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Terms of reference

1. That upon tabling, the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2018-2019 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.

2. That the initial hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Thursday 30 August 2018

PC 4	Police, Emergency Services	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
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Day Two: Friday 31 August 2018

PC 5	Primary Industries, Regional Water, Trade and Industry	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 6	Planning, Housing, Special Minister of State	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 5	Transport and Infrastructure	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 6	Resources, Energy and Utilities, Arts	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Day Three: Monday 3 September 2018

PC 1	Finance, Services and Property	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 5	Lands and Forestry, Racing	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
PC 1	Treasury, Industrial Relations	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Four: Tuesday 4 September 2018

PC 3	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education	9.00 am – 11.00 am
PC 4	Counter Terrorism, Corrections, Veterans Affairs	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 3	Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
PC 4	Attorney General	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Day Five: Wednesday 5 September 2018

PC 2	Multiculturalism, Disability Services	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 2	Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
PC 3	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Day Six: Thursday 6 September 2018

PC 2	Mental Health, Women, Ageing	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
PC 1	Innovation and Better Regulation	9.00 am – 11.00 am
PC 1	The Legislature	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
PC 2	Health, Medical Research	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 1	Premier	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Day Seven: Friday 7 September 2018

PC 3	Education	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
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PC 5	Roads, Maritime and Freight	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
PC 6	Environment, Local Government, Heritage	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm
PC 5	Western Sydney, WestConnex, Sport	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

3. That supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 8 to 12 October 2018.
4. That each scheduled day for the initial round of hearings will begin not earlier than 9.00 am and conclude by 6.00 pm.
5. That the committees must hear evidence in public.
6. That the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.
7. That ministers may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions.
8. That the committees are to present a final report to the House by 14 December 2018.
9. That members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm, within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the hearing.
10. That answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after these answers have been circulated to committee members.

These terms of reference were referred to the committee by the House: *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

Committee details

Committee members

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Paul Green MLC	Christian Democratic Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Scot MacDonald MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC	The Nationals	
Ms Dawn Walker MLC	The Greens	

Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon David Clarke MLC	Liberal Party
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens
The Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Adam Searle MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
Mr David Shoebridge MLC	The Greens

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Chair's foreword

I am pleased to present this report on the Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019. This annual inquiry into the Budget Estimates ensures parliamentary oversight of the Budget, and provides an important mechanism for the accountability of the executive government to the Legislative Council.

The inquiry consisted of four hearings to examine the following portfolios:

- Disability Services, Multiculturalism.
- Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Mental Health, Women, Ageing
- Health, Medical Research.

Supplementary hearings were also held for the Family and Community Services and Disability Services portfolios.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the Ministers and their officers who assisted the committee during this important inquiry. I am grateful to my fellow committee members and the secretariat staff for their contributions to the inquiry process.



The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC
Chair

Chapter 1 Introduction

Referral of the 2018-2019 Budget Estimates

- 1.1 On 20 June 2018, the Legislative Council resolved that ‘the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2018-2019 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report’.¹ The resolution (hereafter referred to as the Budget Estimates resolution) requires each committee to examine the Budget Estimates for the relevant portfolios and report to the House by 14 December 2018.²
- 1.2 The Budget Estimates resolution further stipulated that the initial hearings be held from 30 August to 7 September 2018 and the initial round of supplementary hearings be scheduled during the week of 8 to 12 October 2018.³

Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Wednesday 5 September 2018 – Disability Services, Multiculturalism
 - Wednesday 5 September 2018 – Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 - Thursday 6 September 2018 – Mental Health, Women, Ageing
 - Thursday 6 September 2018 – Health, Medical Research.
- 1.4 The committee also held supplementary hearings on Monday 5 November 2018 for the Family and Community Services and Disability Services portfolios.

Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.5 Transcripts of the hearings, questions taken on notice, supplementary questions and answers to these questions are available on the Budget Estimates web page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates.

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

³ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

Chapter 2 Issues raised during hearings

This chapter provides a brief summary by portfolio of the key issues raised during the hearings.

Disability Services, Multiculturalism

2.1 A hearing examining the portfolios of Disability Services, Multiculturalism was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- NSW Ombudsman's report into the deaths of people with a disability in residential care
- Funding of advocacy support services
- Prevention, detection and prosecution of fraud by National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers
- Services and equipment covered by the NDIS
- Eligibility for and access to the NDIS
- Protection of religious freedoms
- Support for new migrants
- Research papers commissioned by Multicultural NSW.

2.2 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Disability Services was held on Monday 5 November 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme – continuity of service
- The transition of Summer Hill centre to Achieve Australia
- The National Disability Insurance Agency as provider of last resort
- Violence in the disability sector
- Funding for non-government organisations to deliver disability services
- Funding for regional disability services
- Respite care.

Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

2.3 A hearing examining the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Contracting and use of document courier services

- Domestic and family violence services and prevention
- Antisocial behaviour in public and social housing
- Vacant public and social housing
- Out-of-home care services and adoption
- Numbers and identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care
- Caseworker numbers and resources.

2.4 A supplementary hearing examining the portfolio of Family and Community Services was held on Monday 5 November 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of this portfolio:

- Publication of child protection performance information and related software systems
- NDIS and its implementation in Aboriginal Communities
- Their Futures Matter reform program
- The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Bill 2018.

Mental Health, Women, Ageing

2.5 A hearing examining the portfolios of Mental Health, Women, Ageing was held on Thursday 6 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Abortion laws in New South Wales
- Gender gap in superannuation
- 24/7 supervision in mental health facilities and use of restraints and seclusion
- Youth suicide prevention programs and initiatives
- Elder abuse help line
- Monitoring of mental health patients once discharged, particularly vulnerable young people
- Kin-care (grandparents providing fulltime care to grandchildren).

Health, Medical Research

2.6 A hearing examining the portfolios of Health, Medical Research was held on Thursday 6 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Effectiveness of the new NSW Ambulance superstations in facilitating prompt paramedic responses

- Availability of accommodation for families from rural and remote regions traveling to metropolitan areas for treatment
- Status of announced hospital upgrades across the state
- Counselling and support services available to junior doctors
- Provision of dental services by unqualified practitioners
- Waiting times for elective surgery in Wagga Wagga
- Protections to prevent the abuse of professional health workers
- Funding for the Health Care Complaints Commission
- Cost of parking at public hospitals.

Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

Disability Services, Multiculturalism – Wednesday 5 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Ray Williams MP	Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services
Mr Ross Hawkey	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural NSW
Mr Victor Duranti	Director, Policy, Settlement & Briefings, Multicultural NSW
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Paul O'Reilly	Executive Director, Inclusion and Early Intervention, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Malcolm Haddon	Acting Director, Community Engagement, Multicultural NSW

Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – Wednesday 5 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Pru Goward MP	Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Paul Vevers	Deputy Secretary, Southern and Western Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Simone Walker	Deputy Secretary, Northern Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr John Hubby	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Family and Community Services

Ms Anne Skewes	Deputy Secretary, Land and Housing Corporation, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Melinda Norton	Director, Women NSW, Department of Family and Community Services

Mental Health, Women, Ageing – Thursday 6 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Tanya Davies MP	Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women and Minister for Ageing
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Secretary, NSW Health
Mr John Roach PSM	Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Secretary, Financial Services and Asset Management, NSW Health
Dr Murray Wright	Chief Psychiatrist, NSW Health
Ms Cathryn Cox	Acting Deputy Secretary, NSW Health
Dr Karin Lines	Executive Director, Mental Health Branch, NSW Health
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services

Health, Medical Research – Thursday 6 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Brad Hazzard MP	Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Secretary, NSW Health
Dr Kerry Chant PSM	Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Health
Mr Samuel Sangster	Chief Executive, Health Infrastructure, NSW Health
Mr Dominic Morgan	Chief Executive, NSW Ambulance
Ms Susan Pearce	Deputy Secretary, System Purchasing and Performance, NSW Health

Mr Phil Minns

Deputy Secretary of People, Culture and Governance,
NSW Health

Family and Community Services – Monday 5 November 2018 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services

Disability Services – Monday 5 November 2018 (supplementary hearing)

Name	Position and Organisation
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
Mr Paul O'Reilly	Executive Director, Inclusion and Early Intervention, Department of Family and Community Services

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Wednesday 15 August 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 10.01 am

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Clarke (from 10.05 am substituting for Mr MacDonald)

Mrs Houssos

Mr Fang (substituting for Mrs Taylor)

Dr Phelps

Ms Walker

2. Apologies

Mr Green

3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 11 July 2018 – Email from Ms Lee Dixon, Office of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 26 July 2018 – Email from Ms Amy Hargrave, Office of the Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Women, Ageing, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 26 July 2018 – Letter from the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Disability Services, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 26 July 2018 – Letter from the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates.

Sent:

- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health, Medical Research, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Women, Ageing, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Disability Services, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – procedural resolutions

The committee noted that the Budget Estimates timetable for 2018-2019 was agreed to by the House, with the following Portfolio Committee No. 2 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Wednesday 5 September	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Multiculturalism , Disability Services (Williams)	Macquarie
	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Goward)	Macquarie
Thursday 6 September	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Mental Health, Women, Ageing (Davies)	Macquarie
	2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Health, Medical Research (Hazzard)	Macquarie

4.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Fang: That with government members not asking questions:

- The portfolios of Multiculturalism, Disability Services be examined from 9.00 am – 11.00 am
- The portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault be examined from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
- The portfolios of Mental Health, Women, Ageing be examined from 9.00 am – 11.00 am
- The portfolios of Health, Medical Research be examined from 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm.

4.2 Sequence of questions

The committee noted that, under the resolution establishing the Portfolio Committees, the sequence of questions alternates between opposition, crossbench and government members, with equal time allocated to each, unless the committee decides otherwise.

4.3 Procedure for examining more than one portfolio

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the portfolios be examined concurrently.

4.4 Additional witness requests

The committee noted each minister's list of proposed witnesses, as per the table below, and that members have until 10.00 am Thursday 16 August 2018 to provide any additional witness requests.

Minister	Portfolio	Witness	Position and Department
Williams	Multiculturalism	Mr Hakan Harman	Chief Executive, Multicultural NSW
		Mr Ross Hawkey	Director Corporate Services, Multicultural NSW
		Ms Megan Lancaster	Director Community Engagement, Multicultural NSW
		Mr Victor Duranti	Director Policy, Settlement & Briefings, Multicultural NSW
	Disability Services	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services

		Mr Paul Vevers	Deputy Secretary (Southern and Western Cluster of Districts and Housing State-Wide Services), Department of Family and Community Services
		Mr Paul O'Reilly	Executive Director Inclusion & Early Intervention, Department of Family and Community Services
Goward	Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
		Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services
		Ms Simone Walker	Deputy Secretary, Northern Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
		Mr Paul Vevers	Deputy Secretary, Southern and Western Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
		Mr John Hubby	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services
	Social Housing	Ms Anne Skewes	Deputy Secretary, Land and Housing Corporation, Department of Family and Community Services
	Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Ms Melinda Norton	Director, Women NSW, Department of Family and Community Services
Davies	Mental Health	Ms Elizabeth Koff	Secretary, Ministry of Health
		Dr Murray Wright	Chief Psychiatrist, Ministry of Health
		Dr Karen Lines	Executive Director, Mental Health Branch, Ministry of Health
	Women and Ageing	Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter	Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
		Ms Deidre Mulkerin	Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services
Hazzard	Health, Medical Research	Ms Elizabeth Koff	Secretary, Ministry of Health

5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.10 am, *sine die*.

Sarah Dunn

Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 58

Wednesday 5 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.48 am

6. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Mrs Houssos

Mr MacDonald

Dr Phelps (from 9.05 am)

Mr Primrose (participating)

Mrs Taylor

Ms Walker (from 8.55 am)

7. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That draft minutes nos. 56 and 57 be confirmed.

8. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 17 August 2018 – Email from Ms Amy Hargrave, Office of the Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, Minister for Ageing, to secretariat, advising of a change in witness for Budget Estimates
- 20 August 2018 – Email from Mr Rommel Varghese, Office of the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Disability Services, to secretariat, advising that the requested additional witnesses positions no longer exist following the commencement of the NDIS scheme
- 21 August 2018 – Email from Mr Dean Shachar, Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, to secretariat, advising that recruitment is underway and ongoing for a new CEO of the Aboriginal Housing Office
- 21 August 2018 – Email from Ms Julie Westacott, Office of Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, to secretariat, confirming the attendance of Dr Kerry Chant to the Budget Estimates hearing
- 21 August 2018 – Email from Ms Yasmin Davar, Department of Health, Executive and Ministerial Services Branch, to secretariat, confirming additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 22 August 2018 – Email from Mr Dean Shachar, Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, to secretariat, advising that the current Acting CEO, Aboriginal Housing will depart the organisation before the Budget Estimates hearing.
- 31 August 2018 – Email from Mr Daniel Cacaj, Office of the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Disability Services, to secretariat, advising that the Minister's witness list for Budget Estimates has been amended.

Sent

- 17 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Mr Gavin Melvin and Ms Amy Hargrave, Office of the Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, Minister for Ageing, advising that the committee has not requested any additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 17 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Mr Rommel Varghese, Office of the Hon Ray Williams, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services, advising of the committee's request for additional witnesses for Budget Estimates

- 17 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Ms Lee Dixon, the Office of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research, advising of the committee's request for additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 21 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Mr Dean Shachar, the Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, requesting advice on an incumbent or an officer acting in the position of Chief Executive, Aboriginal Housing Office
- 22 August 2018 - Email from secretariat, to Mr Dean Shachar, the Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, advising that the committee has not requested any further additional witnesses for Budget Estimates.

9. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

9.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Multiculturalism and Disability Services

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

Minister Williams MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Ross Hawkey, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural NSW
- Mr Victor Duranti, Director, Policy, Settlement & Briefings, Multicultural NSW
- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Paul O'Reilly, Executive Director, Inclusion & Early Intervention, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Malcolm Haddon, Acting Director, Community Engagement, Multicultural NSW.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Multiculturalism and Disability Services open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.02 am.

The public and media withdrew.

9.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Multiculturalism and Disability Services on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

10. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.02 am, until 1.45 pm, Wednesday 5 September 2018, Macquarie Room (*Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*).

Rhia Victorino
Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 59

Wednesday 5 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.45 pm

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair* (from 1.49 pm)

Ms Faehrmann (participating from 1:57 pm until 2.49 pm)

Mrs Houssos

Mr MacDonald

Dr Phelps

Mr Searle (participating until 3.47 pm)

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Walker from 2.38 pm)

Mrs Taylor

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019**2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Goward MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Deidre Mulkerin, Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr Paul Vevers, Deputy Secretary, Southern & Western Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Simone Walker, Deputy Secretary, Northern Cluster, Department of Family and Community Services
- Mr John Hubby, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Anne Skewes, Deputy Secretary, Land and Housing Corporation, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Melinda Norton, Director, Women NSW, Department of Family and Community Services

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.04 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That:

- the names mentioned by the chair in a question to the Minister be expunged from the transcript of evidence, and
- the committee, through the chair, direct that the media not report the names mentioned, and that the public gallery not repeat it.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.08 pm, until 8.45 am, Thursday 6 September 2018, Macquarie Room (*Mental Health, Women, Ageing*).

Ben Foxe

Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 60

Thursday 6 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.46 am

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Ms Faehrmann (participating until 10.28 am)

Mrs Houssos

Mr MacDonald

Dr Phelps (from 9.06 am)

Ms Sharpe (participating)

Mrs Taylor

Ms Walker

2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Mental Health, Women, Ageing

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter and Ms Deirdre Mulkerin, that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Davies MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Elizabeth Koff, Secretary, NSW Health
- Dr Murray Wright, Chief Psychiatrist, NSW Health
- Dr Karin Lines, Executive Director, Mental Health Branch, NSW Health
- Ms Cathryn Cox, Acting Deputy Secretary, NSW Health
- Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, Secretary, Department of Family and Community Services
- Ms Deirdre Mulkerin, Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, Department of Family and Community Services.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Mental Health, Women, Ageing open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 11.02 am.

The public and media withdrew.

2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Houssos: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of **Mental Health, Women, Ageing** on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.02 am, until 1.45 pm, Thursday 6 September 2018, Macquarie Room (*Health, Medical Research*).

Emma Rogerson
Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 61

Thursday 6 September 2017
Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services
Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.46 pm

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*
Mr Green, *Deputy Chair* (from 1.54 pm)
Mr Fang (substituting for Mrs Taylor)
Mrs Houssos
Mr MacDonald
Dr Phelps (from 2.03 pm)
Mr Secord (participating)
Ms Walker (from 1.48 pm)

2. Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That draft minutes 58 and 59 be confirmed.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

3.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Health and Medical Research

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters. The chair noted that members of Parliament swear an oath to their office, and therefore do not need to be sworn prior to giving evidence before a committee.

The chair also reminded Ms Elizabeth Koff, that she did not need to be sworn, as she had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Hazzard MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Health
- Mr Samuel Sangster, Chief Executive, Health Infrastructure, NSW Health
- Mr Dominic Morgan, Chief Executive, NSW Ambulance
- Ms Susan Pearce, Deputy Secretary, System Purchasing and Performance, NSW Health
- Mr Phil Minns, Deputy Secretary of People, Culture and Governance, NSW Health

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Health and Medical Research open for examination.

The Minister and departmental witnesses were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The public hearing concluded at 4.42 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

3.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Fang: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Health and Medical Research on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.42 pm, sine die.

Alex Stedman
Committee Clerk

Minutes no. 64

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.17 pm.

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair* (via teleconference from 1.20 pm)

Mrs Houssos

Mr MacDonald (via teleconference)

Ms Taylor (via teleconference)

Ms Walker (via teleconference)

2. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 5 September 2018 – Email from Ms Carolyn Littlefair, Director, Budget Estimates, Ministerial and Communication Services, Department of Family and Community Services, requesting pursuant to section 105 the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* that the personal details (including names of children, their authorised carers and birth parents) be redacted from the official record, including any video Hansard that may be publicly available
- 10 September 2018 – Email from Mr Dean Shachar, Office of the Hon Pru Goward, Minister for Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, requesting video of the Minister's budget estimates hearing
- 28 September 2018 – Letter from Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 28 September 2018 – Letter from Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Disability Services, Multiculturalism to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 2 October 2018 – Letter from Hon Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Mental Health, Women, Ageing to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 2 October 2018 – Email from Ms Jasmine Morgan, Director Policy, Office of the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research, advising that the Minister's response to Questions on Notice and Supplementary Questions will be provided before 12 pm on 3 October 2018
- 3 October 2018 – Letters from Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health, Medical Research to the Chair, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections.

Sent

- 5 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to media representatives, advising the committee has resolved that that the names of children and their carers, referred to at a Budget Estimates hearing, who are subject to a current case, not be published
- 5 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Ms Carolyn Littlefair, Director, Budget Estimates, Ministerial and Communication Services, Department of Family and Community Services, advising the committee has resolved not to publish the names of the children and their carers referred to during the hearing and the Hansard transcript will be amended accordingly
- 10 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Dean Shachar, Minister Goward's office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions

- 10 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Rommel Varghese, Minister Williams' office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 11 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Dean Shachar, Office of the Hon Pru Goward, Minister for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, referring their request for video footage of the hearing to the Parliament's Library Media Services
- 11 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Gavin Melvin and Ms Amy Hargraves, Minister Davies' office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions
- 11 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Ms Lee Dixon, Minister Hazzard's office, attaching transcript of evidence with questions on notice highlighted, supplementary questions and instructions on how to correct the transcript and return answers to questions.

3. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

3.1 Supplementary hearings

Mrs Houssos moved: That the committee hold a further hearing to consider matters relating to the following portfolios, on a date to be determined by the Chair in consultation with members:

- Family and Community Services for 1.5 hours, and
- Disability Services for 1.5 hours.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Donnelly, Mr Green, Mrs Houssos, Ms Walker.

Noes: Mr MacDonald, Mrs Taylor.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

4. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 1.23 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main

Committee Clerk

Minutes No. 65

Monday 5 November 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.00 pm

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair (from 2.07 pm; left at 4.09 pm)*

Mr Clarke (substituting for Mr MacDonald)

Mrs Houssos

Mr Martin (substituting for Mrs Taylor)

Dr Phelps

Mr Shoebridge (substituting for Ms Walker) *(from 2.38 pm; left at 3.32 pm)*

2. Apologies

Ms Walker

3. Draft minutes

Resolved on the motion of Dr Phelps: That draft minutes nos. 63 and 64 be confirmed.

4. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Sent:

- 16 October 2018 – Email from Secretariat to Mr Rommel Varghese, Office of the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Multiculturalism, advising of the committee's decision to hold a supplementary hearing for the Disability Services portfolio and inviting witnesses to attend
- 16 October 2018 – Email from Secretariat to Ms Hannah Monaghan, Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, advising of the committee's decision to hold a supplementary hearing for the Family and Community Services portfolio and inviting witnesses to attend

Received:

- 19 October 2018 – Email from Mr Simon Fontana, Office of the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, providing the list of witnesses for the supplementary hearing on 5 November 2018
- 19 October 2018 – Email from Mr Daniel Cacac, Office of the Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Multiculturalism, providing the list of witnesses for the supplementary hearing on 5 November 2018.

5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

5.1 Return of answers to questions on notice

Resolved on the motion of Dr Phelps: That witnesses be requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 14 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness.

5.2 Sequence of questions

As per email of 19 October 2018, the Chair indicated that, following the practice of the initial hearing in relation to timing, the timing for each portfolio at this hearing be divided between Opposition and Crossbench members.

5.3 Public hearing: Family and Community Services

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters.

The Chair reminded Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter and Ms Deidre Mulkerin that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at an earlier Budget Estimates hearing of this committee.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Family and Community Services open for examination.

Mr Coutts-Trotter and Ms Mulkerin were examined by the committee.

The evidence concluded at 3.30 pm and the witnesses withdrew.

5.4 Public hearing: Disability Services

Witnesses, the public and the media were admitted.

The Chair made an opening statement regarding the broadcasting of proceedings and other matters.

The Chair reminded Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter and Mr Paul O'Reilly that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at an earlier Budget Estimates hearing of this committee.

The evidence concluded at 4.22 pm and the witnesses withdrew.

5.5 Supplementary hearings

Resolved on the motion of Dr Phelps: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relation to the portfolios of Family and Community Services and Disability Services.

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4.23 pm, *sine die*.

Alex Cobb

Committee Clerk

Draft Minutes No. 66

Monday 3 December 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health and Community Services

McKell Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.02 am

1. Members present

Mr Donnelly, *Chair*

Mr Green, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Fang (substituting for Mrs Taylor)

Mrs Houssos

Mr Mallard

Ms Walker

2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mallard: That draft minutes no. 65 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received:

- 3 October 2018 – Letter from Ms Alisa Coleman to the Chair, providing additional information following her appearance as a witness at the hearing on 17 September 2018
- 9 October 2018 – Letter from Ms Vicki Rundle, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Government, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, National Disability Insurance Agency, to the Chair, submitting a transcript clarification to evidence given at the hearing on 17 September 2018
- 18 October 2018 – Letter from Ms Yvonne Keane, Chief Executive Officer, Early Childhood Intervention Australia, to the secretariat, submitting a transcript clarification to evidence given at the hearing on 2 October 2018
- 22 October 2018 – Email from Mr Jonathon Harms, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Carers NSW, to the secretariat, submitting a transcript clarification to evidence given at the hearing on 2 October 2018
- 23 October 2018 – Letter from Ms Serena Ovens, Convenor, NSW Disability Advocacy Alliance, to the secretariat, providing additional information following her appearance as a witness at the hearing on 2 October 2018.

4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

4.1 Consideration of Chair's draft report

The Chair tabled his draft report, entitled *Budget Estimates 2018-2019*, which, having been previously circulated, was taken as being read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Green: That:

The draft report be the report of the committee and that the committee present the report to the House;

The transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry be tabled in the House with the report;

Upon tabling, all unpublished transcripts of evidence, tabled documents, answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions, and correspondence relating to the inquiry, be published by the committee, except for those documents kept confidential by resolution of the committee;

The committee secretariat correct any typographical, grammatical and formatting errors prior to tabling;

That the report be tabled on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

5. Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme in New South Wales

6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.04 am, *sine die*.

Rhia Victorino
Committee Clerk

