioner
- 23 March 2020 - Email from secretariat to Mr Tom Anderson, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Legislative Council, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions.

#### **4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020**

##### **4.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions**

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

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, received 3 April 2020
- answers to questions on notice from the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, received 9 April 2020
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, received 22 April 2020
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and Arts from the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, received 5 May 2020.

##### **4.2 Extension for the return of post-hearing responses**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee:

- grant a two week extension to the due date for the return of answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for witnesses appearing at the hearing for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs to Tuesday 14 April 2020, and
- upon their request, grant up to a two week extension for the return to answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions to any other departments who appeared before Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance for its inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-20 further hearings.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee:

- grant a further three week extension to the due date for the return of answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions for witnesses appearing at the hearing for the portfolios of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs to Tuesday 5 May 2020.

##### **4.3 Publication of correspondence clarifying evidence**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Ward: That the committee publish the following correspondence clarifying evidence given during the Budget Estimates further hearings:

- Correspondence from Mr Cullen Smythe, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, received on 3 April 2020, and
- Correspondence from Ms Kya Blondin, Executive Director, People and Government, Sydney Opera House, received on 5 May 2020.

##### **4.4 Consideration of Chair's draft report**

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2019-2020*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Borsak: That:

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

The transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, 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, 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;

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

That the report be tabled on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

## **5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature**

### **5.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions**

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

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, received 8 April 2020
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, received 13 April 2020.

### **5.2 Consideration of Chair's draft report**

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2019-2020 relating to the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney and the Legislature*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That:

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

The transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, 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, 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;

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

That the report be tabled on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 2.06 pm, *sine die*.

Shu-fang Wei  
Committee Clerk