



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026

Supplementary questions

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

NSW Auditor General

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from the Opposition

- (1) Could you explain the case where a grant recipient was later placed into liquidation? What lessons do these situations provide for future financial viability checks?
- (2) The LSCA Program was funded from the Community Services and Facilities Fund (CSFF). Your report notes the merit criteria did not fully reflect the legislative purposes of that fund. What are the risks if Ministers are not provided with sufficient guidance to be “satisfied” about compliance with the CSFF’s purposes?
- (3) The report notes errors in the “master list” of commitments provided by the Premier’s Office, which required later corrections. How did those errors affect the administration of grants?
- (4) Based on this audit, do you consider the NSW public sector currently has adequate guidance and controls for managing election commitment grants?
- (5) Would strengthening the Grants Administration Guide to explicitly address election commitments improve transparency and accountability in future programs?
- (6) What are your key recommendations to ensure that future grant programs avoid the weaknesses you identified here?