



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE HIGH LEVEL OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF DEATHS IN CUSTODY

#### **Inquiry into the high level of First Nations people in custody and oversight and review of deaths in custody**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on First Nations people in custody in New South Wales, and in particular
  - (a) the unacceptably high level of First Nations people in custody in New South Wales,
  - (b) the suitability of the oversight bodies tasked with inquiries into deaths in custody in New South Wales, with reference to the Inspector of Custodial Services, the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Corrective Services professional standards, the NSW Coroner and any other oversight body that could undertake such oversight,
  - (c) the oversight functions performed by various State bodies in relation to reviewing all deaths in custody, any overlaps in the functions and the funding of those bodies,
  - (d) how those functions should be undertaken and what structures are appropriate, and
  - (e) any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by 15 April 2021.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Committee membership**

<b>Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>	The Greens	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>Hon Trevor Khan MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>Hon Rod Roberts MLC</b>	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	
<b>Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Hon Natalie Ward MLC</b>	Liberal Party	

<sup>1</sup> The original reporting date was by the final working day in March 2021 (*Minutes*, Legislative Council, 17 June 2020, pp 1057- 1059). The reporting date was later extended to 15 April 2021 (*Minutes*, Legislative Council, 17 February 2021, p 1915).