

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES A

MINUTES

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Committee met at 9:00 am in CR2, Parliament House, Hobart.

Present

Ms Forrest

Mr Harriss

Ms Lovell

Ms Thomas

Mr Vincent

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Mrs Jenny Mannering (Secretary)

Ms Ali Scott (Committee Secretariat)

Order Appointing the Committee

The Order of the Council dated 10 September 2024 establishing the Committee was noted.

Election of Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Ms Lovell being the only nominee, the Chair declared Ms Lovell to be duly elected Deputy Chair.

Election of Second Deputy Chair:

The Chair called for nominations for Second Deputy Chair. Mr Harriss being the only nominee, the Chair declared Mr Harriss to be duly elected Second Deputy Chair.

Portfolio Order and Meeting Times

Resolved, that the order of business and approximate times for each portfolio be as follows:

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

HON MICHAEL FERGUSON MP	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Treasurer
11:00 am – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Treasurer (cont)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	LUNCH
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>Auditor-General</i>
2:35 pm – 3:35 pm	Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 (CONT)

HON JO PALMER MLC	
3:45 pm – 6:15 pm	Minister for Education
6:15 pm – 6:20 pm	BREAK
6:20 pm – 7:35 pm	Minister for Disability Services

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

HON NICK DUIGAN MLC	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Minister for Energy and Renewables
11:00 am – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Minister for Energy and Renewables (cont)
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	LUNCH
2:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Minister for Parks and Environment
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	BREAK
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Minister for Parks and Environment (cont)

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024

HON ERIC ABETZ MP	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Minister for Business, Industry and Resources
11:00 am – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Minister for Business, Industry and Resources (cont)
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	<i>Inland Fisheries</i>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	LUNCH
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Minister for Transport

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 (CONT)

HON NIC STREET MP	
3:10 pm – 5:25 pm	Minister for Finance
5:25 pm – 5:40 pm	BREAK
5:40 pm – 6:40 pm	Minister for Local Government
6:40 pm – 7:40 pm	Minister for Sports and Events (inc. MPDC and Stadiums Tas)

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

HON ROGER JAENSCH MP	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Minister for Children and Youth
11:00 am – 11:15 am	BREAK
11:15 am – 12:45 pm	Minister for Children and Youth (cont)
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	LUNCH
1:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Minister for Community Services
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	BREAK
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Allocation of Outputs:

The Committee allocated areas of responsibility to commence questioning on outputs in each portfolio.

Other Business:

- Questions on Notice
The Committee noted the process for confirmation of questions on notice during the hearings.
- Venue and Broadcasting
The Committee noted the venue for Estimates A Committee is Legislative Council Chambers and that the hearings to be broadcast daily.

Report Deliberations Meeting:

The Committee **AGREED** to meet on Monday 7 October 2024 at 3.30 pm for report deliberations.

Next Meeting:

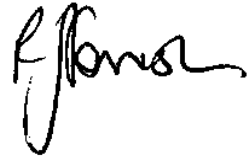
Monday 23 September 2024 at 8:45am in the President's Rooms.

Adjournment:

At 9:51 am the Committee adjourned.

DATE:

CONFIRMED

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CHAIR

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES A

MINUTES

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 – THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Committee met at 8:45 am in the President's Rooms, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Hobart.

Members present

Ms Forrest (Chair)

Mr Harriss

Ms Lovell (Deputy Chair)

Ms Thomas

Mr Vincent

Staff in attendance

Mr Simon Scott (Committee Secretary)

Correspondence

Outgoing

1. Letters dated 17 September 2024 advising Ministers of their attendance at Estimates A 2024
2. Letter dated 17 September 2024 to the Auditor-General extending invitation to attend Estimates A 2024 hearing

The Committee ENDORSED the outgoing correspondence.

The Committee suspended at 08:50 am.

The Committee resumed at 9:00 am in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Hobart.

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Treasurer attended the Committee.

HON MICHAEL FERGUSON MP

Treasurer

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs

Division 13 – Department of Treasury and Finance

Treasurer

\$43 267 000

Witnesses

Gary Swain, Secretary

James Craigie, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Finance

Dean Burgess, Acting Deputy Secretary, Economic and Financial Policy (10:02 – 10:05) (10:07 – 10:11) (10:52 – 11:00) (11:25 – 12:38)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 09:00 am

The Treasurer provided an overview.

Output Group 1 – Financial and Resource Management Services

- 1.1 Budget Development and Management – considered
- 1.2 Financial Management and Accounting Services – considered
- 1.3 Shareholder Advice on Government Businesses – considered
- 1.4 Government Property and Accommodation Services – considered
- 1.5 Government Procurement Services – considered

Output Group 2 – Economic and Fiscal Policy Advice

- 2.1 Economic Policy Advice – considered
- 2.3 Intergovernmental Financial Matters – considered

Output Group 3 – Revenue, Superannuation and Regulatory Management Services

- 3.4 Office of the Superannuation Commission – considered

Output Group 4 – Community Assistance

- 4.1 Public Trustee Community Service Obligation – considered

Division 4 – Finance-General

Treasurer

\$818 337 000

Witnesses

Gary Swain, Secretary

James Craigie, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Finance

The Treasurer did not provide an overview.

Output Group 1 – Debt Servicing and Management

- 1.1 Debt Servicing – considered
- 1.2 Interest on Sundry Deposits – considered

Output Group 2 – Employee Related Costs

- 2.1 Superannuation and Pensions – considered

Output Group 3 – Government Businesses

- 3.1 Sustainable Timber Tasmania – considered
- 3.2 State Fire Commission – considered
- 3.4 Government Businesses – considered

Output Group 4 – Miscellaneous

- 4.2 Treasurer's Reserve – considered
- 4.3 Miscellaneous – considered
- 4.4 Payment to Australian Tax Office: GST Administration – considered
- 4.7 Property Management Services – considered
- 4.8 Infrastructure Investment Project Planning – considered
- 4.9 Ex-Gratia Assistance – considered
- 4.11 Budget Efficiency Dividend – considered
- 4.12 Home Warranty Insurance Scheme Establishment – considered

Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery

90.2 Local Government \$200 million Interest Free Loans – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

Tabled Documents

- Properties sold by Treasury in 2023-24 financial years
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Proposed Approach and Work Program for the 2025 Methodology Review
- Chart – Net Dept and Super Comparison across States and Territories
- Structured Infrastructure Investment Review Process 2024-2025

The witnesses withdrew at 1:15 pm.

The Committee suspended at 1:16 pm.

The Committee resumed at 2:02 pm

Bill No 2/Division 8 – Tasmanian Audit Office

Tasmanian Audit Office

\$2 807 000

Witnesses

Martin Thompson, Auditor-General

Jonathan Wassell, Deputy Auditor-General

The witnesses took their places at the table at 2:02 pm

The Auditor-General provided an overview

Output Group 1 – Public Sector Performance and Accountability

1.1 Public Sector Performance and Accountability – considered

Questions on Notice

1. Any detail relating to benchmarking of performance audits, including in the context of TAO funding and the review of the *Audit Act 2008* (RF)
2. Detail as to the challenges and problems to do with on-time performance/timeliness/meeting the statutory deadline for Financial Attest audits (RF)
3. With respect to the Marinus Link:
 - a. Is TAO the auditor or not?
 - b. How will the Marinus investment be shown in the State's accounts? (RF)

The witnesses withdrew at 2:29 pm.

The Committee suspended at 2:29 pm

The Committee resumed at 2:35 pm

Division 6 – Department of Justice

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs

\$17 807 000

Witnesses

Kristy Bourne, Acting Secretary (DoJ)

Robert Pearce, Executive Director, WorkSafe Tasmania (DoJ) (2:35 pm to 3:19 pm)

Brad Wheeler, Executive Director, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (DoJ) (3:19 pm to 3:39 pm)

Jenna Cairney, Acting Deputy Secretary, Economic Development (DSG)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 2:35 pm

Output Group 4 – Regulatory and Other Services

4.1 WorkSafe Tasmania – considered

4.3 Consumer, Building and Occupational Services – considered

Tabled Documents

- Serious Injury Frequency Rates 2011-2023
- Claim Numbers 2014-2023

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs

Nil

Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery

90.24 Small Business Sustainability and Recovery Assistance Package – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 3:39 pm.

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 13 – DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE

Output Group 1 – Financial and Resources Management Services

1.1 Budget Development and Management

1. When will Treasury finalise the develop of the framework and process for the assessing the credit rating of GBEs and SOC's (RF)
2. When will the benchmark for GBE investments greater than \$50 million to be in accordance with infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework be finalised? (RF)
3. Please provide the Committee with a copy of the Moody's report regarding the State's credit rating (RF)
4. With respect to gross debt per capita, can you please provide the same chart that includes information for the Tasmanian State Service (as per Chart 3.1 BP1 p.47) (RF)
5. What are the specific measures identified by the Department of Treasury and Finance to achieve efficiency dividends in FY 2024-25 and forward estimates (SL)

1.2 Financial Management and Accounting Services

1. Can you provide an update Table 6.6 BP 1 p.144 to include details of which of the grants listed if any you will be seeking quarantining of the grant from the GST assessment? (RF)

1.3 Shareholder Advice on Government Businesses

1. Which GBEs sought GST exemption (Table 6.6) (RF)
2. Please provide a breakdown of the \$216.2m attributed to Sale of non-financial assets in 2025-26 in Table A1.13 (BP1, p.198) (SL)

DIVISION 4 – FINANCE-GENERAL

Output Group 1 – Debt Servicing and Management

1.1 Debt Servicing

1. Can you identify the gender pay gap across the Department? (RF)

The Committee suspended at 3:39 pm

The Committee resumed at 3:49 pm

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Minister attended the Committee.

HON JO PALMER MLC

Minister for Education

Minister for Disability Services

Division 2 – Department of Education, Children and Young People

Minister for Education

\$1 981 301 000

Witnesses

Jenny Burgess, A/Secretary

Kane Salter, Deputy Secretary Business Operations & Support

Trudy Pearce, Deputy Secretary Schools & Early Years (4:33 pm to 4:44 pm) (5:36 pm to 5:45 pm)

Jodee Wilson, A/Associate Secretary (4:48 pm to 4:49 pm)

Sue McKerracher, A/Deputy Secretary Keeping Children Safe (5:46 pm to 6:05 pm)

Katharine O'Donnell, Director Education Regulation (6:06 pm to 6:29 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 3:49 pm

The Minister for Education provided an overview.

Output Group 1 – Education

1.1 In School Education – considered

1.2 Early Learning – considered

Output Group 2 – Libraries Tasmania

2.1 Libraries Tasmania – considered

Output Group 3 – Education Regulations

3.1 Education Regulation – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

Tabled Documents

- Reason vs Sanction (Per Cent Suspensions and Number of Suspensions – 2018 to 2023)

The witnesses withdrew at 6:29 pm.

The Committee suspended at 6:29 pm

The Committee resumed at 6:42 pm

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Minister for Disability Services

\$287 482 000

Witnesses

Mellisa (Mel) Gray, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Reform

Ingrid Ganley, Acting Executive Director, Disability and Reform

Jodi Willcox, Executive Director, Policy and Delivery

The witnesses took their places at the table at 6:42 pm

The Minister for Disability Services provided an overview

Output Group 7 – Community Partnerships and Priorities

7.1 Disability Services – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 7:27 pm.

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 2 – DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Output Group 1 – Education

1.1 In school Education

1. How many teacher vacancies were there at the beginning of each school year in 2022, 2023 and 2023 (broken down by school)? (SL)
2. How many schools purchased additional teachers above their staffing allocation using their Schooling Resource Package in each of the above years? (SL)
3. How many incidents of violence have been reported in schools each year from 2021 until 2024? (SL)
4. What is the longest period of time a student has waited to access the below professional support services in schools in the reporting period (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024):
 - a. Psychologist
 - b. Social Worker
 - c. Speech Pathologist (SL)

Output Group 2 – Libraries Tasmania

2.1 Libraries Tasmania

1. Number of people who participated in the library users survey (DH)
2. Please provide the report into the initial review of 26Ten that shows outcomes to date (RF)

Output Group 3 – Education Regulations

3.1 Education Regulation

1. How many Home Education registrations have been revoked over the last two years? (RF)

Resolved, That the additional information in Divisions 2, 4 and 13 and Bill No.2 Division 8 be requested to be provided by Thursday 26 September 2024.

The Committee suspended at 7:37 pm until 8:45 am on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

The Committee met at 8:45 am in the President's Rooms, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Hobart.

Members present

Ms Forrest (Chair)

Mr Harriss

Ms Lovell (Deputy Chair)

Ms Thomas

Mr Vincent

Staff in attendance

Mr Simon Scott (Committee Secretary)

Correspondence

Outgoing

1. Letter dated 23 September 2024 to the President of the Legislative Council advising the Committee's intention to sit beyond 05:00 pm
2. Letter dated 23 September 2024 advising Hon Michael Ferguson MP (Treasurer) regarding the QONs taken during the examination
3. Letter dated 23 September 2024 advising Hon Jo Palmer MLC (Minister for Education) regarding the QONs taken during the examination

The Committee ENDORSED the outgoing correspondence.

The Committee suspended at 8:50 am.

The Committee resumed at 9:02 am in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Hobart.

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Minister attended the Committee.

HON NICK DUIGAN MLC

Minister for Energy and Renewables

Minister for Parks and Environment

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Minister for Energy and Renewables

\$39 584 000

Witnesses

Craig Limkin, Secretary (9:00 am to 11:00 am)

Mark Bowles, Acting Chief Executive Officer, ReCFIT and Resources

Ilise Bourke, Chief of Staff

Sean Terry, Executive Director Energy (11:29 am to 11:31 am)

Sarah Russell, Director of Climate Change (11:55 am to 1:07 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 9:02 am

The Minister for Energy and Renewables provided an overview.

Output Group 7 – Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania

7.1 Energy and Renewables – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 11:00 am

The Committee suspended at 11:00 am

The Committee resumed at 11:19 am

The witnesses took their places at the table at 11:19 am

7.2 Climate Change – considered

Tabled Documents

Energy and Renewables Portfolio – 7.1 Energy and Renewables – Funding Reconciliation to Budget Papers

Energy and Renewables Portfolio – 7.2 Climate Change – Funding Reconciliation to Budget Papers

Climate Change Office – Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan (2024-2029)

The witnesses withdrew at 1:07 pm.

The Committee suspended at 1:07 pm

The Committee resumed at 2:15 pm

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Minister for Parks and Environment

\$119 411 000

Witnesses

Jason Jacobi, Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment

Sophie Muller, Deputy Secretary Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (2:15 pm to 3:48 pm)

Michel Giudici, Surveyor General (2:15 pm to 3:48)

Robert Manning, Recorder of Titles (2:33 pm to 3:00 pm)

Guy Naish, Valuer General (3:38 pm to 3:48 pm)

Danielle Poirier, Director Major Projects and Infrastructure (4:10 pm to 5:07 pm)

Sarah Russell, Director Climate Change (4:50 pm to 4:54 pm)

Rachael Alderman, Director Threatened Species and Biodiversity (5:59 pm to 6:01 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 2:15 pm

The Minister for Parks and Environment provided an overview.

Output Group 1 – Land Tasmania

1.1 Land Titles, Survey and Mapping Services – considered

1.2 Valuation Services – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 3:48 pm.

The Committee suspended at 3:48 pm

The Committee resumed at 4:10 pm

Output Group 4– Parks

4.1 Parks – considered

4.2 Crown Land Services – considered

Tabled Document

Strata Titles Act 1998 (Tas) – Discussion Paper Consultation

The witnesses withdrew at 5:07 pm.

The Committee suspended at 5:07 pm

The Committee resumed at 5:11 pm

Witnesses

Jason Jacobi, Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment

Wes Ford, Chief Executive, Environment Protection Authority

The witnesses took their places at the table at 5:11 pm

Output Group 7 – Environment

7.1 Environmental Management – considered

7.2 Analytical Services – considered

7.4 Threatened Species – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

Botanic Gardens

Yann Gagnon, Director, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (6:10 pm to 6:18 pm)

Division 3 – Environment Protection Authority

Minister for Parks and Environment

\$16 731 000

Witnesses

Jason Jacobi, Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment

Wes Ford, Chief Executive, Environment Protection Authority

Output Group 1 – Environment Protection Authority

1.1 Environmental Regulation – considered

1.2 Environmental Assessment – considered

1.3 Finfish Regulation – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 6:38 pm.

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 11 – DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Output Group 7 – Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania

7.1 Energy and Renewables

1. Please table the savings strategies identified to meet the budget efficiency dividend for the Department of State Growth (SL)
2. Please provide a breakdown of the costs included in the \$11m capital investment in the hydrogen bus project (costs attributed to bus purchase, purchase of refueller, fuel supply agreement) (SL)
3. Please table the comparison of TasNetworks wages with mainland sector employees (graph referred to in hearing) (SL)

4. Is there a limit on the kilowatt charging for rooftop solar? Is there any plan to reduce this?
5. If there is a limit what are the barriers to this? (RF)

DIVISION 8 – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA

Output Group 1 – Land Tasmania

1.1 Land Titles, Survey and Mapping Services

1. Please table savings strategies identified for budget efficiency dividends for the Department (SL)

Output Group 7 – Environment

7.2 Analytical Services

1. What was the consolidated funding for Analytical Services Tasmania to cover testing costs? (RF)

DIVISION 3 – ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

1.2 Environmental Assessment

1. What are the staffing costs for Division 3 – Environmental Protection Authority Output Groups 1.1 and 1.2 (RF)

Resolved, That the additional information in Divisions 3, 8 and 11 be requested to be provided by Friday 27 September 2024.

The Committee suspended at 6:42 pm until 8:45 am on Wednesday 25 September 2024.

The Committee met at 8:45 am in the President's Rooms, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Hobart.

Members present

Ms Forrest (Chair)

Mr Harriss

Ms Lovell (Deputy Chair)

Ms Thomas

Mr Vincent

Staff in attendance

Mr Simon Scott (Committee Secretary)

Correspondence

Outgoing

1. Letter dated 23 September 2024 advising Mr Martin Thompson (Auditor-General) regarding the QONs taken during the examination
2. Letter dated 24 September 2024 to the President of the Legislative Council advising the Committee's intention to sit beyond 05:00 pm
3. Letter dated 24 September 2024 advising Hon Nic Duigan MLC (Minister for Energy and Renewables) regarding the QONs taken during the examination
4. Letter dated 24 September 2024 advising Hon Nic Duigan MLC (Minister for Parks and Environment) regarding the QONs taken during the examination

The Committee ENDORSED the outgoing correspondence.

The Committee suspended at 08:50 am.

The Committee resumed at 9:00 am in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Hobart.

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Minister attended the Committee.

HON ERIC ABETZ MP

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

Minister for Transport

Division 8 – Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

\$17 835 000

Witnesses

Dr David Midson, General Manager Marine Resources

Will Joscelyne, A/General Manager Agriculture and Water

Craig Limkin, Secretary (9:06 am to 9:20 am)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 9:00 am

The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources provided an overview

Output Group 2 – Primary Industries and Water

2.4 Marine Resources – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

The witnesses left the table at 10:02 am

The Committee suspended at 10:02 am

The Committee resumed at 10:04 am

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

\$25 915 000

Witnesses

Craig Limkin, Secretary (10:04 am to 12:18 pm)

Mark Bowles, Acting, Chief Executive Officer, ReCFIT and Resources (10:04 to 11:10 am)

Tom Byrne, Assistant Director Forest Policy (10:14 am to 10:30)

Alastair Morton, Director Mineral Resources Tasmania (10:30 am to 11:10 am)

Dr Ryan Wilkinson, Acting Director Inland Fisheries (12:17 pm to 12:32 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 10:04 am

Output Group 4 – Resources Policy and Regulatory Services

4.1 Forest Policy – considered

4.2 Mineral Resources – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 11:10 am.

The Committee suspended at 11:10 am

The Committee resumed at 11:31 am

The witnesses took their places at the table at 11:31 am

(Minister for Trade and Major Investment)

The Minister for Business, Industry and Resources called for the Co-ordinator-General to assist the Committee with its scrutiny.

Output Group 1 - Industry and Business Growth

1.1 Office of the Coordinator-General – considered

John Perry, Coordinator-General (11:31 am to 12:11 pm)

Inland Fisheries – considered

Tabled Documents

Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative (EDGI) grants awarded – By Number of grants awarded

EDGI grants awarded – By Company

Budget Estimates 2024-25 – Output 1.1 – Office of the Coordinator-General

EDGI Rounds – Key Dates

Business Industry and Resource Allocations – 1.2 Industry and Business Development

The witnesses withdrew at 12:32 pm.

The Committee suspended at 12:33 pm

The Committee resumed at 1:16 pm

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Minister for Transport

\$203 458 000

Witnesses

Angela Conway, Deputy Secretary, Business Services

Cynthia Heydon, Deputy Secretary Transport

Martin Crane, General Manager Road User Services

The witnesses took their places at the table at 1:16 pm

The Minister provided an overview.

Output Group 2 – Infrastructure and Transport Services

2.2 Road User Services – considered

2.3 Passenger Transport – considered

Output Group 6 – Subsidies and Concessions

6.1 Shipping and Ferry Subsidies – considered

6.2 General Access Services – considered

6.3 School Bus Services – considered

Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery

90.23 Waratah-Wynyard Coastal Pathway – considered

90.28 Airport Infrastructure – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 3:00 pm.

Marine and Safety Tasmania – considered

Witness

Lia Morris, CEO Marine and Safety Tasmania

The witness took their place at the table at 3:00 pm.

The witnesses withdrew at 3:06 pm

Tabled Documents

Fatalities – Died within 30 Days of Crash

Fatalities – Died within 30 Days of Crash and Serious Admitted to Hospital

The Committee suspended at 3:07 pm

The Committee resumed at 3:15 pm

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 8 – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA

Output Group 2 – Primary Industries and Water

2.4 Marine Resources

1. Data related to offences in recreational fishing as provided, related to the commercial fishery (RF)

DIVISION 11 – DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Grants and Subsidies

1. What year was each round in for EDGI Grants? (RF)

Output Group 1 – Industry and Business Growth

1.1 Office of the Co-ordinator General

1. Since the establishment of the Office, provide breakdown of each project/investment that has been facilitated by the Office of the Coordinator-General, including the amount of investment generated, and the status of each project (RF)(SL)

DIVISION 11 – DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Output Group 2 – Infrastructure and Transport Services

2.3 Passenger Transport

1. What is the weekly cost of security officers on Metro buses? (BT)

Resolved, That the additional information in Divisions 8 and 11 be requested to be provided by Friday 27 September 2024.

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Minister attended the Committee.

HON NIC STREET MP

Minister for Finance

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Sports and Events

Division 13 – Department of Treasury and Finance

Minister for Finance

\$19 599 000

Witnesses

Gary Swain, Secretary

Jonathon Root, Deputy Secretary, Revenue, Gaming and Licensing

Dean Burgess, Acting Deputy Secretary, Economic and Financial Policy

The witnesses took their places at the table at 3:19 pm

The Minister for Finance provided an overview.

Output Group 2 – Economic and Fiscal Policy Advice

- 2.2 Regulatory Policy – considered

Output Group 3 – Revenue, Superannuation and Regulatory Management Services

- 3.1 Tax Administration and Revenue Collection – considered

- 3.2 Regulation and Administration of Liquor and Gaming – considered

3.5 Administration of Grants, Subsidies and Concessions – considered

Output Group 4 – Community Assistance

4.2 Community Support Fund – considered

Division 4 – Finance-General

Minister for Finance

\$18 167 000

Output Group 90 – COVID-19 Response and Recovery

90.8 Tasmanian HomeBuilder Grant – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 4:48 pm

The Committee suspended at 4:48 pm

The Committee resumed at 5:06 pm

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Minister for Local Government

\$2 386 000

Witnesses

Mike Mogridge, Acting Executive Director, Office of Local Government

Matt Healey, Acting Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery (5:08 pm to 6:08 pm)

Mel Brown, Acting Director, Local Government Reform

The witnesses took their places at the table at 5:06 pm

The Minister for Local Government provided an overview.

Output Group 6 – Local Government

6.1 Local Government – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 6:08 pm

The Committee suspended at 6:08 pm

The Committee resumed at 6:15 pm

Division 11 – Department of State Growth

Minister for Sport and Events

\$141 921 000

Witnesses

Craig Limkin, Secretary

Brett Stewart, Deputy Secretary, Creative Industries, Sport and Visitor Economy

Ben Goodsir, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Tasmania (6:15 pm to 7:15 pm) (7:39 pm to

Kate Mirowski, Director, Events Tasmania (6:18 pm to 6:39 pm)

Anne Beach, Chief Executive Officer (6:40 pm to 7:15 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 6:15 pm

The Minister for Sports and Events provided an overview.

Output Group 5 – Cultural and Tourism Development

5.4 Events – considered

5.6 Sport and Recreation – considered

Grants and Subsidies – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 7:45 pm

Tabled Document

Tasmanian Government Events Strategy 2023 - 2027

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 11 – DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Output Group 5 – Cultural and Tourism Development

5.4 Events

1. List of events funded over FY 2023-24 (RF)

5.6 Sport and Recreation

1. With respect to talent search what age groups were involved? (RF)
2. Is there any explanation for the low North West representation? (RF)

Resolved, That the additional information in Divisions 11 be requested to be provided by Monday 30 September 2024.

The Committee suspended at 7:48 pm until 8:45 am on Thursday 26 September 2024.

The Committee met at 8:45 am in the President's Rooms, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Hobart.

Members present

Ms Forrest (Chair)

Mr Harriss

Ms Lovell (Deputy Chair)

Ms Thomas

Mr Vincent

Staff in attendance

Mr Simon Scott (Committee Secretary)

Correspondence

Outgoing

1. Letter dated 25 September 2024 to the President of the Legislative Council advising the Committee's intention to sit beyond 05:00 pm
2. Letter dated 25 September 2024 advising Hon Eric Abetz MP (Minister for Business, Industry and Resources) regarding the QONs taken during the examination
3. Letter dated 25 September 2024 advising Hon Eric Abetz MP (Minister for Transport) regarding the QONs taken during the examination
4. Letter dated 25 September 2024 advising Hon Nic Street MP (Minister for Sports and Events) regarding the QONs taken during the examination

The Committee ENDORSED the outgoing correspondence.

The Committee suspended at 08:50 am.

The Committee resumed at 9:00 am in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Hobart.

Examination of Estimates

According to the Order the Minister attended the Committee.

HON ROGER JAENSCH MP

Minister for Children and Youth

Minister for Community Services

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Division 2 – Department of Education, Children and Young People

Minister for Children and Youth

\$211 610 000

Witnesses

Sue McKerracher, A/Deputy Secretary Children and Families, DECYP

Claire Lovell, Executive Director, Children and Families

Jason Sowell, Deputy Director Finance and Budget Services

The witnesses took their places at the table at 9:00 am.

The Minister for Children and Youth provided an overview.

Output Group 4 – Children Services

4.1 Services for Children and Families – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 11:15 am

The Committee suspended at 11:15 am

The Committee resumed at 11:30 am

Witnesses

Jenny Burgess, Associate Secretary, DECYP

Jason Sowell, Deputy Director Finance and Budget Services

Courtney Hurworth, Chief Reform Officer, DPAC

Craig Woodfall, Director Community & Custodial Youth Justice, DECYP

Shane Gregory, Associate Secretary, DPAC (12:40 pm to 1:07 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 11:30 am.

4.2 Services for Youth Justice – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 1:07 pm

The Committee suspended at 1:07 pm

The Committee resumed at 1:59 pm

Witnesses

Sue McKerracher, A/Deputy Secretary Children and Families, DECYP

Mathew Healey, Acting Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Delivery, DPAC

The witnesses took their places at the table at 1:59 pm.

Output Group 5 – Independent Children’s and Young Persons’ Review Service

5.1 Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People – considered

Capital Investment Program – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 2:09 pm

The Committee suspended at 2:09 pm

The Committee resumed at 2:12 pm

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Minister for Community Services

\$50 479 000

Witnesses

Melissa (Mel) Gray, Deputy Secretary, Policy, and Reform, DPAC

Rebecca Pinto, Executive Director, Community Partnerships and Priorities, DPAC

Katherine Morgan-Wicks, Secretary, DPAC (3:43 pm to 3:46 pm)

The witnesses took their places at the table at 2:12 pm

The Minister for Community Services provided an overview.

Output Group 7 – Community Partnerships and Priorities

7.2 Community Services – considered

7.3 Community Development – Policy Advice and Ongoing Community Development – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 3:51 pm

The Committee suspended at 3:51 pm

The Committee resumed at 4:08 pm

Division 10 – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

\$5 521 000

Witnesses

Melissa (Mel) Gray, Deputy Secretary, Policy, and Reform, DPAC

Steve Gall, Director, Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania, DPAC

Caroline Spotswood, Director, Aboriginal Partnerships

The witnesses took their places at the table at 4:08 pm

The Minister provided an overview.

Output Group 7 – Community Partnerships and Priorities

7.8 Aboriginal Affairs – considered

7.9 Aboriginal Heritage and Land – considered

The witnesses withdrew at 5:13 pm

Questions on Notice

DIVISION 2 – DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Output Group 4 – Children Services

4.2 Services for Youth Justice

1. How many children and young people have been detained at AYDC in the last 12 months? How many children and young people have been held in AYDC while on remand? (SL)
2. How many children and young people have been detained in AYDC more than once in the last 12 months? How many times have each of them been detained? (SL)
3. Of those who have been held in AYDC while on remand, what length of time have they been in AYDC for? (SL)

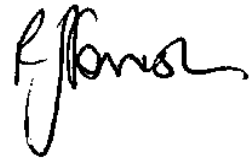
Resolved, That the additional information in Divisions 2 and 10 be requested to be provided by Monday 30 September 2024.

Next Meeting – Monday 7 October 2024 at 3:30 pm in Committee Room 2 and via WebEx.

The Committee adjourned at 5:19 pm

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CHAIR

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES A

MINUTES

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024

The Committee met at 3:33 pm in CR2, Parliament House, Hobart and via WebEx.

Present

Ms Forrest (Chair) (CR2)

Mr Harriss (CR2)

Ms Lovell (Deputy Chair) (WebEx)

Ms Thomas (CR2)

Mr Vincent (CR2)

Apologies

Nil

In Attendance

Craig Muir (Usher of the Black Rod)

Ramona Long (Deputy Usher of the Black Rod)

Ali Scott (Committee Secretariat)

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23 September 2024 to Thursday 26 September 2024, were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Correspondence

Incoming

1. Letter dated 25 September 2024 from Martin Thompson, Auditor-General providing response to questions taken on notice at hearing on 23 September 2024.
2. Letter received 26 September 2024 from the Hon Jo Palmer MLC, Minister for Education providing response to questions taken on notice.
3. Letter dated 27 September 2024 from the Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Treasurer providing response to questions taken on notice.
4. Letter dated 27 September 2024 from the Hon Nick Duigan MLC, Minister for Energy and Renewables providing response to questions taken on notice.
5. Letter received 30 September 2024 from the Hon Nick Duigan MLC, Minister for Parks and Environment providing response to questions taken on notice.
6. Letter dated 30 September 2024 from Hon Eric Abetz MP, Minister for Transport providing response to questions taken on notice.
7. Letter dated 30 September 2024 from Hon Roger Jaensch MP, Minister for Children and Youth providing response to questions taken on notice.
8. Letter dated 4 October 2024 from Hon Nic Street MP, Minister for Sport and Events providing response to questions taken on notice.
9. Letter received 7 October 2024 from Hon Eric Abetz MP, Minister for Business, Industry and Resources providing response to questions taken on notice.

The Committee **RECEIVED** the incoming correspondence.

Outgoing

1. Letter dated 26 September 2024 to the President advising of the Committee's intention to sit beyond 5:00 pm to examine portfolios responsibilities for the Hon Roger Jaensch MP.
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The Committee **ENDORSED** the incoming correspondence.

Other Business

A discussion took place regarding the response received from Hon Eric Abetz MP, Minister for Business, Industry and Resources in relation to Division 11, Department of State Growth, Output Group 1 - Industry and Business Development, 1.1 Co-ordinator-General – Minister for Trade and Major Investment.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to write to the Chair, Estimates B requesting that committee resolve to leave Output Group 1.1 open to enable further debate.

Consideration of Draft Reports

A discussion took place regarding the inclusion of Budget Papers page numbers alongside Output Groups kept open for further consideration.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to include Budget Papers page numbers alongside Output Groups kept open for further consideration.

1. Hon Michael Ferguson MP

Treasurer

Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs

A discussion took place regarding the Moody's credit assessment received from the Treasurer in relation to Output Group 1.2 Financial Management and Accounting Services – Treasurer.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to write to Moody's seeking permission to publish the Credit Opinion should it resolve to do so.

2. Hon Jo Palmer MLC

Minister for Education

Minister for Disability Services

3. Hon Nick Duigan MLC

Minister for Energy and Renewables

Minister for Parks and Environment

4. Hon Eric Abetz MP

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

Minister for Transport

5. Hon Nic Street MP

Minister for Finance

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Sport and Events

6. Hon Roger Jaensch MP

Minister for Children and Youth

Minister for Community Services

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Reports were reviewed in full and amended accordingly.

Presentation of Reports

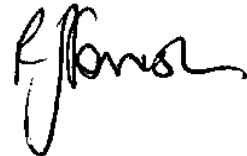
The Committee **RESOLVED** that the final reports of the Committee be tabled out of session on a date to be confirmed and presented by Ms Lovell.

Adjournment

At 4:04 pm the Committee adjourned sine die.

DATE 07/10/2024

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CHAIR