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Terms of reference

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2021-2022 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 calendar, the 2021-2022 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 16 August 2021

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

Day Two: Tuesday 17 August 2021

PC 2 Health and Medical Research
PC 1 Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts

Day Three: Wednesday 18 August 2021

PC 3 Education and Early Childhood Learning
PC 4 Agriculture and Western New South Wales
PC 1 The Legislature

Day Four: Thursday 19 August 2021

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

Day Five: Friday 20 August 2021

PC 1 Treasury
PC 6 Customer Service and Digital

Day Six: Monday 23 August 2021

PC 7 Energy and Environment
PC 5 Attorney General and Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Day Seven: Tuesday 24 August 2021

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

Day Eight: Wednesday 25 August 2021

PC 3 Skills and Tertiary Education
PC 5 Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans

Day Nine: Thursday 26 August 2021

PC 6 Transport and Roads
PC 1 Premier

Day Ten: Friday 27 August 2021

PC 4 Water, Property and Housing
 PC 5 Families, Communities and Disability Services

Day Eleven: Monday 30 August 2021

PC 6 Better Regulation and Innovation
 PC 4 Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade

Day Twelve: Tuesday 31 August 2021

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

3. That for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2021-2022:
- (a) for each scheduled day of the initial and further rounds of hearings:
 - (i) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.45 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions,
 - (ii) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 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 2022.

The terms of reference were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 23 June 2021.¹

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 June 2021, pp 2348-2349. The Terms of reference were further amended - *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 12 October 2021, pp 2401-2404; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 14 October 2021, p 2488; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 October 2021, p 2579; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 November 2021, p 2713; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 February 2022, pp 2969-2970; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 29 March 2022, pp 3121-3122; *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 30 March 2022, p 3146.

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 Scott Farlow MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Lou Amato MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens
The Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals
Mr Justin Field MLC	Independent
The Hon Ben Franklin MLC	The Nationals
The Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Don Harwin MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Rose Jackson MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mark Latham MLC	Pauline Hanson's One Nation
The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	The Liberals
The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Peter Poulos MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Christopher Rath MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022. 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:

- Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth
- Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney
- Finance, Employee Relations
- Premier
- The Legislature
- Treasurer, Energy

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 2021-2022

- 1.1 On 11 November 2020 the House resolved that for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2021-2022, initial hearings be scheduled over 12 days from 16 August to 20 August 2021, 23 August to 27 August 2021, and 30 to 31 August 2021, and that supplementary hearings be scheduled over five days from 25 October to 29 October 2021.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution and schedule was subsequently agreed to by the House on 23 June 2021, referring the Budget Estimates and related papers for 2021-2022 to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.³ The budget estimates resolution establishing the Inquiry, which sets out the rules for the Inquiry, is reproduced on pages iv and v.
- 1.3 However, upon nearing the commencement of the initial hearings, the impact of the Delta variant of the Covid 19 virus was being felt through the community, and members of the Legislative Council agreed to defer the initial round of hearings and replace it with fully virtual hearings for eight key portfolio areas. These were: Premier, Treasury, Health, Customer Service and Digital, Education and Early Childhood Learning, Regional NSW, Industry and Trade, Police, and Transport and Roads. The House subsequently retrospectively resolved these arrangements on Tuesday 12 October 2021.⁴ On the same day, the House also resolved to hold supplementary hearings over 9 days commencing 26 October 2021.⁵
- 1.4 In November 2021, the House resolved that for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2021-2022 additional hearings be scheduled over 12 days from 28 February to 4 March 2022, 7 March to 11 March 2022, and 14 March to 15 March 2022.⁶ The House subsequently resolved to hold the hearings over 13 days, commencing 28 February.⁷ Due to significant flooding events affecting northern New South Wales occurring during this time, three hearings – Deputy Premier, Regional NSW and Police, Premier, and Emergency Services and Resilience were postponed. On 29 March 2022 the House resolved new hearing dates for these portfolios, and

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 11 November 2020, p 1547.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 June 2021, p 2349.

⁴ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 12 October 2021, p 2401.

⁵ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 12 October 2021, p 2402.

⁶ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 November 2021, p 2713.

⁷ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 February 2022, p 2970.

also authorised each of the Portfolio Committees to hold further additional budget estimate hearings up to 30 May 2022.⁸

Hearings

1.5 The committee held 14 public hearings as follows:

- Wednesday 18 August 2021 – Premier
- Friday 20 August 2021 – Treasury
- Wednesday 27 October 2022 – The Legislature
- Wednesday 27 October 2022 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade
- Friday 29 October 2022 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
- Friday 29 October 2022 – Finance and Small Business
- Wednesday 3 November 2022 – Treasury
- Thursday 4 November 2021 – Premier
- Monday 28 February 2022 – Treasurer, Energy
- Wednesday 2 March 2022 – The Legislature
- Friday 4 March 2022 – Finance, Employee Relations
- Tuesday 8 March 2022 – Enterprise, Investment & Trade, Tourism & Sport, Western Sydney
- Tuesday 15 March 2022 – Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth
- Thursday 21 April 2022 – Premier.

Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

1.6 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.

⁸ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 29 March 2022, pp 3121.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

Premier

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Premier was held on Wednesday 18 August 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Crisis cabinet – Membership, scope, decision making process
- Premier's Priorities
- IPCC report on climate change
- Vaccination rollout and vaccination of NSW public service
- Transport Asset Holding Entity
- Unsolicited proposal process
- Funding and resources of the ICAC and Electoral Commission
- Constraints for Local Government elections due to COVID and current legislation

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

- Ministerial Code of Conduct and declaration of pecuniary interests
- Women in Cabinet
- Ban on uranium
- WestInvest
- Pork barrelling
- Replacement of stamp duty with land tax
- Icare – performance and issues
- Transport Asset Holding Entity – creation and issues
- Adequacy of funding for the Electoral Commission – including cybersecurity
- Privatisation of State-owned assets
- Review of grants
- ICAC inquiry – DPC's submission

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Premier was held on Thursday 21 April 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Roles of members of government
- Representation of women in government

- Transgender athletes in sport
- Covid 19 health measures and vaccine mandates
- iVote issues
- Funding of independent oversight bodies.

Treasury

2.4 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Treasury was held on Friday 20 August 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Various issues associated with the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE)
 - Failure to appoint a permanent CEO, and the acting CEO's remuneration
 - Source of projected annual increases in income to TAHE
 - Appointment process, experience of the board of directors, particularly in relation to rail safety
 - Amount spent on consultants relating to establishment of the entity
 - Net effect on NSW government balance sheet
 - Determination of access fees charged by TAHE, dividends to shareholder (taxpayers)
- Cost of the lockdown stimulus programs
- Economic forecasting and impact of ongoing COVID lockdowns
- NSW Generations Fund (NGF)
- Expenditure cuts and savings in the June 2021-2022 budget
- Recommendations in relation to road user charges in the Productivity Commission White Paper
- Treasury's role in assessment or review of \$5.5 m grant to the Australian Clay Target Association
- Government's compliance with the Fiscal Responsibility Act
- Current financial status of the Nominal Insurer

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Treasury was held on Wednesday 3 November 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Details of the sale transaction and related processes of WestConnex
- Use of the proceed funds arising from the sale of WestConnex
- Funding of WestInvest
- Operation of icare, including the falling return to work rate
- Grant funding and allocation processes

- Changes to stamp duty, and potential introduction of a new land tax to address housing affordability
- Changes to energy system and energy supply, and subsequent economic impacts
- Impacts on energy reliability as a result of changes to energy supply
- Function of the NSW Generations Fund, and investment decisions regarding its operation
- Establishment of the Transport Asset Holding Entity, and its ongoing operation
- Floodplain harvesting entitlements, and the risk of these entitlements being compensable
- Review of grants funding being undertaken by NSW Productivity Commissioner

Treasurer and Energy

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of Treasury and Energy was held on Monday 28 February 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Sydney's train network shutdown on 21 February 2022 and the industrial matter between Minister for Employee Relations and Rail, Tram and Bus Union
- Cost, reliability, security and storage of energy in NSW, including coal-fired, renewable and gas
- Origin Energy's early closure of Eraring coal-fired power station
- Auditor-General report into the integrity of grant program administration and the findings and recommendations regarding the Transport Asset Holding Entity in the State Finances 2021 report
- New South Wales' foreign investment and Environmental, Social and Governance Principles
- Electric Vehicle Strategy and incentive scheme
- Budgetary measures and expenditure for COVID-19 response and recovery

The Legislature

2.7 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Legislature was held on Wednesday 27 October 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Review of the conditions of employment of members' staff
- Spending on capital works at Parliament House
- Work health and safety, including fatigue management, for members' staff and departmental staff
- Returns to order under SO52 and disputed returns
- Proposal for a Compliance Officer for the NSW Parliament

- Catering on sitting nights
- Parliamentary outreach to remote Aboriginal communities
- Closed captioning service for House and committee proceedings

2.8 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Legislature was held on Wednesday 2 March 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Process for reviewing and consulting on NSW Parliament policies
- Closed captioning service for House and committee proceedings
- Change in strategic direction for the Parliamentary Library
- Work health and safety, including fatigue management, for members, members' staff and departmental staff
- Spending on capital works at Parliament House
- Improvements to front of house services and changes to the Fountain Court
- Access to technology for members and members' staff
- Parliament's funding model

Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade

2.9 A hearing examining the portfolio of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade was held on Wednesday 27 October 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Western Parkland City Authority and conduct of the CEO
- Indicative cost and business case of Warragamba Dam wall raising proposal project
- WestInvest
- Benefit cost ratio for St Marys and Western Sydney Airport Metro line
- Freight and passenger rail services to and from Western Sydney Airport
- Trade commissioners and Agent-General role
- Global NSW strategy
- Sydney Science Park

Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney

2.10 A hearing examining the portfolio of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney was held on Tuesday 8 March 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Allocation of grant funding, including grants administered by Destination NSW

- Government investment in transitioning industries
- Operations and functions of WestInvest
- Arrangements regarding to Jobs for NSW, including the operation of any relevant legislation
- Climate change adaptation policy for Western Sydney
- Support for residents impacted by floodwaters and floodwater damage
- Machinery of Government changes, and new departmental and cluster arrangements
- Appointment and remuneration of trade and investment commissioners
- Progress of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility

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

2.11 A hearing examining the portfolio of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts was held on Friday 29 October 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Funding for the Arts in the 2021-2022 Budget, including COVID-19 related support and support going to specific venues and artists.
- The findings of the Treasury Interim Indigenous Expenditure Report 2021 concerning expenditure on Indigenous programs and the Closing the Gap objectives.
- Destruction or impact on Aboriginal heritage sites under the state significant development pathway
- The upgrade of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music in Wagga Wagga.
- Arrangements for the employment of departmental and agency heads in the DPC cluster, and complaints concerning the conduct of the head of the Western Sydney Parklands Authority
- The cost of construction of the new Powerhouse Museum building at Parramatta and private funding arrangements for the Museum.
- Aboriginal fishing rights and prosecution of First Nations people for cultural fishing
- Job losses at Heritage NSW.
- Casualisation in the public sector.

Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth

2.12 A hearing examining the portfolio of Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth was held on Tuesday 15 March 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- The response of Aboriginal Affairs to the flooding in Northern NSW

- Provision of housing for First Nations communities in Northern NSW impacted by the floods
- Impacts of flooding at the proposed Powerhouse Museum site in Parramatta
- Programs targeted at Regional Youth
- Impacts of flooding on cultural institutions across NSW
- Staffing at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra
- Administration of portfolio grants
- Operation of First Nations regional alliances across NSW
- Local decision making and consultation in First Nations communities

Finance and Small Business

2.13 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Small Business was held on Friday 29 October 2021. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on small business
- WestInvest program
- HomeBuilder grant program
- Business support programs
- Land tax relief

Finance and Employee Relations

2.14 A hearing examining the portfolio of Finance and Employee Relations was held on Friday 4 March 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Revenue NSW, including, fairer fines programs, unpaid fine debt recovery, garnishee provisions, fines for minors and vulnerable persons or communities.
- Dust Diseases Board, including, scheme scope and operation, scheme viability, legislative review, support programs for workers,
- Icare, including funding ratios of the nominal insurer, and operational matters.
- Public sector employment, including, transport worker industrial action in February 2022, industrial action by nurses, teachers and others, workplace conditions, the nature of work, wage policy, renegotiations of workplace agreements.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
Wednesday 18 August 2021 Virtual hearing via videoconference	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kate Boyd	Deputy Secretary General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Peter Hall	Chief ICAC Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Philip Reed	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Roy Waldon	Executive Director, Legal Division and Solicitor to the Commission, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr John Schmidt	NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
Friday 20 August 2021 Virtual hearing via videoconference	Mr Michael Pratt	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 and Procurement, NSW Treasury
	Mr Stephen Walters	NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
	Mr Peter Achterstraat	NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
	Mr David Deverall	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
Wednesday 27 October 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	President 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
Wednesday 27 October 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade
	Dr Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
	Ms Amy Brown	Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
	Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Mr Steve Cox	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Kylie Bell	Executive Director, Industry, Trade and Investment, Investment NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
Friday 29 October 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Don Harwin MLC	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Lisa Havilah	Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Louise Herron	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Nicole Courtman	Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act (<i>via Webex</i>)

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Dr Michael Brand	Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Kathrina Lo	NSW Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Mr Charlie Heuston	Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Mr Chris Keely	Executive Director, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Lilian Gordon	Head, Aboriginal Affairs NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Annette Pitman	Head, Create Infrastructure, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet (<i>via Webex</i>)
Friday 29 October 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance and Small Business
	Mr Michael Gadiel	Executive Director, Economic Strategy, NSW Treasury
	Mr Chris Lamont	Small Business Commissioner
	Mr Scott Johnston	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Mr Cullen Smythe	Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury (<i>via Webex</i>)
Wednesday 3 November 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Matt Kean MP	Treasurer
	Mr Michael Pratt	Secretary, NSW Treasury
	Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
	Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury (<i>via Webex</i>)

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Mr Phil Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial and Procurement, NSW Treasury <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr Stephen Walters	NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Ms Kim Curtain	Deputy Secretary, Chief Operating Officer, NSW Treasury <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr Peter Achterstraat	NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr Richard Harding	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Ms Rashi Bansal	Chief Financial Officer, icare <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr David Deverall	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr Stewart Walters	Chief Finance and Operations Officer, NSW Treasury <i>(via Webex)</i>
Thursday 4 November 2021 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Premier
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr John Schmidt	NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
	Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Ms Amy Brown	Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Mr Shane Fitzsimmons	Commissioner, Resilience NSW <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Ms Elizabeth Mildwater	Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission <i>(via Webex)</i>
	Ms Kate Boyd	Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet <i>(via Webex)</i>

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet (<i>via Webex</i>)
	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
Monday 28 February 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Matt Kean MP	Treasurer and Minister for Energy
	Dr Paul Grimes	Secretary, NSW Treasury
	Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
	Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
	Mr Phil Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial and Procurement, NSW Treasury
	Mr James Hay	Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Changes and Sustainability and Chief Executive Officer of Energy Corporation of NSW, Department of Planning and Environment
	Ms Rachel Parry	Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Department of Planning and Environment
	Mr Stephen Walters	NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
	Mr Stewart Walters	Chief Finance and Operation Officer, NSW Treasury
	Mr David Deverall	CEO, NSW Treasury Corporation
	Mr Andrew Lewis	Executive Director, Energy, Department of Planning and Environment (<i>via Webex</i>)
	Ms Cristen Hickey	Acting Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Department of Planning and Environment

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
Wednesday 2 March 2022 Preston-Stanley Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	President 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
	Ms Jocelyn Webb	Director, Financial Services, Department of Parliamentary Services
Friday 4 March 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations
	Mr Philip Gardner	Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
	Mr Richard Harding	CEO and Managing Director, icare
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Scott Johnson	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
	Mr Cullen Smythe	Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
	Ms Samara Dobbins	Deputy Secretary, People and Operations, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Charlie Heuston	Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Tuesday 8 March 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Stuart Ayres MP	Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade; Minister for Tourism and Sport; Minister for Western Sydney
	Ms Amy Brown	Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
	Ms Kylie Bell	Executive Director Trade and Investment, Invest NSW

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer and Coordinator General, Infrastructure NSW, INSW
	Dr Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
	Mr Steve Cox	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
	Ms Karen Jones	Chief Executive Officer, Office Of Sport
	Ms Kerrie Mather	Chief Executive Officer, Venues NSW
	Ms Kate Foy	Group Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Sport and Arts, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
Tuesday 15 March 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Ben Franklin MLC	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Youth
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Chris Hangar	Deputy Secretary, Regional Development and Programs, Department of Regional NSW
	Ms Julia Ryan	Director, Office of Regional Youth, Department of Regional NSW
	Ms Louise Herron	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
	Ms Lisa Havilah	Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences
	Dr Michael Brand	Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales
	Ms Annette Pitman	Chief Executive Officer, Create NSW
	Ms Kate Foy	Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Nicole Courtman	Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
	Ms Lilian Gordon	Head of Agency, Aboriginal Affairs NSW

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Mr Tim Ireland	Executive Director, Closing the Gap
Thursday 21 April 2022 Macquarie Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Dominic Perrottet	Premier
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kate Boyd	Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Matthew Phillips	Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission
	Mr Roy Waldon	Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Phillip Reed	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Peter Hall	Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Ian Goodwin	Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
	Ms Margaret Crawford	Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
	Mr John Schmidt	Electoral Commissioner NSW, NSW Electoral Commission

Appendix 2 Minutes

Minutes no. 40

Monday 5 July 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Via videoconference at 12.00 pm

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That draft minutes no. 39 be confirmed.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted the Budget Estimates timetable for 2021-2022 was agreed to by the House, with hearings commencing at 9.30 am and concluding by 6.00 pm. Below is a table of Portfolio Committee No. 1 hearings:

Date	Portfolio
Tuesday 17 August 2021	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)
Wednesday 18 August 2021	The Legislature (Mason-Cox)
Friday 20 August 2021	Treasury (Perrottet)
Tuesday 24 August 2021	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres)
Thursday 26 August 2021	Premier (Berejiklian)
Tuesday 31 August 2021	Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)

4.1 Allocation to question time and total hearing time

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, will be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.45 pm, with an additional 15 minutes reserved for government questions for each of the morning and afternoon sessions.

The committee noted that the portfolio of The Legislature will be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.

4.2 Witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee provide witness requests to the secretariat by 5.00 pm, Thursday 8 July 2021, including whether parliamentary secretaries are to be invited to appear as witnesses at the hearings.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That:

- the Minister [and Parliamentary secretary] appear from 9.30 am until 12.45 pm
- departmental staff appear from 9.30 am until 6.00 pm.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.15 pm, until *sine die*.

Emma Rogerson
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 41

Wednesday 11 August 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Via Webex, 10.32 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 2 July 2021 – Letter from the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, Government Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Mrs Maclaren-Jones will be substituting for Mr Martin for the PC1 Jobs, Investments, Tourism and Western Sydney hearing on 24 August 2021
- 19 July 2021 - Email from Ms Julie Morris, Executive Support Officer, NSW Electoral Commission to the secretariat, confirming attendance of Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner at the Premier's hearing on Thursday 26 August 2021
- 19 July 2021 - Email from Ms Cat Agoraios, Executive Assistant to Chief Commissioner, ICAC, to secretariat, confirming attendance of Chief ICAC Commissioner Peter Hall at hearing on 26 August 2021
- 20 July 2021 - Email from Ms Jane Worden, Office of Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021- 2022 initial hearing on 18 August 2021
- 23 July 2021 - Letter from Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General to secretariat - providing response to invitation to attend Budget Estimates hearing on 26 August 2021
- 26 July 2021 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, to secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 initial hearing on 31 August 2021

- 26 July 2021 - Letter from Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, ICAC, to secretariat, seeking Committee's consent to the attendance of two Commission officers as witnesses to hearing on 26 August 2021
- 27 July 2021 - Email from Mr Tom Anderson, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, and the Arts, to secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 initial hearing on 17 August 2021
- 27 July 2021 - Email from Mr Tom Anderson, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, to secretariat, nominating witness for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing on 17 August 2021
- 27 July 2021 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, to secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 initial hearing on 26 August 2021
- 27 July 2021 - Email from Ms Rebecca Meyer, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP - Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, to secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 initial hearing on 24 August 2021
- 29 July 2021 - Email from Mr Chris Ashton, Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 initial hearing on 20 August 2021
- 30 July 2021 - Email Mr Chris Ashton, Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, to secretariat, confirming Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation will be attending the Treasury hearing on 20 August 2021.

Sent

- 16 July 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 witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021 - 2022 initial hearings
- 16 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 16 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 16 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 16 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 16 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 19 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General, NSW Audit Office, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 19 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings
- 19 July 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief ICAC Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption, attaching witness invitation for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 - Initial Hearings.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022

4.1 Postponement of scheduled hearings 16-31 August 2021

The committee noted:

- the public health concerns around the COVID-19 Delta variant and current Public Health Orders in Greater Sydney
- that agreement has been reached amongst Members of the Legislative Council that, as a matter of necessity, on the next sitting a motion will be moved by leave and agreed to postponing until a date to be determined the in-person budget estimates hearings scheduled for 16-31 August 2021

- the importance of ongoing parliamentary accountability and scrutiny of the executive government
- that agreement has therefore also been reached on a series of fully virtual preliminary budget estimates hearings to be held with public servant witnesses from eight portfolios.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That the committee postpone the following Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearings:

- Tuesday 17 August 2021 – Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)
- Wednesday 18 August 2021 – The Legislature (Mason-Cox)
- Friday 20 August 2021 – Treasury (Perrottet)
- Tuesday 24 August 2021 – Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney (Ayres)
- Thursday 26 August 2021 – Premier (Berejiklian)
- Tuesday 31 August 2021 – Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)

4.2 Revised Budget Estimates 2021-2022 timetable – virtual hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee hold the following preliminary Budget Estimates hearings in a fully virtual format:

- Wednesday 18 August 2021 – Premier
- Friday 20 August 2021 – Treasury.

4.3 Allocation of question time and total hearing time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the portfolios of the Premier and Treasury be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only from 9.30 am until 11.00 am, and then from 11.15 am until 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of each session, if required.

4.4 Witnesses to appear at hearings

The committee noted the limit of 4 witnesses per hearing to assist Hansard and the transcription of evidence. Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the committee invite the following witnesses to give evidence at the hearings for the following portfolios:

Premier

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
- Mr Peter Hall, Chief ICAC Commissioner, ICAC.

The committee to note that the witnesses be invited to attend for the duration of the hearing, and that the independent agencies will be scheduled so as not to appear at the same time as the representatives from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, with further advice to be provided to the witnesses on the morning of each hearing.

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 and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
- Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp).

The committee to note that the witnesses be invited to attend for the duration of the hearing, with the final schedule to be provided to the witnesses on the morning of the hearing.

4.5 Livestream and recording of hearing

The committee noted that the hearing will be livestreamed via the Parliament's YouTube channel.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee agree to record the hearing, and that this recording be placed on the inquiry webpage as soon as practicable after the hearing.

4.6 Virtual committee guidelines and procedural fairness

The committee noted the DPS Virtual Committees Guidelines and that, to help ensure that Hansard can transcribe the hearing, witnesses and/or members should avoid speaking over each other.

4.7 Participating member for Budget Estimates 201-2022 preliminary hearings

The committee noted that Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC will be a participating member for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 preliminary hearings for the Premier and Treasury.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.49 am, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 18 August 2021 via Webex, Budget Estimates hearing — Premier.

Emma Rogerson
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 42

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Via Webex at 9.17 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

Mr Field (participating)

Ms Jackson (participating)

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Mr Shoebridge (participating)

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That draft minutes no. 41 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 12 August 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of Hon Mark Latham MLC to the secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will be a participating member for PC1 Treasury and PC6 Customer Service hearings
- 13 August 2021 – Email from Mr Justin Field MLC to the secretariat, advising that he will be a participating member for the PC1 Premier and Treasury hearings on 18 and 20 August 2021

- 13 August 2021 – Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Premier MP, to the secretariat, confirming attendance of requested witnesses and providing advice regarding Mr Reardon and Ms Boyd's attendance to the PC1 Premier hearing on 18 August 2021
- 17 August 2021 - Email from Ms Felicity Brooks, Office of the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Kate Boyd will be available until 11.30 am for the PC1 Premier hearing on 18 August 2021
- 17 August 2021 - Email from Mr David Shoebridge MLC, to the secretariat, advising that he will be a participating member for the PC1 Premier hearing on 18 August 2021
- 18 August 2021 – Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, advising that the Hon Rose Jackson MLC will be a participating member for the PC1 Premier hearing on 18 August 2021.

Sent

- 11 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, forwarding witness invitation for preliminary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 11 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, forwarding witness invitation for preliminary Budget Estimates 2021- 2022
- 11 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, forwarding witness invitation for preliminary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 11 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief ICAC Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption, forwarding witness invitation for preliminary Budget Estimates 2021-2022.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – preliminary hearings**4.1 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 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the hearing if required.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the portfolio of the Premier be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am until 11.30 am, and from 11.45 am until 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the hearing if required.

4.2 Allocation of questioning

Resolved on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the sequence of questioning at the hearing be divided between opposition and crossbench members, in that order, for 20 minute rounds each, with any remaining time to be split equally.

4.3 Photo of committee for social media

Resolved on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the secretariat take a screenshot of the committee during its meeting and / or the hearing for the purposes of publishing on social media.

4.4 Lodgement of supplementary questions

The committee noted that the transcript of evidence is expected to be available 2 business days after the hearing.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Boyd: That supplementary questions be lodged with the secretariat by 5.00 pm within two business days following receipt of the transcript.

4.5 Public hearing: Premier

The committee proceeded to take evidence in public.

The departmental witnesses were admitted via video link.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings, virtual hearing etiquette and other matters.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

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

The departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
- Mr Peter Hall QC, Chief ICAC Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director – Legal, and Solicitor, Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.45 pm.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.45 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 20 August 2021, via Webex, Budget Estimates hearing — Treasury.

Stewart Smith
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 43

Friday 20 August 2021
Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance
Via Webex at 9.15 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*
Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*
Ms Boyd
Mr Franklin
Mr Martin
Mr Poulos
Ms Sharpe
Mr Field
Mr Latham (participating)
Mr Mookhey (participating)
Mr Shoebridge (participating)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 16 August 2021 - Email from Ms Renata Trkulja, NSW Treasury to the secretariat, confirming NSW Treasury witnesses and nominating Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury as an additional witness to attend the PC1 Treasury hearing on 20 August 2021

- 16 August 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip to the secretariat, providing Opposition substitutions and participating member advice for preliminary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 17 August 2021 - Email from Ms Kym Chapple, Office of Mr David Shoebridge MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Shoebridge will be a participating member for the PC1 Premier and Treasury hearings on 18 August 2021 and 20 August 2021.

Sent

- 16 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Ms Renata Trkulja, NSW Treasury, confirming Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury is invited to attend the hearing on 20 August 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – preliminary 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 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the hearing if required.

3.2 Allocation of questioning

Resolved on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the sequence of questioning at the hearing be divided between opposition and crossbench members, in that order, for 20 minute rounds each, with any remaining time to be split equally.

3.3 Photo of committee for social media

Resolved on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the secretariat take a screenshot of the committee during its meeting and / or the hearing for the purposes of publishing on social media.

3.4 Lodgement of supplementary questions

The committee noted that the transcript of evidence is expected to be available 2 business days after the hearing.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That supplementary questions be lodged with the secretariat by 5.00 pm within two business days following receipt of the transcript.

3.5 Public hearing: Treasury

The committee proceeded to take evidence in public.

The departmental witnesses were admitted via video link.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings, virtual hearing etiquette and other matters.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- 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 and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
- Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
- Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp).

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

The departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.47 pm.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.47 pm, until *Sine die*.

Madeleine Dowd
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 44

Thursday 14 October 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, 1.03 pm

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin

Mr Poulos (from 1.13 pm)

Ms Sharpe

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That draft minutes nos. 42 and 43 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 9 September 2021 – Letter from Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, clarifying evidence given during the hearing on 18 August 2021
- 20 September 2021 - Letter from Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, Treasury, clarifying evidence given during the hearing on 20 August 2021
- 20 September 2021 - Letter from Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive, NSW Treasury Corporation, clarifying evidence given during hearing on 20 August 2021.

Sent:

- 26 August 2021 – Email from the secretariat to the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 26 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 26 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Peter Hall QC, Chief ICAC Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 27 August 2021 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – preliminary hearings

5.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions

The committee noted 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 Department of Premier and Cabinet, received 16 September 2021
- answers to questions on notice from Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, received 13 September 2021
- answers to questions on notice from Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, received 16 September 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, received 20 September 2021.

5.2 Supplementary hearings – procedural resolutions

The committee noted the Budget Estimates supplementary hearings timetable for 2021-2022 agreed to by the House, with hearings commencing at 9.30 am and concluding by 5.30 pm, for Portfolio Committee No. 1:

Date	Portfolio	No. of possible witnesses in person
Wednesday 27 October 2021	The Legislature (Mason-Cox)	3
Wednesday 27 October 2021	Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade (Ayres)	3
Thursday 28 October 2021	Treasury (Kean)	3
Friday 29 October 2021	Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts (Harwin)	3
Friday 29 October 2021	Finance and Small Business (Tudehope)	3
Thursday 4 November 2021	Premier (Perrottet)	3

5.3 Allocation of question time and total hearing time

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the below portfolios will be examined as follows:

- The Legislature – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 12.45 pm to 1.00 pm, if required.
- Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 5.15 pm to 5.30 pm, if required
- Treasury – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of each session, if required.

- Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 12.45 pm to 1.00 pm, if required
- Finance and Small Business – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 5.15 pm to 5.30 pm, if required.
- Premier – by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of each session, if required.

5.4 Witness requests

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That, in addition to the Minister, the committee invite the following witnesses:

SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS

Witness
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, 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
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
Ms Lilian Gordon, Head, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
Ms Annette Pitman, Head, Create Infrastructure, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet

THE LEGISLATURE

Invited to appear from 9.30 am until 1.00 pm in person with President
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
Invited to appear from 9.30 am until 1.00 pm via Webex
Mr John Gregor, Director, Financial Services, Department of Parliamentary Services

JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY, INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Witness
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

Ms Amy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
Ms Kylie Bell, Executive Director, Industry, Trade and Investment, Investment NSW
Mr Peter Regan, Chief Executive, Sydney Metro, Transport for NSW
Mr Alex Wendler, Acting Deputy Secretary, Greater Sydney, Transport for NSW
Mr David Parker, NSW Valuer General

TREASURY

Witness
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 and Procurement, NSW Treasury
Ms Kim Curtain, Deputy Secretary, Chief Operating Officer, NSW Treasury
Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury
Mr Richard Harding, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare
Mr Peter Achterstraat AM, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)

PREMIER

Witness
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW
Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
Ms Amy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
Ms Sarah Cruickshank, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, Commissioner, Resilience NSW
Ms Elizabeth Mildwater, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission
Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet

FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Witness
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 Scott Johnston, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW

Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
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Mr Chris Lamont, Small Business Commissioner
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Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the committee not invite parliamentary secretaries to appear as a witness at the hearings.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the committee advise the secretariat via email of:

- witnesses to be invited to appear in person
- witnesses to be invited to appear via Webex by 12pm, Friday 15 October 2021.

5.5 Witness appearance time

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That:

- for half day hearings, the Minister appear for the duration of the hearing with departmental staff
- for full day hearings, the Minister appear from 9.30 am until 1.00 pm and departmental staff appear from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.15 pm until, Wednesday 27 October 2021, 9.15 am, Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Budget Estimates public hearing – The Legislature.

Emma Rogerson
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 46

Wednesday 27 October 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* (until 12.20 pm)

Mr Buttigieg (substituting for Ms Sharpe)

Ms Cusack (substituting for Mr Martin, until 12.15 pm)

Mr Franklin

Mr Poulos

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Boyd from 10.16 am to 11.53 am)

Mr D'Adam (participating via Webex)

Mr Latham (participating)

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Franklin: That draft minutes no. 44 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 14 October 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of Hon Mark Latham MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will be a participating member for the PC1 Legislature hearing on 27 October 2021 and Premier hearing on 4 November 2021

- 14 October 2021 - Email from Mr Justin Field MLC, to the secretariat, advising he will be a participating member for the P 1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade hearing on 27 October 2021, Treasury hearing on 28 October 2021, SMOS, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing 29 October 2021, and Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 14 October 2021 - Letter from the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, Government Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Mrs Maclaren-Jones will be substituting for Mr Martin for the PC1 Treasury hearing on 28 October 2021
- 14 October 2021 - Letter from the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, Government Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Cusack will be substituting for Mr Martin for the PC1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade hearing on 27 October 2021
- 18 October 2021 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 29 October 2021
- 19 October 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of Hon Mark Latham MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will be a participating member for the PC1 SMOS, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing on 29 October 2021
- 19 October 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, providing Opposition substitutions and participating member advice for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearings
- 20 October 2021 - Email from Ms Jane Worden, Office of Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 27 October 2021
- 20 October 2021 - Email from Ms Alysha Hardy, Office of Ms Abigail Boyd, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Faehrmann and Mr Shoebridge will be substituting for Ms Boyd for the PC1 Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts hearing on 29 October 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Mr Tom Anderson, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, SMOS, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 29 October 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Mr Tom Anderson, Office of Hon Don Harwin MLC, SMOS, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, to the secretariat, confirming witnesses attending in person on 29 October 2021
- 21 October 2021 – Email from Mr Jacob Miller, Office of Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, to the secretariat advising that Ms Faehrmann will be a participating member for the PC1 Treasury hearing on 3 November 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Mr Michael Haynes, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 27 October 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Ms Dimitry Palmer, Office of Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 3 November 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, to the secretariat, confirming witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearing on 4 November 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from Mr Michael Haynes, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade, to the secretariat, clarifying which 2 witnesses will be attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing in person on 27 October 2021
- 22 October 2021 - Letter from Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General for NSW, to the secretariat, requesting that a specific time be allocated for her to give evidence at the Premier hearing on 4 November 2021

- 22 October 2021 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, to the secretariat, confirming which 2 witnesses will be attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing in person on 4 November 2021
- 22 October 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, providing updated Opposition substitutions and participating member advice for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearings
- 23 October 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of the Hon Mark Latham, to the secretariat, providing updated participation advice for Mr Latham for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearings
- 26 October 2021 - Email from Ms Alysha Hardy, Office of Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Shoebridge will be substituting for Ms Boyd at the PC1 The Legislature hearing on 27 October 2021.

Sent

- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council of NSW, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 18 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, forwarding witness invitation for supplementary Budget Estimates 2021-2022
- 21 October 2021 - - Email from the secretariat, to Mr Tom Anderson, Office of the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, clarifying which 2 witnesses will be attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing in person on 29 October 2021
- 21 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, clarifying which 2 witnesses will be attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing in person on 4 November 2021.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

4.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of The Legislature, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 12.45 pm to 1.00 pm, if required.

4.2 Live streaming and recording of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Poulos: That the committee publish all recordings of Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearings on the Parliament's YouTube channel.

4.3 Appearance of the NSW Auditor-General – Premier's hearing 4 November 2021

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

- discharge all witnesses present at the hearing of the Premier at 4.45 pm, and
- invite Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor-General, to appear from 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm to give evidence before the committee.

4.4 Public hearing: The Legislature

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox 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 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 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 12.45 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.45 pm.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.46 pm, until 1.55 pm, Wednesday 27 October 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing - Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade.

Sharon Ohnesorge
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 47

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd (from 2.59 pm to 3.15 pm)

Ms Cusack (substituting for Mr Martin, from 2.10 pm)

Mr Franklin

Mr Latham

Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

Mr Field (participating)

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Mr Primrose (participating)

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolios of Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 2.00 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 5.15 pm to 5.30 pm, if required.

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

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade 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:

- Dr Sarah Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority (in person)
- Ms Amy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW (in person)
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW (via WebEx)
- Mr Steve Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW (via WebEx)
- Ms Kylie Bell, Executive Director, Industry, Trade and Investment, Investment NSW (via WebEx)

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the Minister and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.15 pm.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.15 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 29 October 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing - Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts.

Shu-Fang Wei
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 48

Friday 29 October 2021
Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.20 am

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*
Ms Faehrmann (substituting for Ms Boyd relating to the Arts portfolio, from 10.30 am)
Mr Field (participating, from 10.05 am)
Mr Franklin
Mr Latham (participating)
Mr Martin
Mr Mookhey (participating, from 11.10 am)
Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

Mr Secord (substituting for Ms Moriarty)

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Boyd relating to the Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, and Aboriginal Affairs portfolios, from 11.15 am)

2. Apologies

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Graham

3. Election of Deputy Chair for the meeting

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That, in the absence of the Deputy Chair, Mr Secord be elected acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 22 October 2021 - Email from Mr Jacob Miller, Office of Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Faehrmann will be participating for the PC1 hearings on 29 October 2021, 3 November 2021 and 4 November 2021
- 26 October 2021 - Email from Ms Kym Chapple, Office of Mr David Shoebridge MLC, to the secretariat, providing updated participation advice for Mr Shoebridge for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 supplementary hearings
- 26 October 2021 - Email from Mr Michael Haynes, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Maree Abood, Head of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Flood Risk Management Directorate, Infrastructure NSW, was incorrectly nominated as a witness for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade hearing on 27 October 2021
- 26 October 2021 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, advising that Mr Michael Gadiel, Executive Director, Economic Strategy, NSW Treasury, will attend instead of Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury, for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Finance and Small Business on 29 October 2021.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 12.45 pm to 1.00 pm, if required.

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

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts 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 Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet (in person)
- Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet (in person)
- Ms Lisa Havilah, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (via WebEx)

- Ms Louise Herron, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House (via WebEx)
- Ms Nicole Courtman, Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act (via WebEx)
- Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales (via WebEx)
- Ms Kathrina Lo, NSW Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission (via WebEx)
- Mr Charlie Heuston, Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet (via WebEx)
- Mr Chris Keely, Executive Director, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet (via WebEx)
- Ms Lilian Gordon, Head, Aboriginal Affairs NSW (via WebEx)
- Ms Annette Pitman, Head, Create Infrastructure, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet (via WebEx)

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 evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.56 pm.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.56 pm, until 1.45 pm, Friday 29 October 2021, Jubilee Room, for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing - Finance and Small Business.

Stephen Frappell
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 49

Friday 29 October 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd (until 2.38 pm)

Mr Franklin (until 4.15 pm)

Mr Martin (until 3.30 pm)

Mr Poulos (from 3.45 pm)

Ms Sharpe

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Mr Shoebridge (participating, from 3.49 pm until 4.20 pm)

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of Finance and Small Business, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 2.00 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions from 5.15 pm to 5.30 pm, if required.

3.2 Public hearing: Finance and Small Business

Departmental witnesses 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 following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Scott Johnston, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW (via WebEx)
- Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW (via WebEx)
- Mr Michael Gadiel, Executive Director, Economic Strategy, NSW Treasury (in person)
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury (via WebEx)
- Mr Chris Lamont, Small Business Commissioner (in person)

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 Gadiel tendered the following document:

- Attachment A – Grants payment data by Local Government Area (Top 20)

The Minister withdrew at 5.09 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.09 pm.

3.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Finance and Small Business hearing held on Friday 29 October 2021:

- Attachment A – Grants payment data by Local Government Area (Top 20), tendered by Mr Michael Gadiel, Executive Director, Economic Strategy, NSW Treasury.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.15 pm, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 3 November 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing – Treasury.

Stewart Smith

Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 50

Wednesday 3 November 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.19 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair* (until 12.45 pm)

Ms Boyd (until 11.47 am, and from 2.56 pm until 3.20 pm)

Mr Franklin

Mr Martin (until 2.18 pm, and from 3.31 pm until 5.17 pm)

Mr Mookhey (substituting for Ms Sharpe, from 9.26 am)

Mr Poulos

Ms Faehrmann (participating, from 12.00 pm until 12.45 pm)

Mr Field (participating, from 11.15 am until 11.40 am)

Mr Graham (participating, from 2.00 pm)
 Mr Latham (participating, until 12.45 pm)
 Mr Sharpe (participating, until 3.05 pm)
 Mr Shoebridge (participating, from 10.23 am until 10.50 am, and from 2.00 pm until 4.26pm)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 27 October 2021 - Email from Mr Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, to the secretariat, confirming that Mr Coutts-Trotter will be attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Premier hearing in person on 4 November 2021
- 27 October 2021 - Email from Ms Renata Trkulja, NSW Treasury, to the secretariat, providing revised witness details for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Treasury hearing on 3 November 2021
- 27 October 2021 - Email from Ms Senada Bjelic, Office of the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Borsak will be an apology for the PC1 Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, Industry and Trade hearing on 27 October 2021
- 27 October 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Mookhey will be a participating member in person for the PC1 Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing on 29 October 2021
- 28 October 2021 - Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Secord will be substituting for Ms Moriarty, and Mr Graham will be a participating member for the PC1 Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts hearing on 29 October 2021
- 29 October 2021 - Email from Ms Dimitry Palmer, Office of Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, to the secretariat, providing an updated witness list for Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC 1 Treasury hearing on 3 November 2021
- 29 October 2021 - Email from Mr Justin Field MLC, to the secretariat, advising he will be a participating member, in person, for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Treasury hearing on 3 November 2021 and PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 1 November 2021 – Email from Ms Vanessa Gill, Office of the NSW Auditor General to the secretariat, requesting that Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, attend alongside the NSW Auditor General from 4.45 pm until 5.15 pm on 4 November as a witness during the Premier hearing on 4 November 2021

Sent

- 27 October 2021 - Email from the secretariat, to Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor-General, advising that the committee has resolved to invite Ms Crawford to appear separately from 4.45 pm until 5.15 pm at the PC 1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of Treasury, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of each session, if required

3.2 Public hearing: Treasury

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Matt Kean 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 Chair also reminded Mr Phil Garder, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury, that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Michael Pratt AM, Secretary, NSW Treasury (in person)
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury (via WebEx)
- Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury (in person)
- Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury (via WebEx)
- Ms Kim Curtain, Deputy Secretary, Chief Operating Officer, NSW Treasury (via WebEx)
- Mr Richard Harding, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, icare (via WebEx)
- Ms Rashi Bansal, Chief Financial Officer, icare (via WebEx until 2.00 pm, and then in person)
- Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) (via WebEx)
- Mr Stewart Walters, Chief Finance and Operations Officer, NSW Treasury (via WebEx).

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

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Minister Kean tendered the following document:

- Hornsby Council Map data – 2019 Redistribution of Local Government Areas.

Mr Mookhey tabled the following document:

- Copy of NSW Government eTendering – Group Document Management Services 4600002787 – icare.

The Minister withdrew at 12.45 pm.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Peter Achterstraat, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury (via WebEx, from 2.00 pm)

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.16 pm.

3.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Treasury hearing held on Wednesday 3 November 2021:

- Hornsby Council Map data – 2019 Redistribution of Local Government Areas, tendered by the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer
- Copy of NSW Government eTendering Contract Award Notice Details – Group Document Management Services 4600002787 – iCare, tabled by Mr Daniel Mookhey MLC.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.17 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 4 November 2021, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2021-2022 hearing – Premier.

Madeleine Dowd
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 51

Thursday 4 November 2021

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

1. Members presentMs Moriarty, *Chair*Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair* (until 12.46 pm)

Ms Boyd (until 12.46 pm)

Mr Buttigieg (participating, from 3.28 pm)

Mr Field (participating, from 10.19 am until 10.47 am)

Mr Franklin (until 2.51 pm)

Mr Graham (participating, from 2.00 pm until 3.06 pm)

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (participating, from 9.28 am)

Mr Poulos

Ms Sharpe

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Boyd from 2.00 pm)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 1 November 2021 - Email from Ms Liz Crosby, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW, to the secretariat, requesting the committee discharge Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW at 3.00 pm from the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 1 November 2021 - Email from Ms Nella Hall, Office of the Hon Mark Latham MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Latham will not be attending the PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 4 November 2021 – Email from Ms Felicity Brooks, Department of Premier and Cabinet, to the secretariat, advising that Ms Sarah Cruickshank is unwell and an apology for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 4 November 2021 – Email from Ms Felicity Brooks, Department of Premier and Cabinet, to the secretariat, requesting that Ms Kate Boyd appear in person at the afternoon session of the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 4 November 2021 – Email from Ms Cara Punch, Office of Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC, Opposition Whip, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Buttigieg will be a participating member for the afternoon session of the PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021
- 4 November 2021 – Email from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, to the secretariat, advising that Mr Shoebridge will be substituting for Ms Boyd in the afternoon session of the PC1 Premier hearing on 4 November 2021.

Sent:

- 2 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Vanessa Gill, Office of the NSW Auditor-General, advising that the committee has no objections to Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General appearing at the hearing on 4 November 2021
- 2 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat to Ms Liz Crosby, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW, advising that the committee has no objections to Mr Simon Draper, CEO, Infrastructure NSW being discharged from the hearing at 3.00 pm on Thursday 4 November 2021.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of Premier, be examined by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm, and from 2.00 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of each session, if required.

3.2 Public hearing: Premier

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Dominic Perrottet 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 Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Amy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission (in person)
- Mr Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, Commissioner, Resilience NSW (via WebEx)
- Ms Elizabeth Mildwater, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission (via WebEx)
- Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet (via WebEx until 1.00 pm, in person from 2.00 pm)

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 Minister withdrew at 12.46 pm.

Mr Draper withdrew at 3.02 pm.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons withdrew at 4.30 pm.

Ms Foy withdrew at 4.34 pm.

Ms Brown and Mr Schmidt withdrew at 4.36 pm.

The evidence concluded and the remainder of the witnesses withdrew.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined:

- 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.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.16 pm.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.16 pm, *Sine die*.

Helen Hong
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 55

17 February 2022

Portfolio Committee no. 1 – Premier and Finance
via Webex, NSW Parliament House, 3.33 pm**1. Members present**Ms Moriarty, *Chair*Ms Boyd (*until 3.50 pm*)

Mr Farlow

Mr Harwin

Mr Martin (*from 3.38 pm*)

Mr Mookhey

Ms Sharpe (*until 3.50 pm*)Mr Shoebridge (*from 3.45 pm*)**2. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Martin: That draft minutes nos 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 54 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022**3.1 Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 25 November 2021 – Email from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, to the secretariat, clarifying evidence given at the Finance and Small Business hearing on 29 October 2021
- 25 November 2021 – Email from Ms Renata Trkulja, Associate Director, Parliamentary Services, Executive & Ministerial Services Branch, NSW Treasury, to the secretariat, seeking an extension for providing post-hearing responses

Sent:

- 2 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox, President of the Legislative Council, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 3 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Industry and Trade, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 4 November 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, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 5 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 10 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 11 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions
- 26 November 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to Ms Renata Trkulja, Associate Director, Parliamentary Services, Executive & Ministerial Services Branch, NSW Treasury, advising that the Chair has agreed to an extension until 3 December 2021 for post hearing responses to be provided
- 3 December 2021 – Email from the secretariat, to Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General, forwarding transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted and supplementary questions

3.2 Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings timetable

The committee noted the proposed timetable for additional hearings:

- Treasurer, Energy, Monday 28 February 2022
- The Legislature, Wednesday 2 March 2022
- Finance, Employee Relations, Friday 4 March 2022
- Enterprise, Investment & Trade, Tourism & Sport, Western Sydney, Tuesday 8 March 2022
- Premier, Thursday 10 March 2022
- Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth, Tuesday 15 March 2022

3.3 Witnesses, allocation of question time and total hearing time

The committee noted that as per the Notice of Motion for additional budget estimates hearings,

1. (a) (i) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon session, if required,

(ii) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm,

(b) Ministers be invited to appear for the morning session unless requested by the committee to appear also for the afternoon session.

3.4 Witnesses to appear at hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey:

- That the witness list suggested by the Opposition be circulated to members with any comments, additions be lodged by midday Friday 18 February,
- That the committee not invite parliamentary secretaries to appear as a witness at the hearings,
- That for the portfolio hearing for the Premier, time be reserved for government questions for each independent agency appearing.

3.5 Recording of hearing

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the additional Budget Estimates hearings be recorded and that these recordings be placed on the inquiry webpage as soon as practicable after the hearing.

3.6 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions – supplementary hearings

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 the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, received 23 November 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Industry and Trade, received 24 November 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State, Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, received 25 November 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Small Business, received 25 November 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, received 2 December 2021
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, received 2 December 2021

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, received 3 December 2021
- answers to questions on notice from Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General, received 24 December 2021

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5. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.09 pm, *sine die*.

Stephen Frappell
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 56

Monday 28 February 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.20 am

1. **Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair (until 12.48 pm, from 2.18 pm)*

Ms Boyd (*until 12.48 pm, from 2.13 pm*)

Ms Faehrmann (*participating from 12.08 pm until 12.33 pm*)

Mr Farlow

Mr Harwin

Mr Latham (*participating*)

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (*participating*)

Ms Sharpe

Mr Shoebridge (*participating until 2.35 pm*)

2. **Apologies**

Mr Martin

3. **Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That draft minutes no. 55 be confirmed.

4. **Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 22 February 2022 - Email from Dimitry Palmer, Office of the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer and Minister for Energy, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 22 February 2022 - Email from Richard Egan, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 22 February 2022 - Email from Annabel de Mestre, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, and Western Sydney, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing

- 22 February 2022 - Email from Damian Spinks, Office of the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Youth, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 22 February 2022 - Email from Richard Egan, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, clarifying that Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, will appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing all day
- 23 February 2022 - Email from Jane Worden, Office of the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 24 February 2022 - Email from Richard Egan, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, updating nomination of witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing

Sent:

- 20 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Innovation and Technology, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings
- 20 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings
- 20 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings
- 20 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, and Western Sydney, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings
- 20 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Youth, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings
- 24 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions, if required.

5.2 Public hearing: Treasurer and Energy

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer and Minister for Energy 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 San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Mr Phil Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury

- Mr David Deverall, CEO, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)
- Mr Stewart Walters, Chief Finance and Operation Officer, NSW Treasury

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Dr Paul Grimes, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr James Hay, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Changes and Sustainability and Chief Executive Officer of Energy Corporation of NSW, Department of Planning and Environment
- Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Department of Planning and Environment
- Mr Andrew Lewis, Executive Director, Energy, Department of Planning and Environment (via Webex)
- Ms Cristien Hickey, Acting Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Department of Planning and Environment

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Treasurer and Energy open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following documents:

- Fair Work Commission affidavit by Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury, in the matter of Minister of Employee Relations and Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union
- Excerpt from NSW Treasury Annual Report 2020-2021 – Revenue – COVID-19 pandemic and inflation

The Minister withdrew at 12.48 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.17 pm.

5.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Treasurer and Energy hearing held on Monday 28 February 2022:

- Fair Work Commission affidavit by Mr Stephen Walters, NSW Chief Economist, NSW Treasury, in the matter of Minister of Employee Relations and Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union
- Excerpt from NSW Treasury Annual Report 2020-2021 – Revenue – COVID-19 pandemic and inflation

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.18 pm, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 2 March 2022, Preston-Stanley, Budget Estimates hearing — The Legislature

Emily Treeby
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 57

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

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

1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*
Mr Amato (*substituting for Mr Martin*)
Ms Boyd, from 9.23 am until 10.16 am
Mr Buttigieg (*substituting for Ms Moriarty*)
Mr Harwin
Mr Moselmane (*substituting for Ms Sharpe*)

2. Apologies

Mr Farlow

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

3.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution the portfolio of The Legislature is to be examined concurrently by Opposition, Government and Crossbench members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.

3.2 Public hearing: The Legislature

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox 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 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 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 following witness was sworn:

- Ms Jocelyn Webb, 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 tendered the following document:

- Powerpoint slides entitled 'Bicentenary – condition of buildings'

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.32 pm.

3.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Harwin: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the The Legislature hearing held on Wednesday 2 March 2022:

- Powerpoint slides entitled 'Bicentenary – condition of buildings', tendered by the President of the Legislative Council

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.33 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 4 March 2022, Jubilee, Budget Estimates hearing - Finance, Employee Relations

Sharon Ohnesorge
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 58

Friday 4 March 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.20 am

1. Members presentMs Moriarty, *Chair*Ms Sharpe, *Acting Deputy Chair*Mr Fang (*substituting for Mr Martin*)Mrs Houssos (*participating*)Mr Mallard (*substituting for Mr Harwin*)Mr Mookhey (*participating*) (from 11.40 am until 12.45 pm)Mr Searle (*participating*) (from 9.58 am until 11.43 am)Mr Shoebridge (*substituting for Ms Boyd*) (from 9.25 am until 3.10 pm)**2. Apologies**Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 25 February 2022 - Email from Julie Morris, NSW Electoral Commission, to the secretariat, confirming Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission will attend the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022
- 28 February 2022 - Email from Taylor Gramoski, Office of the Hon Dominic Perrottet MLC, Premier, nominating witnesses to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 28 February 2022 - Email from Cat Agoratsios, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, confirming attendance of Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022
- 1 March 2022 - Email from Vanessa Gill, Executive Officer - Office of the Auditor-General, confirming attendance of Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022.

Sent:

- 25 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing – Premier on 10 March 2022
- 25 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to Mr Ian Goodman, NSW Deputy Auditor General, Audit Office of New South Wales, and Ms Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General, Audit Office of New South Wales, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing – Premier on 10 March 2022
- 25 February 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, issuing witness invitations for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing – Premier on 10 March 2022
- 2 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to Cat Agoratsios, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, extending an invitation to Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, to attend the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing on 10 March 2022 – Premier on 10 March 2022.

4. Election of Acting Deputy Chair

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That Ms Sharpe act as Deputy Chair for the purposes of the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearing for Finance and Employee Relations this day.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions, if required.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That questioning alternate between Opposition and Crossbench members in 20 minute allocations.

5.2 Public hearing: Finance, Employee Relations

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, 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 Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Philip Gardner, Deputy Secretary, Commercial, Commissioning and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Mr Richard Harding, CEO and Managing Director, icare
- Mr Scott Johnson, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Charlie Heuston (via Webex), Executive Director, Employee Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Samara Dobbins, Deputy Secretary, People and Operations, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Finance and Employee Relations open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Searle joined the meeting at 9.58 am.

Mr Mookhey joined the meeting at 11.40 am.

Minister Tudehope tendered the following document:

- Witness statement of Jasbir Sing Tumber, before the Fair Work Commission.

Mr Searle left the meeting at 11.43 am.

Mr Mookhey tendered the following documents:

- Documents returned to an order for papers regarding disruption to rail services and industrial action referred to in media reports.

The Minister, Mr Gardner and Mr Harding withdrew at 12.45 pm.

Mr Mookhey left the meeting at 12.45 pm.

Mr Scott Johnson tendered the following document:

- Budget Estimates Note, Data and Statistics, All fines issued to individuals and businesses/Overdue fines

Mr Shoebridge left the meeting at 3.10 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.31 pm.

5.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mallard: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Finance, Employee Relations hearing held on Friday 4 March 2022:

- Document 1, tendered by Minister Tudehope
Witness statement of Jasbir Sing Tumber, before the Fair Work Commission
- Document 2, tendered by Mr Mookhey
Documents returned to an order for papers regarding disruption to rail services and industrial action referred to in media reports
- Document 3, tendered by Mr Scott Johnson
Budget Estimates Note, Data and Statistics, All fines issued to individuals and businesses/Overdue fines

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.33 pm, until 9.15 am, Tuesday 8 March 2022, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing - Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney.

Allison Stowe
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 59

Tuesday 8 March 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.15 am

1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Sharpe

Ms Boyd (*until 12.00 pm*)

Ms Faehrmann (*participating*) (*from 11.33am to 11.40am*)

Mr Graham (*participating*) (*until 3.45pm*)

Mr Harwin

Mr Mallard (*substituting for Mr Martin*)

Mr Mookhey (*participating*)

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak (*Deputy Chair*)

Mr Farlow

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 2 March 2022 - Email from Julie Morris, NSW Electoral Commission, to the secretariat, requesting that Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission, be invited to attend

Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing on 10 March 2022, alongside Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission

- 3 March 2022 - Email from Richard Egan, Office of the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, clarifying witnesses attendance times at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing
- 4 March 2022 - Email from Annabel de Mestre, Office of the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, and Western Sydney, updating witness to appearance times for the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing.

Sent:

- 3 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to Ms Julie Morris, NSW Electoral Commission, advising that the committee has not raised objections to Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission, attending Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing on 10 March 2022.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

4.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions, if required.

4.2 Public hearing: Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for 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 Amy Brown, Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW, Invest NSW
- Ms Kylie Bell, Executive Director Trade and Investment, Invest NSW
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer and Co-ordinator General, Infrastructure NSW, INSW
- Dr Sarah Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
- Mr Steve Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Ms Kate Foy, Group Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Sport and Arts, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

The following witness was sworn:

- Ms Karen Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Office Of Sport

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Graham tendered the following document:

- List of suburbs and local government areas that have received various grants from the NSW Government.

The Minister withdrew at 12.45 pm.

The following witness was sworn:

- Ms Kerrie Mather, Chief Executive Officer, Venues NSW

Ms Mather, Mr Cox and Mr Draper withdrew at 3.28 pm.

Ms Jones withdrew at 3.34 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.03 pm.

4.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mallard: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, and Western Sydney hearing held on Tuesday 8 March 2022:

- List of suburbs and local government areas that have received various grants from the NSW Government tendered by Mr Graham

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.03 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 10 March 2022, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates hearing - Premier

Madeleine Dowd
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 60

Tuesday 15 March 2022

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

Mr Farlow

Mr Harwin

Mr Martin

Mr Secord (*participating*)

Ms Sharpe

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 7 March 2022 - Letter from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, requesting that he and the Hon Paul Toole MP, Deputy Premier be excused from attending the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings scheduled for 9 March 2022 and 10 March 2022
- 9 March 2022 - Email from Damian Spinks, Office of the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Youth, nominating an additional witness - Tim Ireland, Executive Director, Closing the Gap - to appear at the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing.

Sent:

- 7 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer and Minister for Energy, requesting transcript corrections, answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 7 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, advising that the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022 is postponed to a future date, yet to be determined
- 7 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, advising that the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022 is postponed to a future date, yet to be determined
- 7 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, and Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission, advising that the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearing - Premier on 10 March 2022 is postponed to a future date, yet to be determined
- 8 March 2022 - Letter from the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, Committee Chair, to the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of New South Wales, advising that the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 additional hearings of Premier and Deputy Premier are deferred until the first available opportunity to hold the hearing in person with both Premier and senior public officials present
- 9 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat, to the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, requesting transcript corrections, answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings**3.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions, if required.

3.2 Public hearing: Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, and Regional Youth

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Youth, 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 Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Lilian Gordon, Head of Agency, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- Ms Annette Pitman, Chief Executive Officer, Create NSW
- Dr Michael Brand, Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Ms Nicole Courtman, Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
- Ms Louise Herron AM, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
- Ms Lisa Havilah, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Chris Hanger, Deputy Secretary, Regional Development and Programs, Department of Regional NSW

- Ms Julia Ryan, Director, Office of Regional Youth, Department of Regional NSW
- Mr Tim Ireland, Executive Director, Closing the Gap

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 12.45 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.45 pm.

4. **Adjournment**

Sin die.

Stewart Smith
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 61

Thursday 21 April 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.17 am

1. **Members**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd (*until 3.30 pm*)

Ms Faehrmann (*participating from 10.18 am until 11.51 am*)

Mr Farlow

Mrs Houssos (*participating*)

Mr Latham (*substituting for Mr Borsak*)

Mr Martin

Mr Rath

Ms Sharpe

2. **Apologies**

Mr Borsak

3. **Correspondence**

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 30 March 2022 - Letter from the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council to the secretariat, providing answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice
- 31 March 2022 - Letter from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Employee Relations to the secretariat, providing transcript corrections, answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice
- 4 April 2022 Letter from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney to secretariat, providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions
- 5 April 2022 - Letter from the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer and Minister for Energy to secretariat, providing transcript corrections, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions
- 11 April 2022 - Letter from the Hon Ben Franklin MLC Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth providing answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 14 April 2022 Email from Office of Premier to secretariat - Budget Estimates hearing 21 April 2022 - advising that Ms Kate Foy, Deputy Secretary, no longer reports to Department of Premier and Cabinet
- 14 April 2022 Email from ICAC - accepting invitation to appear as a witness at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022
- 19 April 2022 - Email from office of Auditor General accepting invitation as a witness at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022

Sent:

- 10 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, requesting transcript corrections, answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 14 March 2022 - Email from the secretariat to the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney, requesting transcript corrections, answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 13 April 2022 - Email from Secretariat to Premier - invitation to appear at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022 including witness
- 13 April 2022 - Email from Secretariat to NSW Electoral Commissioner- invitation to appear at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022 including witness - sent 13 April 2022
- 13 April 2022 - Email from Secretariat to Auditor General - invitation to appear at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022 including witness
- 13 April 2022 - Email from Secretariat to Chief Commissioner ICAC - invitation to appear at Budget Estimates hearing on 21 April 2022 including witness

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – supplementary hearings

4.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2021-2022 resolution each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions, if required.

4.2 Public hearing: Premier

Departmental witnesses were admitted.

The Honourable Dominic 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 follow witness that he did not need to be sworn, as he had previously been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet.

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

The Premier and departmental witness were examined by the committee.

The Hon Mark Latham MLC tendered the following documents:

- Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024: Ashcroft High School 8397.

The Premier withdrew at 12.51 pm.

The following witness was admitted and examined:

- Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet.

Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter and Ms Kate Boyd withdrew at 2.45 pm.

The following witness was sworn and examined:

- Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission

The following witnesses were admitted and examined:

- 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
- Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC tendered the following document:

- Printout of webpages showing disclosure details for donor IVE Group Australia Pty Ltd.

Ms Margaret Crawford tendered the following document:

- Letter to The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, replying to his letter of 14 February 2022 regarding funding for integrity agencies, dated 3 March 2022.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.44 pm.

4.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Premier hearing held on Thursday 21 April 2022:

- Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024: Ashcroft High School 8397, tendered by Mr Latham
- Printout of webpages showing disclosure details for donor IVE Group Australia Pty Ltd, tendered by Ms Houssos
- Letter to The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, replying to his letter of 14 February 2022 regarding funding for integrity agencies, dated 3 March 2022, tendered by Ms Crawford.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.36 pm, *sine die*.

Stewart Smith
Committee Clerk

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Wednesday 22 June 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1

Room 1254, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.31 pm

1. Members

Ms Moriarty, Chair
Ms Boyd
Mr Martin
Mr Rath

2. Apologies

Mr Borsak
Mr Farlow
Ms Sharpe

3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That draft minutes nos. 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 be confirmed.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2021-2022 – further hearings**4.1 Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions (*previously circulated*)**

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 establishing the Inquiry:

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Mathew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, received 30 and 31 March 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Employee Relations, received 31 March 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Stuart Ayres MP - Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney, received 4 April 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Matt Kean MP - Treasurer and Minister for Energy, received 5 April 2022
- Answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Ben Franklin MLC - Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth, received 11 April 2022
- answers to questions on notice supplementary questions received from Chief Commissioner Hall – ICAC, received 18 May 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, received 20 May 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP – Premier, received 23 May 2022.

4.2 Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Chair submitted her draft report entitled Budget Estimates 2021-2022, 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 by June 30 2022.

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.31 pm, *sine die*.

Stewart Smith
Committee Clerk

