



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4

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INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE HOME BUILDING SERVICE

The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC, Chair of the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4, has announced the decision of the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the operations of the Home Building Service of the Office of Fair Trading.

The inquiry was self-referred by the Committee. The terms of reference for this inquiry are:

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 inquire into and report on:

1. The operations of the Home Building Service of the Office of Fair Trading, with particular reference to:

- a) The builder licensing system*
- b) The Home Warranty Insurance Scheme*
- c) The resolution of complaints*
- d) The exercise of disciplinary powers*
- e) The enforcement of relevant legislative and regulatory provisions*
- f) The establishment of a Home Building Advice and Advocacy Centre*
- g) Any other relevant matters.*

The Committee is due to report to Parliament by 26 February 2007.

The Committee is commencing the inquiry with a call for submissions from the general public and interested organisations. The closing date for written submissions is **Wednesday, 8 November 2006**. Public hearings will be scheduled following the close of submissions.

Information about making a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc4 or from the Committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3544 or via email to gpscno4@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

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