

## Appendix 6 Minutes

### Standing Committee on Social Issues

Meeting 42, 24 August 2004, Room 1108, Parliament House, 10.10am

**1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Ian West MLC  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC

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**3. Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Chair briefed the Committee on the status of the Coburn Report received by the Committee and recent correspondence on this issue.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that the Chair write to the Minister for Police to:

- express the Committee's concern that the copy of the Coburn report we received is marked confidential when it also appears to have been given to the media
- express the Committee's concern in relation to some omissions in the copy of the Coburn report we received.

**4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 1.15pm *sine die*.

**Meeting 43, 24 September 2004, Tranby Aboriginal College, Glebe, 11.15am – 12.30pm and Jubilee Room, Parliament House, 2pm**

**5. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Ian West MLC  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC (from 2pm)  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC

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**6. Site visit to Tranby Aboriginal College - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

Mr Paul Knight, Executive Officer of Tranby Aboriginal College briefed the Committee on the role of Tranby and Cultural Awareness Training for Redfern police.

There was a short adjournment for lunch, to reconvene at 2pm.

**7. Confirmation of Minutes 40, 41, 42**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West that the Committee adopt Minutes 40, 41 and 42.

**8. Correspondence**

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence –

*Correspondence received*

Item 1 – To Chair from Aboriginal Medical Service, 20 August 2004

Item 2 – To Chair from Dr Shergold, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, 13 September 2004

*Correspondence sent*

Item 3 – To Dr Mayers, Aboriginal Medical Service, 1 September 2004

**9. Deliberative – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

**Submissions**

The Chair tabled submissions 87, 88, 89 and 90, received in relation to the inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo.

Submissions 87 and 90 – Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submission in full.

Submission 88 – Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submission subject to the authors request for name suppression.

Submission 89 - Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submission with the deletion of names and event numbers.

**10. Public Hearing - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

Mr Derek Wilson and Mr Paul Wilkinson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers were sworn and examined.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that the Committee accept the Duty Book provided to the Committee by Mr Wilson.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

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Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin, Operations Support Command, NSW Police was sworn and examined.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker that the Committee accept *Make a Difference and Feel Proud* Aboriginal Information Kit, tendered by the Assistant Commissioner.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Doreen Peters, State Coordinator, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers, NSW Police was affirmed and examined.

Evidence concluded and the witness withdrew.

Ms Mary Gillespie of the Vine and Hugo Action Group was affirmed and examined.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Geoffrey Turnbull and Mrs Lynn Turnbull were sworn and examined.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

#### **11. Deliberative – Inquiry into issues relation to Redfern and Waterloo**

Submission 88 - Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submission in full.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.00pm until 15 October 2004.

### **Meeting 44, 15 October 2004, Alexandria Town Hall, Waterloo, 10.50am – 12.30pm and Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre, Waterloo, 2pm – 5pm**

#### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair) (from 11:30 – 3.00pm)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC (to 11:30am)  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC

#### **2. Apologies**

The Hon Ian West MLC

#### **3. Private Briefing - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Committee participated in a private meeting with the Koori South Eastern Sydney Interagency.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

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There was a short adjournment for lunch, to reconvene at 2pm.

#### **4. Private Briefing – Inquiry into issues relation to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Committee participated in a private briefing with the Waterloo Neighbourhood Advisory Board.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 223 the Committee authorises the Director to publish the transcript of evidence taken at this hearing with the Waterloo Neighbourhood Advisory Board.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

Mr Shane Brown, Director, South Sydney Youth Services was affirmed and examined.

Resolved on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans that the Committee accept a briefing paper and a book entitled *Our Place*, provided to the Committee by Mr Brown.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 223 the Committee authorises the Director to publish the transcript of evidence taken at this hearing with the South Sydney Youth Service, subject to the removal of certain sensitive information identified by the witness.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

The Committee participated in a private briefing with representatives of the Russian residents on the Waterloo estate.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 223 the Committee authorises the Director to publish the transcript of evidence taken at this hearing with the Russian residents of the Waterloo estate.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 5.00pm until 22 October 2004.

#### **Meeting 45, 22 October 2004, Room 814-815, 11.30 - 1.45pm and Fact Tree Youth Services, Waterloo, 4.30pm – 6.00pm**

##### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC (to 12.30pm)  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC (to 1.00pm)

##### **2. Public hearing - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

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Mr Peter Laybutt, Chairperson and Ms Elizabeth Rice, Member, Metropolitan and Environment Sub-Committee, Planning Institute of Australia (NSW Division), sworn and examined.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, to accept a document from Ms Rice.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

**3. In camera hearing – Inquiry into issues relation to Redfern and Waterloo**

The public and media withdrew.

Ms Lesley Townsend, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, sworn and examined.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* and under the authority of Standing Order 223 the Committee authorises the Director to publish the transcript of Ms Townsend's evidence at today's hearing.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

There was an adjournment, to reconvene at 4.30pm.

**4. Private Briefing – Inquiry into issues relation to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Committee participated in a private briefing with young people at the Fact Tree Youth Services, Waterloo.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 6.00pm until 27 October 2004 at 2pm in the Antechamber next to the LC Chamber.

**Meeting 46, 27 October 2004, Members' Lounge, 2.00pm**

**1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the minutes of meeting numbers 43, 44 and 45 be adopted.

**3. Correspondence**

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

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Item 1 – To Chair from Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Inc, dated 26 August 2004

Item 2 – To Chair from Jumbunna House of Learning, dated 26 August 2004

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Item 3 – Media Release – Redfern Mobile Needle Exchange Van to Close and New Primary Health Care Facility to Open, dated 24 October 2004

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**5. Deliberative - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the upcoming hearing program for 2 and 3 November 2004.

The Committee deliberated.

**6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2.30pm until 9.30am, Tuesday 2 November in the Jubilee Room.

**Meeting 47, 2 November 2004, Jubilee Room, 9.30am**

**1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Public hearing - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

Mr Mike Allen, Executive Director, Central Sydney Division, Department of Housing, sworn and examined.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Andrew Byrne, General Practitioner, affirmed and examined.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

The media and the public withdrew.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the minutes of meeting no. 46 be adopted.

**4. Deliberative meeting – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

**Submissions**

The Chair tabled submissions 91, 92 and 93, along with supplementary submissions 17 and 54, received in relation to the inquiry into issues in Redfern and Waterloo.

Submissions 91, 92 and 93 and supplementary submissions 17 and 54 - Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee

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make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submissions in full.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that the Chair write on behalf of the Committee to the Commissioner of Police and the Police Integrity Commission regarding matters raised in evidence by witnesses on 24 September 2004, and forward a copy of the letter to the Minister for Police and Mr Paul Wilkinson.

The Chair advised the Committee of a request from representatives of the Premier's Department to reschedule their hearing of 3 November 2004 to a later date, due to the illness of a witness.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that the Chair write on behalf of the Committee to the Director General of the Premier's Department proposing a new hearing date of 12 November, reiterating the Committee's written request on 22 July 2004 for a copy of the report of the Human Services Review.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that the Secretariat contact the Commissioner of Police to clarify the Commissioner's request to provide additional evidence in relation to the Inquiry into issues related to Redfern and Waterloo at a date closer to the end of public hearings, as per his correspondence in May 2004.

## **5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12 noon until 3 November at 10.00am at the Redfern Centre, Redfern.

### **Meeting 48, 3 November 2004, The Redfern Centre, Redfern, 10.00am to 12.15pm and Jubilee Room, Parliament House, 1.30pm to 4.30pm**

#### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC (from 1.30pm)

#### **2. Private Briefing – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Committee participated in a private meeting with members of the South Sydney Interagency.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

There was a short adjournment for lunch, to reconvene at 1.30pm.

#### **3. Public hearing - Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

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Superintendent Dennis Smith, Commander, Redfern Local Area Command, NSW Police, on former oath, examined.

Questioning concluded and the witness withdrew.

Dr Neil Shepherd, Director-General, Department of Community Services, and Ms Anne-Maree Sabellico, Regional Director, Department of Community Services, on former affirmation, and Ms Trina Whitton, Manager Client Services, Eastern Sydney Community Service Centre, Department of Community Services, affirmed and examined.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The media and the public withdrew.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.30 until 12 November at 10.00am, Room 814/815, Parliament House.

### **Meeting 49, 12 November 2004, Room 814/815, Parliament House, 2.00pm to 4.07pm**

#### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC (from 2.25pm)  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

#### **2. Public Hearing – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The media and the public were admitted.

Dr Col Gellatly, Director General, Premier's Department, and Mr Michael Ramsey, Project Director, Redfern/Waterloo Partnership Project, on former oath, examined.

Questioning concluded and the witnesses withdrew.

The media and the public withdrew.

#### **3. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4.07pm.

### **Meeting 50, 17 November 2004, Room 1153, Parliament House, 10.30am to 11.00am**

#### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC (from 2.25pm)

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The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

**2. Minutes**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the minutes of meeting numbers 47, 48 and 49 be adopted.

**3. Correspondence**

The Chair tabled the following item of correspondence:

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**Item 1** – To Chair from Dr Col Gellatly, Director General, Premier's Department, dated 4 November 2004 regarding a medical certificate for Mr Michael Ramsey.

**4. Deliberative meeting – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

The Chair tabled submission 94, received in relation to the inquiry into issues relating to Redfern/Waterloo.

Submission 94 – Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that in order to better inform all those who are participating in the inquiry process, the Committee make use of its powers granted under paragraph 16 of the resolution establishing the Standing Committees, and sections 4(2) of the *Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975* to publish the submission subject to the author's request for the suppression of the author's name and other information, whilst noting that the submission had been forwarded by the author to other parties without this material suppressed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the Chair seek leave from the House to extend the reporting date to 17 December 2004.

The Chair provided Committee Members with a proposed outline for the Committee's final report.

The Committee deliberated.

**5. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 11.00am.

**Meeting 51, 13 December 2004, Room 1153, Parliament House, 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC (from 11:30am)

**2. Minutes**

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that the minutes of meeting number 50 be adopted.

### 3. Correspondence

The Chair tabled the following items of correspondence:

*Received*

**Item 1** – To Chair from T P Griffin, dated 15 November 2004, regarding the issue involving the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers

**Item 2** – Email correspondence to Victoria Pymm from Redfern Youth Liaison Officer, Redfern LAC, with information for the Final Report

**Item 3** - Questions on Notice from NSW Police (Evidence from Mark Goodwin), dated 22 November 2004

**Item 4** - Questions on Notice from DoCS, dated 22 November 2004

**Item 5** - Questions on Notice from NSW Police (Evidence from Dennis Smith), dated 24 November 2004

**Item 6** - Questions on Notice from NSW Department of Housing (Evidence from Mike Allen), dated 25 November 2004

**Item 7** - Correspondence from Morris Iemma MP, Minister for Health to Chair regarding the primary health care facility, provided on 3 December 2004

**Item 8** - NCOSS, Social sustainability benchmarks for the Metropolitan strategy, provided on 7 December 2004

**Item 9** - Email from Gary Moore, NCOSS with information for the Final Report, provided on 7 December 2004.

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**Item 10** - To Dr Gellatly, Director General Premier's Department, dated 2 November 2004 regarding the release of the final report of the Human Services Review

**Item 11** – T P Griffin, Police Integrity Commissioner, dated 4 November 2004

**Item 12** - To Ms Karen Becker, NSW Health, dated 8 November 2004 requesting details on the community health facility

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### 5. Deliberative – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo

The Committee considered the Chair's Draft Final Report, which had been previously circulated.

Chapter One read.

The Committee deliberated.

Chapter Three read.

The Committee deliberated.

Chapter Five read.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that Recommendation 2 read as follows:

‘That the NSW Government, through the Redfern Waterloo Authority, as a matter of urgency, conduct an audit of the Government assets in the Redfern and Waterloo area, and publish this

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audit including an itemised list identifying and describing the assets. The Redfern Waterloo Authority should ensure that any development of these assets is done in consultation with the Redfern and Waterloo communities, and that monies raised in the development of these assets go directly to addressing the needs of the area.'

There was a short adjournment for lunch, to reconvene at 2:30pm.

Chapter Two read.

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Pearce moved that paragraph 2.16 be deleted.

Question put.

Ayes:                Ms Parker  
                         Mr Pearce  
                         Dr Chesterfield-Evans

Noes:                Ms Burnswoods  
                         Ms Griffin  
                         Mr West

There being an equality of votes, the Chair used her casting vote.

Question resolved in the negative.

Chapter Four read.

The Committee deliberated.

Chapter Six read.

The Committee deliberated.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4:00pm, to reconvene at 11:30am on Tuesday 14 December 2004 in Room 1153 at 11:30am.

### **Meeting 52, 14 December 2004, Room 1153, Parliament House, 11am**

#### **1. Members present**

Jan Burnswoods MLC (Chair)  
The Hon Robyn Parker MLC (Deputy Chair)  
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC  
The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
The Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC  
The Hon Ian West MLC

#### **2. Minutes**

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Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that the minutes of meeting no.51 be adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that the Committee note in the Minutes that he voted incorrectly on Mr Pearce's motion that paragraph 2.16 be deleted (recorded in Minutes 51).

**3. Deliberative – Inquiry into issues relating to Redfern and Waterloo**

Consideration of Chapter One resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that Chapter One be adopted.

Consideration of Chapter Two resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that Chapter Two be adopted.

Consideration of Chapter Three resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that Chapter Three be adopted.

Consideration of Chapter Four resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that Chapter Four be adopted.

Consideration of Chapter Five resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that Chapter Five, as amended, be adopted.

Consideration of Chapter Six resumed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that Chapter Six, be adopted.

Appendices 1 to 6 read.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that Appendices 1 to 6 be adopted.

Executive Summary read.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Dr Chesterfield-Evans, that the Executive Summary be adopted.

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Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that pursuant to Standing Order 229 the Committee consider the Chair's Foreword for approval.

Chair's Foreword read.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the Chair's Foreword be adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr West, that the draft Committee report as amended be the report of the Committee and be signed by the Chair and presented to the House in accordance with Standing Orders 230 and 231.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Pearce, that pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Parliamentary Papers (Supplementary Provisions) Act 1975 the Committee authorises the publication of all non-confidential minutes, correspondence, submissions and table documents.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Parker, that in accordance with Standing Order 233 the Committee authorises the publication of those excerpts from confidential transcripts that appear in the report.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that the Committee Secretariat be permitted to correct typographical, stylistic and grammatical errors in the report prior to tabling.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Griffin, that Mr Greg Pearce be thanked for his contribution to this Inquiry as he is now leaving this Committee.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 12.30pm sine die.