



Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

Media Advisory

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Public Hearing:

Tasmanian Government's spending unallocated COVID-19 funding

Tasmanian Government's continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Committee) is undertaking an inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The areas to be covered in the inquiry include measures taken by the Government, including relevant Public Health advice, to prepare for the State border re-opening on 15 December 2021, the return to school, the vaccination rollout, business support and the Covid-19 Tasmanian Check-in app.

The Committee will conduct a public hearing to obtain further details from submissions to the Inquiry.

The Committee was also hear from the Deputy Premier and departmental representatives around the spending of unallocated additional funding in the 2021-22 Budget Finance General under Output Group 4.2 Treasurers Reserve (\$100m) to meet unexpected costs related to COVID-19 in 2021-22 and outcomes achieved by this expenditure.

The hearings will be held in Committee Room 2, Parliament House, Hobart and will commence at 9:00 am on Friday, 21 October 2022. The timetable and details of witnesses are attached.

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

The Members of the Committee are:

Legislative Council

Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair)

Hon Meg Webb MLC

Hon Josh Willie MLC

House of Assembly

Ms Lara Alexander MP

Dr Shane Broad MP

Mr John Tucker MP

Further information about the Committee is available on the [Committee website](#).

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Public Hearing Schedule

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Time	Witnesses
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Hon Michael Ferguson MP Deputy Premier Treasurer Department of Treasury and Finance Representatives
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Ms Amy Brumby (Leader/Organiser) Ms Joanne Sutton (Union Official) United Workers Union (Tasmania)
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Ms Kristen Desmond (Founder) Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Ms Cassy O'Connor MP (Leader of the Tasmanian Greens) Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP (Greens Spokesperson for Health) Tasmanian Greens Party