

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

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NEW CYBERSECURITY INQUIRY

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A parliamentary committee will be examining cybersecurity in New South Wales, including the NSW Government's response to cybersecurity incidents, like the recently reported cyber-attacks against government agencies.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, said: 'This inquiry is a timely opportunity to look at the issue of cybersecurity and what is being done to prevent attacks and minimise impacts. Our committee wants to look at the financial costs of these incidents, and what expenditure is being provided by the NSW Government towards cybersecurity measures and digital infrastructure'.

The Chair added: 'We also want to look at contractual arrangements between the NSW Government and providers of digital services and infrastructure, and how these may be used to monitor and report on cybersecurity incidents'.

Other issues the committee will examine include the extent of outsourcing of government information systems and the risks posed by it, and the support provided by the NSW Government to local councils and other organisations on cybersecurity matters.

Submissions are open until 20 September 2020. For more information, please see the committee's website: <u>https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee1</u>.

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