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UPCOMING HEARINGS FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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Following the tabling of its first report, the Upper House Standing Committee on Social Issues continues to examine the procurement practices of NSW Government agencies and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales. The committee will hold four further hearings on Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 June, Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July 2024 at NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

The committee will hear from a number of witnesses from industry groups, unions, advocacy organisations and disability representatives.

The committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, said: "The committee is seeking to build upon its understanding of New South Wales Government procurement processes from the initial hearings and examine the insights of a range of industry professionals, academics and union officials. In particular, these further hearings will provide an important opportunity to discuss the social, labour and environmental outcomes that should be included within government procurement practices, along with considerations around local content of goods and services".

The Chair continued: "The committee is looking forward to hearing from witnesses on these various aspects of government procurement arrangements, with the aim of determining how best to utilise the NSW Government's almost \$42 billion spend on goods, services and construction to prioritise, improve and provide opportunities for social development within this state".

The remaining hearings will take place at Parliament House, Sydney as follows:

- Tuesday 25 June from 9.45 am to 5.00 pm in the Macquarie Room
- Wednesday 26 June from 9.15 am to 4.15 pm in the Jubilee Room
- Wednesday 3 July from 9.15 am to 4.45 pm in the Preston Stanley Room
- Thursday 4 July from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm in the Preston Stanley Room.

The hearings will be open to public and 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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