



PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

1. Eight portfolio committees reflecting government ministers' portfolio responsibilities be appointed as follows:
 - (a) **Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance**
Premier
Treasurer
Finance, Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, Natural Resources
Industrial Relations, Work Health and Safety
The Legislature
Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast, Medical
Research
 - (b) **Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health**
Health, Regional Health, the Illawarra and the South Coast
Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth
 - (c) **Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education**
Education and Early Learning, Western Sydney
Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education
 - (d) **Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Regional NSW**
Agriculture, Regional New South Wales, Western New South Wales
Lands and Property, Multiculturalism, Sport, Jobs and Tourism
 - (e) **Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities**
Attorney General
Police and Counter Terrorism
The Hunter
Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion
Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 - (f) **Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts**
Special Minister of State, Transport, the Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy
Roads and Regional Transport

- (g) **Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment**
Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, Heritage
Planning and Public Spaces
- (h) **Portfolio Committee No. 8 – Customer Service**
Local Government
Customer Service and Digital Government, Emergency Services, Youth Justice
Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Industry and Trade, Innovation, Science and
Technology, Building, Corrections
Small Business, Recovery, North Coast.

Referral of inquiries

2. A committee:
 - (a) is to inquire into and report on any matter relevant to the functions of the committee which is referred to the committee by resolution of the House, and
 - (b) may self-refer an inquiry into any matter relevant to the public administration of portfolios allocated to the committee.
3. A committee meeting to consider a self-reference under paragraph (2)(b) must be convened at the request of any three committee members in writing to the Committee Clerk.
4. The Committee Clerk must convene a meeting within seven calendar days of the receipt of the request, providing that members are given at least 24 hours' notice.
5. A majority of committee members is required to adopt the self-reference.
6. Whenever a committee resolves to self-refer a matter, the terms of reference are to be reported to the House on the next sitting day.

Membership

7. Each committee is to consist of seven members, comprising:
 - (a) three government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) two crossbench members.

Chair and Deputy Chair

8. The committee is to elect the Chair and Deputy Chair in accordance with the standing orders.
9. The Chair of the committee is to be a non-government member.

Conduct of the committee proceedings

10. Unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales,

- (b) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
- (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential,
- (d) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
- (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between opposition, crossbench and government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each,
- (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
- (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
- (h) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
- (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair

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