

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

Media Advisory

Tuesday, 20 August 2024

Inquiry into the UTAS Financial Position

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Committee) is undertaking a targeted inquiry into the University of Tasmania (UTAS) financial position, with a particular reference to its current financial position, its plans to address a number of underlying financial pressures and the impact of the Australian Government higher education/tertiary education policy and funding, and immigration policies on UTAS' financial position.

The Committee will conduct a public hearing to obtain information to the Inquiry.

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 2, Parliament House, Hobart and will commence Thursday, 22 August 2024 at 9:30 am.

The public hearing will also be broadcast via the Parliamentary Broadcast Service and will be available at the following link http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/.

At this stage, the Committee does not intend to invite public submissions until it has considered the evidence to be provided by UTAS and key ministerial stakeholders.

The Members of the Committee are:

Legislative Council
Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair)
Hon Luke Edmunds MLC

Hon Bec Thomas MLC

House of Assembly

Mr Simon Behrakis MP Mr Mark Shelton MP

Mr Josh Willie MP (Deputy Chair)

Information regarding the inquiry will be posted on the Committee webpage.

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Further information: Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair) – 0419 879 524



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Public Hearing Schedule

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Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024

Venue: Committee Room 2 – Parliament House, Hobart

Time Witnesses

09:30 – 11:30 Professor Rufus Black (Vice Chancellor & President)

Deputy Chancellor Alicia Leis (Chair of the University Council's Audit

and Risk Committee)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Craig Barling (Student Services and Operations)

Mr Ben Rose (Chief Financial Officer) Ms Jane Beaumont (General Counsel)

University of Tasmania