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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT BODIES AND THE PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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9 December 2019

The Upper House Public Accountability Committee will hold two hearings on **Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December 2019** for its inquiry into the Budget process for independent oversight bodies and the Parliament of New South Wales.

At the first hearing the committee will hear from senior office-holders from the key independent oversight bodies: the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, NSW Electoral Commission, NSW Ombudsman and NSW Parliament. The NSW Government will give evidence at the second hearing.

Mr David Shoebridge MLC, Committee Chair, said, 'The committee will hear whether the current Budget process meets the operational needs of these key bodies. It is essential that these integrity bodies, as well as the NSW Parliament, receive adequate funding to carry out their important oversight functions and be truly independent of the Government.'

Mr Shoebridge continued, 'The committee will consider the transparency of the Budget process, and whether it can or should be enhanced.'

The hearings will be held at **Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney**, as follows:

- **Thursday 12 December: 9.15 am–3.30 pm**
- **Friday 13 December: 1.00 pm–2.00 pm.**

Hearings are open to the public and webcast live via the Parliament's [website](#).

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, and submissions received, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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