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GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 'B' 2014

Report with Minutes of Proceedings

Members of the Committee:

Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC
Hon Ivan Dean MLC
Hon Kerry Finch MLC (Deputy Chair)
Hon Tania Rattray MLC
Hon Adriana Taylor MLC (Chair)
Hon Rob Valentine MLC

MINUTES

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014

The Committee met at 11.00am in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Hobart.

Present:

Mrs Armitage

Mr Dean

Mr Finch (Deputy Chair)

Mrs Taylor (Chair)

Mr Valentine

Apology for am session:

Ms Rattray

In Attendance:

Mr Wright (Committee Secretary)

Ms Exel (Assistant Committee Secretary)

At 11.00am the Committee commenced informal discussions with stakeholders.

[*Mr Dean* left his seat at 1.07pm]

The Committee suspended at 1.10pm.

The Committee resumed informal discussions with stakeholders at 2.03pm.

[*Mrs Rattray* took her seat at the table at 2.55 pm]

[*Mrs Armitage* left her seat at 3.02pm]

[*Mr Dean* took his seat at 3.27pm]

[*Mr Dean* left his seat at 3.33pm]

[*Mr Dean* took his seat at 3.42pm]

[*Mr Valentine* left his seat at 4.05pm]

[*Mr Valentine* took his seat at 4.11pm]

[*Mr Finch* left his seat at 4.11pm]

[*Mr Finch* took his seat at 4.14pm]

[*Mr Finch* left his seat at 4.42pm]

[*Mr Finch* took his seat at 4.46pm]

The Minutes of the meeting of held on 6 November 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

The Committee suspended at 4.50 pm until 8.55am on Wednesday, 3 December 2014.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2014

The Committee met at 9.00am in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Hobart.

Present:

Mrs Armitage

Mr Dean

Mr Finch (Deputy Chair)

Ms Rattray

Mrs Taylor (Chair)

Mr Valentine

In Attendance:

Mr Wright (Committee Secretary)

Ms Exel (Assistant Committee Secretary)

METRO TASMANIA PTY LTD

At 9.00am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Hon Rene Hidding MP, Minister for Infrastructure

Ms Lynn Mason, Chairperson

Mr Stuart Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Rodney Byfield, General Manager Business Improvement Services

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

Questions on Notice

- A copy of the Financial Sustainability Review (to be provided on a confidential basis);
- A copy of the Shareholder Statements (to be provided on a confidential basis); and
- Calculation of budgetary cuts applicable to Metro Tasmania Pty Ltd

[*Mr Dean* left his seat at 10.55am]

The witnesses withdrew at 10.56 am

The Committee suspended at 10.56am

The Committee resumed at 11.07am

MOTOR ACCIDENTS INSURANCE BOARD

At 11.07am the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Hon Rene Hidding MP, Minister for Infrastructure

Mr Don Challen AM, Chairman

Mr Peter Roche, Chief Executive Officer

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

Question on Notice

- Clarification as to how the \$25 Road Safety Levy is payable in relation to individual registrations.

[Mrs *Taylor* left her seat at 11.34am]
[Mrs *Taylor* took her seat at 11.35am]

The witnesses withdrew at 12.10pm.

The Chair closed the public hearing for a brief private meeting.

[Mr *Finch* left his seat at 12.14pm]

PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

At 12.15pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Hon Matthew Groom MP, Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage
Professor Sharon Sullivan AO, Chair
Mr Stephen Large, Chief Executive Officer
Dr Jane Harrington, Director Conservation and Infrastructure

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

[Mr *Finch* took his seat at 12.18pm]

The witnesses withdrew at 1.19pm

The Committee suspended at 1.19pm
The Committee resumed at 2.00pm

TASRACING PTY LTD

At 2.00pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, Minister for Racing
Mr Brian Speers, Chairman
Dr Eliot Forbes, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Chris Brookwell, Chief Financial Officer

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

[Ms *Rattray* took her seat at 2.02pm]
[Mr *Finch* took his seat at 2.10pm]
[Mr *Finch* left his seat at 3.25pm]
[Mr *Finch* took his seat at 3.27pm]

Questions on Notice

- A copy of the Working Group Industry Report; and
- Summary document that presents the results of the assessment undertaken to categorise all major assets under the new rating system.

The witnesses withdrew 4.00pm

The Committee suspended at 4.00pm

The Committee resumed at 4.10pm

TASMANIAN IRRIGATION PTY LTD

At 4.10pm the following witnesses appeared before the Committee:

Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Mr John Lord, Chairman

Mr Chris Oldfield, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Luke Curtain, General Manager - Commercial

The Minister provided a brief overview and the Committee proceeded to questions.

[Mr *Dean* took his seat at 4.11pm]

The witnesses withdrew at 5.05pm

Next Meeting

9.00am on Thursday 11 December 2014

The Chair to present the report of the Committee to the President out of session on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 10.30pm.

Adjournment

At 5.13pm the Committee adjourned until 9.00am on Thursday 11 December 2014.

DATE

CONFIRMED

11 December 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adriana Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

CHAIR

Note: The Committee resolved at a subsequent meeting on 11 December 2014 that it supported further consideration of the future format and structure of Committee scrutiny hearings by the Legislative Council for Government Businesses, State Owned Companies and the Tasmanian Water Corporation.