



TERMS OF REFERENCE

PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM

On Thursday, 28 August 2008 the Legislative Council resolved that a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and with leave to adjourn from place to place, and with leave to report from time to time, to inquire into the state public hospital system and report upon —

- 1) Elective surgery:
 - a) waiting times;
 - b) theatre management;
 - c) possible reforms.

- 2) Emergency Department:
 - a) waiting times;
 - b) admissions to inpatient services;
 - c) alternative workforce and management strategies.

- 3) General treatment and/or admission to the public hospital system:
 - a) access to inpatient beds;
 - b) ways to improve patient flows through our major hospitals.

- 4) The actual full time equivalent staffing levels and funding allocated to:
 - a) Delivery of direct health care to patients;
 - b) Administrative staff at all levels who do not deliver direct health care to patients.

- 5) Workforce planning strategies:
 - a) recruitment and retention of health care providers;
 - b) support of new nursing and medical graduates;
 - c) workforce reform, with particular reference to the limitations or barriers to improving productivity in the delivery of health services.

- 6) Issues that impact on the Public Hospital System:
- a) General practice;
 - b) Private Hospital System;
 - c) Aged Care industry and the Federal Government's policies relating to residential aged care services;
 - d) Federal Government funding and policies under the current Health Care Agreement.
- 7) Comparison with other Australian jurisdictions on issues raised from (1) to (6).
- 8) Any other matters incidental thereto.

Members

Mr Harriss
Mrs Jamieson
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