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## Terms of reference

The Budget Estimates resolution and schedule was agreed to by the House on 22 June 2022, referring the Budget Estimates and related papers for 2022-2023 to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report and is reproduced, as amended on 10 August 2022, as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- (1) That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2022-2023 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 16 November 2021 adopting the 2022 sitting calendar, the 2022- 2023 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

**Day One: Monday 22 August 2022**

PC 5 Attorney General  
PC 1 Treasurer, Energy

**Day Two: Tuesday 23 August 2022**

PC 3 Education and Early Learning  
PC 7 Environment and Heritage

**Day Three: Wednesday 24 August 2022**

PC 6 Metropolitan Roads, Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Day Four: Thursday 25 August 2022**

PC 7 Local Government  
PC 3 Skills and Training, Science, Innovation and Technology

**Day Five: Friday 26 August 2022**

PC 6 Transport, Veterans, Western Sydney  
PC 1 Finance, Employee Relations

**Day Six: Monday 29 August 2022**

PC 5 Corrections  
PC 7 Planning, Homes

**Day Seven: Tuesday 30 August 2022**

PC 4 Customer Service and Digital Government  
PC 5 Families and Communities, Disability Services

**Day Eight: Wednesday 31 August 2022**

PC 6 Regional Transport and Roads  
PC 5 Deputy Premier, Regional NSW, Police

**Day Nine: Thursday 1 September 2022**

PC 1 Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport  
PC 5 Multiculturalism, Seniors

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 22 June 2022, pp 3481-3482, as amended *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 10 August 2022, p 3563.

**Day Ten: Friday 2 September 2022**  
 PC 5 Emergency Services and Resilience, Flood Recovery  
 PC 4 Lands and Water, Hospitality and Racing

**Day Eleven: Monday 5 September 2022**  
 PC 4 Agriculture and Western NSW  
 PC 1 Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism

**Day Twelve: Tuesday 6 September 2022**  
 PC 2 Women, Regional Health, Mental Health  
 PC 6 Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport  
 PC 1 The Legislature

**Day Thirteen: Wednesday 7 September 2022**  
 PC 4 Small Business and Fair Trading  
 PC 2 Health  
 PC 1 Premier

- (3) That for the purposes of the 2022-2023 initial budget estimates hearings:
- (a) 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,
  - (b) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.
- (4) That, further to the resolution of the House of 16 November 2021 adopting the 2022 sitting calendar, the 2022-2023 supplementary budget estimates hearings be held over five days from 24 October to 28 October 2022.
- (5) That for the purposes of the 2022-2023 initial and supplementary budget estimates hearings:
- (a) the committees must hear evidence in public,
  - (b) 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,
  - (c) ministers be invited to appear for the morning sessions only unless requested by committees to appear also for the afternoon session,
  - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before a 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.
- (6) That the committees present a final report to the House by 23 December 2022.

On 21 September 2022, the Budget Estimates resolution and schedule, as it relates to the Corrections hearing, was varied by the House as follows<sup>2</sup>:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) on Wednesday 22 June 2022, the House adopted a schedule of initial budget estimates hearings for 2022-2023 over 13 working days from Monday 22 August to Wednesday 7 September 2022, and
  - (b) the following hearing was unable to be conducted as scheduled by Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities due to the unavailability of the Minister:

**Day Six: Monday 29 August 2022**  
PC 5 Corrections

- (2) That in view of the inability of Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities to conduct this hearing, the committee be authorised to undertake the hearing on a date of its choosing under the same arrangements as originally agreed to by the House on Wednesday 22 June 2022.

According to a resolution of Portfolio Committee No. 5 - Regional NSW and Stronger Communities, the Corrections hearing was rescheduled to Monday, 24 October 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 21 September 2022, p 3645.

## Committee details

### Committee members

<b>The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>The Hon Robert Borsak MLC</b>	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Ms Abigail Boyd MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Scott Farlow MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Taylor Martin MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Chris Rath MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

<b>The Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Anthony D'Adam MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>Mr Justin Field MLC</b>	Independent
<b>The Hon John Graham MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>Ms Sue Higginson MLC</b>	The Greens
<b>The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Mark Latham MLC</b>	Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party
<b>The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC</b>	Liberal Party
<b>The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party
<b>The Hon Adam Searle MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party

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## Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023. 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 – Premier and Finance is responsible for the scrutiny of the following portfolio areas:

- Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism
- Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport
- 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  
**Committee 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, including answers to questions on notice, and answers to post-hearing written questions (known as supplementary questions). There is no provision for written submissions.

### Budget Estimates 2022-2023

- 1.1 On 16 November 2021 and 22 June 2022, the Legislative Council resolved that hearings for Budget Estimates 2022-2023 be held over 13 days from 22 August to 7 September 2022, and supplementary hearings be scheduled over five days from 24 to 28 October 2022.<sup>3</sup>
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution and schedule was subsequently agreed to by the House on 22 June 2022, referring the Budget Estimates and related papers for the 2022-2023 financial year to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report by Friday 23 December 2022.<sup>4</sup>
- 1.3 Following changes to the administration of the government, the hearing schedule was amended by the House on 10 August 2022 to reflect the changed ministerial responsibilities.<sup>5</sup>
- 1.4 On 21 September 2022, the Budget Estimates resolution and schedule was further varied by the House to facilitate the postponement of the initial hearing of Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities into the Corrections portfolio, due to the unavailability of the Minister.<sup>6</sup>
- 1.5 The budget estimates resolution establishing the inquiry, which sets out the rules for the inquiry, is reproduced on page iv.

### Hearings

- 1.6 The committee held six public hearings as follows:
  - Monday 22 August 2022: Treasurer, Energy
  - Friday 26 August 2022: Finance, Employee Relations
  - Thursday 1 September 2022: Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport

<sup>3</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 16 November 2021, p 2713; and *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 22 June 2022, pp 3481-3482.

<sup>4</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 22 June 2022, pp 3481-3482.

<sup>5</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council 10 August 2022, p 3563.

<sup>6</sup> *Minutes*, Legislative Council, 21 September 2022, p 3645.

- Monday 5 September 2022: Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism
- Tuesday 6 September 2022: The Legislature
- Wednesday 7 September 2022: Premier, including independent agencies.

## **Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions**

- 1.7 Transcripts of the hearings, questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and answers to these questions are available on the Budget Estimates webpage at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates).

## Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

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

### Treasurer, Energy

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Treasurer, Energy was held on Monday 22 August 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- NSW Government debt
- Public sector wages
- First Home Buyer Choice initiative
- Forestry Corporation
- Major projects, including power station closures and Dungowan Dam and Pipeline Project
- Treasury Managed Fund and icare
- Transport Asset Holding Entity
- Opportunities to reduce carbon emissions
- Capital slippage, including Federation Funding Agreements
- Road tolling processes
- Various funds and schemes, including Shared Equity Scheme and the Future Economy Fund.

### Finance, Employee Relations

2.2 A hearing examining the portfolios of Finance, Employee Relations was held on Friday 26 August 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Land tax legislation
- Wage policy, theft and the gender pay gap
- Industrial relations awards, agreements and fines
- Evaluation parameters of productivity proposals
- The Gig Economy, including employee rights and protections, and non-payment of payroll taxes
- icare, including the nominal insurers position; payment of bonuses; premium increases; payment delays; the Treasury Managed Fund; under and overpayments of pre-injury average weekly earnings; and return to work rates
- Dust diseases, including remediation and mandatory health screening.

## **Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport**

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolios of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport was held on Thursday 1 September 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Status of Investment NSW, including its transition from an agency to a section of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade; resignation of Ms Brown
- Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners (STICs), including salary and allowances for the London Based Agent-General; STICS Budget allocations
- Gender equality in sport, including promoting female sport; investing equal money into men's and women's sporting programs; naming grandstands after female athletes
- Penrith Stadium Project, including cost of project and land acquisition; status of other stadium maintenance and upgrades at Jubilee, Brookvale, and Leichhardt
- Sydney's night-time economy, including Sydney after dark; trial of special entertainment precinct on Enmore Road
- CBD Revitalisation Grant Program
- NSW Institute of Sport, including outcomes for NSW Institute of Sport athletes at Commonwealth Games
- Western Parkland City Authority, including relocation from Parramatta to Penrith; staffing; budget; Western Sydney City Deal.

## **Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism**

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism was held on Monday 5 September 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Proposed Aboriginal Cultural Space at the Museum of Sydney
- Powerhouse Museum – Parramatta, Ultimo and Castle Hill sites
- Governance structures around Closing the Gap targets and collaboration with Aboriginal Controlled Organisations
- 'Feel New' NSW tourism campaign
- Art Gallery of NSW funding arrangements, including the Sydney Modern Project
- Programs for regional youth, including Holiday Break, Youth Radio, and Regional Gap Year.

## The Legislature

- 2.5 A hearing examining the portfolio of The Legislature was held on Tuesday 6 September 2022. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:
- Response to the Broderick report
  - Independent Complaints Officer
  - Review of conditions for members' staff
  - Impact of orders for papers and committee inquiries
  - Work health and safety responsibilities at Parliament House
  - Review of the standing and sessional orders
  - Capital works and air quality at Parliament House.

## Premier, including independent agencies

- 2.6 A hearing examining the portfolio of the Premier was held on Wednesday 7 September 2022. As part of this hearing a panel of independent agencies was examined, comprising the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Office of the Auditor-General, NSW Electoral Commission and NSW Public Service Commission. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:
- Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner appointments
  - Resignation of NSW Building Commissioner
  - Powerhouse Museum
  - Auditor-General's Report on Biodiversity Offset Scheme
  - Report of the section 83 inquiry conducted by Mr Graeme Head AO into the employment arrangements for the Senior Investment and Trade Commissioner for the Americas
  - Review by Bruce McClintock SC into former NSW trade minister Stuart Ayres
  - Review of policies and procedures for ministerial offices – bullying, harassment, and sexual misconduct, by the Hon. Pru Goward
  - Caretaker requirements and conventions during election period
  - Ministerial drivers
  - Funding for NSW integrity agencies.



## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
Monday 22 August 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney	Hon Matt Kean MP	Treasurer, and Minister for Energy
	Dr Paul Grimes	Secretary, NSW Treasury
	Mr James Hay	Chief Executive Officer of Energy Corporation of NSW, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
	Ms Rachel Parry	Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
	Mr Andrew Lewis	Executive Director, Energy, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
	Dr Kate Wilson	Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
	Mr Andrew Kingsmill	Executive Director, Technical Advisory Services, Energy Corporation of NSW, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
	Mr San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
	Ms Sonya Campbell	Acting Deputy Secretary, Commercial and Procurement, NSW Treasury
	Ms Joann Wilkie	Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
	Dr Aruna Sathanapally	Executive Director, Economic and Revenue Analysis, NSW Treasury
	Ms Cassandra Wilkinson	Executive Director, Transport, Regions, Infrastructure and Planning, NSW Treasury

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
	Mr Peter Acherstraat	NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
	Mr Stewart Walters	Chief Finance and Operation Officer, NSW Treasury
	Mr David Deverall	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp)
<b>Friday 26 August 2022</b> <b>Jubilee Room</b> <b>Parliament House, Sydney</b>	Hon Damien Tudehope MLC	Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	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
	Mr Scott Johnston	Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
	Mr Cullen Smythe	Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
	Ms Sonya Campbell	Acting Deputy Secretary, Commercial & Procurement, NSW Treasury
	Mr Richard Harding	CEO and Managing Director, icare
<b>Thursday 1 September 2022</b> <b>Jubilee Room</b> <b>Parliament House, Sydney</b>	Hon Alister Henskens SC MP	Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Sport, Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology
	Ms Lisa Braid	Acting Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
	Ms Katie Knight	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
	Mr Stewart Webster	Managing Director, Strategy and Performance, Investment NSW
	Ms Kylie Bell	Managing Director, Trade and International, Investment NSW

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
	Ms Kate Foy	Group Deputy Secretary, Arts, Sport and Tourism, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
	Dr Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
	Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer and Co-ordinator General, Infrastructure NSW
	Ms Karen Jones	Chief Executive Officer, Office of Sport and representing NSWIS
	Ms Kerrie Mather	Chief Executive Officer, Venues NSW
	Mr Kevin Thompson	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Institute of Sport
<b>Monday 5 September 2022 Jubilee Room Parliament House, Sydney</b>	Hon Ben Franklin MLC	Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Lisa Braid	Acting Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW, Invest NSW
	Ms Kate Foy	Group Deputy Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
	Mr Chris Hanger	Deputy Secretary, Department of Regional NSW
	Ms Julia Ryan	Director, Department of Regional NSW
	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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Organisation</b>
	Ms Elizabeth Tsitsikronis	Interim Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
	Mr Tim Ireland	Executive Director, Closing the Gap, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
	Ms Louise Herron	Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
	Mr Steve Cox	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
<b>Tuesday 6 September 2022</b> <b>Jubilee Room</b> <b>Parliament House, Sydney</b>	Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	President of the Legislative Council
	Mr David Blunt	Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Department of the Legislative Council
	Mr Mark Webb	Chief Executive, Department of Parliamentary Services
	Ms Jocelyn Webb	Director, Financial Services and Governance, Department of Parliamentary Services
<b>Wednesday 7 September 2022</b> <b>Jubilee Room</b> <b>Parliament House, Sydney</b>	Hon Dominic Perrottet MP	Premier
	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kathryn Boyd PSM	Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kate Meagher	Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Sarah Cruickshank	Deputy Secretary, Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Samara Dobbins	Deputy Secretary, People and Operations, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Hon John Hatzistergos AM	Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Mr Philip Reed <i>(via videoconference)</i>	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption

Date	Name	Position and Organisation
	Mr Roy Waldon	Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Ms Margaret Crawford	Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
	Mr Ian Goodwin	Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor- General
	Mr John Schmidt	Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
	Mr Matthew Phillips	Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission
	Ms Kathrina Lo	Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission



## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes no. 63

Thursday 21 July 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Via Webex, at 11.30 am

#### 1. Members

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Mr Fang (substituting for Mr Martin)

Mr Farlow

Mr Rath

Ms Sharpe

#### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd

#### 3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That draft minutes no. 62 be confirmed.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted that the Budget Estimates timetable for 2022-2023 was agreed to by the House, with hearings commencing at 9.30 am and concluding by 5.15 pm. Below is a table of Portfolio Committee No. 1 hearings:

Date	Portfolio
Monday 22 August 2022	Treasurer, Energy
Friday 26 August 2022	Finance, Employee Relations
Tuesday 30 August 2022	Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney
Thursday 1 September 2022	Premier
Monday 5 September 2022	Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth
Wednesday 7 September 2022	The Legislature

##### 4.1 Allocation of question time and total hearing time

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 resolution:

- (a) 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,

- (b) the portfolio of The Legislature 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 for the portfolios of Treasurer and Energy the committee invite the following witnesses:

- 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 (TCorp)
- Mr Andrew Lewis, Executive Director, Energy, Department of Planning and Environment
- Ms Cristen Hickey, Acting Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Department of Planning and Environment.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That for the portfolios of Finance and Employee Relations the committee invite the following witnesses:

- 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 (requested to attend both sessions of the hearing)
- 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.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That for the portfolios of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Tourism and Sport, Western Sydney, the committee invite the following witnesses:

- Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade; Minister for Tourism and Sport; Minister for Western Sydney
- Mr Peter Anderson, Executive Director, Development and Place, WPCA
- Ms Anne Skewes, Head of Development & Delivery, WCPA
- 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 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
- Ms Celia Murphy, Executive Director, Policy and Planning, NSW Office of Sport.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That for the portfolio of Premier the committee invite the following witnesses:

- Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier
- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Ms Kate Boyd, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Ms Kate Meagher, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement Group, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
- Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
- Mr John Schmidt, Electoral Commissioner NSW, NSW Electoral Commission
- Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission
- Ms Kathrina Lo, The Public Service Commissioner
- Ms Sarah Cruickshank, Deputy Secretary, Policy
- Ms Samara Dobbins, Deputy Secretary, People and Operations.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That for the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs, Arts and Regional Youth the committee invite the following witnesses:

- 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 Hanger, 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 AM, 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 Nicole Courtman, Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
- Mr Shane Hamilton, Deputy Secretary Aboriginal Affairs and Outcomes
- Mr Tim Ireland, Executive Director, Closing the Gap
- Ms Julia Ryan Director, Office of Regional Youth, Department of Regional NSW
- Ms Kate Foy, Group Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Sport and Arts, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
- Ms Kate Meagher, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement Group, NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Ms Kyas Hepworth, Head of Screen NSW
- Ms Julia Pucci, Director, Create Infrastructure
- Mr Mark Crees, Director, Create Infrastructure
- Ms Tony McCabe, Director, Create Infrastructure
- Ms Roslyn Mayled, Director, Create Infrastructure.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That for the portfolio of The Legislature the committee invite the following witnesses:

- Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council
- Mr David Blunt, Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Department of the Legislative Council
- Mr Mark Webb, Chief Executive, Department of Parliamentary Services

- Ms Jocelyn Webb, Director, Financial Services, Department of Parliamentary Services.

The committee noted that where a witness no longer occupies a position, invitations will be made based on the position.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee submit any further witness requests to the secretariat by 5.00 pm, Monday 25 July 2022.

#### **4.3 Witness appearance time**

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 resolution ministers are invited to appear for the morning sessions only, 9.30 am to 12.45 pm, unless requested by the committee to appear also for the afternoon session.

#### **4.4 Recording of hearing**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That all Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearings be recorded and that these recordings be placed on the inquiry webpage as soon as practicable after the hearing.

### **5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 11.33 am, *sine die*.

Allison Stowe

**Committee Clerk**

### **Minutes no. 64**

Monday 22 August 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.19 am

#### **1. Members present**

Mr Borsak, *Acting Chair*

Ms Sharpe, *Acting Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd (until 10.58 am, and from 2.09 pm until 4.19 pm)

Ms Faehrmann (participating from 11.26 am until 11.49 am)

Mr Farlow

Mr Field (participating until 12.45 pm, and from 2.43 pm until 3.30 pm)

Mr Graham (participating from 2.00 pm until 2.50 pm, and from 4.28 pm until 4.43 pm)

Ms Higginson (participating from 12.02 pm until 12.37 pm, and from 2.46 pm until 4.34 pm)

Mr Mookhey (substituting for Ms Moriarty from 9.28 am)

Mr Rath

#### **2. Apologies**

Ms Moriarty, Chair

Mr Martin

#### **3. Acting Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

#### **4. Election of Acting Deputy Chair**

The Acting Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Ms Boyd moved: That Ms Sharpe be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Acting Chair declared Ms Sharpe elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

## 5. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That draft minutes no. 63 be confirmed.

## 6. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

### *Received:*

- 29 July 2022 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations - Budget Estimates 2022-2023 confirming witnesses attending a hearing on 26 August 2022
- 1 August 2022 - Email from Ms Annabel de Mestre, Office of Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney, to Budget Estimates secretariat, regarding witnesses attending Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 30 August 2022
- 2 August 2022 - Letter from Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General, to Budget Estimates secretariat, confirming attendance at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022 and requesting a specific time be allocated to provide evidence
- 5 August 2022 - Email from Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth regarding attendance of witnesses at Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022
- 11 August 2022 - Email from Mr Roy Waldron, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming attendance at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 11 August 2022 - Email from Mr Philip Reed, CEO, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming attendance at and noting date variation for a Budget Estimates hearing on 7 September 2022
- 11 August 2022 - Email from Mr Richard Egan, Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, to Budget Estimates secretariat regarding changes to witnesses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 26 August 2022
- 12 August 2022 - Email from Ms Jane Worden, Office of Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming witness list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 6 August 2022
- 15 August 2022 - Email from Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, to Budget Estimates secretariat reconfirming attendance at a rescheduled Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022.

### *Sent:*

- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 22 August 2022
- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 26 August 2022
- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 30 August 2022
- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of New South Wales, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 1 September 2022
- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 5 September 2022
- 27 July 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, issuing witness invitation requests for a hearing on 7 September 2022

- 5 August 2022 - Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor General, and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, issuing witness invitation requests for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 5 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Cat Agoratsios inviting the Hon Peter Hall QC, Chief Commissioner, Mr Phillip Reed, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, of the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption to a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 5 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Julie Morris inviting Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner and Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, of the NSW Electoral Commission to a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 10 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Mr Richard Egan, Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations regarding amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and noting no further change for a hearing on 26 August 2022
- 11 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council regarding amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and requesting confirmation of witness attendance for a hearing on 6 September 2022
- 11 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Taylor Gramoski, Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of NSW regarding amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and requesting confirmation of witnesses for a hearing on 7 September 2022
- 12 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Julie Morris notifying Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner and Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, of the NSW Electoral Commission, of the amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and noting date variation for a hearing on 7 September 2022
- 12 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Vanessa Gill notifying Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, of the amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and noting date variation for a hearing on 7 September 2022
- 12 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Rhia Jones notifying the Hon John Hatzistergos QC, Chief Commissioner, Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, of the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption of the amended Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing schedule and noting date variation for a hearing on 7 September 2022.
- 17 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to office of the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, and Minister for Energy, confirmation of witnesses and witness appearance times for a hearing on 22 August 2022.

## **7. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings**

### **7.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted the resolution of the House of 10 August 2022 amending the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 terms of reference.

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 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.

The committee noted that, as previously agreed to via email, witness appearance times for the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 Treasurer, Energy hearing have varied, with the following department staff to appear in the afternoon session only, from 2.00 pm until 5.30 pm:

- Mr Peter Acherstraat, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury,
- Mr Stewart Walters, Chief Finance and Operation Officer, NSW Treasury, and
- Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (Tcorp), NSW Treasury.

## 7.2 Public hearing: Treasurer, Energy

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media 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 following witnesses were sworn:

- Dr Paul Grimes, Secretary, NSW Treasury
- Mr James Hay, Chief Executive Officer of Energy Corporation of NSW, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
- Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
- Mr Andrew Lewis, Executive Director, Energy, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
- Dr Kate Wilson, Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
- Mr Andrew Kingsmill, Executive Director, Technical Advisory Services, Energy Corporation of NSW, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury
- Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury
- Ms Sonya Campbell, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commercial and Procurement, NSW Treasury
- Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity, NSW Treasury
- Dr Aruna Sathanapally, Executive Director, Economic and Revenue Analysis, NSW Treasury
- Ms Cassandra Wilkinson, Executive Director, Transport, Regions, Infrastructure and Planning, NSW Treasury.

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

The Treasurer and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

Mr Field tendered the following documents:

- Treasury Outcomes Statement 2022-23 – Chart 10:5 - Millions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions emitted annually in New South Wales
- Table – Sum of Emissions Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e from year 2021 to 2050.

The Minister withdrew at 12.47 pm.

The following witnesses were admitted and sworn at 2.00 pm:

- Mr Peter Acherstraat, NSW Productivity Commissioner, NSW Treasury
- Mr Stewart Walters, Chief Finance and Operation Officer, NSW Treasury
- Mr David Deverall, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation (Tcorp).

Dr Aruna Sathanapally, Ms Cassandra Wilkinson and Mr Peter Acherstraat withdrew at 3.45 pm.

Mr David Deverall withdrew at 4.05 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.19 pm.

## 7.3 Tended documents

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Treasurer, Energy hearing held on Monday 22 August 2022:

- Treasury Outcomes Statement 2022-23 – Chart 10:5 - Millions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions emitted annually in New South Wales, tendered by Mr Field
- Table – Sum of Emissions Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e from year 2021 to 2050, tendered by Mr Field.

#### 7.4 Supplementary hearings

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Treasurer, Energy on a date during the week of 24 October to 28 October 2022, to be determined by the chair in consultation with members.

#### 8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.24 pm, until 9.15 am, Friday 26 August 2022, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing – Finance, Employee Relations.

Kate Mihaljek

**Committee Clerk**

#### Minutes no. 65

Friday 26 August 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.18 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Sharpe, *Acting Deputy Chair* (until 11.00 am, and from 12.25 pm)

Mr Martin

Mr Mookhey (participating from 11.17 am until 12.35 pm, and from 2.00 pm until 2.32 pm)

Mr Rath

Mr Searle (participating from 10.03 am until 11.00 am, and from 12.18 pm until 12.52 pm)

#### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Farlow

#### 3. Election of Acting Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Mr Martin moved: That Ms Sharpe be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Ms Sharpe elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

#### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### ***Received:***

- 17 August 2022 - Email from Taylor Gramoski, Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of NSW, to Budget Estimates secretariat, regarding witnesses attending Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 19 August 2022 – Email from Office of the Auditor-General, to Budget Estimates secretariat, confirming attendance at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 22 August 2022 - Email from Taylor Gramoski, Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier of NSW, to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming availability of Kathrina Lo to attend a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022

- 23 August 2022 - Email from Ms Adelaide Cuneo, Office of Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, and Minister for Sport to Budget Estimates secretariat regarding final witness list for a hearing on 1 September 2022
- 25 August 2022 - Email from the Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism returning the reissued witness invitations for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022.

***Sent:***

- 18 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Adelaide Cuneo, Office of Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Sport, Minister for Skills and Training, reissuing witness invitations for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 24 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism reissuing witness invitations for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022.

## **5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings**

### **5.1 Returned witness lists**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That, for the Budget Estimates hearing with the Premier, the committee invite witnesses to appear as follows:

- all department witnesses are to appear from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, with the exception of Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, who is to appear from 9.30 am,
- a panel of independent agencies is to appear from 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That, for the Budget Estimates Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism hearing, the committee:

- accepts the unavailability of Mr Shane Hamilton and Ms Amy Brown,
- insists that Ms Kerrie Mather appear before the committee as requested.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That, for the Budget Estimates Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport hearing, the committee:

- accepts and confirms the attendance of Dr Sarah Hill,
- insists that Mr Simon Draper and Mr Kevin Thompson appear before the committee as requested.

### **5.2 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 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.

### **5.3 Public hearing: Finance, Employee Relations**

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media 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 Ms Sonya Campbell, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commercial & Procurement, NSW Treasury, that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- 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
- Mr Scott Johnston, Chief Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Cullen Smythe, Commissioner of State Revenue, Revenue NSW
- Mr Richard Harding, CEO and Managing Director, icare.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 12.52 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 2.41 pm.

#### **5.4 Supplementary hearings**

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Finance, Employee Relations, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 2.42 pm, until 9.15 am, Thursday 1 September 2022, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing – Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport.

Vanessa O'Loan

**Committee Clerk**

## **Minutes no. 66**

Thursday 1 September 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.20 am

### **1. Members present**

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Sharpe, *Acting Deputy Chair* (until 11.00 am, and from 11.49 am)

Ms Boyd (until 9.30 am, and from 10.40 am until 11.00 am)

Mr Graham (participating from 11.15 am until 12.46 pm, and from 3.05 pm)

Mr Martin (from 9.30 am)

Mr Mookhey (participating from 9.30 am until 12.24 pm)

Mr Rath

### **2. Apologies**

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

### 3. Election of Acting Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Ms Boyd moved: That Ms Sharpe be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Ms Sharpe elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received:*

- 25 August 2022 - Email from Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth and Minister for Tourism, regarding witness invitations for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022
- 26 August 2022 - Email from Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism, to Budget Estimates secretariat regarding revised witness attendance list for a hearing on 5 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Adelaide Cuneo, Office of Hon Alister Henskens MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Sport and Minister for Skills and Training, to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming final witness list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism, to Budget Estimates secretariat regarding witness attendance for a hearing on 5 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Ms Vanessa Gill, Office of the Auditor-General to Budget Estimates secretariat, confirming receipt of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Chris McDonogh, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption to Budget Estimates secretariat, confirming receipt of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Ms Julie Morris to Budget Estimates secretariat confirming receipt of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 30 August 2022 – Email from Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption to Budget Estimates secretariat, confirming attendance at amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 31 August 2022 – Email from Helen Vallance Office of the Secretary, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding witness appearances and witness appearance times for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022.

#### *Sent:*

- 26 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Dimitry Palmer, Office of Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy issuing uncorrected transcript, questions on notice and supplementary questions for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 22 August 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism, regarding revised witness attendance list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Ms Adelaide Cuneo, Office of Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Sport and Minister for Skills and Training, regarding witness list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 1 September 2022

- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Ms Julie Morris notifying Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner and Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, of the NSW Electoral Commission, of amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Rhia Jones notifying the Hon John Hatzistergos QC, Chief Commissioner, Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, of the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Vanessa Gill notifying Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 29 August 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet, Premier, regarding witness appearances and witness appearance times for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022.

## **5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings**

### **5.1 Returned witness list: Premier**

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Boyd: That the committee accept the request from the Premier, and invite the following witnesses to appear at a Budget Estimates hearing on 7 September 2022 as follows:

- Secretary NSW Department and Premier & Cabinet to appear from 9.30 am until 3.45 pm,
- The Public Sector Commissioner to appear from 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm.

### **5.2 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 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.

### **5.3 Public hearing: Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport**

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Alister Henskens MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Sport, Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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:

- Ms Lisa Braid, Acting Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
- Ms Katie Knight, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW
- Mr Stewart Webster, Managing Director, Strategy and Performance, Investment NSW
- Ms Kylie Bell, Managing Director, Trade and International, Investment NSW
- Ms Kate Foy, Group Deputy Secretary, Arts, Sport and Tourism, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
- Dr Sarah Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
- Mr Simon Draper, Chief Executive Officer and Co-ordinator General, Infrastructure NSW
- Ms Karen Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Sport and representing NSWIS
- Ms Kerrie Mather, Chief Executive Officer, Venues NSW
- Mr Kevin Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Institute of Sport.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 12.46 pm.

Mr Simon Draper tendered the following document:

- Letter from Tom Gellibrand, Head of Projects NSW to The Proper Officer, Penrith District Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Society Limited, 'Penrith Stadium redevelopment project: Proposed Acquisition of Lot 12 in DP 1176987 by Infrastructure NSW, dated 4 July 2022.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 3.29 pm.

#### 5.4 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Rath: That the committee accept and publish the following document tendered during the Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport hearing held on Thursday 1 September 2022:

- Letter from Tom Gellibrand, Head of Projects NSW to The Proper Officer, Penrith District Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Society Limited, 'Penrith Stadium redevelopment project: Proposed Acquisition of Lot 12 in DP 1176987 by Infrastructure NSW, dated 4 July 2022, tendered by Mr Simon Draper.

#### 5.5 Supplementary hearings

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.30 pm, until 9.15 am, Monday 5 September 2022, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing – Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism.

Jessie Halligan  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes no. 67

Monday 5 September 2022  
Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.22 am

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*  
Ms Sharpe, *Acting Deputy Chair*  
Mr Graham (participating)  
Ms Higginson (participating from 10.26 am until 11.00 am)  
Mr Mallard (substituting for Mr Farlow)  
Mr Rath

#### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Boyd  
Mr Martin

### 3. Election of Acting Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Mr Graham moved: That Ms Sharpe be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Ms Sharpe elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received:*

- 2 September 2022 – Email from Ms Sarah Bradshaw, confirming attendance of Ms Kathrina Lo, NSW Public Service Commissioner, at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022.

#### *Sent:*

- 31 August 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth, attaching confirmed witness list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 5 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, regarding revised witness attendance list for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Rhia Jones notifying the Hon John Hatzistergos QC, Chief Commissioner, Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, of the NSW Independent Commission, of the amended hearing schedule for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Vanessa Gill notifying Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General and Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General, of the amended hearing time for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Ms Julie Morris notifying Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner and Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, of the NSW Electoral Commission, of the amended hearing schedule for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Ms Sarah Bradshaw, issuing a witness invitation request to Ms Kathrina Lo, NSW Public Service Commissioner, for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing on 7 September 2022
- 1 September 2022 – Email from Budget Estimates secretariat, to Office of Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations, issuing transcript, questions on notice and supplementary questions.

### 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings

#### 5.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 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: Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Tourism, 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 Lisa Braid, Acting Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW, Invest NSW
- Ms Kate Foy, Group Deputy Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Chris Hanger, Deputy Secretary, Department of Regional NSW
- Ms Julia Ryan, Director, Department of Regional NSW
- 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 Elizabeth Tsitsikronis, Interim Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act
- Mr Tim Ireland, Executive Director, Closing the Gap, Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- Ms Louise Herron, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Opera House
- Mr Steve Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW.

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

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The Minister withdrew at 12.48 pm.

Mr Hanger, Ms Tsitsikronis, Ms Herron and Ms Braid withdrew at 12.48 pm.

Dr Brand withdrew at 2.20 pm.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.23 pm.

### **5.3 Supplementary hearings**

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## **6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.24 pm, until 9.15 am, Tuesday 6 September 2022, Room 814/815, Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing – The Legislature.

Arizona Hart  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes no. 68**

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Room 814/815, Parliament House, Sydney, at 9.20 am

**1. Members present**

Mr Borsak, *Acting Chair*

Ms Higginson, *Acting Deputy Chair* (substituting for Ms Boyd)

Mr Buttigieg (substituting for Ms Moriarty, *Chair*)

Mr D'Adam (substituting for Ms Sharpe, until 12.18 pm)

Mr Farlow

Mr Latham (participating)

Mr Martin

**2. Apologies**

Mr Rath

**3. Acting Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair took the Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

**4. Election of Acting Deputy Chair**

The Acting Chair called for nominations for Acting Deputy Chair.

Ms Higginson moved: That Ms Higginson be elected Acting Deputy Chair of the committee for the purpose of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, the Acting Chair declared Ms Higginson elected Acting Deputy Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings**

**5.1 Order for examination of portfolios**

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 resolution the portfolio of The Legislature is to be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.

**5.2 Public hearing: The Legislature**

Departmental witnesses, the public and the media 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
- Ms Jocelyn Webb, Director, Financial Services and Governance, Department of Parliamentary Services.

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

The President and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 12.29 pm.

### 5.3 Supplementary hearings

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Buttigieg: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of The Legislature, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.30 pm, until 9.15 am, Wednesday 7 September, Jubilee Room, Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing – Premier.

Sharon Ohnesorge  
Committee Clerk

## Minutes no. 69

Wednesday 7 September 2022

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 1.00 pm)

Ms Boyd (until 12.33 pm, and from 3.00 pm)

Mr Farlow

Mr Graham (participating until 1.00 pm)

Ms Higginson (participating until 1.00 pm)

Mrs Houssos (participating from 11.15 am until 12.05 pm, and from 2.45 pm)

Mr Latham (participating until 10.50 am)

Mr Martin (from 2.00 pm)

Mr Mookhey (participating)

Mr Rath (until 1.00 pm)

Ms Sharpe

### 2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial hearings

#### 2.1 Order for examination of portfolios

The committee noted that under the Budget Estimates 2022-2023 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.

The committee noted, as previously agreed, that:

- all department witnesses are to appear from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, with the exception of Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, who is to appear from 9.30 am until 3.45 pm,
- a panel of independent agencies is to appear from 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm, comprising the following witnesses:
  - Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption,
  - Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption,
  - Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption,
  - Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General,
  - Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General,

- Electoral Commissioner NSW, NSW Electoral Commission,
- Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission, and
- The Public Service Commissioner.

## 2.2 Public hearing: Premier

Departmental witness, the public and the media 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 Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

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 Premier withdrew at 1.00 pm.

Departmental witnesses were admitted at 2.00 pm.

The Chair reminded Ms Samara Dobbins, Deputy Secretary, People and Operations, Department of Premier and Cabinet that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing for the same committee.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Kathryn Boyd PSM, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Kate Meagher, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Sarah Cruickshank, Deputy Secretary, Policy, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The departmental witnesses withdrew at 4.00 pm.

Witnesses from independent agencies were admitted at 4.15 pm.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Hon John Hatzistergos AM, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (*via videoconference*)
- Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
- Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy Auditor-General of NSW, Office of the Auditor-General
- Mr John Schmidt, Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission
- Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission
- Ms Kathrina Lo, Public Service Commissioner, NSW Public Service Commission.

Ms Crawford tendered the following document:

- Letter from Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor General of New South Wales, to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, regarding integrity agency funding arrangements, dated 27 May 2022.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 5.25 pm.

### 2.3 Tendered documents

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mookhey: That the committee accept and publish the following documents tendered during the Premier hearing held on Wednesday 7 September 2022:

- Letter from Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor General of New South Wales, to Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, regarding integrity agency funding arrangements, dated 27 May 2022, tendered by Ms Crawford.

### 2.4 Supplementary hearings

The committee noted that, under the Budget Estimates resolution, supplementary hearings are scheduled for the week 24 October to 28 October 2022.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee defer its decision on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Premier, until after the return of answers to supplementary questions.

## 3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5.26 pm, *sine die*.

Laura Ismay  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes no. 70

Wednesday 12 October 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.33 pm

#### 1. Members present

Ms Moriarty, *Chair*  
Mr Farlow  
Mr Martin  
Mr Rath  
Ms Sharpe

#### 2. Apologies

Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*  
Ms Boyd

#### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### **Received:**

- 14 September 2022 - Email from Dimitry Palmer, Office of Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, and Minister for Energy, to Budget Estimates secretariat requesting an extension for the submission of post-hearing responses due on 16 September 2022
- 19 September 2022 – Letter from the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, and Minister for Energy to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 22 August 2022
- 19 September 2022 – Letter from Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury to Director, clarifying evidence given at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 22 August 2022
- 20 September 2022 – Letter from Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, to Chair, clarifying evidence given at a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 22 August 2022

- 21 September 2022 - Letter from the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 26 August 2022
- 28 September 2022 - Letter from the Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, and Minister for Sport, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 1 September 2022
- 29 September 2022 - Letter from the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 5 September 2022
- 29 September 2022 - Letter from Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 4 October 2022 - Letter from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 4 October 2022 - Letter from the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 6 September 2022
- 7 October 2022 – Email from Office of the Auditor-General, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022.

***Sent:***

- 7 September 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Adelaide Cuneo, Office of Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, and Minister for Sport issuing uncorrected transcript, questions on notice, supplementary questions for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 1 September 2022
- 9 September 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Mitchell Coveney, Office of Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth, issuing uncorrected transcript, questions on notice and supplementary questions for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 5 September 2022
- 13 September 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to the Office of Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, issuing an uncorrected transcript, questions on notice and supplementary questions for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 14 September 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, issuing uncorrected transcript, questions on notice and supplementary questions for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 6 September 2022
- 15 September 2022 - Email from Budget Estimates secretariat to the Office of Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, and Minister for Energy, granting an extension for the submission of post-hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 22 August 2022 .
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Ms Kathrina Lo, NSW Public Service Commissioner, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Ms Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Ian Goodwin, Deputy-Auditor General, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022

- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Hon John Hatzistergos QC, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Philip Reed, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Roy Waldon, Executive Director Legal, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr John Schmidt, NSW Electoral Commissioner, NSW Electoral Commission, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022
- 26 September 2022 – Letter from Budget Estimates secretariat to Mr Matthew Phillips, Executive Director Corporate, NSW Electoral Commission, issuing uncorrected transcript and questions on notice for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023 – initial and supplementary hearings

##### 4.1 Extension to deadline for post-hearing responses: Treasurer, Energy

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Rath: That the committee, as previously agreed via email, extend the deadline for post-hearing responses arising from the Budget Estimates Treasurer, Energy hearing from 16 September 2022 to 19 September 2022.

##### 4.2 Clarification of evidence: Treasurer, Energy

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That the committee, as previously agreed via email, authorise the publication of the following items of correspondence, and the insertion of footnotes in the Budget Estimates Treasurer, Energy transcript of 22 August 2022, noting receipt of correspondence clarifying the evidence given and providing a hyperlink to the published correspondence:

- correspondence from Mr San Midha, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Budget, NSW Treasury, received 19 September 2022,
- correspondence from Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury, received 20 September 2022.

##### 4.3 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Sharpe: That, notwithstanding the resolution of the committee of 22 August 2022, the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:

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

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.34 pm, *sine die*.

Allison Stowe  
Committee Clerk

**Draft minutes no. 74**

Thursday 8 December 2022

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Via videoconference, at 4.01 pm

**1. Members present**Ms Moriarty, *Chair*

Ms Boyd

Mr Martin

Mr Rath

**2. Apologies**Mr Borsak, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Farlow

Ms Sharpe

**3. Previous minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Rath: That draft minutes nos 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70 be confirmed.

**4. Correspondence**

The committee noted the following item of correspondence:

***Received:***

- 13 October 2022 – Email from NSW Electoral Commission, to Budget Estimates secretariat, returning post hearing responses for a Budget Estimates 2022-2023 hearing held on 7 September 2022.

**5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2022-2023****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 establishing the inquiry:

- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Matt Kean MP, Treasurer, and Minister for Energy, received 19 September 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Damian Tudehope MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Employee Relations, received 21 September 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Alister Henskens SC MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, and Minister for Sport, received 28 September 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth, received 29 September 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, received 29 September 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier, received 4 October 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from the Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, President of the Legislative Council, received 4 October 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from Office of the Auditor-General, received 7 October 2022
- answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions from NSW Electoral Commission, received 13 October 2022.

**5.2 Consideration of Chair's draft report**

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 on 16 December 2022.

**6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4.02 pm, *sine die*.

Allison Stowe  
**Committee Clerk**

