



Legislative Council

**Committees—Rules,
Resolutions and Membership**

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Introduction

Under the NSW Constitution, the Legislative Council has the power to make standing rules and orders to regulate the proceedings of the House and its committees.

New standing orders were adopted by the House in 2022, and approved by the Governor on 20 February 2023. These standing orders determine the operation of the House and committees, and are published in the [Standing Rules and Orders](#).

The purpose of this document is to complement the Standing Rules and Orders, by collating the various resolutions establishing and dictating the operation of Legislative Council committees in the 58th Parliament. This document has the following three parts.

Part 1 includes the establishing resolutions for each of the current committees. It also includes the resolutions relating to the current [Budget Estimates](#) inquiry conducted by the Portfolio Committees.

For information relating to past select committees or completed inquiries, please refer to the [list of committees](#).

Part 2 includes committee-related sessional orders and resolutions of continuing effect.

From time to time the House adopts rules that override, vary or supplement the standing orders. These are known as 'sessional orders' as they lapse at the end of each parliamentary session. In addition to sessional orders, the House may also make orders that have an ongoing effect until amended or rescinded by the House. These are known as 'resolutions of continuing effect'. Part 2 contains only those orders and resolutions related to committees.

For information regarding sessional orders and resolutions related to the operation of the House or the Parliament, as well as information relating to officeholders and ministerial representation, please refer to [House—Rules, Resolutions, Officeholders and Ministerial representation](#).

Part 3 includes membership for each of the current committees of the 58th Parliament.

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Part 1 – Resolutions appointing committees

1. Subject Standing Committees

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) Three standing committees be appointed as follows:
 - (a) Law and Justice Committee,
 - (b) Social Issues Committee, and
 - (c) State Development Committee.

Law and Justice Committee

- (2) The committee may inquire into and report on:
 - (a) legal and constitutional issues in New South Wales, including law reform, parliamentary matters, criminal law, administrative law and the justice system, and
 - (b) matters concerned with industrial relations and fair trading.
- (3) For the purposes of section 27 of the State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015, the committee is the designated Legislative Council committee to supervise the operation of the insurance and compensation schemes established under New South Wales workers' compensation and motor accidents legislation:
 - (a) the Workers' Compensation Scheme,
 - (b) the Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Scheme,
 - (c) the Motor Accidents Scheme, and
 - (d) the Motor Accidents (Lifetime Care and Support) Scheme.
- (4) In exercising the supervisory function outlined in paragraph (3), the committee:
 - (a) does not have authority to investigate a particular compensation claim, and
 - (b) must report to the House in relation to the operation of each of the schemes at least once every Parliament.

Social Issues Committee

- (5) The committee may inquire into and report on:
 - (a) issues concerned with the social development and wellbeing of the people of New South Wales, including health, education, housing, ageing, disability, children's services and community services, and
 - (b) matters concerned with citizenship, sport and recreation, and gaming and racing.

State Development Committee

- (6) The committee may inquire into and report on:
 - (a) issues concerned with state, local and regional development in New South Wales, and

- (b) matters concerned with planning, infrastructure, finance, industry, the environment, primary industry, natural resources, science, local government, emergency services and public administration.

Referral of inquiries

- (7) A committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House,
 - (b) may inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred by a Minister of the Crown, and
 - (c) may inquire into and report on any annual report or petition relevant to the functions of the committee which has been laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
- (8) Whenever a committee resolves to inquire into a matter, under paragraph (7)(b) or (7)(c), the terms of reference or the resolution is to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

Powers

- (9) The committee has power to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia.

Membership

- (10) Each committee is to consist of eight members, comprising:
 - (a) four government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (11) The Leader of the Government is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Chair of each committee.
- (12) The Leader of the Opposition is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Deputy Chair of each committee.

Quorum

- (13) The quorum of a committee is three members, of whom two must be government members and one a non-government member.

Sub-committees

- (14) A committee has the power to appoint sub-committees.

Conduct of committee proceedings

- (15) Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,

- (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
- (e) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
- (f) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
- (g) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
- (h) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 8, pp. 31-34.]

2. Privileges Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) A Privileges Committee be appointed.
- (2) The committee is the designated committee for the purposes of section 72B of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, relating to parliamentary ethical standards.

Functions

- (3) The functions of the committee are to:
 - (a) consider and report upon any matters relating to privilege which may be referred to it by the House or the President,
 - (b) receive and consider reports from the Independent Complaints Officer and undertake such other functions as are referred to in the resolution establishing the Independent Complaints Officer,
 - (c) consider submissions referred by the President concerning rights of reply, and
 - (d) under section 72C of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988:
 - (i) prepare for consideration by the Legislative Council draft codes of conduct for members of the Legislative Council and draft amendments to codes already adopted,
 - (ii) carry out educative work relating to ethical standards applying to members of the Legislative Council,
 - (iii) give advice in relation to such ethical standards in response to requests for advice by the Legislative Council, but not in relation to actual or alleged conduct of any particular person,
 - (iv) review the code of conduct at least once in each period of four years.

Powers

- (4) The committee has power to make visits of inspection within New South Wales and, with the approval of the President, elsewhere in Australia and outside Australia.

Membership

- (5) The committee is to consist of eight members, comprising:
 - (a) four government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (6) The Leader of the Government is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Chair of the committee.
- (7) The Leader of the Opposition is to nominate in writing to the Clerk of the House the Deputy Chair of the committee.

Conduct of committee proceedings

- (8) Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (b) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,

- (c) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
- (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
- (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
- (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 12, pp. 39-40.]

3. Procedure Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) A Procedure Committee be appointed.

Membership

- (2) In accordance with standing order 211 (3) and (4), the committee consist of the following members:
 - (a) the President, Deputy President, Assistant President, Leader of the Government, Deputy Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Government Whip, and the Opposition Whip, and
 - (b) representatives of The Greens, the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, the Animal Justice Party, the Legalise Cannabis Party, Pauline Hanson's One Nation and the Liberal Democratic Party, nominated in writing to the Clerk, and any independent member.

Chair

- (3) The Chair of the committee be the President.

[Resolved 24 May 2023, Minutes No. 5, Item 11, pp. 107-108; amended 30 November 2023, Minutes No. 39, Item 4, p. 789.]

4. Portfolio Committees

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) Eight portfolio committees reflecting government ministers' portfolio responsibilities be appointed as follows:
 - (a) **Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance**
Premier
Treasurer
Finance, Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, Natural Resources
Industrial Relations, Work Health and Safety
The Legislature
Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast, Medical Research
 - (b) **Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health**
Health, Regional Health, the Illawarra and the South Coast
Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth, the North Coast
 - (c) **Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education**
Education and Early Learning, Western Sydney
Skills, TAFE, Tertiary Education
 - (d) **Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Regional NSW**
Agriculture, Regional New South Wales, Western New South Wales
Small Business, Lands and Property, Multiculturalism, Sport
 - (e) **Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities**
Attorney-General
Police and Counter Terrorism
The Hunter
Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion
Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 - (f) **Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts**
Transport
Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism
Regional Transport and Roads
 - (g) **Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment**
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, Heritage
Planning and Public Spaces
 - (h) **Portfolio Committee No. 8 – Customer Service**
Local Government
Customer Service and Digital Government, Emergency Services, Youth Justice
Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Industry and Trade, Innovation, Science and Technology,
Building, Corrections

Referral of inquiries

- (2) A committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House, and
 - (b) may self-refer an inquiry into any matter relevant to the public administration of portfolios allocated to the committee.
- (3) A committee meeting to consider a self-reference under paragraph (2)(b) must be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.

- (4) The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven calendar days of the receipt of the request, providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
- (5) A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
- (6) Whenever a committee resolves to self-refer a matter, the terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

Membership

- (7) Each committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
 - (a) three government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (8) The committee is to elect the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the standing orders.
- (9) The Chair of the committee is to be a non-government member.

Conduct of the committee proceedings

- (10) Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
 - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 67, pp 65-67; amended 24 May 2023, Minutes No. 5, Item 12, p. 108; amended 23 August 2023, Minutes No. 20, Item 11, p. 386, amended 11 October 2023, Minutes No. 29, Item 11, p. 558.]

5. Public Accountability and Works Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) A Public Accountability and Works Committee be appointed.

Functions

- (2) The committee may inquire into and report on the public accountability, financial management, regulatory impact and service delivery of New South Wales government departments, statutory bodies or corporations. In performing this function, the committee may:
 - (a) examine the consolidated financial statements and general government sector financial statements transmitted to the Legislative Council by the Treasurer,
 - (b) examine the financial reports of authorities of the State, being financial reports that have been:
 - (i) audited by the Auditor-General or an auditor appointed under section 47(1) of the Government Sector Audit Act 1983, or
 - (ii) laid before the Legislative Council by a Minister of the Crown,
 - (c) examine the opinion or any report of the Auditor-General transmitted with the consolidated financial statements and general government sector financial statements or laid before the Legislative Council with the financial report of an authority of the State (including any documents annexed or appended to any such opinion or report),
 - (d) examine any report of the Auditor-General laid before the Legislative Council,
 - (e) report to the Legislative Council from time to time upon any item in, or any circumstances connected with, those financial reports, or reports or documents which the committee considers ought to be brought to the notice of the Legislative Council,
 - (f) report to the Legislative Council from time to time any alteration which the committee thinks desirable in the form of those financial reports or in the method of keeping them or in the method of receipt, expenditure or control of money relating to those financial reports, and
 - (g) inquire into expenditure by a Minister of the Crown made without Parliamentary sanction or appropriation or otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Government Sector Audit 1983 or any other Act and report to the Legislative Council from time to time upon any matter connected with that expenditure which the committee considers ought to be brought to the notice of the Legislative Council.
- (3) The committee may inquire and report on all public works to be executed (including works that are continuations, completions, repairs, reconstructions, extensions, or new works) where the estimated cost of completing such works exceeds \$10 million. In performing this function, the committee is to consider:
 - (a) the stated purpose of the work and the need to carry it out,
 - (b) the current and prospective public value of such work,
 - (c) the amount of revenue the work is expected to produce, where the purpose of the work is to increase revenue,
 - (d) the timeframe for carrying out the work, and
 - (e) any other related matter.

Referral of inquiries

- (4) The committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the

committee by resolution of the House, and

- (b) may self-refer an inquiry into any matter relevant to the functions of the committee.
- (5) A committee meeting to consider a self-reference under paragraph (4)(b) must be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (6) The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven calendar days of the receipt of the request, providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
- (7) A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
- (8) Whenever a committee resolves to self-refer a matter, the terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

Membership

- (9) The committee is to consist of seven members comprising:
 - (a) three government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (10) The committee is to elect the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the standing orders.
- (11) The Chair of the committee is to be a non-government member.

Conduct of committee proceedings

- (12) Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
 - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and

- (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 9, pp. 34-36.]

6. Regulation Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) A Regulation Committee be appointed.

Functions

- (2) The committee may inquire into and report on:
 - (a) any instrument of a legislative nature regardless of its form, including the policy or substantive content of the instrument,
 - (b) draft delegated legislation, and
 - (c) trends or issues in relation to delegated legislation.
- (3) The committee, from the first sitting day in 2024:
 - (a) is to consider all instruments of a legislative nature that are subject to disallowance while they are so subject, against the scrutiny principles set out in section 9(1)(b) of the Legislation Review Act 1987,
 - (b) may report on such instruments as it thinks necessary, including setting out its opinion that an instrument or portion of an instrument ought to be disallowed and the grounds on which it has formed that opinion, and
 - (c) may consider and report on an instrument after it has ceased to be subject to disallowance if the committee resolves to do so while the instrument is subject to disallowance.

Referral of inquiries

- (4) In exercising its function under paragraph (2), the committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House, and
 - (b) may self-refer an inquiry into any matter relevant to the functions of the committee.
- (5) A committee meeting to consider a self-reference under paragraph (3)(b) must be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (6) The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven calendar days of receipt of the request providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
- (7) A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
- (8) Whenever a committee resolves to self-refer a matter, the terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.
- (9) Where a regulation referred to the committee is the subject of a notice of motion or order of the day for the disallowance of the regulation:
 - (a) the notice or order shall stand postponed until the tabling of the committee report,
 - (b) unless otherwise ordered, the committee must table its report within six weeks, and
 - (c) on tabling of the committee report, the Clerk is to place the notice of motion or order of the day on the Notice Paper at the stage it had reached prior to the regulation being referred.

Membership

- (10) The committee is to consist of eight members, comprising:
- (a) four government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (11) The committee is to elect the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the standing orders.
- (12) The Chair of the committee is to be a non-government member.

Quorum

- (13) The quorum of the committee is three members, of whom two must be government members and one a non-government member.

Sub-committees

- (14) The committee has the power to appoint sub-committees.

Conduct of committee proceedings

- (15) In exercising its function under paragraph (2), unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
 - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.
- (16) In relation to its functions under paragraph (3):
- (a) the committee may appoint a legal advisor to support it in the performance of these functions, and

- (b) standing order 240 relating to government responses does not apply.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 11, pp. 37-39; amended 19 October 2023, Minutes No. 33, Item 3, pp. 639-640.]

7. Selection of Bills Committee

That, according to standing order 141, a Selection of Bills Committee be appointed.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 13, p. 40.]

8. Business Committee

That, according to standing order 191, a Business Committee be appointed.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 14, p. 41.]

9. Animal Welfare Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

- (1) An Animal Welfare Committee be appointed.

Functions

- (2) The committee may inquire into and report on matters relating to the welfare and protection of animals in New South Wales.

Referral of inquiries

- (3) The committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House, and
 - (b) may self-refer an inquiry into any matter relevant to the functions of the committee.
- (4) A committee meeting to consider a self-reference under paragraph (3)(b) must be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.
- (5) The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven calendar days of the receipt of the request, providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
- (6) A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
- (7) Whenever a committee resolves to self-refer a matter, the terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

Membership

- (8) The committee is to consist of eight members, comprising:
 - (a) four government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members, with one being Ms Hurst.

Chair and Deputy Chair

- (9) The Chair of the committee is to be Ms Hurst, and the committee is to elect the Deputy Chair in accordance with the standing orders.

Conduct of committee proceedings

- (10) Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,

- (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
- (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
- (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
- (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
- (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
- (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

[Resolved 22 June 2023, Minutes No. 12, Item 11, pp. 219-221.]

JOINT COMMITTEES

10. Modern Slavery Committee

- (1) That under section 21 of the Modern Slavery Act 2018, a joint committee known as the Modern Slavery Committee be appointed.
- (2) That under section 23(1)(a) of the Act, the committee consist of four members of the Legislative Council comprising:
 - (a) two government members,
 - (b) one opposition member, and
 - (c) one crossbench member.
- (3) That a message be sent acquainting the Legislative Assembly of the resolution and requesting the Legislative Assembly to appoint four of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Council on the committee.
- (4) In addition to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Act, unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
 - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

[Resolved 10 May 2023, Minutes No. 2, Item 10, pp. 36-37.]

[Message forwarded to the Legislative Assembly informing it of the names of the members nominated to serve on the Modern Slavery Committee, 23 May 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 4, Item 26, p. 96.]

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That this House notes the Legislative Council's message of Wednesday 10 May 2023 relating to the appointment

of a joint committee known as the Modern Slavery Committee.

- (2) Pursuant to the requirement under Division 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 for the Modern Slavery Committee to be a joint committee, the following Members be appointed to serve on the Committee as the Members of the Legislative Assembly: Ms Jenny Leong, Dr Joe McGirr, Ms Kylie Wilkinson, and Ms Tina Ayyad.
- (3) That a message be sent informing the Legislative Council of this resolution.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

[Election of Chair and Deputy Chair reported 3 August 2023, Minutes No. 18, Item 19, p 343.]

11. Committee on Children and Young People

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) In accordance with section 38 of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014 the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on Children and Young People: Mrs Helen Dalton, Ms Donna Davis, Ms Karen McKeown, and Ms Kylie Wilkinson.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

The Legislative Council desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That under section 36 of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014, a joint committee known as the Committee on Children and Young People be appointed.
- (2) That under section 38(1)(a) of the Act, Dr Cohn, Mrs MacDonald and Ms Suvaal be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

12. Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) In accordance with section 67 of the Health Care Complaints Act 1993, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission: Ms Charishma Kaliyanda, Dr Joe McGirr, Dr David Saliba, and Mr Michael Kemp.

- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That under section 64 of the Health Care Complaints Act 1993, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission be appointed.
- (2) That under section 67(1)(a) of the Act, Dr Cohn, Mr Donnelly and Mrs Maclaren-Jones be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

13. Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) In accordance with section 65 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption: Mrs Sally Quinnell, Mr Michael Regan, Dr David Saliba, Ms Kobi Shetty, Mr Tri Vo, Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, Mrs Wendy Tuckerman and Mr Mark Hodges.
- (2) The committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That under section 63 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption be appointed.
- (2) That under section 65(1)(a) of the Act, Dr Kaine, Ms Mihailuk and Ms Munro be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

14. Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) In accordance with section 31C of the Ombudsman Act 1974, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission: Mr Phil Donato, Ms Karen McKeown, Mr Tri Vo, and Mr Mark Taylor.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other states and territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That under section 31A of the Ombudsman Act 1974, a joint committee known as the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission be appointed.
- (2) That under section 31C(1)(a) of the Act, Ms Higginson, Ms Merton and Mr Murphy be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

15. Legislation Review Committee

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) In accordance with section 5 of the Legislation Review Act 1987, the following members of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to serve on the Legislation Review Committee: Ms Donna Davis, Mr Nathan Hagarty, Ms Maryanne Stuart, Ms Lynda Voltz, and Mr Dave Layzell.
- (2) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (3) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That under section 4 of the Legislation Review Act 1987, a joint committee known as the Legislation Review

Committee be appointed.

- (2) That under section 5(1)(a) of the Act, Ms Higginson, Ms Munro and Mr Murphy be appointed to serve on the committee as members of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

16. Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) A Joint Standing Committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, be appointed.
- (2) The Committee inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister that relate to:
 - (a) The following electoral laws:
 - (i) Electoral Act 2017 (other than Part 3);
 - (ii) Electoral Funding Act 2018; and
 - (iii) Those provisions of the Constitution Act 1902 that relate to the procedures for, and conduct of, elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council (other than sections 27, 28 and 28A);
 - (b) The administration of and practices associated with the electoral laws described at (a).
- (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 25 March 2023 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make. The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.
- (4) The Committee consist of ten members, as follows: (a) Five members of the Legislative Assembly, and (b) Five members of the Legislative Council.
- (5) Mr Stephen Bali, Mr Nathan Hagarty, Mrs Sally Quinnell, Ms Janelle Saffin, and Mr Tim James be appointed to serve on such committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the Committee, any four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
- (7) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (8) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint five of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly upon the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 22 June 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters with the following amendment, in which

the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly is requested: In paragraph (4)(b) omit "five members of the Legislative Council" and insert instead "six members of the Legislative Council".

- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be Mr Borsak, Ms Faehrmann, Mr Farraway, Mr Nanva, Mr Primrose and Mr Rath.
- (3) That this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 24, p. 284.]

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the House agree to the Legislative Council's proposed amendment to the resolution of the House of 22 June 2023 appointing a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, namely, that paragraph (4)(b) of the resolution be amended by omitting 'Five members of the Legislative Council' and inserting instead 'Six members of the Legislative Council'.
- (2) That a message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the terms of this resolution.

Legislative Assembly
12 September 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 12 September 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 22, Item 35, p. 443.]

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) That the resolution of the House of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be amended by replacing paragraph (3), with:
 - (3) All matters that relate to (2) (a) and (b) above in respect of the 25 March 2023 State Election, shall stand referred to the Committee for any inquiry the Committee may wish to make, including:
 - i. Whether other entities and individuals whose business relates to property development should be prohibited from making political donations.
 - ii. Whether it is necessary to address the risk of property developers making political donations through shell companies.
 - iii. Whether truth in political advertising laws for NSW state elections would enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral system, taking into account any implications of the Commonwealth's Communications Legislation Amendment (Com batting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023.
The Committee shall report on the outcome of any such inquiry within 18 months of the date of this resolution being agreed to by both Houses.
- (2) That a message be sent informing the Legislative Council of the resolution of the House and requesting its concurrence with the amendment to the terms of reference of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Legislative Assembly
30 November 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 30 November 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 39, Item 49, pp. 821-822.]

MR SPEAKER

That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 30 November 2023 amending the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 22 June 2023 establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Legislative Council
30 November 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 30 November 2023, Minutes No. 39, Item 49, pp. 821-822.]

17. Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

A Joint Standing Committee (to be known as the Staysafe Committee) be appointed to inquire into and report on road safety in New South Wales with the following terms of reference:

- (1) As an ongoing task, the Committee is to—
 - (a) Monitor, investigate and report on the road safety situation in New South Wales; and
 - (b) Review and report on countermeasures aimed at reducing deaths, injuries, and the social and economic costs to the community arising from road accidents.
- (2) The Committee consist of six members of the Legislative Assembly and three members of the Legislative Council and that, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the Committee, any four members shall constitute a quorum provided that the Committee shall meet as a joint committee at all times.
- (3) Mr Edmond Atalla, Mr Roy Butler, Mr Warren Kirby, Mr Greg Warren, Ms Kylie Wilkinson, and Mr Matt Cross be appointed to serve on such committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4) Mr Greg Warren shall be the Chair of the Committee.
- (5) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (6) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint three of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly upon the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 22 June 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee to inquire into and report on road safety in New South Wales.
- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee be Mr D'Adam, Mr Latham and Mrs Ward.
- (3) That this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

18. Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) A Joint Standing Committee, to be known as the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General be appointed.
- (2) The Committee's functions be:
 - (a) to monitor and review the exercise of the Valuer-General's functions with respect to land valuations under the Valuation of Land Act 1916 and the Land Tax Management Act 1956, and in particular:
 - (i) to monitor the methodologies employed for the purpose of conducting such valuations,
 - (ii) to monitor the arrangements under which valuation service contracts are negotiated and entered into, and
 - (iii) to monitor the standard of valuation services provided under such contracts,
 - (b) to report to both Houses of Parliament, with such comments as it thinks fit, on any matter connected with the exercise of the Valuer-General's functions referred to in paragraph (a) to which, in the opinion of the Committee, the attention of Parliament should be directed,
 - (c) to report to both Houses of Parliament any change that the Committee considers desirable to the Valuer-General's functions referred to in paragraph (a),
 - (d) to inquire into any question in connection with the Committee's functions which is referred to it by both Houses of Parliament, and to report to both Houses on that question.
- (3) The functions of the Committee not extend to the investigation of any matter relating to or arising from a particular valuation of a specific parcel of land.
- (4) The Committee consist of five members as follows:
 - (a) three members of the Legislative Assembly of whom two must be Government members and one must be a non-Government member, and
 - (b) two members of the Legislative Council of whom one must be a Government member and one must be a non-Government member.
- (5) Dr Hugh McDermott, Mr David Mehan, and Ms Tamara Smith be appointed to serve on the Committee as the members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) Ms Tamara Smith shall be the Chair of the Committee.
- (7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders of either House, at any meeting of the Committee, any three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint committee at all times.
- (8) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (9) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council with the resolution and requesting the Legislative Council appoint two of its members to serve with the members of the Legislative Assembly on the Committee, and to fix a time and place for the first meeting.

Legislative Assembly
22 June 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 27 June 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 22 June 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General.
- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General be Mr Buttigieg and Mr Farlow.
- (3) That this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Legislative Council
29 June 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

19. Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That a Joint Select Committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation, be appointed.

- (1) The Committee will inquire into and report on how the Government can prevent and stop privatisation of local water utilities with reference to:
 - (a) How local water utilities and their assets can be best protected against privatisation, forced amalgamations and sell-offs;
 - (b) Reviewing governance and other legislation relating to the potential privatisation of local water utilities; and
 - (c) Any other related matters.
- (2) The Committee will consult with key stakeholders as required.
- (3) The Committee may consider legislative or any other regulatory changes.
- (4) The Committee is to consist of five members of the Legislative Assembly, including two Government members and three non-Government members, at least one of which must be crossbench member, and five members of the Legislative Council, including two Government members (one of whom shall be Chair) and three non-Government members, at least two of which must be crossbench members.
- (5) The Honourable Stephen Lawrence MLC shall be the Chair of the Committee.
- (6) All Legislative Assembly Committee members be nominated in writing, by the Government and Opposition Whips, to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by 18 August 2023. Any changes in membership, including the crossbench member, shall also be so notified.
- (7) That at any meeting of the Committee, six members shall constitute a quorum, provided that the Committee meets as a joint Committee at all times.
- (8) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales, and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (9) The Committee will have leave to sit during the sitting or any adjournment of the House.
- (10) The Committee report by 29 March 2024.
- (11) A message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting the Legislative Council agree to the resolution and nominate five of its members to the proposed Committee.

Legislative Assembly
3 August 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 3 August 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 18, Item 23, pp. 344-345, as amended 10 October 2023, Minutes No. 28, Item 38, p. 551.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 3 August 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation.
- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Select Committee be Mr Banasiak, Ms Faehrmann, Mr Fang, Mr Lawrence and Ms Suvaal.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Legislative Council
24 August 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 24 August 2023, Minutes No. 21, Item 22, p. 417.]

MR SPEAKER

That this House agrees to the Legislative Assembly's message of 10 October 2023 that the reporting date of the Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation be extended from 30 November 2023 to 29 March 2024.

Legislative Council
10 October 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 10 October 2023, Minutes No. 28, Item 38, p. 551.]

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

- (1) (a) Michael Joseph Holland be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation in place of Steven James Robert Whan, discharged.
- (b) A message be sent informing the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly
18 October 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 18 October 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 32, Item 18, p. 618.]

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That a message be sent informing the Legislative Council of the following Legislative Assembly members nominated to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation, as announced on 13 September 2023 and amended on 18 October 2023:

Ms Liza Anne Butler
Mr Justin Paul Clancy
Ms Stephanie Anne Cooke
Mrs Helen Jennifer Dalton
Dr Michael Joseph Holland

Legislative Assembly
22 November 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 22 November 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 35, Item 29, p 685.]

20. Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority

MR PRESIDENT

The Legislative Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has this day agreed to the following resolution:

That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders:

- (1) In accordance with section 93 of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022, a joint select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority, be established.
- (2) The Committee is to review
 - (a) the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022 to determine whether-
 - (i) the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and
 - (ii) the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing the objectives.
 - (b) the operations of the Authority regarding any disaster in relation to which the Authority exercises functions.
- (3) A review under (2) is to be undertaken as soon as practicable-
 - (a) for a review under (2)(a)—after the period of 12 months from the date of assent to the Act, and
 - (b) for a review under (2)(b)—after the disaster to which the review relates.
- (4) A report on the outcome of a review under subsection (2) is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within-
 - (a) for a review under subsection (2)(a)—2 years after the date of assent to this Act, and
 - (b) for a review under subsection (2)(b)—12 months after the disaster to which the review relates.
- (5) The Committee is to consist of ten members, as follows:
 - (a) six Legislative Assembly members, and
 - (b) four Legislative Council members
- (6) Mr Clayton Barr shall be the Chair of the Committee.
- (7) Mr Philip Donato, Ms Liza Butler, Mr Warren Kirby, Ms Tamara Smith and Mr Richard Williamson be appointed to serve on such Committee as members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (8) The Committee have leave to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales, and other States and Territories of Australia.
- (9) The Committee will have leave to sit during the sitting or any adjournment of the House.
- (10) That at any meeting of the Committee four members shall constitute a quorum, but the Committee must meet as a joint committee at all times.
- (11) A message be sent acquainting the Legislative Council of the resolution and requesting that it appoint four of its Members to serve on the Committee.

Legislative Assembly
29 November 2023

GREG PIPER
Speaker

[Message received from the Assembly, 30 November 2023, Legislative Council Minutes No. 39, Item 36, pp. 808-809.]

MR SPEAKER

- (1) That this House agrees to the resolution in the Legislative Assembly's message of Thursday 30 November 2023 relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority.
- (2) That the representatives of the Legislative Council on the Joint Select Committee be Mr Farraway, Ms Higginson, Mr Lawrence, and Ms Suvaal.
- (3) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, this House requests that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly set the time and place of the first meeting.

Legislative Council
30 November 2023

BEN FRANKLIN
President

[Resolved 30 November 2023, Minutes No. 39, Item 50, p 822.]

SELECT COMMITTEES

21. Select Committee on Birth Trauma

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on birth trauma, and in particular:
 - (a) the experience and prevalence of birth trauma (including, but not limited to, as a result of inappropriate, disrespectful or abusive treatment before, during and after birth, also referred to as "obstetric violence"),
 - (b) causes and factors contributing to birth trauma including:
 - (i) evaluation of current practices in obstetric care,
 - (ii) use of instruments and devices for assisted birth, for example, forceps and ventouse,
 - (iii) the availability of, and systemic barriers to, trauma-informed care being provided during pregnancy, during birth and following birth,
 - (c) the physical, emotional, psychological, and economic impacts of birth trauma, including both short and long term impacts on patients and their families and health workers,
 - (d) exacerbating factors in delivering and accessing maternity care that impact on birth trauma generally, but also in particular:
 - (i) people in regional, rural and remote New South Wales,
 - (ii) First Nations people,
 - (iii) people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds,
 - (iv) LGBTQIA+ people,
 - (v) young parents,
 - (e) the role and importance of "informed choice" in maternity care,
 - (f) barriers to the provision of "continuity of care" in maternity care,
 - (g) the information available to patients regarding maternity care options prior to and during their care,
 - (h) whether current legal and regulatory settings are sufficient to protect women from experiencing birth trauma,
 - (i) any legislative, policy or other reforms likely to prevent birth trauma, and
 - (j) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
 - (a) three government members,
 - (b) three opposition members, and
 - (c) three crossbench members, being Ms Hurst, Mr Banasiak and Dr Cohn.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Ms Hurst, and the Leader of the Opposition is to nominate the Deputy Chair in writing to the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,
 - (b) submissions to the inquiry are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,

- (d) the Chair’s proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.
- (5) That the committee report by 3 June 2024.

[Resolved 21 June 2023, Minutes No. 11, Item 26, pp. 208-211, as amended 12 September 2023, Minutes No. 22, Item 11, p. 435.]

22. Select Committee on the Feasibility of Undergrounding the Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy Projects

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects, and in particular:
- (a) the costs, benefits and risks of underground versus overhead transmission lines, particularly with regard to bushfire and other weather-related events, ongoing environmental impacts, and community mental health and welfare,
 - (b) existing case studies and current projects regarding similar undergrounding of transmission lines in both domestic and international contexts,
 - (c) any impact on delivery timeframes of undergrounding with broad community consensus versus overhead transmission with large scale opposition, and
 - (d) any other related matters.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of seven members comprising:
- (a) three Government members,
 - (b) two Opposition members, one being Mr Fang, and
 - (c) two Crossbench members, being Ms Faehrmann and Mr Roberts.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Ms Faehrmann and the Deputy Chair be Mr Fang.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,

- (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
 - (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between Opposition, Crossbench and Government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.
- (5) That the committee report by 31 March 2024.

[Resolved 13 September 2023, Minutes No. 23, Item 27, pp. 471-472.]

Part 2 – Temporary orders and Resolutions of continuing effect

1. Sitting Calendar 2024: Budget Estimates and committee activity

- (1) That, unless otherwise ordered, the days of meeting of the House in 2024 be as follows:

Budget sittings

February 6, 7, 8

March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16

June 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20

Spring sittings

August 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24

November 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, (reserve days 26, 27, 28)

- (2) That, further to the resolution of the House of 12 September 2023, referring Budget Estimates 2023-2024 to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report, as amended 11 October 2023, unless otherwise ordered, additional hearings be scheduled from 20 February to 23 February 2024, 26 February to 1 March 2024, and 4 March to 7 March 2024.
- (3) That, unless otherwise ordered, for the purposes of the Budget Estimates inquiry 2024-2025:
- (a) initial hearings be scheduled from 27 August to 30 August 2024, 3 September to 6 September 2024, and 9 September to 11 September 2024, and
- (b) supplementary hearings be scheduled from 2 December to 6 December 2024.
- (4) That, unless otherwise ordered, or a committee resolves that a committee activity is urgent, no committee activity may be undertaken on the following dates:
- (a) 8 January to 12 January 2024, and 15 January to 19 January 2024,
- (b) 15 April to 19 April 2024,
- (c) 8 July to 12 July 2024,
- (d) 30 September to 4 October 2024, and
- (c) 23 December to 24 December 2024.

[Resolved 21 November 2023]

2. Budget Estimates 2023-2024

- (1) That, upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2023-2024 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.
- (2) That, further to the resolution of the House of 10 May 2023 adopting the 2023 sitting calendar, the 2023-2024 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Tuesday 24 October 2023

PC 3 Education and Early Learning, Western Sydney
 PC 4 Small Business, Lands and Property, Multiculturalism, Sport

Day Two: Wednesday 25 October 2023

PC 1 Premier
 PC 4 Agriculture, Regional New South Wales, Western New South Wales

Day Three: Thursday 26 October 2023

PC 2 Health, Regional Health, the Illawarra and the South Coast
 PC 1 Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast, Medical Research

Day Four: Tuesday 31 October 2023

PC 1 Treasurer
 PC 8 Customer Service and Digital Government, Emergency Services, Youth Justice

Day Five: Wednesday 1 November 2023

PC 2 Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth, the North Coast
 PC 6 Regional Transport and Roads
 PC 3 Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education

Day Six: Thursday 2 November 2023

PC 7 Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, Heritage
 PC 1 Finance, Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, Natural Resources

Day Seven: Friday 3 November 2023

PC 7 Planning and Public Spaces
 PC 5 Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Day Eight: Tuesday 7 November 2023

PC 1 The Legislature
 PC 6 Transport
 PC 5 Police and Counter Terrorism, the Hunter

Day Nine: Wednesday 8 November 2023

PC 1 Industrial Relations, Work Health and Safety
 PC 8 Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Industry and Trade, Innovation, Science and Technology, Building, Corrections

Day Ten: Thursday 9 November 2023

PC 6 Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism
 PC 5 Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion

Day Eleven: Friday 10 November 2023

PC 5 Attorney-General
 PC 8 Local Government

- (3) That the remainder of the Budget Estimates 2023-2024 hearings be held during the first half of 2024, as determined by further resolution of the House.
- (4) That for the purposes of the 2023-2024 initial budget estimates hearings:
 - (a) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members

only from 9.15 am to 10.45 am, 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm and 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, and, if required, by Government members only from 10.45 am to 11.00 am, 12.45 pm to 1.00 pm, and 5.15 pm to 5.30 pm,

- (b) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 2.00 pm until 5.30 pm.
- (5) That for the purposes of the 2023-2024 initial budget estimates hearings:
- (a) the committees must hear evidence in public,
 - (b) the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
 - (c) ministers be invited to appear for the morning sessions only unless requested by committees to appear also for the afternoon session,
 - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before a committee commences questions,
 - (e) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, and
 - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members.
- (6) That the committees report by 28 June 2024.

[Resolved 12 September 2023, Minutes No. 22, Item 43, pp. 446-450, as amended 11 October 2023, Minutes No. 29, Item 10, p. 558.]

3. Budget Estimates 2023-2024 – Supplementary hearing

- (1) That, further to the resolution of the House of 12 September 2023 referring Budget Estimates 2023-2024 to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report, as amended 11 October 2023, and the resolution of the House of 10 May 2023 adopting the 2023 sitting calendar, Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Regional NSW hold a supplementary hearing in 2023 to examine the portfolios of Agriculture, Regional New South Wales, Western New South Wales.
- (2) That for the purposes of the 2023-2024 supplementary budget estimates hearing:
 - (a) each portfolio be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.15 am to 10.45 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at 10.45 am, 12.45 pm and 5.15 pm, if required,
 - (b) the committee must hear evidence in public,
 - (c) the committee may ask for explanations from the minister, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
 - (d) the minister be invited to appear for the morning session only unless requested by the committee to appear also for the afternoon session,
 - (e) witnesses, including the minister, may not make an opening statement before a committee commences questions,
 - (f) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, and
 - (g) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members.

[Resolved 22 November 2023, Minutes No. 35, Item 37, pp. 692-693.]

4. Budget Estimates 2023-2024 – Additional hearings

- (1) That, further to the resolution of the House of 12 September 2023 referring Budget Estimates 2023-2024 to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report, as amended 11 October 2023, and the resolution of the House of 21 November 2023 adopting the 2024 sitting calendar, the 2023-2024 additional budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One:	Tuesday 20 February 2024
PC 3	Education and Early Learning, Western Sydney
PC 4	Small Business, Lands and Property, Multiculturalism, Sport
Day Two:	Wednesday 21 February 2024
PC 1	Premier
PC 4	Agriculture, Regional New South Wales, Western New South Wales
Day Three:	Thursday 22 February 2024
PC 2	Health, Regional Health, the Illawarra and the South Coast
PC 1	Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast, Medical Research
Day Four:	Friday 23 February 2024
PC 6	Transport
PC 5	Police and Counter Terrorism, the Hunter
Day Five:	Tuesday 27 February 2024
PC 7	Planning and Public Spaces
PC 5	Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Day Six:	Wednesday 28 February 2024
PC 2	Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth, the North Coast
PC 8	Customer Service and Digital Government, Emergency Services, Youth Justice
Day Seven:	Thursday 29 February 2024
PC 1	Industrial Relations, Work Health and Safety
PC 6	Regional Transport and Roads
Day Eight:	Friday 1 March 2024
PC 1	Treasurer
PC 8	Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Industry and Trade, Innovation, Science and Technology, Building, Corrections
Day Nine:	Monday 4 March 2024
PC 5	Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion
PC 1	The Legislature
Day Ten:	Tuesday 5 March 2024
PC 6	Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism
PC 3	Skills, TAFE, Tertiary Education
Day Eleven:	Wednesday 6 March 2024
PC 5	Attorney-General
PC 8	Local Government
Day Twelve:	Thursday 7 March 2024
PC 7	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, Heritage
PC 1	Finance, Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, Natural Resources

- (2) That for the purposes of the 2023-2024 additional budget estimates hearings:

- (a) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.15 am to 10.45 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from

3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at 10.45 am, 12.45 pm and 5.15 pm, if required, and

- (b) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.15 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 1.00 pm.
- (3) That for the purposes of the 2023-2024 additional budget estimates hearings:
- (a) the committees must hear evidence in public,
 - (b) the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
 - (c) ministers be invited to appear for the morning sessions only unless requested by committees to appear also for the afternoon session,
 - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before a committee commences questions,
 - (e) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following the receipt of the hearing transcript, and
 - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members.

[Resolved 30 November 2023, Minutes No. 39, Item 3, pp. 787-788.]

5. Broadcast of Proceedings

Statement of principles

This resolution which provides for the broadcasting of proceedings is underpinned by the following principles:

- promoting the openness and accessibility of the NSW Parliament,
- increasing the awareness of New South Wales citizens about the Legislative Council and the Parliamentary process,
- facilitation of fair and accurate reporting by the media of parliamentary proceedings,
- respect for the privacy of members and other building occupants and visitors to Parliament House, and
- non-interference with the operations of the Parliament or the ability of Members and other building occupants to fulfil their duties.

Sound and audio-visual broadcast of proceedings of the House

- (1) That this House authorises the sound and audio-visual broadcast and rebroadcast of the proceedings of the House:
 - (a) on the Parliament's broadcast system,
 - (b) by direct signal to the media gallery in Parliament House and authorised television networks,
 - (c) by webcast on the internet,
 - (d) by live-captioning,
 - (e) as otherwise approved by the President, and
 - (f) on the Legislative Council and Parliament's social media channels.

Broadcasting

- (2) The live broadcast or rebroadcast of proceedings of the Legislative Council is authorised on the following conditions, and any other terms and conditions, not inconsistent with this paragraph, determined by the President:
 - (a) recordings and broadcasts must only be made from the sound or audio-visual signal provided by the Legislative Council,
 - (b) only footage of the House when in session may be broadcast,
 - (c) broadcasts of footage must be placed in context, used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings and must provide a balanced presentation of differing views,
 - (d) footage must not be used:
 - (i) for political party advertising or election campaigns,
 - (ii) for the purpose of satire or ridicule,
 - (iii) for commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising,
 - (iv) to digitally enhance or alter the presentation of proceedings,
 - (e) footage of proceedings which are withdrawn may be broadcast if the withdrawal is also broadcast,
 - (f) events in the galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts of those events must not be used, and
 - (g) the President may approve filming, on request, by persons or organisations, according to the terms and conditions set out in this resolution.

Still photography

- (3) That this House authorises access to the proceedings of the Legislative Council by photographers on the following terms and conditions:
- (a) photographers who are accredited members of the parliamentary press gallery, subject to notifying the President who will in turn advise the House, are permitted to take still photographs of proceedings while the Legislative Council is in session,
 - (b) accreditation passes are to be worn and clearly visible at all times whilst a photographer is on the parliamentary premises,
 - (c) non-accredited members of the press gallery may apply in writing to the President to take photographs of proceedings while the Legislative Council is in session, and if approved the President is to determine the conditions under which they do so,
 - (d) photographs must be used in context and only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings,
 - (e) photographs must not be used for:
 - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns,
 - (ii) the purpose of satire or ridicule,
 - (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising,
 - (f) photographs taken with telephoto lenses or zoom lenses must not show any member closer than at 'head and shoulders' distance,
 - (g) telephoto lenses or zoom lenses must not be used to inspect members' documents or computer screens, and close-up photographs of members' documents or computer screens must not be taken,
 - (h) photographs of persons in the galleries must not be taken, with the only exception being photographs of distinguished visitors at the time they are welcomed to the House by the chair,
 - (i) photographs of disturbances by visitors or any other persons is not permitted,
 - (j) the use of flash or other sources of additional lighting and motor driven cameras is not permitted, and
 - (k) photographs are not to be digitally altered or enhanced.

Filming, broadcasting, rebroadcasting and photography of committee proceedings

- (4) That unless resolved otherwise by a committee, this House authorises:
- (a) the filming, broadcasting and photography of members and witnesses in committee proceedings:
 - (i) by representatives of media organisations, including from around the committee meeting table,
 - (ii) by any member of the public, from the position of the audience, and
 - (b) the rebroadcasting of committee proceedings on the Legislative Council and Parliament's social media channels.
- (5) The filming and photography of committee proceedings must not:
- (a) be used to inspect or photograph members' documents or computer screens,
 - (b) be taken in an intimidating or intrusive manner,
 - (c) interfere with committee proceedings,
 - (d) be used for:
 - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns,
 - (ii) the purpose of satire or ridicule,
 - (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising, and

- (e) be digitally enhanced or alter the presentation of proceedings.
- (6) A committee may adopt additional conditions in relation to the filming, broadcasting, rebroadcasting and photography of committee proceedings, including ordering that part of its proceedings not be filmed, broadcast or photographed.

Compliance

- (7) That:
 - (a) access to proceedings for the purpose of recording and still photography is provided on the basis that the terms and conditions set out in this resolution are complied with,
 - (b) the instructions of the President or delegated representatives, must be observed at all times, and
 - (c) non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this resolution, and the instructions of the President or delegated representatives, may result in the suspension or withdrawal of accreditation.

Continuing effect

- (8) That this resolution is of continuing effect until amended or rescinded.

[Resolved Minutes 18 October 2007 pp. 279-281, amended Minutes 143, 19 October 2022, pp. 3747-3749.]

6. Procedural Fairness for Inquiry Participants

(1) That the House adopts the following procedures to provide procedural fairness for inquiry participants:

1. **Inviting and summoning witnesses**

A witness will be invited to give evidence at a hearing unless the committee decides that a summons is warranted.

2. **Information for witnesses**

A witness will normally be given reasonable notice of their hearing and will be provided with the inquiry terms of reference, a list of committee members and a copy of these procedures.

3. **Opportunity to make a submission before a hearing**

A witness will normally be given the opportunity to make a submission before their hearing.

4. **Opportunity to request a private (*in camera*) hearing**

A witness may request, before or during their hearing, that some or all of their evidence be heard in private (*in camera*). The committee will consider this request and if it declines, will advise the witness of the reasons why.

5. **Publication of evidence taken in private (*in camera*)**

Prior to their private (*in camera*) hearing, a witness will be informed that the committee and the Legislative Council have the power to publish some or all of the evidence given. If the committee intends to publish, it will normally consult the witness, advise them of the outcome, and give reasonable notice of when the evidence will be published.

6. **Attendance with a legal adviser**

With the prior agreement of the committee, a witness may be accompanied by and have reasonable opportunity to consult a legal adviser during their hearing. The legal adviser cannot participate in the hearing and will not be sworn in or give evidence, unless the committee decides otherwise.

7. **Attendance with a support person**

With the prior agreement of the committee, a witness may be accompanied at their hearing by a support person. The support person will not be sworn in or give evidence, unless the committee decides otherwise.

8. **Witnesses to be sworn**

At the start of their hearing a witness will, unless the committee decides otherwise, take an oath or affirmation to tell the truth, and the provisions of the *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901* will then apply.

9. **Chair to ensure relevance of questions**

A committee chair will ensure that all questions put to witnesses are relevant to the inquiry.

10. **Questions to public officials**

Public officials will not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy, and will be given reasonable opportunity to refer questions to more senior officials or to a minister.

11. **Questions on notice**

A witness may request to take a question on notice and provide the answer in writing at a later date to be determined by the committee.

12. **Objections to answering questions**

Where a witness objects to answering a question, they will be invited to state the grounds for their objection. If a member seeks to press the question, the committee will consider whether to insist on an answer, having regard to the grounds for the objection, the relevance of the question to the inquiry terms of reference, and the necessity to the inquiry of the information sought. If the committee decides that it requires an answer, it will inform the witness of the reasons why and may consider allowing the witness to answer the question on notice or in private (*in camera*).

Witness appearing by invitation

(a) If a witness who appears by invitation continues to refuse to answer the question, the committee may consider summoning the witness to reappear later, and will advise the witness that as they will be

under oath and so subject to section 11 of the *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901*, they may be compelled to answer the question.

Witness appearing under summons

- (b) The continued refusal by a witness, having been summoned, to answer the question while under oath, may constitute a contempt of parliament under the *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901*, and the committee may report the matter to the Legislative Council.

13. **Evidence that may seriously damage the reputation of a third party**

Evidence about to be given

- (a) Where a committee anticipates that evidence about to be given may seriously damage the reputation of a person or body, the committee may consider hearing the evidence in private (*in camera*).

Evidence that has been given

- (b) Where a witness gives evidence in public that may seriously damage the reputation of a person or body, the committee may consider keeping some or all of the evidence confidential.

Opportunity to respond

- (c) Where a witness gives evidence that may seriously damage the reputation of a person or body, the committee may give the person or body reasonable access to the evidence, and the opportunity to respond in writing or at a hearing.

14. **Evidence that places a person at risk of serious harm**

Where a witness gives evidence that places a person at risk of serious harm, the committee will immediately consider expunging the information from the transcript of evidence.

15. **Tendering documents**

A witness may tender documents during their hearing. The committee will decide whether to accept and to publish such documents.

16. **Inviting and ordering the production of documents**

A witness will be invited to produce documents unless the committee decides that an order to produce the documents is warranted.

17. **Requests for confidentiality**

A person or body may request that documents provided to a committee be kept confidential in part or in full. The committee will consider the request and if it declines, will advise the person or body of the reasons why, and give reasonable notice of when the documents will be published.

18. **Transcripts**

A witness will be given the opportunity to correct transcription errors in their transcript of evidence. Amendments to or clarifications of evidence may be requested in writing.

19. **Treatment of witnesses**

Witnesses will be treated with courtesy at all times.

20. **Improper treatment of inquiry participants**

Where a committee has reason to believe that a person has been improperly influenced in respect of the evidence they may give to a committee, or has been penalised, injured or threatened in respect of evidence given, the committee will take all reasonable steps to ascertain the facts of the matter. If the committee is satisfied that such action may have occurred, the committee may report the matter to the Legislative Council.

21. **Inquiry participants before the Privileges Committee**

Where the Privileges Committee inquiries into a matter which may involve an allegation of contempt, the committee may adopt additional procedures as it sees fit in order to ensure procedural fairness and the protection of inquiry participants.

- (2) That this resolution have continuing effect until amended or rescinded.

[Resolved Minutes 25 October 2018 pp. 3138-3140.]

Part 3 – Committee Membership

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

Mr Donnelly (Chair)
Mr Rath (Deputy Chair)
Mrs Carter
Mr D'Adam
Ms Higginson
Mr Lawrence
Mr Nanva
Mr Roberts

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25 and 27, pp. 92-93 and 94.]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

Dr Kaine (Chair)
Mrs Mitchell (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buckingham
Dr Cohn
Mr D'Adam
Ms Merton
Mr Nanva
Ms Suvaal

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25 and 27, pp. 92-93 and 94.]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

Ms Suvaal (Chair)
Mr Farraway (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Ms Faehrmann
Ms Hurst
Mr Lawrence
Mr Martin
Mr Primrose

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25 and 27, pp. 92-93 and 94.]

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Mr Lawrence (Chair)
Mrs Maclaren-Jones (Deputy Chair)
Mr Fang
Ms Higginson
Mr Murphy
Mr Nanva
Mr Primrose
Mr Roberts

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25 and 27, pp. 92-93 and 94.]

PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Mr Franklin, President (Chair)¹
Mr Roberts, Deputy President²
Mr Primrose, Assistant President³
Ms Sharpe, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council⁴
Mr Graham, Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council⁵
Mr Tudehope, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council⁶
Mrs Mitchell, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council⁷
Mr Nanva, Government Whip⁸
Mr Rath, Opposition Whip⁹
Mr Borsak
Ms Boyd
Mr Buckingham
Ms Hurst
Mr Latham
Ms Mihailuk
Mr Ruddick

[Nominations reported 30 May 2023, Minutes No. 7, Item 12, p. 132. For further information regarding membership see standing order 211.]

¹ Elected President, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 11.

² Elected Deputy President, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 15.

³ Elected Assistant President, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 16.

⁴ Elected Leader of the Government, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 23.

⁵ Elected Deputy Leader of the Government, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 23.

⁶ Elected Leader of the Opposition, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 26.

⁷ Elected Deputy Leader of the Opposition, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 26.

⁸ Elected Government Whip, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 24.

⁹ Elected Opposition Whip, 9 May 2023, Minutes No. 1, Item 27.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

Mr Buckingham (Chair)
Mr Borsak (Deputy Chair)
Dr Kaine
Mr Lawrence
Mr Nanva
Mr Rath
Mr Tudehope

[Nominations reported and ballot for crossbench membership held 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25 and 28, pp. 92-93 and 94-95. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 6 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

Dr Cohn (Chair)
Mrs Carter (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Mr Donnelly
Ms Faehrmann
Ms Suvaal
Mrs Taylor

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 7 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 3 – EDUCATION

Ms Boyd (Chair)
Ms Merton (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Mr D'Adam
Ms Mihailuk
Mrs Mitchell
Ms Suvaal

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 8 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 4 – REGIONAL NSW

Mr Banasiak (Chair)
Ms Hurst (Deputy Chair)
Mr Donnelly
Mr Martin
Mrs Mitchell
Mr Murphy
Mr Primrose

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 9 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

Mr Borsak (Chair)
Ms Higginson (Deputy Chair)
Mr Donnelly
Mr Fang
Mr Lawrence
Mrs Maclaren-Jones
Mr Murphy

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 6 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS

Ms Faehrmann (Chair)
Mr Farraway (Deputy Chair)
Mr Banasiak
Mr D'Adam
Dr Kaine
Mr Nanva
Mrs Ward

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 8 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Ms Higginson (Chair)
Mr Ruddick (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Mr D'Adam
Mr Farlow
Ms Munro
Mr Primrose

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 31 May 2023, reported 31 May 2023, Minutes No. 8, Item 30, p. 155.]

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 8 – CUSTOMER SERVICE

Ms Hurst (Chair)
Dr Cohn (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Ms Suvaal
Mrs MacDonald
Mr Primrose
Mrs Taylor

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 7 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Ms Boyd (Chair)
Mr Farlow (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Dr Kaine
Mr Latham
Mr Primrose
Mrs Taylor

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 31 May 2023, reported 31 May 2023, Minutes No. 8, Item 23, p. 147.]

REGULATION COMMITTEE

Mrs Maclaren-Jones (Chair)¹⁰
Ms Boyd (Deputy Chair)
Mrs Carter
Mr Donnelly
Dr Kaine
Ms Mihailuk
Mr Murphy
Mr Nanva

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93, and 30 May 2023, Minutes No. 7, Item 12, p. 132. Chair and Deputy Chair elected 9 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Minutes No. 10, Item 24, p. 189.]

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Mr Nanva, Government Whip (Chair)¹¹
Mr Rath, Opposition Whip (Deputy Chair)¹²
Mr Banasiak
Mr Buckingham
Mr Buttigieg
Mr Fang
Ms Higginson
Ms Hurst
Mr Latham
Ms Mihailuk
Mr Murphy
Mr Roberts
Mr Ruddick

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 25, pp. 92-93. For further information regarding membership, Chair and Deputy Chair see standing order 141.]

¹⁰ Mrs Maclaren-Jones replaced Mr Martin as a member of the committee 6 June 2023, reported 20 June 2023, Mins No. 10, Item 23.

¹¹ Elected Government Whip, 9 May 2023, Mins No. 1, Item 24.

¹² Elected Opposition Whip, 9 May 2023, Mins No. 1, Item 27.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr Nanva, Government Whip (Chair)¹³

One other government member

Mr Rath, Opposition Whip¹⁴

One other opposition member

A representative from every party or independent member.

[For further information regarding membership and the Chair see standing order 191.]

ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

Ms Hurst (Chair)

Mr Nanva (Deputy Chair)

Mr Borsak

Mr Fang

Mr Lawrence

Mrs MacDonald

Mr Primrose

Ms Suvaal

[Nominations reported 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 13, p. 279. Deputy Chair elected 28 August 2023, reported 12 September 2023, Minutes No. 22, Item 34, p. 443.]

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIRTH TRAUMA

Ms Hurst (Chair)

Mrs Carter (Deputy Chair)

Mr Banasiak

Dr Cohn

Mr D'Adam

Mr Donnelly

Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Mrs Mitchell

Ms Suvaal

[Nominations reported 28 June 2023, Minutes No. 14, Item 36, p. 273.]

¹³ Elected Government Whip, 9 May 2023, Mins No. 1, Item 24.

¹⁴ Elected Opposition Whip, 9 May 2023, Mins No. 1, Item 27.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUNDING THE TRANSMISSION
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

Ms Faehrmann (Chair)
Mr Fang (Deputy Chair)
Mr Buttigieg
Mrs Carter
Mr Lawrence
Mr Roberts
Ms Suvaal

[Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair reported 13 September 2023, Minutes No. 23, Item 27, pp. 471-472.
Nominations reported 20 September 2023, Minutes No. 26, Item 12, p. 502.]

JOINT COMMITTEES

MODERN SLAVERY COMMITTEE

Council

Mr Borsak
Mr Donnelly
Dr Kaine
Mrs MacDonald

Assembly

Dr McGirr (Chair)
Ms Leong (Deputy Chair)
Ms Ayyad
Ms Wilkinson

[Nominations reported 23 May 2023, Minutes No. 4, Item 26, p. 94, and 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair reported 3 August 2023, Minutes No. 18, Item 19, p. 343.]

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Council

Dr Cohn
Mrs MacDonald
Ms Suvaal

Assembly

Mrs Dalton
Ms Davis
Ms McKeown
Ms Wilkinson

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH CARE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

Council

Dr Cohn
Mr Donnelly
Mrs Maclaren-Jones

Assembly

Ms Kaliyanda
Mr Kemp
Dr McGirr
Dr Saliba

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Council

Dr Kaine
Ms Mihailuk
Ms Munro

Assembly

Mr Hodges
Mr Li
Mrs Quinnell
Mr Regan
Dr Saliba
Ms Shetty
Mrs Tuckerman
Mr Vo

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

COMMITTEE ON THE OMBUDSMAN, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION AND THE CRIME COMMISSION

Council

Ms Higginson
Ms Merton
Mr Murphy

Assembly

Mr Donato
Ms McKeown
Mr Taylor
Mr Vo

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Council

Ms Higginson
Ms Munro
Mr Murphy

Assembly

Ms Davis
Mr Hagarty
Mr Layzell
Ms Stuart
Ms Voltz

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

Council

Mr Borsak
Ms Fachrmann
Mr Farraway
Mr Nanva
Mr Primrose
Mr Rath

Assembly

Mr Bali
Mr Hagarty
Mr James
Mrs Quinnell
Ms Saffin

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 24, p. 284.]

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

Council

Mr D'Adam
Mr Latham
Mrs Ward

Assembly

Mr Warren (Chair)
Mr Atalla
Mr Butler
Mr Cross
Mr Kirby
Ms Wilkinson

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE VALUER GENERAL

Council

Mr Buttigieg
Mr Farlow

Assembly

Ms Smith (Chair)
Dr McDermott
Mr Mehan

[Nominations reported 27 June 2023, Minutes No. 13, Item 3, pp. 231-236, and 29 June 2023, Minutes No. 15, Item 22, pp. 282-283.]

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROTECTING LOCAL WATER UTILITIES FROM PRIVATISATION

Council

Mr Lawrence (Chair)
Mr Banasiak
Ms Faehrmann
Mr Fang
Ms Suvaal

Assembly

Ms Butler
Mr Clancy
Ms Cooke
Mrs Dalton
Dr Holland

[Appointment of Chair reported 3 August 2023, Minutes No. 18, Item 23, pp. 344-345. Nominations reported 24 August 2023, Minutes No. 21, Item 22, p. 417 and 22 November 2023, Minutes No. 35, Item 29, p. 685.]

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NSW RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Council

Mr Farraway
Ms Higginson
Mr Lawrence
Ms Suvaal

Assembly

Mr Barr (Chair)
Ms Butler
Mr Donato
Mr Kirby
Ms Smith
Mr Williamson

[Nominations reported 30 November 2023, Minutes No. 39, Item 36, pp. 808-809, and Item 50, p. 822.]