



Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Public Accountability Committee inquire into and report on the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs, and in particular:
 - (a) the range and availability of funding programs, including but not limited to:
 - (i) discretionary grants funds such as the Premier's Discretionary Fund and the Deputy Premier's Miscellaneous Grants
 - (ii) local government funding such as the Stronger Communities Fund and Stronger Country Communities Fund,
 - (iii) arts funding such as the Regional Cultural Fund,
 - (iv) sports funding such as the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund and the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund,
 - (v) Jobs for NSW funding, including the review into Jobs for NSW,
 - (b) the manner in which grants are determined, including:
 - (i) the oversight of funding determinations,
 - (ii) the transparency of decision making under grants schemes,
 - (iii) the independence of the assessment of projects,
 - (iv) the role of Members of Parliament in proposing projects for funding,
 - (v) the scope of Ministers' discretion in determining which projects are approved,
 - (c) measures necessary to ensure the integrity of grants schemes and public confidence in the allocation of public money, and
 - (d) any other related matter.
2. That the committee table a first report by 31 March 2021 and a final report by 28 February 2022.¹

¹ The original final reporting date was 31 March 2021 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 4 August 2020, pp 1113-1114). The reporting date was later extended to 29 July 2021 with a first report to be tabled by 31 March 2021 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 February 2021, p 1908). On 26 April 2021 the reporting date was extended to 12 August 2021 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 March 2021, p 2095). On 5 July 2021, the reporting date was extended to 29 October 2021 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 12 October 2021, p 2423). On 19 October 2021, the reporting date was extended to 28 February 2022 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 19 October 2021, p 2518).

Committee membership

Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Lou Amato MLC*	Liberal Party	
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Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party	
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Hon Peter Poulos MLC***	Liberal Party	

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** The Hon Scott Farlow MLC replaced the Hon Natalie Ward MLC as a committee member on 16 June 2021.

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