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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
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 Lou Amato MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Mr Justin Field MLC	The Greens	
The Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC	Christian Democratic Party	
The Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Natalie Ward MLC	Liberal Party	

### Non-substantive members who attended the hearings

The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party
The Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party
The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party
Ms Dawn Walker 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:

- Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
- Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business
- Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
- Education.

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 Lou Amato 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’.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>
- 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.<sup>3</sup>

## Hearings

- 1.3 The committee held four public hearings as follows:
- Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
  - Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business
  - Wednesday 5 September 2018 – Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
  - Friday 7 September 2018 – Education.

## Transcripts, questions on notice and supplementary questions

- 1.4 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](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/budgetestimates).

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 June 2018, pp 2758-2759.

<sup>3</sup> *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.

### Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs

**2.1** A hearing examining the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, and Aboriginal Affairs was held on Tuesday 4 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Childcare centre assessments, ratings and funding
- The 'Copwatch' program
- Support in early education for indigenous people and people with a disability
- Aboriginal land claims
- Aboriginal Language Act
- Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations march
- State-based treaty with Aboriginal people in New South Wales
- Universal community pre-school funding
- Vaccination requirements in childcare centres
- Drought relief efforts for indigenous communities
- Aboriginal inclusion and reconciliation efforts regarding Captain Cook monument and Australia Day
- Aboriginal smoking ceremonies and welcome to country.

### Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business

**2.2** A hearing examining the portfolios of Regional New South Wales, Skills and Small Business was held on Tuesday 4 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- GO NSW Equity Fund
- Stone Axe Pastoral investment
- Regional climate change projects
- Smart, Skilled and Hired program
- Youth Employment Innovation Challenge
- Indigenous Land Council project
- Regional settlement of immigrants
- Regional small business initiatives.

## Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills

**2.3** A hearing examining the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of these portfolios:

- Commonwealth Tourism-Demand Driver Infrastructure Program
- The Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan 2030
- Major sporting events and infrastructure in regional areas
- The visitor economy in New South Wales
- Nature-based tourism in New South Wales
- Tourism infrastructure on the South Coast
- TAFE course offerings, enrolments and facilities
- Connected learning centres
- Disability support services in TAFE
- Impediments to obtaining training and skills in New South Wales
- VET FEE-HELP loan program
- Apprenticeships in TAFE.

## Education

**2.4** A hearing examining the portfolio of Education was held on Friday 7 September 2018. The following issues were raised during the committee's examination of the portfolio:

- School utilisation rates
- Enrolment process for Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE)
- Department of Education expenditure on consultants and procurement
- Safe Schools program
- Schools for specific purposes
- School infrastructure plan and expenditure on capital works
- Access to digital devices under the bring your own device approach
- Online and written test results for NAPLAN
- Qualifications of sick bay staff to administer medication or other medical support.

## Appendix 1 Witnesses at hearings

### Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs – Tuesday 4 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Education

### Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business – Tuesday 4 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon John Barilaro MP	Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business
Mr Simon Draper	Secretary, Department of Industry
Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mr Gary Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Regional NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Robyn Hobbs OAM	Small Business Commissioner, Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner

## Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills – Wednesday 5 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Adam Marshall MP	Minister for Tourism and Major Events and Assistant Minister for Skills
Mr Simon Draper	Secretary, Department of Industry
Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
Mr Jon Black	Managing Director, TAFE NSW

## Education – Friday 7 September 2018

Name	Position and Organisation
The Hon Rob Stokes MP	Minister for Education
Mr Mark Scott AO	Secretary, Department of Education
Ms Georgina Harrison	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
Mr Peter Riordan PSM	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
Mr Murat Dizdar	Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
Mr Gerard Giesekam	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
Mr Anthony Manning	Chief Executive, School Infrastructure NSW, Department of Education
Mr David de Carvalho	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
Mr David Murphy	Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority

## Appendix 2 Minutes

### Minutes no. 60

Monday 13 August 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education

Member's Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 2.00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair (from 2.01pm)*

Mr Field (*from 2.01 via teleconference*)

Mr Graham

Ms Ward

#### 2. Apologies

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

#### 3. Correspondence

The Committee noted the following items of correspondence:

##### *Received:*

- 12 July 2018 – Email from Ms Alex Tooth, Office of the Deputy Premier, Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 26 July 2018 – Email from Mr Nick Chapman, Office of the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 26 July 2018 – Email from Mr Daniel Hill, Office of the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 19 July 2018 – Email from Ms Marie Laurie, Office of the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, providing the list of witnesses for Budget Estimates.

##### *Sent:*

- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business, inviting the Deputy Premier to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, inviting the Minister to Budget Estimates
- 10 July 2018 – Letter from Ms Teresa McMichael, A/Clerk Assistant – Committees to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, 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. 3 hearings:

Date	Time	Portfolio	Room
Tuesday 4 September	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education (Mitchell)	Macquarie
	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business (Barilaro)	Macquarie
Wednesday 5 September	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills (Marshall)	Jubilee
Friday 7 September	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Education (Stokes)	Macquarie

##### 4.1 Government questions

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Ward: That with government members not asking questions:

- The portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education be examined from 9.00 am – 10.20 am
- The portfolios of Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business be examined from 2.00 pm – 3.20 pm
- The portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills be examined from 2.00 pm – 3.20 pm
- The portfolio of Education be examined from 9.00 am – 11.40 am.

Mr Graham noted his objection to the time being shortened.

##### 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 Mr Graham: 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 2.00 pm Tuesday 14 August 2018 to provide any additional witness requests.

Minister	Portfolio	Witness	Position and Department
Mitchell	Early Childhood Education	Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
		Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
	Aboriginal Affairs	Mr Jason Ardler	Head of Aboriginal Affairs
Barilaro	Regional New South Wales	Mr Gary Barnes	Deputy Secretary, Regional NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet
	Small Business	Ms Robyn Hobbs	Small Business Commissioner
	Skills	Mr Simon Draper	Secretary, Department of Industry
Marshall	Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills	Mr Simon Draper	Secretary, Department of Industry
	Tourism and Major Events	Ms Sandra Chipchase	Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
	Assistant Minister for Skills	Mr Jon Black	Managing Director, TAFE NSW
	Assistant Minister for Skills	Mr David Collins	Executive Director, Training Services NSW
Stokes	Education	Mr Mark Scott	Secretary, Department of Education
		Mr Murat Dizdar	Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
		Ms Georgina Harrisson	Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
		Ms Leslie Loble	Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
		Mr Peter Riordan	Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
		Mr Gerard Giesekam	Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
		Mr Anthony Manning	Chief Executive, School Infrastructure NSW, Department of Education
		Mr David de Carvalho	Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
		Mr David Murphy	Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority

## 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.03 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main

**Clerk to the Committee**

## Minutes No. 61

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.45 am

### 1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair* (from 9.10 am)

Mrs Houssos (substituting for Mr Graham)

Mr Martin (substituting for Mrs Maclaren-Jones until 9.10 am)

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Ms Walker (participating)

Mrs Ward

### 2. Apologies

Mr Field

### 3. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Ward: That draft minutes no. 60 be confirmed.

### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received*

- 16 August 2018 – Email from Ms Marie Laurie, Office of the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, to secretariat, advising the committee of a change in witness for Budget Estimates due to an administrative error
- 22 August 2018 – Email from Ms Alexandra Tooth, Office of the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills, Minister for Small Business, to secretariat, providing an additional witness for Budget Estimates.

#### *Sent*

- 16 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Mr Daniel Hill, Office of the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, advising that the committee has not requested any additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 16 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Mr Nick Chapman, Office of the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, advising that the committee has not requested any additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 16 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Ms Alexandra Tooth, Office of the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for the Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, Minister for Small Business, advising that the committee has not requested any additional witnesses for Budget Estimates
- 17 August 2018 – Email from secretariat, to Ms Jodie Bain and Ms Marie Laurie, Office of the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills, advising that the committee has not requested any additional witnesses for Budget Estimates.

## 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

### 5.1 Supplementary hearings – Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs

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 Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

### 5.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs

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 Mitchell MLC was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Leslie Loble, Deputy Secretary, External Affairs and Regulation, Department of Education
- Ms Georgina Harrison, Deputy Secretary, Educational Services, Department of Education
- Mr Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs 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 10.20 am.

The public and media withdrew.

## 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.20 am, until 1.45 pm, Tuesday 4 September 2018, Macquarie Room (*Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business*).

Tina Higgins  
Committee Clerk

**Minutes No. 62**

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.44 pm

**1. Members present**

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field

Mr Graham

Revd Nile

Mr Primrose (participating)

Mr Veitch (substituting for Mr Secord)

Mrs Ward

**2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019**

**2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business**

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.

Deputy Premier Barilaro MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Mr Gary Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Regional NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Ms Robyn Hobbs, Small Business Commissioner
- Mr Simon Draper, Secretary, Department of Industry

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business 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 3.20 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

**2.2 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Regional New South Wales, Skills, Small Business on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

### 3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 3.22 pm until 1.45 pm, Wednesday 5 September 2018, Jubilee Room (*Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills*).

John Young  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes no. 63

Wednesday 5 September 2018  
Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education  
Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 1.47 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*  
Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*  
Mr Graham  
Revd Nile  
Ms Sharpe (substituting for Mr Secord from 1.49 pm)  
Ms Walker (substituting for Mr Field from 1.49 pm)  
Mrs Ward

#### 2. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

##### 2.1 Supplementary hearings

Resolved on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

##### 2.2 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills

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 Simon Draper, that he did not need to be sworn, as he had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Marshall MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Ms Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer, Destination NSW
- Mr Jon Black, Managing Director, TAFE NSW

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolios of Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills 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 3.19 pm.

The public and media withdrew.

### 3. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 3.20 pm, until 8.45 am, Friday 7 September 2018, Macquarie Room (*Education*).

Alex Cobb

**Committee Clerk**

### **Minutes No. 64**

Friday 7 September 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 - Education

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, at 8.48 am

#### 1. **Members present**

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field

Mr Graham

Revd Nile (until 10.23 am)

Mr Pearson (participating until 11.04 am)

Ms Voltz (substituting for Mr Secord)

Mrs Ward

#### 2. **Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019**

##### **2.1 Public hearing: Budget Estimates 2018-2019 – Education**

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 Leslie Loble and Ms Georgina Harrison, that they did not need to be sworn, as they had been sworn at another Budget Estimates hearing.

Minister Stokes MP was admitted.

The following witnesses were sworn:

- Mr Mark Scott, Secretary, Department of Education
- Mr Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance, Department of Education
- Mr Peter Riordan, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services, Department of Education
- Mr Gerard Giesekam, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education
- Mr Anthony Manning, Chief Executive, School Infrastructure NSW, Department of Education
- Mr David de Carvalho, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority
- Mr David Murphy, Executive Director, Corporate Governance and School Standards, NSW Education Standards Authority.

The chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Education 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 11.40 am.

The public and media withdrew.

## 2.2 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee hold a further meeting to deliberate on whether to hold supplementary hearings for the portfolio of Education on a date to be determined following receipt of answers to questions on notice.

## 3. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11.42 am, *sine die*.

Alex Stedman

**Committee Clerk**

## Minutes no. 65

Tuesday 16 October 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 2.16 pm

### 1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair* (from 2.18 pm)

Mr Field (from 2.19 pm)

Mr Graham

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Mrs Ward (from 2.20 pm)

### 2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That draft minutes nos. 61, 62, 63 and 64 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received:*

- 28 September 2018 – Letter from Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 28 September 2018 – Letter from Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections
- 28 September 2018 – Letter from Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice and answers to supplementary questions
- 3 October 2018 – Letter from Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, to the secretariat, attaching answers to questions on notice, answers to supplementary questions and transcript corrections.



**Sent:**

- 7 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Nick Chapman Minister Mitchell’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
- 7 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Ms Alexandra Tooth, Minister Barilaro’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 Ms Jodie Bain, Minister Marshall’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
- 12 September 2018 – Email from secretariat to Mr Daniel Hill, Minister Stokes’ 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.

**4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019****4.1 Supplementary hearings**

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That the committee:

- seek further detailed answers from the Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro MP, regarding the Deputy Premier's response to answers relating to the GO NSW Equity Fund and that the response be provided within 14 days;
- meet following receipt of the Deputy Premier's further answers to decide whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business; and
- hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the following portfolios:
  - Early Childhood Education, Assistant Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs
  - Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills
  - Education.

**5. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 2.21 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main

**Committee Clerk**

**Minutes no. 66**

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney at 2.04 pm

**1. Members present**

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Field

Mr Graham

Revd Nile

Mr Secord

Mrs Ward

**2. Draft minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Ward: That draft minutes no. 65 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

**Received:**

- 31 October 2018 – Letter from the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, to secretariat, attaching further detailed answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions.

**Sent:**

- 17 October 2018 – Letter from secretariat, to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, seeking further detailed answers regarding answers to questions taken on notice and supplementary questions.

### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

#### 4.1 Supplementary hearings

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee:

- again seek further detailed answers from the Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro MP, regarding the Deputy Premier's response to answers relating to the GO NSW Equity Fund and that the response be provided within 7 days;
- meet following receipt of the Deputy Premier's further answers, and before the rising of Parliament this year, to decide whether to hold a supplementary hearing for the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business.

### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.11 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main  
Committee Clerk

### Minutes no. 67

Thursday 22 November 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Members' Lounge, Parliament House, Sydney at 2.19 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Acting Chair*  
Mr Clarke (substituting for Mr Amato, from 2.25 pm)  
Mr Field  
Mr Graham  
Revd Nile  
Mr Secord  
Mrs Ward

#### 2. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Nile: That draft minutes no. 66 be confirmed.

#### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

**Received:**

- 21 November 2018 – Letter from the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, to secretariat, providing a response to further detailed answers regarding the Go NSW Equity Fund.

**Sent:**

- 14 November 2018 – Letter from secretariat, to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, seeking further detailed answers regarding the Go NSW Equity Fund.

#### 4. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

##### 4.1 Supplementary hearings

Mrs Ward moved: That the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business.

Question put.

The committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Clarke, Mrs Maclaren-Jones, Revd Nile, Mrs Ward.

Noes: Mr Field, Mr Graham, Mr Secord.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Graham: That the committee:

- again seek further detailed answers from the Deputy Premier, the Hon John Barilaro MP, regarding the Deputy Premier's response to answers relating to the GO NSW Equity Fund and that the response be provided within 7 days;
- meet following receipt of the Deputy Premier's further answers.

#### 5. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2.29 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main  
Committee Clerk

#### Draft minutes no. 68

Wednesday 5 December 2018

Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education

Room 1136, Parliament House, Sydney at 12:00 pm

#### 1. Members present

Mr Amato, *Chair*

Mrs Maclaren-Jones, *Deputy Chair*

Mr Graham

Mr Moselmane (substituting for Mr Secord)

Mrs Ward

#### 2. Apologies

Mr Field

Revd Nile

#### 3. Draft minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: That draft minutes no. 67 be confirmed.

#### 4. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

**Received:**

- 4 December 2018 – Letter from the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, to secretariat, providing a response to further detailed answers regarding the Go NSW Equity Fund.

**Sent:**

- 27 November 2018 – Letter from secretariat, to the Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, seeking further detailed answers regarding the Go NSW Equity Fund.

#### 5. Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2018-2019

##### 5.1 Answers from Deputy Premier

Mr Graham sought leave to move without notice: That the committee rescind its decision of 22 November 2018 that the committee hold no further hearings to consider matters relating to the portfolios of Skills, Regional NSW, Small Business.

Objection not taken.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes: Mr Graham, Mr Moselmane.

Noes: Mr Amato, Mrs Maclaren-Jones, Mrs Ward.

Question resolved in the negative.

##### 5.2 Consideration of Chair's draft report

Resolved, on the motion of Mrs Maclaren-Jones: 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 12 December 2018.

#### 6. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 12.06 pm, *sine die*.

Rebecca Main  
Committee Clerk

