



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOUNDATIONAL AND DISABILITY SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Inquiry into foundational and disability supports available for children and young people in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on child development, early childhood intervention services and other foundational and disability supports available for children and young people with developmental concerns, delays, differences or disabilities in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the role of such services and supports on a child's overall development, health and wellbeing
 - (b) the types of services and supports available and measures to improve effectiveness, availability and access of such services and supports in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote New South Wales, including medical, community-nursing, allied health services, NDIS services and other service delivery models
 - (c) the role of diagnostic services, existing gaps and barriers, and measures to improve effectiveness, availability and access of such services
 - (d) gaps and barriers to accessing early childhood intervention and their impact on a child's overall development, health and wellbeing, as well as on their family or carers and other government services and systems
 - (e) opportunities to increase engagement across sectors and improved collaboration across both government and non-government services, including Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, early learning services, educational settings and health services
 - (f) other government or best practice child development and early childhood intervention service models and programs operating outside of New South Wales
 - (g) workforce issues in the child development and early childhood intervention sectors, including workforce demand and the availability, quality and capacity of existing workers, and
 - (h) measures to implement recommendations of the NDIS Review Final Report and the Disability Royal Commission Final Report in relation to foundational supports, and
 - (i) any other related matter.

(2) That the committee report by 24 December 2026.¹

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 23 October 2024.²

Committee membership

Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	The Greens	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Anthony D'Adam MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Independent	
Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	The Nationals	
Hon Cameron Murphy MLC	Australian Labor Party	

¹ The original reporting date was 31 October 2025 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 October 2024, item 21). The reporting date was later extended to 29 May 2026 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 4 June 2025, item 4). The reporting date was later extended to 24 December 2026 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 15 October 2025, item 19).

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 23 October 2024, item 21.