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Terms of Reference

- 1) *That the Budget Estimates and related documents presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.*
- 2) *That the Committees consider the Budget Estimates in accordance with the allocation of portfolios to the Committees.*
- 3) *For the purposes of this inquiry any member of the House may attend a meeting of a Committee in relation to the Budget Estimates and question witnesses, participate in the deliberations of the Committee at such meeting and make a dissenting statement relating to the Budget Estimates, but may not vote or be counted for the purpose of any quorum.*
- 4) *The Committees must hear evidence on the Budget Estimates in public.*
- 5) *Not more than 3 Committees are to hear evidence on the Budget Estimates simultaneously.*
- 6) *When a Committee hears evidence on the Budget Estimates, the Chair is to call on items of expenditure in the order decided on and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination.*
- 7) *The Committees may ask for explanations from Ministers in the House, or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure.*
- 8) *The report of a Committee on the Budget Estimates may propose the further consideration of any items.*
- 9) *A daily Hansard record of the hearings of a Committee on the Budget Estimates is to be published as soon as practicable after each day's proceedings.*
- 10) *The Committees have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House.*
- 11) *That initial hearings of Committees be according to a schedule prepared and circulated by the Leader of the Government.*
- 12) *The Committees may hold supplementary hearings as required.*
- 13) *The Committees present a final report to the House by Thursday 5 September 2002.*

These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the Legislative Council on 4 June 2002 (Minutes of Proceedings No 14, p 183).

Committee Membership

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC Christian Democratic Party *Chair*

Hon Tony Kelly MLC Australian Labor Party *Deputy Chair*

Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC Liberal Party

Hon Don Harwin MLC Liberal Party

Hon Peter Primrose MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Henry Tsang MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC Unity Party

Other Members who attended the hearings

Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Duncan Gay MLC National Party

Hon Michael Gallacher MLC Liberal Party

Hon John Jobling MLC Liberal Party

Hon Charlie Lynn MLC Liberal Party

Hon Ian Macdonald MLC Australian Labor Party

Hon Greg Pearce MLC Liberal Party

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC The Greens

Hon John Ryan MLC Liberal Party

Hon James Samios MLC Liberal Party

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Chairman's Foreword

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1 has examined the Budget Estimates for 2002-2003 for the portfolio areas of:

Premiers, Arts and Citizenship

Treasury, State Development

Special Minister of State, and Industrial Relations

Education and Training

The Legislature

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Premier, relevant Ministers and officers of the departments and organisations, and the President of the Legislative Council and officers of the Parliament who appeared before it.

The Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC
Chairman

Introduction

Referral of the 2002-2003 Budget Estimates

On 4 June 2002 the Legislative Council resolved that the Budget Estimates and related documents presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Funds be referred to the General Purpose Standing Committees for inquiry and report.¹ Each Committee was required to examine the Budget Estimates for their relevant portfolios and report to the House by Thursday 5 September 2002.²

Examination of the Budget Estimates

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1 examined the Budget Estimates and related documents for its portfolios at a series of public hearings held on the following dates:

20 June 2002	Premier, Arts and Citizenship
20 June 2002	Treasury and State Development
24 June 2002	Special Minister of State, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations
24 June 2002	Education and Training
26 June 2002	The Legislature

This report summarises the main issues discussed at each hearing. The full transcript of evidence taken at these hearings can be found at the Committee's Web page accessible via the Parliament's home page at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au. Hard copies of the transcript can be obtained by contacting the General Purpose Standing Committee Secretariat on **02 9230 3544**.

During these hearings, Ministers took a number of questions on notice. In addition the Committee resolved to lodge written questions on notice for all the portfolio areas.

The Committee is pleased to note that answers have been provided to all questions placed on notice. Copies of the questions and answers can be found at the Committee's Web page at the above address or by contacting the secretariat on the above number. Appendix 2 contains details of response times for questions placed on notice by the Committee as part of the 2002-2003 Budget Estimates and related documents inquiry.

Relevant minutes of the Committee's proceedings appear at Appendix 3.

¹ Minutes of Proceedings, No 14, 4 June 2002, p 183 ("Resolution")

² Resolution of 4 June 2002, para 13.

Chapter 1 Premier, Arts and Citizenship

The Committee heard from the Hon Bob Carr MP, Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship, together with Dr Col Gellatly, Director General, NSW Premier's Department, Mr Roger Wilkins, Director General, The Cabinet Office and Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson, Community Relations Commission, at a public hearing on Thursday 20 June 2002.

A list of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Premier's

- Costs and resourcing of media monitoring services
- Premier's office staffing
- Olympic wind-up funding
- Spending on Drug Summit initiatives
- Redfern/Waterloo package of initiatives
- Assessment of the impact of the closure of Redfern Primary School
- Christie task force and productivity savings
- Transitional vehicle arrangements provided to the Hon Paul Whelan MP
- Air travel for official purposes procured through use of frequent flyer points
- Electoral education program for the New South Wales voting public
- Regional and rural miscellaneous recurrent grants
- Membership and budget of the Major Events Board
- The Sydney Marathon
- State Library acquisitions
- Helicopter charter by Premier
- Incentives to investors in the southern economic zone between Young and Cowra
- Anzac Day parades and the civil liability issue

- Western Sydney Annual Business Awards and Macarthur business awards

Citizenship

- Staffing of Community Relations Commission
- Performance benchmark of youth participation initiative
- Cost of community relations forums
- Performance benchmarks and indicators
- Role of the Commission in encouraging ethnic community members to join the Police Service
- Publication of *The People of New South Wales* based on the 2001 census data
- The Police and Community Training Program
- Arson attack on Community Relations Commission
- Encouragement of migrants to settle in New South Wales regional towns
- Police protection to the Jewish community
- Cost of Community Relations Commission office relocation from Ashfield

Arts

- Film classification
- Cultural grants program - Western Sydney Arts Strategy

Chapter 2 Treasury, and State Development

The Committee heard from the Hon Michael Egan MLC, Treasurer, and Minister for State Development, Mr John Pierce, Secretary, Treasury, Mr Loftus Harris, Director General, Department of State and Regional Development, Mr Brian Newman, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Mr Peter Achterstraat, Director, Office of State Revenue and Mr Brian Robertson, Director, State Debt Recovery Office, at a public hearing on Thursday, 20 June 2002.

A list of topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Treasury

- Capital works - forward estimates for new projects not identified or approved
- Taxation and the Commonwealth Grants Commission
- Projected increase in gambling revenue from 2001-02 to 2005-06
- Recent collapse of United Medical Protection Fund and exposure of the NSW Government under the Treasury Managed Fund
- Police Service pay rise - achieved from built-in productivity gains
- Increased borrowing by the Government business enterprise sector over the next four years
- Total State net financial liabilities
- Rate of return on the assets of public trading enterprises sector
- Subsidy to State Rail Authority
- Sale of Powercoal and Pacific Power International
- Consultants employed to work on the sale of Pacific Power International
- Commonwealth Grants Commission and the Treasurers Conference
- Relocation of the State Debt Recovery Office to Lithgow in 2004

State Development

- Incentives for business investment in NSW
- Operation of the five internal divisions in the Department of State and Regional Development
- Temporary and casual staffing levels within the Department of State and Regional Development
- Department of State and Regional Development's attendance at the Bio 2002 conference in Toronto, Canada
- Projects assisted by the Department's funding contribution to the Australian Technology Showcase
- Charcoal plant at Mogo
- Funding of infrastructure investment
- Ratio of metropolitan and regional development projects
- Employment levels associated with regional projects that have been facilitated or financially assisted by the development of the New South Wales Economy Program
- Small business development program

Sydney Olympic Park Authority

- Development strategy for Sydney Olympic Park

Chapter 3 Special Minister of State, and Minister for Industrial Relations

The Committee heard from the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations, Assistant Treasurer, Minister Assisting the Premier on Public Sector Management, and Minister Assisting the Premier for the Central Coast, together with Mr Geoff Barnden, Director and Ms Yvonne Korn, Project Director, Community Drug Strategies, both from the Office of Drug Policy, Dr Col Gellatly, Director-General, Premier's Department, Mr David Bowen, General Manager, Motor Accidents Authority, Ms Kate McKenzie, General Manager WorkCover and Director-General, Department of Industrial Relations, and Mr P Burrows, Director, Finance Branch, and Mr Rod McInnes, Assistant General Manager, WorkCover, at a public hearing on Monday, 24 June 2002.

A list of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

Special Minister of State

- Methadone register
- Methadone clinics
- Needle Exchange Program
- Office of Drug Policy budget
- Medically supervised injecting rooms
- Government response to cannabis use in the community
- Priorities of Government drug policy
- Overdoses in injecting rooms
- Injecting rooms and the drug trade
- Dismissal of public servants
- Retired public sector executives returning as consultants
- Outstanding HIH green slip claims
- Impact of HIH collapse on premium rates for New South Wales drivers
- Green slip premium and revenue

- Costs and revenue relating to Motor Accidents Authority administration
- Fraudulent motor accident claims
- Complaints regarding insurer management of motor accident claims
- WorkCover Compliance Improvement Branch
- Role of WorkCover inspectors and Fraud Detection Unit
- Employee related fraud detection and prosecution
- Financial position of the Workers Compensation Scheme
- Premium Discount Scheme
- Fit-out of new WorkCover head office in Gosford
- Upgrade of WorkCover technology and systems
- WorkCover revenues
- Relocation of WorkCover staff

Chapter 4 Education and Training

The Committee heard evidence from the Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Education and Training, together with Dr Ken Boston, Director-General, Mr Ken Dixon, General Manager of Finance, both from the Department of Education and Training and Mr John Ward, General Manager, Office of the Board of Studies, at a public hearing held on Monday, 24 June 2002.

A brief summary of topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters see the Hansard record of the hearing.

Department of Education and Training

- Computers in Schools program - funding for additional computers and ratio of computers to students
- Security measures to prevent theft of computers and related equipment
- Increased funding for Department of Education and Training preschools; reduction of preschool class sizes
- Changes to ratio of government to non-government school students
- Level of funding to non-government schools and non-government school students, including per capita funding for computer equipment
- Process involved in accessing grants from Commonwealth for education; special purpose payments and how they are allocated
- Decrease in investment income
- TAFE NSW and funding for registered training organisations
- Changes to Vocational Education and Training (VET) course fee structure
- Establishment of teacher mentoring program - funding and number of placements
- Non-Government Schools Assistance program - recurrent grants to non-profit organisations
- Impact on non-government schools of proposed government school closures
- Assistance to rural areas - scholarships for country teachers, allowances and retention payments
- Pilot study of reduced class sizes in Kindergarten to Year 3

- Provision for teachers' pay increases
- Computer skills testing for Year 6 and Year 10 students
- Targeted graduates - assistance to and monitoring of recent graduates teaching in NSW schools
- Current liabilities
- Support programs for parents, including Parents as Teachers program

Chapter 5 **The Legislature**

The Committee heard from the Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann MLC, President of the Legislative Council, together with Mr John Evans, Clerk of the Parliaments, Mr Warren Cahill, Clerk Assistant-Committees and Usher of the Black Rod, Mr Michael Wilkinson, Clerk Assistant-Procedure and Administration, Mr Robert Walker, Manager, Building Services, Mr Greg McGill, Financial Controller, Mr Ali Shariat, Manager, Information Technology Services, Mr David Draper, Manager, Food and Beverage Services and Mr Rob Brian, Parliamentary Librarian at a public hearing held on 26 June 2002.

A list of the topics discussed at the hearing is provided below. For further details on these matters, see the Hansard record for this hearing.

- Tenders for new equipment
- Replacement of the members' paging system
- Refurbishment of Parliament House lifts
- Presence of synthetic mineral fibres in Parliament House
- Impact of cuts to the Legislative Council budget on services and programs
- Treasury review of the Legislature's base funding
- Budget for Legislative Council committees
- Support for the East Timor National Council
- Access to computer software to read Chinese characters
- Security issues in Parliament House including unescorted guests and the use of uniformed police officers
- Potential security threat posed by individual protestors within the parliamentary precincts
- Car parking spaces on level three on sitting days
- Staff after hours exit from Parliament House
- Trial of coffee machine in the Parliament House foyer
- Review of the Parliament House catering service
- Estimated cost of exhibition about women Members of the NSW Parliament
- Speed and reliability of Members' computer network connections

- Proposed upgrade of the Legislative Council camera system
- Need for a permanent committee hearing room
- Revenue from Parliament House functions
- Volume of work undertaken by Printing Services
- Cost and impact of the Parliament House recycling program
- Impact of the new system for Members' entitlements

Appendix 1

Establishment, Powers and Portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment, powers and portfolios of the General Purpose Standing Committees

Establishment of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The five General Purpose Standing Committees of the Legislative Council were first established in 1997.³ The committees were reappointed on 13 May 1999, shortly after the commencement of the present Parliament.⁴ Since the inception of the General Purpose Standing Committees, the Budget Estimates and related papers have been referred to them for inquiry and report.

The General Purpose Standing Committees have a majority of non-government members. Of the five General Purpose Standing Committees, three are chaired by Cross Bench members and two are chaired by Opposition members.

The functions of the General Purpose Standing Committees are to inquire into and report on:

- any matters referred to them by the House,
- the expenditure, performance or effectiveness of any department of government, statutory body or corporation,
- any matter in any annual report of a department of government, statutory body or corporation.⁵

Powers of the General Purpose Standing Committees

The General Purpose Standing Committees have power to:

- send for and examine persons, papers, records and things
- adjourn from place to place
- make visits of inspection within the State
- request the attendance of and examine Members of the House
- publish, before presentation to the House, submissions received and evidence taken in public and
- report from time to time their proceedings, evidence taken in public and recommendations.⁶

³ Minutes of Proceedings, No 65, 7 May 1997, p. 677.

⁴ Minutes of Proceedings, No 3, 13 May 1999, p. 62 (hereafter referred to as Resolution of 13 May 1999).

⁵ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 3.

⁶ Resolution of 13 May 1999, para 8.

Portfolios

The five General Purpose Standing Committees have responsibility for Government Ministers' portfolio responsibilities,⁷ which are as follows:

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premiers, Arts and Citizenship
Treasury, State Development
Education and Training
The Legislature
Special Minister of State, Industrial Relations

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Health
Community Services, Ageing, Disability Services, Women
Small Business, Tourism
Mineral Resources, Fisheries

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Police
Attorney General
Fair Trading
Corrective Services
Juvenile Justice

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4

Planning, Aboriginal Affairs, Housing
Transport, Roads
Gaming and Racing
Public Works and Services, Sport and Recreation

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Information Technology, Energy, Forestry, Western Sydney
Agriculture
Land and Water Conservation
Environment, Emergency Services
Local Government, Regional Development, Rural Affairs

⁷ Resolution of 4 June 2002, 3rd Session, Minutes No 14, pp 173-174.

Appendix 2

Response Times for Questions on Notice

Response time for questions on notice

The Committee resolved on Thursday, 20 June 2002 that Ministers be requested to lodge answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days of the day on which the questions are forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk. The return date for answers are set out in the table below.

Minister/Presiding Officer	Hearing Date	Agreed Time Period	Date Questions Sent	Return Date for Answers	Date Answers Received
Hon R J Carr MP	20 June 2002	35 days	27 June 2002	1 August 2002	5 August 2002
Hon M R Egan MLC	20 June 2002	35 days	26 June 2002	9 August 2002	9 August 2002
Hon J J Della Bosca MLC	24 June 2002	35 days	28 June 2002	2 August 2002	2 August 2002
Hon J A Watkins MP	24 June 2002	35 days	2 July 2002	6 August 2002	7 August 2002
Hon Dr M A Burgmann MLC	26 June 2002	35 days	28 June 2002	2 August 2002	2 August 2002

Appendix 3

Minutes of the Proceedings

Minutes of the proceedings

Minutes No 79

Thursday, 20 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House at 5.30pm

1. Members Present

The Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (*Chair*)
 Ms Jan Burnswoods MLC (Primrose)
 The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC (Harwin)
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC (Kelly)
 The Hon Jim Samios MLC (Forsythe)
 The Hon Henry Tsang MLC
 The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Lynn would be representing Mr Harwin, Mr Samios would be representing Mrs Forsythe, Ms Burnswoods would be representing Mr Primrose and Mr Macdonald would be representing Mr Kelly.

3. Correspondence

Received

The Chair tabled correspondence from Ms Lee Rhiannon seeking permission to participate in the Committee's Budget Estimates hearing for the Education and Training portfolio.

The Chair tabled correspondence from the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC requesting the attendance of a witness at the hearing scheduled to consider the Industrial Relations portfolio.

4. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Ms Burnswoods: That the Chair write to the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations and Assistant Treasurer, forward a copy of the Hon Michael Gallacher's letter and request that a response be provided as soon as possible.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Samios: That:

1. Members are to lodge written questions on notice relating to the portfolio responsibilities of the Committee with the Committee Clerk by 5.00pm on the second business day after the day on which the relevant hearing takes place
2. The Committee Clerk is to forward questions on notice to the relevant Minister
3. Ministers be requested to lodge answers to questions on notice within 35 calendar days of the day on which the question is forwarded to the Minister by the Committee Clerk
4. Under section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of the Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the answers provided to questions on notice, after these answers have been circulated to Committee Members.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Samios: That the following allocations of time be adhered to during the hearing until time is exhausted: Opposition – 20 minutes, Dr Wong – 10 minutes, Rev Nile 10 minutes.

The Hon Robert Carr MP, Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Premier's Department

Dr C Gellatly, Director General

The Cabinet Office

Mr R Wilkins, Director General

Community Relations Commission

Mr S Kerkyasharian, Chair

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Premier, Arts and Citizenship open for examination.

The Premier and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Premier, Arts and Citizenship concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Macdonald moved: That the Committee not recall the Premier, Minister for Arts and Minister for Citizenship for the 2002-2003 Budget Estimates committees.

Debate ensued

The Committee divided.

Ayes: Ms Burnswoods
Mr Macdonald
Rev Nile
Mr Tsang
Mr Wong

Noes: Mr Lynn
Mr Samios

Question resolved in the affirmative.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.30pm until 8.00pm, Thursday, 20 June 2002.

Rob Stefanic

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 80

Thursday, 20 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House at 8.03pm

1. Members Present

The Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Tony Kelly MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Duncan Gay MLC (Harwin)
 The Hon Peter Primrose MLC
 The Hon John Ryan MLC (Forsythe)
 The Hon Henry Tsang MLC
 The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Gay would be representing Mr Harwin and Mr Ryan would be representing Mrs Forsythe.

3. Budget Estimates 2001-2002

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the previously resolved allocation of time for Members' questions during the hearing and the procedures for written Questions on Notice.

The Hon Michael Egan MLC, Treasurer, and Minister for State Development was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Treasury

Mr John Pierce, Secretary

Department of State and Regional Development

Mr Loftus Harris, Director General

Sydney Olympic Park Authority

Mr Brian Newman, Chief Executive Officer

Office of State Revenue

Mr Peter Achterstraat, Director

State Debt Recovery Office

Mr Brian Robertson, Director

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Treasury, and State Development open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Treasury, and State Development concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10.03pm until 9.30am on Monday, 24 June 2002.

Rob Stefanic

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 81

Monday 24 June 2002

Jubilee Room, Parliament House at 9.15am

1. Members Present

The Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Tony Kelly MLC (*Deputy Chair*)
 The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC (Forsythe)
 The Hon Ian Macdonald MLC (Tsang)
 The Hon Peter Primrose MLC
 The Hon Jim Samios (Harwin)
 The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC

2. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Mr Samios would be representing Mr Harwin, Mr Gallacher would be representing Mrs Forsythe and Mr Macdonald would be representing Mr Tsang.

3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled correspondence from the Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations and Assistant Treasurer, dated 18 June 2002, requesting that the order of portfolio areas proceed as follows:

- Drug Policy
- Public Sector Management
- Motor Accidents Authority
- WorkCover
- Industrial Relations

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Kelly: That the order of portfolio areas proposed by the Minister be followed by the Committee.

The Chair tabled correspondence from Mr Matthew Strassberg, Chief of Staff to the Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations and Assistant Treasurer, dated 21 June 2002, on behalf of the Minister, responding to the Hon Michael Gallacher's request for attendance of certain WorkCover Authority staff.

4. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the previously resolved allocation of time for Members' questions during the hearing and the procedures for written Questions on Notice.

The Hon John Della Bosca MLC, Special Minister of State, Minister for Industrial Relations and Assistant Treasurer was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Office of Drug Policy

Mr Geoff Barnden, Director

Ms Yvonne Korn, Project Director Community Drug Strategies, Premiers Department

Premiers Department/Public Sector Management Office

Dr Col Gellatly, Director General

Motor Accidents Authority

Mr David Bowen, General Manager

WorkCover

Ms Kate McKenzie, General Manager

Mr Rod McInnes, Assistant General Manager, Insurance Division

Mr Peter Burrows, Director, Finance Branch

Department of Industrial Relations

Ms Kate McKenzie, Director General

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Special Minister of State and Industrial Relations open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Special Minister of State and Industrial Relations concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.37am until 4.00pm on Monday, 24 June 2002.

Rob Stefanic

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 82

Monday, 24 June 2002

Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House at 4.00pm

1. Members Present

The Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (*Chair*)
 The Hon Jan Burnswoods MLC (*Kelly*)
 The Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC
 The Hon Henry Tsang MLC
 The Hon Peter Primrose MLC
 The Hon Greg Pearce MLC (*Harwin*)

Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC (*Attending*)

2. Apologies

The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC

3. Substitution Arrangements

The Chair advised that Ms Burnswoods would be representing Mr Kelly and Mr Pearce would be representing Mr Harwin.

4. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the previously resolved allocation of time for Members' questions during the hearing and the procedures for written Questions on Notice.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on motion of Ms Forsythe: That within each round of questioning, Ms Rhiannon be allocated 5 minutes, following the Government, in which to ask questions.

The Hon John Watkins MP, Minister for Education and Training was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Department of Education and Training

Dr Ken Boston, Director General
 Mr Ken Dixon, General Manager of Finance

Board of Studies

Mr Ken Dixon, General Manager

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates. The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Education and Training open for examination.

The Minister and his advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of Education and Training concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on motion of Ms Burnswoods: That Ms Lee Rhiannon be requested to place any further questions on the notice paper in the House.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 6.10pm until 5.30pm on Wednesday, 26 June 2002.

Tony Davies

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No 84

Wednesday 26 June 2002

Room 813/814 at Parliament House at 5.30pm

1. Members PresentThe Revd Hon Fred Nile MLC (*Chair*)The Hon Tony Kelly (*Deputy Chair*)

The Hon Henry Tsang MLC

The Hon Peter Primrose MLC

The Hon Don Harwin MLC

The Hon Dr Peter Wong MLC

2. Apologies

The Hon John Jobling (Forsythe)

3. Budget Estimates 2002-2003

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the broadcasting of proceedings.

The Chair made a statement to Members regarding the previously resolved allocation of time for Members' questions during the hearing and the procedures for written Questions on Notice.

The Hon Meredith Burgmann MLC, President, Legislative Council, was admitted and accompanied by the following advisers:

Legislative Council

Mr John Evans, Clerk of the Parliaments

Mr Warren Cahill, Clerk Assistant-Committees and Usher of the Black Rod

Mr Michael Wilkinson, Clerk Assistant-Procedure and Administration

Building Services

Mr Robert Walker, Manager

Parliamentary Accounts

Mr Greg McGill, Financial Controller

Information Technology Services

Mr Ali Shariat, Manager

Food and Beverage Services

Mr David Draper

Library

Mr Rob Brian, Parliamentary Librarian

The public and media were admitted.

The Chair made a statement regarding certain procedural matters during hearings on budget estimates.

The Chair declared the proposed expenditure for the portfolio areas of the Legislature open for examination.

The President and her advisers answered questions by Members of the Committee.

Examination of the proposed expenditure for the portfolio area of Legislature concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Kelly: That the Committee's report on Budget Estimates be in the same format as that used last year.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 7.00pm.

Rob Stefanic

Clerk to the Committee

Minutes No. 92

Friday 30 August 2002

Room 1108, Parliament House at 10:00 am

1. Members Present

Rev Nile (Chairman)

Mr Tsang

Mr Gallacher

Mr Wong

Ms Fazio (Saffin)

Mr Dyer (Kelly)

Mr Pearce

2. Apologies

Mr Kelly

Ms Saffin

3. Substitutions

Chair noted advice received from the Government Whip that Mr Dyer would be substituting for Mr Kelly and Ms Fazio for Ms Saffin during the deliberative meeting.

4. *****5.** *****6.** *****7. Consideration of the Chair's Draft Budget Estimates Report*****Confirmation of Minutes***

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Gallacher, that minutes numbers 79, 80, 81, 82 and 84, be confirmed.

Adoption of Chair's Draft Report

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Gallacher, that the report be adopted.

The report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with the resolution establishing the committee of 13 May 1999.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of *the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 252, the Committee authorises the Clerk of the Committee to publish the report.

8. Adjournment

The meeting closed 12:45 pm – *sine die*

Steven Reynolds

Clerk to the Committee