



BUDGET ESTIMATES 2020-2021

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

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

Day Eight: Monday 8 March 2021

PC 1 Treasury
PC 6 Customer Service

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.

Initial resolution: *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 18 November 2020, pp 1681-1683.