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Terms of reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2020-2021 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That, further to the resolution of the House of 11 November 2020 adopting the 2021 sitting calendar¹, the 2020-2021 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Thursday 25 February 2021

PC 6 Transport and Roads

PC 1 Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts

Day Two: Friday 26 February 2021

PC 4 Deputy Premier, Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade

PC 5 Families, Communities and Disability Services

Day Three: Monday 1 March 2021

PC 3 Tertiary Education and Skills

PC 4 Water, Property and Housing

PC 1 The Legislature

Day Four: Tuesday 2 March 2021

PC 5 Attorney General and Prevention of Domestic Violence

PC 7 Energy and Environment

Day Five: Wednesday 3 March 2021

PC 3 Education and Early Childhood Learning

PC 4 Agriculture and Western New South Wales

Day Six: Thursday 4 March 2021

PC 2 Health and Medical Research

PC 1 Premier

Day Seven: Friday 5 March 2021

PC 5 Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

PC 6 Better Regulation and Innovation

Day Eight: Monday 8 March 2021

PC 1 Treasury

PC 6 Customer Service

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, p 1563.

Day Nine: Tuesday 9 March 2021

PC 5 Counter Terrorism and Corrections
 PC 7 Planning and Public Spaces

Day Ten: Wednesday 10 March 2021

PC 1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
 PC 6 Regional Transport and Roads

Day Eleven: Thursday 11 March 2021

PC 7 Local Government
 PC 2 Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

Day Twelve: Friday 12 March 2021

PC 5 Police and Emergency Services
 PC 1 Finance and Small Business

3. That for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2020-2021:
- (a) each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin at 9.30 am and conclude by 8.30 pm,
 - (b) the committees must hear evidence in public,
 - (c) 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,
 - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions,
 - (e) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days, following a hearing, and
 - (f) 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.
4. That the committees present a final report to the House by 30 June 2021.

The terms of reference were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on Wednesday 18 November 2020.²

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 18 November 2020, pp 1693-1695.

Committee details

Committee members

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

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Catherine Cusack	Liberal Party
The Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals
Mr Justin Field MLC	Independent
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens
The Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Rose Jackson MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Mark Latham MLC	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021. 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.

Budget Estimates 2020-2021

- 1.1 The Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 ('the Inquiry') was referred to the portfolio committees for inquiry and report on 11 November 2020 by the Legislative Council.³ The budget estimates resolution establishing the Inquiry, which sets out the rules for the Inquiry, is reproduced on page iv and v.
- 1.2 The resolution authorised the committees to conduct one round of initial hearings, from 9.30 am to 8.30 pm, to examine all portfolios for each minister.⁴
- 1.3 In previous estimates inquiries, three rounds of hearings (initial, supplementary and further) were conducted and portfolios under the same minister were examined for six hours duration per hearing. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, hearings were delayed this year with no provision for supplementary or further hearings.
- 1.4 The budget estimates resolution stated that the committee could seek explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.⁵ Each committee was free to determine the time and allocation of questions for each hearing within the parameters set by the resolution.
- 1.5 Initial hearings were held over 12 days from 25 February to 26 February 2021, 1 March to 5 March 2021, and 8 March to 12 March 2021.⁶

Hearings

- 1.6 The committee held six public hearings as follows:
 - Thursday 25 February 2021 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
 - Monday 1 March 2021 – The Legislature

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, pp 1563.

⁴ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, pp 1563.

⁵ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 18 November 2020, pp 1681-1683.

⁶ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, p 1563.

- Thursday 4 March 2021 – Premier
- Monday 8 March 2021 – Treasury
- Wednesday 10 March 2021 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
- Friday 12 March 2021 – Finance and Small Business

Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.7 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/budget-estimates.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

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

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts was held on Thursday 25 February 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Aboriginal heritage impact permits and the destruction of Aboriginal cultural heritage
- The Powerhouse Museum redevelopment project, including on site accommodation, Willow Grove House, the status of the Riverside Theatre and walkway redevelopment
- Aboriginal land claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*
- Progress of the Sydney Modern project
- Public sector staffing issues including efficiency dividends, workforce reductions, bullying, inclusion and diversity targets, retention rates of First Nations peoples, the gender pay gap and working from home
- Regional Arts NSW funding
- Sydney Opera House Revenue
- Domestic Violence leave
- Funding support to regional museums
- Termination of Mr Rodd Staples' employment contract as Secretary of Transport NSW
- Appointments to the Industrial Relations Commission
- Proposed raising of the Warragamba Dam wall.

The Legislature

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Monday 1 March 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Rates of pay for members' staff
- Enhancements to committee hearing rooms
- Policies around reporting of critical staffing incidents and other workplace issues such as bullying and sexual harassment
- Disability access in Parliament House
- Hansard and Committee Office staffing levels
- Progress of e-petitions and electronic returns to order projects

- Traffic safety issues around the parliamentary precinct.

Premier

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Premier was held on Thursday 4 March 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Funding for the ICAC
- Close personal relationship with Mr Daryl Maguire and Operation Keppel, the ICAC investigation into the former member
- Overseas travel by Mr Maguire representing the NSW Government
- Mr Maguire's knowledge of Cobb Highway upgrade
- Developer knowledge of the Outer Sydney Orbital route prior to public announcement
- Approval of grants under the Stronger Communities Fund Tied Grant Round
- Approval of grant for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music, Wagga Wagga
- Time delays and costs involved with raising the Wyangala Dam wall and building a new Dungowan dam.

Treasury

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury was held on Monday 8 March 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Financial performance of icare
- Underpayment of injured workers arising from incorrect Pre Injury Average Weekly Earnings calculations – progress of icare's remediation project
- Public land sales in New South Wales since 2011
- Diversity and inclusion and Treasury's commitment to reconciliation
- Working from home arrangements, flexibility and productivity
- Rising house prices in Sydney and regional New South Wales
- Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and economic modelling undertaken by Aurora
- Pre-existing contamination liabilities and decommissioning of coal-fired power stations
- Funding for the Dungowan, Wyangala and Mole River dams
- Funding reserved from the Regional Communities Development Fund for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music, Wagga Wagga
- Renegotiating the Federal-State financial arrangement
- Proposal for a new property tax in lieu of stamp duty – analysis of impact on income inequality and impact on intergenerational farmers

- Whether icare is inappropriately using office space rented by the labour hire firm, *Comensura Australia*
- Impact on jobs in the Illawarra following the Independent Planning Commission's decision regarding the proposed expansion of the Dendrobium coal mine
- Impact of the Government's net zero 2050 policy on jobs
- Future status of the Return to Work program, introduced as part of the COVID-19 stimulus package
- Impending end to the JobKeeper payment and its implications for unemployed persons in NSW
- Efforts to assist the international education sector in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- The progress of Project Remediate - NSW Government program to remove flammable cladding from high-risk buildings.

Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney was held on Wednesday 10 March 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Residential property acquisition and location of new train stations and alignment for the Greater Western Sydney metro rail, in particular at Orchard Hills and Luddenham
- Penrith City Council developer contribution plans
- Celestino Sydney Science Park
- Re-zoning areas around the Western Sydney Aerotropolis
- Raising of the Warragamba Dam wall and the delays around the final Environmental Impact Statement
- Support for the tourism industry with JobKeeper payments ending on 28 March 2021
- Sydney 24 hour night-time economy strategy and financial support to music and entertainment businesses in light of JobKeeper payments ending on 28 March 2021
- Jobs and employment in Western Sydney
- Urban heat affect in Western Sydney
- Pay grade of Senior Ministers
- Creation of Investment NSW
- Transfer of Destination NSW, Western Parkland City Authority and Jobs, Investment and Tourism to Investment NSW
- Dine & Discover Vouchers
- Destination NSW and Newcastle

- Western Sydney Aerotropolis
- Auditor General's report on Destination NSW
- Bidding for events by Destination NSW
- Border openings during COVID
- Acquisition of open space land in Western Sydney Parklands
- World Surf events
- Staffing at Western Parkland City Authority
- 2021 ski season

Finance and Small Business

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Small Business was held on Friday 12 March 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Increase in the number of SES positions
- Promotion of Ministers to Senior Ministers within Cabinet
- Establishment of Investment NSW by the NSW Premier
- Projected revenue target for collection of fines in the current financial year
- Small business grants to bushfire-affected businesses and special disaster relief loans
- Stamp duty waiver program
- Payroll tax exemptions for eligible NSW businesses
- Deferral of fines for people experiencing hardship
- Business relief package for COVID-affected businesses
- COVID land tax relief for landlords
- Recovery of incorrectly paid grants by State Debt Recovery Office
- Statutory review of Office of Small Business Commissioner
- Policy consideration of voluntary binding arbitration for dispute resolution (small businesses)
- Project toll revenue from WestConnex concession
- The Broken Hill to Wentworth water pipeline
- Businesses affected by the Parramatta Light Rail project.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts – Thursday 25 February 2021

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 Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Lisa Havilah	Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
Ms Louise Herron	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
Ms Nicole Courtman	Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
Ms Lilian Gordon	Head, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Dr Michael Brand	Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales
Ms Kathrina Lo	NSW Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission
Mr Charlie Heuston	Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Chris Keely	Executive Director, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet

The Legislature – Monday 1 March 2021

Name	Position and Organisation
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

Premier – Thursday 4 March 2021

Name	Position and Organisation
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
Ms Sarah Cruickshank	Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM	Commissioner, Resilience NSW
Ms Elizabeth Mildwater	Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission
Mr John Schmidt	NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
Ms Margaret Crawford	Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
Mr Ian Goodwin	Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General

Treasury – Monday 8 March 2021

Name	Position and Organisation
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 AM	NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
Mr Richard Harding	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare

Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney – Wednesday 10 March 2021

Name	Position and Organisation
Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
Ms Kim Curtain	Deputy Secretary, Jobs, Investment & Tourism, NSW Treasury
Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Mr Steve Cox	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Ms Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority

Finance and Small Business – Friday 12 March 2021

Name	Position and Organisation
Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance and Small Business
Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Mr Scott Johnston	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
Mr Cullen Smythe	Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
Mr Chris Lamont	Small Business Commissioner

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 25

Wednesday 3 February 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney at 10.19 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd (*for Budget Estimates*) (from 10.19 am to 10.30 am)

Mr Franklin (from 11.00 am)

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mr Shoebridge (from 11.00 am)

Mrs Ward

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak

Mr Franklin (for consideration of Budget Estimates 2020-2021 resolutions)

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That draft minutes no. 24 be confirmed.

4. ***

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted the Budget Estimates timetable for 2020-2021 agreed to by the House, with hearings commencing at 9.30 am and concluding by 8.30 pm, for Portfolio Committee No. 1:

Date	Portfolio
Thursday 25 February 2021	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)
Monday 1 March 2021	The Legislature (Ajaka)
Thursday 4 March 2021	Premier (Berejiklian)
Monday 8 March 2021	Treasury (Perrottet)
Wednesday 10 March 2021	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres)
Friday 12 March 2021	Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)

5.1 Allocation to question time and total hearing time

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That, with no government questions being asked:

- the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts portfolios be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.
- the Legislature portfolio be examined from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.

- the Premier portfolio be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.
- the Treasury portfolio be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.
- the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney portfolios be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.
- the Finance and Small Business portfolios be examined from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That:

- the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary appear from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm
- departmental staff appear from 9.30 am until 5.15 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That for the portfolio of the Legislature the President and departmental staff appear from 9.30 am until 11.45 am.

5.2 Witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That:

- the list of witnesses suggested by the Opposition be circulated to the committee for comment
- the committee provide witness requests to the secretariat by 12 pm, Thursday 4 February 2021.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That the committee invite the following parliamentary secretaries to appear as a witness at the hearings:

- Hon Scott Farlow MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
- Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts
- Mr Geoff Provest MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism and Major Events
- Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
- Mr Ray Williams MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Western Sydney.

6. ***

7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.59 pm, until *sine die*.

Sam Griffith

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes no. 26

Thursday 25 February 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.17 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mrs Ward

Mr Franklin

Mr Fang (substituting for Mr Martin)

Mr Secord (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Boyd, from 9.30 am)

Ms Faehrmann (participating from 9.30 am until 9.43 am, and from 11.39 am until 3.18 pm)

Mrs Houssos (participating from 9.28 am)
Mr Mookhey (participating from 2.30 pm)
Mr Searle (participating from 4.44 pm)

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That draft minutes no. 25 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 29 January 2021 - Email from Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip to secretariat, advising of Government substitutions for Budget Estimates 2020-2021 initial meetings
- 11 February 2021 - Email from Ms Rachel McCallum, Executive Director, Funding, Disclosure & Compliance and General Counsel, NSW Electoral Commission to secretariat, confirming attendance of Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner for the Premier's hearing on 4 March 2021
- 12 February 2021 - Email from Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip to secretariat, advising of Government substitutions and participating members for Budget Estimates 2020-2021 initial hearings
- 15 February 2021 - Email from Hon Mark Latham MLC to secretariat, advising he will be a participating member for the Treasury hearing on 8 March 2021
- 15 February 2021 - Email from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC to secretariat, advising of Greens Crossbench substitutions and participating members for Budget Estimates 2020-2021 initial hearings
- 16 February 2021 - Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Office of Minister Ayres to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 10 March 2021
- 16 February 2021 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Minister Tudehope to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Finance and Small Business hearing on 12 March 2021
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of Minister Perrottet to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Treasury hearing on 8 March 2021
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Mr Tom Anderson, Office of President Ajaka to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Legislature hearing on 1 March 2020
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Ms Vanessa Gill, Office of the NSW Auditor General to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Premier's hearing on 4 March 2021
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Mr Jack Pinczewski, Office of Minister Harwin to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing on 25 February 2021
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Mr Jack Pinczewski, Office of Minister Harwin to secretariat, advising of position title change for witness attending the hearing on 25 February 2021
- 17 February 2021 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier to secretariat, confirming witness attendance for the Premier's hearing on 4 March 2021
- 18 February 2021 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of Minister Perrottet to secretariat, updating confirmed witness attendance for the Treasury hearing on 8 March 2021
- 19 February 2021 – Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of Hon Mark Latham MLC to secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will be a participating member via Webex for the Premier hearing on 4 March 2021.

Sent

- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 - 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 - 2021 initial hearings

- 8 February 2021 – Email from secretariat to Hon John Ajaka MLC, President, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 – 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 - 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 – 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 – Email from secretariat to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 – 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, attaching invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 – 2021 initial hearings
- 8 February 2021 - Email from secretariat to Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor General NSW, attaching invitation for Budget Estimates 2020 – 2021 initial hearings.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial 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 be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

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

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

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, 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 Lisa Havilah, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
- Ms Louise Herron, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
- Ms Nicole Courtman, Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
- Ms Lil Gordon, Head, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Ms Kathrina Lo, NSW Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission
- Mr Charlie Heuston, Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Chris Keely, Executive Director, Create NSW, 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, Ms Herron and Dr Brand withdrew at 12.35 pm.

The public hearing continued.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following documents:

- Document 1 – Secretary Performance Agreement
- Document 2 – Email from Rodd Staples to Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet dated 17 November 2020 (Marked A)
- Document 3 – Letter from Mr Tim Reardon to Mr Rodd Staples dated 17 November 2020 regarding termination of employment
- Document 4 – Letter from Mr Tim Reardon to Mr Rodd Staples dated 17 November 2020 regarding intention to terminate employment (Marked C)
- Document 5 – Calendar entry – 20/8/2020 – Premier/Rodd Staples 2019/20 Performance period and look ahead for 2020/21 (Marked D)
- Document 6 - Calendar entry – 20/8/2020 – Rod/Tim catchup – 11 November 2020 (Marked E)

Mr Searle tendered the following documents:

- Document 1 – Briefing for the Minister – Warragamba Dam Wall and EIS Issues (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment)
- Document 2 – Briefing for the Minister – Warragamba Dam Wall and EIS Issues (Heritage NSW comments on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment)

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.12 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 5.20 pm, until 9.15 am, Monday 1 March 2021, Preston Stanley Room, Budget Estimates hearing — The Legislature.

Sharon Ohnesorge and Beverly Duffy

Committee Clerks

Minutes no. 27

Monday 1 March 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

1. **Members present**

Mr Borsak, *A/Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Buttigieg (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Primrose (substituting for Ms Moriarty)

Mrs Ward

2. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial hearings**

2.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the session.

2.2 Public hearing: The Legislature

The President, departmental 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.

President John Ajaka MLC was admitted.

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 evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.38 am.

The public and media withdrew.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.38 am, until 9.15 am, Thursday 4 March 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing — Premier.

Sharon Ohnesorge
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 28

Thursday 4 March 2021

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 Boyd (until 10.54 am, from 11.37 am until 3.30 pm)

Mr Khan (substituting for Mr Franklin)

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward

Ms Faehrmann (participating from 11.08 am until 12.11 pm)

Mr Latham (participating via Webex from 9.23 am until 5.11 pm)

Mr Graham (participating until 5.11 pm)

Mr Mookhey (participating from 2.00 pm until 2.30 pm)

Mr Shoebridge (participating until 11.38 am)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 26 February 2021 - Email from Mr Geoff Provest MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism and Major Events, to the secretariat, advising he is unable to attend the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 10 March 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolio of the Premier be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

3.2 Public hearing: Premier

The Premier, departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, was admitted.

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

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
- Ms Amy Brown, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Sarah Cruickshank, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, Commissioner, Resilience NSW
- Ms Elizabeth Mildwater, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission.

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

The Premier and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Graham tendered the following documents:

- Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and Hon Dominic Perrottet MP to Deputy Premier regarding funding for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music
- Office of the Premier document regarding approval of funding for the metro local councils from remaining local council merger funds
- Country Garden fact sheet and maps.

Mr Searle tendered the following documents:

- Briefing for the Premier: Provision of information to the ICAC, dated 23 July 2018
- Briefing for the Premier: Provision of information to the ICAC, dated 27 July 2018
- Bundle of documents regarding briefing of the Secretary: Referral of information to ICAC (A2593043)

- Bundle of documents regarding briefing of the Secretary: Referral of information to ICAC (A2636724).

The Premier withdrew at 12.30 pm.

The public hearing continued.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Office
- Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
- Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following documents:

- NSW Auditor General's Report to Parliament on Central Agencies 2020, Part 3 Audit Observations, pages 17 to 33
- Correspondence from Hon Andrew Constance MP, to Mr Rodd Staples, Secretary for Transport for NSW, relating to Road Access and Safety, dated 27 February 2020.

Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM withdrew at 2.48 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.10 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

3.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle That the committee accept the following documents tendered during the Premier hearing held on Thursday 4 March 2021:

- Letter from Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and Hon Dominic Perrottet MP to Deputy Premier regarding funding for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music, tendered by Mr John Graham MLC
- Office of the Premier document regarding approval of funding for the metro local councils from remaining local council merger funds, tendered by Mr John Graham MLC
- Country Garden fact sheet and maps, tendered by Mr John Graham MLC
- Briefing for the Premier: Provision of information to the ICAC, dated 23 July 2018, tendered by Mr Adam Searle MLC
- Briefing for the Premier: Provision of information to the ICAC, dated 27 July 2018, tendered by Mr Adam Searle MLC
- Bundle of documents regarding briefing of the Secretary: Referral of information to ICAC (A2593043), tendered by Mr Adam Searle MLC
- Bundle of documents regarding briefing of the Secretary: Referral of information to ICAC (A2636724), tendered by Mr Adam Searle MLC
- NSW Auditor General's Report to Parliament on Central Agencies 2020, Part 3 Audit Observations, pages 17 to 33, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC
- Correspondence from Hon Andrew Constance MP, to Mr Rodd Staples, Secretary for Transport for NSW, relating to Road Access and Safety, dated 27 February 2020, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.11 pm, until 9.15 am, Monday 8 March 2021, Macquarie Room, Budget Estimates hearing — Treasury.

Sam Griffith and Stewart Smith
Committee Clerks

Minutes no. 29

Monday 8 March 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd (until 11.15 am, and from 2.02 pm until 2.48 pm)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin (until 4.01 pm)

Mr Secord (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mrs Ward (until 3.02 pm)

Ms Faehrmann (participating from 11.32 am until 12.24 pm, and from 4.30 pm)

Mrs Houssos (participating from 9.28 am until 3.03 pm)

Mr Latham (participating until 4.58 pm)

Mr Mookhey (participating from 9.29 am until 11.45 am, and from 3.03 pm until 4.02 pm)

Mr Shoebridge (participating from 10.20 am until 11.36 am, and from 2.46 pm until 4.02 pm)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 1 March 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of Hon Mark Latham MLC to secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will be a participating member for the PC1 Treasury hearing on 8 March 2021 and the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 10 March 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolio of Treasury be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

The committee discussed and agreed to two possible breaks of 10 minutes each at 11.00 am and 3.30 pm, and that if the break is taken, the session be extended by 10 minutes.

3.2 Public hearing: Treasury

The Treasurer, departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, was admitted.

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, Deputy Secretary, Jobs, Investment and Tourism, NSW Treasury
- Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
- Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
- Mr Richard Harding, 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 Secord tendered the following document:

- Correspondence from the Premier and the Treasurer to the Deputy Premier in relation to a funding reservation for the recital hall of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following documents:

- A Contract Award Notice for Comensura Pty Ltd published on NSW Government eTendering website, dated 20 August 2020
- A Contract Award Notice for Insurance and Care NSW published on NSW Government eTendering website, dated 20 August 2020

Mr Shoebridge tendered the following document:

- Title search list from NSW Land Registry Services website, for Lot 18 in DP 7889012 as at 12.45 pm, 13 August 2020.

Ms Faehrmann tendered the following documents:

- NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment briefing for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP
- A letter from Minister Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, seeking approval to issue a direction to WaterNSW under section 20P of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.
- Emails exchanged between officials of the Treasury, Department of Primary Industries and Water NSW concerning the dam projects.

The Treasurer withdrew at 12.24 pm.

The public hearing continued.

The public hearing concluded at 5.06 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

3.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That the committee accept, but not publish, the following documents tendered during the Treasury hearing held on Monday 8 March 2021:

- Correspondence from the Premier and the Treasurer to the Deputy Premier in relation to a funding reservation for the recital hall of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music, tendered by Mr Walt Secord MLC
- A Contract Award Notice for Comensura Pty Ltd published on NSW Government eTendering website, dated 20 August 2020, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC
- A Contract Award Notice for Insurance and Care NSW published on NSW Government eTendering website, dated 20 August 2020, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC
- Title search list from NSW Land Registry Services website, for Lot 18 in Deposited Plan 788901 at Sydney, title diagram DP788901 address as at 12.45 pm, 13 August 2020, tendered by Mr David Shoebridge MLC
- NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment briefing for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, tendered by Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC
- A letter from Minister Pavey to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, seeking approval to issue a direction to WaterNSW under section 20P of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*, tendered by Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC
- Emails exchanged between officials of the Treasury, Department of Primary Industries and Water NSW concerning the dam projects, tendered by Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC
- NSW Government, Treasury – Examples of Previous Experiences List, Attachment E, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC.

4. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 5.08 pm, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 10 March 2021, Macquarie Room, Budget Estimates hearing — Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

Joseph Cho and Sam Griffith

Committee Clerks

Minutes no. 30

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

1. **Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair* (until 12.38 pm)

Ms Boyd (from 12.00 pm until 12.13 pm)

Mr Fang (substituting for Mr Martin)

Mr Franklin (until 3.59 pm)

Mr Graham (substituting for Mr Searle from 10.43 am until 11.20 am)

Ms Jackson (substituting for Mr Searle from 9.30 am until 10.43 am, and from 11.25 am until 12.15 pm, and then from 2.00 pm until 4.21 pm)

Mr Khan (substituting for Mrs Ward)

Mr Field (participating until 11.00 am)

Mr Latham (participating until 3.22 pm)

Mr Mookhey (participating from 9.30 am until 10.47 am, and from 11.48 am until 12.38 pm, and then from 2.00 pm until 2.24 pm)

Mr Primrose (participating from 9.30 am until 11.47 am)

2. **Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 8 March 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip to secretariat, advising Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC will be a participating member for PC1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Hearing on 10 March 2021
- 8 March 2021 - Letter from Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip to secretariat, advising Hon Wes Fang MLC will be substituting for Hon Taylor Martin MLC for the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 10 March 2021
- 10 March 2021 - Email from Ms Kaelee Aboud, Office of Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Government Whip to secretariat, advising Hon Trevor Khan MLC will substitute for Hon Natalie Ward MLC for the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 10 March 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

Resolved, on the motion Ms Jackson: That, if required by witnesses, the committee take two possible breaks of 10 minutes each at 11.00 am and 3.30 pm, and that if the break is taken, the session be extended by 10 minutes.

3.2 Public hearing: Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney

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

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, was admitted.

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 & Tourism, NSW Treasury
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Steve Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Ms Sarah Hill, Chief Executive Officer/Deputy Secretary, Western Parkland City Authority

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.

Mr Latham tendered the following document:

- Penrith City Council, Sydney Science Park Land Use Plan, page 61.

Mr Graham tendered the following document:

- Global NSW, 24 Hour Economy Strategy, Summary of the strategy's approach, Sydney's 24 Hour Vision, initial page.

The Minister withdrew at 12.38 pm.

Departmental witnesses, the public and media withdrew for the committee to deliberate.

3.3 Deliberative meeting - Declaration

Mr Khan declared that he would abstain from committee participation during questions relating to a corporate entity associated with a former client in his capacity as a lawyer.

3.4 Resumption of public hearing

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media were re-admitted and the hearing continued.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.20 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

3.5 Tended documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Fang: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing held on Wednesday 10 March 2021:

- Penrith City Council, Sydney Science Park Land Use Plan, page 61, tendered by Mr Mark Latham MLC
- Global NSW, 24 Hour Economy Strategy, Summary of the strategy's approach, Sydney's 24 Hour Vision, initial page, tendered by Mr John Graham MLC.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.21 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 12 March 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing — Finance and Small Business.

Sarah Dunn and Laura Ismay

Committee Clerks

Minutes no. 31

Friday 12 March 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd (until 11.55 am)

Mr Franklin (until 3.14 pm)

Mr Martin (until 12.42 pm and from 3.12 pm)

Ms Cusack (substituting for Mrs Ward)

Mr Mookhey (substituting for Mr Searle)

Mr Graham (participating until 12.42 pm)

Mr Shoebridge (participating from 11.55 am until 12.08 pm)

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak

3. Election of Acting Deputy Chair

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That Mr Mookhey act as Deputy Chair for the duration of the hearing.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 10 March 2021 – Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Minister Tudehope to secretariat, advising that Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury is unable to attend the Finance and Small Business hearing on Friday 12 March 2021
- 11 March 2021 - Letter from Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones, Government Whip to secretariat, advising Hon Catherine Cusack MLC will substitute for Hon Natalie Ward MLC via WebEx for the Finance and Small Business hearing on Friday 12 March 2021.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021 – initial hearings

5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that it had previously resolved that the portfolios of Finance and Small Business be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for Government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

5.2 Public hearing: Finance and Small Business

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

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The Chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, was admitted.

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

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Scott Johnston, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Chris Lamont, Small Business Commissioner.

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.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following financial extracts from annual reports of:

1. Treasury (2019/20, p 82)
2. Communities and Justice (2019/20, p 38)
3. Family and Community Services (2018/19, p 38)
4. Department of Premier and Cabinet (2019/20, p 166)
5. NSW Health (2019/20, p 292)
6. Department of Education (2019, p 119)
7. Customer Service (2019/20, p 106)

8. Department of Regional NSW (2020, p 82)
9. Department of Industry (2019, p 56)
10. Department of Planning and Environment (2019, p 184)
11. Department of Justice (2018/19, p 332)
12. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (2019/20, p 116).

The Minister withdrew at 12.42 pm.

The public hearing continued.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following document:

- Election policy costing produced by the Parliamentary Budget Office for the Coalition, published on 18 March 2019.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following document:

- 'Faster Payment Terms Performance Per Cluster: September Quarter 2019'.

Mr Gardner withdrew at 3.00 pm.

Mr Lamont withdrew at 3.21 pm.

Ms Wilkie tendered the following document:

- 'Faster Payment Terms Performance Per Cluster: June Quarter 2020'.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.58 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

5.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That the committee accept and not publish the following documents tendered during the Finance and Small Business hearing held on Friday 12 March 2021:

- Twelve financial extracts from annual reports of various government agencies, tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Finance and Small Business hearing held on Friday 12 March 2021:

- Election policy costing produced by the Parliamentary Budget Office for the Coalition, published on 18 March 2019, tendered by Mr Mookhey
- Faster Payment Terms Performance Per Cluster: September Quarter 2019 tendered by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC.
- Faster Payment Terms Performance Per Cluster: June Quarter 2020, tendered by Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.00 pm, *Sine die*.

Anthony Hanna and Madeleine Dowd
Committee Clerks

Draft minutes no. 35

Monday 10 May 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Room 814/815, Parliament House, 2.31 pm

1. Members presentMs Moriarty, *Chair*Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd (via Webex)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Searle

Mrs Ward

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Searle: That draft minutes nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021**3.1 Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence relating to the inquiry into Budget Estimates 2020-2021:

Received

- 7 April 2021 – Letter from Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget NSW Treasury, clarifying evidence given during the hearing on 8 March 2021.

Sent

- 2 March 2021 - Email from the secretariat to 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 and supplementary questions
- 4 March 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Hon John Ajaka MLC, President, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 9 March 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 11 March 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 15 March 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 17 March 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 6 April 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Ms Francesca McGinnity, Office of Minister Perrottet, seeking formal letter from Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget NSW Treasury clarifying evidence given at the Treasury hearing on 8 March 2021.

3.2 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 John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council, received 19 March 2021

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and Arts, received 23 March 2021
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General, received 23 March 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, received 30 March 2021
- answers to questions on notice from Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, received 30 March 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, received 1 April 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, received 7 April 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, received 7 April 2021.

3.3 Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled *Budget Estimates 2020-2021*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Borsak: That:

- a) The draft report as amended be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;
- b) 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;
- c) 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;
- d) The committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;
- e) That the report be tabled on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

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5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.37 pm, *Sine die*.

Emma Rogerson
Committee Clerk

