

6 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2021-2022 - FURTHER ADDITIONAL HEARINGS (Formal Business)

Mr Graham by leave, amended private members' business item no. 1734 as follows:

- (1) Inserting before paragraph 1:

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PC 1 Premier.

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- (2) Inserting after paragraph (e):

"(4) That it be an instruction to Legislative Council Portfolio Committee no 6 – Transport that it not undertake the inquiry into matters arising from the shut-down of Sydney Trains on Monday 21 February 2022, referred by the House to the committee on 16 March 2022."

Mr Graham moved, as formal business, as by leave amended:

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- (3) That further to the resolution of the House of 23 February 2022 in relation to the schedule of additional Budget Estimates hearings 2021-2022, the Portfolio Committees be authorised to hold further additional estimates hearings for 2021-2022 up until 31 May 2022 at a time to be determined by the committees in consultation with the relevant witnesses, and that for the purposes of any further 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) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before the committee commences questions,
 - (d) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following receipt of the hearing transcript, and
 - (e) 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.
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Question put and passed.