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UPCOMING HEARING IN THE INQUIRY INTO THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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The Upper House Committee examining the procurement practices of NSW Government agencies and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales will hold its first two hearings on Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 3 April 2024 at NSW Parliament in Sydney.

The committee will hear from a number of witnesses over the two days, including various government departments and agencies such as NSW Treasury, NSW Public Works and Infrastructure NSW. The committee will also hear from other witnesses including the NSW Auditor-General, RTBU and Business NSW.

Committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, said: 'This inquiry is seeking to examine the value and effectiveness of procurement practices undertaken by government agencies. These first hearings will provide an important opportunity to discuss the current state of play, including approaches to the transparency and accountability of procurement services, in particular, the function and requirements of the NSW Government Procurement Board and the New South Wales Procurement Policy Framework'.

The Chair continued: 'The committee is looking forward to hearing from witnesses on the various aspects of procurement arrangements as they stand, with a view to exploring best practice and opportunities for improvement that will promote social development and ethical conduct'.

The first hearing will take place on Tuesday 2 April from 9.15 am to 5.30 pm. The second hearing will be held on Wednesday 3 April from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Both hearings will be held in the Macquarie Room at Parliament House, Sydney and will be open to the public.

The hearing will be livestreamed on the Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3014#tab-members>.

Further information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the inquiry webpage: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3014#tab-termsofreference>.

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