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# **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATIONS**

**To 31 May 2005**

**55<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

*Issued by Authority of the President of the Legislative Council  
and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

The Parliamentary Committees of the Victorian Parliament are appointed pursuant to the ***Parliamentary Committees Act 2003***.

The functions of the **Joint Investigatory Committees** are detailed in sections 7 to 17 of the Act which, by section 33, also makes the following provisions regarding their role, sources of references and priorities in considering references:

- (1) A Joint Investigatory Committee must inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any proposal, matter or thing that is relevant to its functions and has been referred to the Committee-
  - (a) by resolution of the Council or the Assembly; or
  - (b) by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette.
- (2) A resolution of the Council or the Assembly referred to in sub-section (1)(a) may specify a period of time within which the Joint Investigatory Committee must make a final report to the Parliament on the proposal, matter or thing.
- (3) A Joint Investigatory Committee may inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any annual report or other document relevant to the functions of the Committee that is laid before either House of the Parliament in accordance with an Act.
- (4) In carrying out its functions, a Joint Investigatory Committee must –
  - (a) give priority before all other proposals, matters or things being inquired into or being considered by the Committee-
    - (i) first to those proposals, matters or things referred to it by resolution of the Council or the Assembly; and
    - (ii) second, to those proposals, matters or things referred to it by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette; and
  - (b) comply with any limitation of time specified under sub-section (2).

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# **DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

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**Chair:**                Mr J Scheffer, MLC

**Executive Officer:** Sandy Cook

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## **INQUIRY INTO STRATEGIES TO REDUCE HARMFUL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 6 May 2003, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on strategies to reduce harmful alcohol consumption. In particular the Committee is required to:

1. Investigate the nature, extent and culture of alcohol consumption on the Victorian community and the associated costs to the community.
2. Examine the role of alcohol advertising including its influence on harmful alcohol consumption and high-risk groups such as young people and Kooris.
3. Review the adequacy of existing strategies for reducing harmful alcohol consumption.
4. Recommend best practice strategies to address the issue of harmful alcohol consumption, including regulatory, law enforcement, education and treatment responses.
5. Examine national and international legislation, reports and material relevant to this issue.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 1 July, 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

- **Discussion paper continued to be circulated**
- **Literature review continued**
- **Analysis of submissions continued**
- **Drafting of final report commenced**
- **Public Hearing with Mr David Butten, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Nightclub & Bar Association, 16 May 2005**
- **The Committee Chair together with the Executive Officer and Research Officer met with Mr Stephen Fanner, General Manager, Capital Link, on 24 May 2005**

- The Committee Chair together with the Executive Officer and Research Officer met with Ms Jen Rose, Policy Officer, Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, on 25 May 2005.

### ***Future Activities***

- Drafting of final report continued
- Organisation of a Youth Forum
- Participation in Indigenous Forum
- Organisation of further public hearings in Melbourne and Regional centres
- Organisation of interstate evidence seeking trip.

### **INQUIRY INTO VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE USE**

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2003 for inquiry, consideration and report on:

1. the incidence, prevalence, severity, cost and impact of violence associated with motor vehicle use;
2. a review of Victorian, national and international research into violence associated with motor vehicle use;
3. the effectiveness of strategies and initiatives relating to violence associated with motor vehicle use; and
4. the need for policy and legislative reform to reduce violence associated with the motor vehicle use at the state level.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2005.

### ***Activity during May 2005***

- Circulation of final report on request.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Crime Trends — Fifth Report — Response due April 2003

Inquiry into Fraud and Electronic Commerce - *Interim response tabled 15 September 2004*

Inquiry into Violence Associated with Motor Vehicle Use – Response due October 2005

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Chairman:**            Mr. Tony Robinson, MP

**Executive Officer:** Dr. Russell Solomon

## **INQUIRY INTO LABOUR HIRE EMPLOYMENT IN VICTORIA**

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Terms of Reference received by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2003.

- (a) The extent and breadth of labour hire employment in Victoria, including the:
- (i) employment status of workers engaged by labour hire companies;
  - (ii) use of labour hire in particular industries and/or regions; and
  - (iii) application of industrial relations, occupational health and safety, and workers compensation legislation.
- (b) the consequences of the use of labour hire employment. Consideration should be given, but is not limited, to:
- (i) the rights and obligations of labour hire employees, labour hire agencies and/or host employers under industrial relations, occupational health and safety, and workers' compensation legislation. Any ambiguity about the nature of rights and obligations between the three parties should also be considered;
  - (ii) the impact on industry skills levels;
  - (iii) contribution to the casualisation of the work force; and
  - (iv) the extent of any such consequences.
- (c) recommendations based on an assessment of the above matters and including consideration of:
- (i) the jurisdictional limitations of Victoria's industrial relations powers;
  - (ii) the recommendations of the New South Wales labour hire task force and the responsibilities of the New South Wales labour hire industry council (if established);
  - (iii) regulation in other Australian jurisdictions;
  - (iv) impact on business; and
  - (v) Worksafe Victoria campaigns and activities.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 May 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

**31 written submissions received as at 31 May 2005**

**13 written responses received as at 31 May 2005.**

### ***Future Activity***

**Drafting chapters for the final report.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE VIABILITY OF THE VICTORIAN THOROUGHBRED/STANDARD BRED BREEDING INDUSTRIES**

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Referred by Order of the Governor in Council, on 1 February 2005 to inquire into and report to Parliament on the Viability of the Victorian Thoroughbred/Standardbred Breeding Industries with a particular regard to the following:

1. the strength of the Victorian thoroughbred/standardbred breeding industries compared to other Australian states;
2. the role of overseas breeding interests and the influence that they are having on the Victorian industry;
3. the extent to which the Victorian industries are being integrated at a national and international level;
4. the extent to which the Victorian industries have adopted international best practice;
5. employment and investment opportunities and patterns with particular emphasis in regional Victoria; and
6. the development of skills within the industries.

with a view to making recommendations on how the industries may be further developed.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2005.

### ***Activity during May 2005***

**16 written submissions received as at 31 May 2005.**

### ***Future Activities***

**Melbourne Public Hearings – 20 June 2005**

**Regional Public Hearings and Visits –**

**Strathbogie Region –**

**Site visits - 21 June 2005**

**Public Hearings and site visits - 22 June 2005**

**Western Victoria – 23-24 June 2005.**

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

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*Ms Janice Munt and Mr Victor Pertou.*

Chair: Steve Herbert MP

Executive Officer: Karen Ellingford

## PROMOTION OF MATHS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

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Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 27 July 2004 to inquire into and report on opportunities to promote maths and science in Victorian education.

In particular, the Committee is requested to:

1. Determine which factors will support high quality teaching and learning of mathematics and science including teaching method and environment, subject knowledge, pedagogy, and teaching expertise.
2. Examine national and international trends and report on innovative initiatives that promote the teaching and learning of maths and science.
3. Determine how best practice in teaching of maths and science can be shared among schools and other education communities and identify other opportunities for cross government action.
4. Determine how new business, industry and research applications of mathematics and science can be integrated into schools and learning communities.
5. Examine the potential for greater cross-sectoral links between industry, tertiary and training institutions and schools in the promotion of mathematics and science education.
6. Examine gender issues in the teaching and learning of mathematics and science education.
7. Consider ways of promoting greater interest by suitably qualified people to undertake mathematics and/or science teaching careers.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by September 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

The Committee visited the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC). Following a tour of the facility, the Committee held public hearings with representatives of GTAC, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, and the University of Melbourne

The Committee visited the CSIRO Science Education Centre in Highett. The Committee toured the facility, observed primary and secondary school students in action and held discussions with staff at the Centre

The Committee planned and organised a meeting program for its investigations in Perth at the end of May/early June.

### ***Future Activity***

Public hearings and site visits to continue throughout June and July.

### ***Other Activity during May 2005***

The Chair represented the Committee at the Centenary of Secondary Education Conference on Sunday 22 May 2005, presenting a workshop on 'Futures of Teacher Education'.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Suitability of Current Pre-Service Teacher Training Courses - Response due August 2005.

# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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**(Assembly)**        *Ms J T Duncan, Ms J M Lindell and Mr G Seitz*

**Chair:**              Ms J M Lindell, MP

**Executive Officer:** Dr Caroline Williams

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

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Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 27 April 2004. The Committee is required to:

1. Examine what practical low cost initiatives State or Local Governments can encourage that will:
  - promote efficiency of water use and supply and use of energy;
  - reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
  - increase the rate of recycling;
  - foster renewable energy use; and
  - improve energy efficiency.
2. Identify the barriers to increasing the rate of participation by individuals and households in recycling and conserving water, energy and other resources, and improving energy efficiency.
3. Identify other low cost opportunities for communities to participate in promoting and encouraging environmental sustainability.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 May 2005.

***Activities during May 2005***

**81 submissions received to date**

**Preparation of draft report**

**The Committee met on 16, 23 and 30 May to discuss the draft report**

**Research officer vacancy advertised**

**Proposed future Inquiry terms of reference forwarded to Cabinet Secretary.**

***Future Activity***

**Finalise the report.**

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Chairman: Mr R Smith, MLC

Executive Officer: Mr P L Bourke

## IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF URBAN DESIGN AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC ART IN VICTORIA

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Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 6 May 2003, to inquire into, consider, and make recommendations on options to improve the quality of urban design and increase opportunities for public art in development in Victoria and, in particular to report on:

1. Mechanisms and good practice for the delivery of urban art outcomes, both by the public and private sectors, either as integral parts of development or as contributions to art works in the public realm.
2. The adequacy of existing programs and funding mechanisms for the delivery of and support of urban design and public art, and make recommendations for cost-effective improvement in these programs and mechanisms.
3. Recommendations for mechanisms to increase funding for urban design and public art, and in particular ways to forge partnerships between the public and private sectors for that purpose.
4. Recommendations to improve community understanding of, access to and active participation in urban design and public art.
5. The need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of the Inquiry.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 December 2005.

### ***Activity during May***

**Inquiry has not yet commenced.**

## **INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BODY IMAGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND ASSOCIATED EFFECTS ON THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

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Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 18 January 2003, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on issues relating to the development of body image among young people and associated effects on their health and wellbeing.

The Committee is requested to:

1. Identify factors which contribute to the development of body image among young people;
2. Consider:
  - the role of the media, family, the peer group and other potential factors in the development of body image;
  - other factors that impact on body image;
  - the associated health and other impacts of eating disorders, steroid use, and other manifestations of problematic body image, on young people;
  - gender differences in the development of problematic body image.
3. Analyse available medical research on the linkages between mental health and problematic body imagery;
4. Identify good practice in the promotion of positive body image among young people and how risk factors associated with negative body image can be combated;
5. Identify possible improvements to health promotion campaigns aimed at young people, that promote positive body image and self esteem;
6. Investigate the extent to which promoting positive body image and self esteem among young people can help to prevent associated health risks such as potentially dangerous weight loss methods, eating disorders, steroid use, exercise dependence or avoidance, obesity and mental ill health;
7. Consider whether further strategies are needed to enhance and promote positive body images among young people and, if so, what form the strategies should take (including non-legislative options) and whether these would be best developed by government agencies, the community sector or through partnership arrangements.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 April 2005.

### ***Activity during May***

**Review of draft chapters.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF THE FUNERAL INDUSTRY**

Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 20 January 2004, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

The current regulatory framework, including self-regulatory mechanisms, that is relevant to the funeral industry and assess its adequacy, where necessary identifying options for industry and government to improve practices in the industry.

In particular the Committee is required to:

1. Identify all existing regulation and self-regulatory arrangements applying to the funeral industry in Victoria, including those covering practices associated with planning, health, employee safety and consumer protection.
2. Examine the adequacy of the current regulatory framework, taking into account:
  - the quantity and severity of complaints;
  - community perceptions of ethical standards;
  - public and environmental health concerns;
  - occupational and employee health and safety issues; and
  - consumer protection and fair trading issues.
3. Assess the nature and extent of problems in the industry and, if necessary, consider options to address these. Options could include, but not be limited to:
  - Standards of the conduct of funerals, including storage, transportation and physical treatment of deceased persons that protect public health and safety and ensure dignity and respect for the dead;
  - Standards of employee training and workplace support;
  - Planning requirements regarding the establishment of funeral parlours; and
  - Extending coverage and enforcement of fair-trading laws.
4. Identify the form any intervention should take and whether government agencies, industry bodies or a combination of the two would best undertake it. In particular consider non-legislative options such as the development of codes of conduct, accreditation schemes, education and training programs and the development of information products.

In considering this reference, the Committee should take into account:

Community experiences of the industry and the nature and extent of community concerns;

The level of consumer complaints;

Employee complaints and compensation claims within the industry;

Pricing practices;

The costs and benefits to the community of different approaches to regulation; and

Regulation and other activities being undertaken in other jurisdictions.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 April 2005.

### ***Activity during May***

#### **Review of draft chapters.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry Examining the Impact on the Victorian Community and Public Hospitals on the Diminishing Access to After Hours and Bulk Billing General Practitioners - Response due April 2005.

# LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

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**Chairman:**        Mr R. Hudson, MP

**Executive Officer:** Ms M. L. Mason

## **INQUIRY INTO WARRANT POWERS AND PROCEDURES**

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Referred by Order in Council on 3 June 2003.

To inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

1. Victoria's existing warrant powers and procedures, including arrest warrants, warrants to seize property and search warrants; and
2. Whether the existing laws should be amended, and in what way, having particular regard to the need to promote fairness, consistency and efficiency.

The Committee was initially required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2004. An extension has been granted with the report now required by the last day of the Autumn 2005 sittings of Parliament.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

- **drafting of final report**
- **forum of agencies involved in PERIN matters.**

### **Participants**

**Jelena Popovic *Magistrates' Court*, Deputy Chief Magistrate**

**Reg Marron *Magistrates' Court*, Magistrate**

**Caitlin English *Magistrates' Court*, Magistrate**

**Joseph Shields *Magistrates' Court*, Senior Diversion Co-ordinator**

**Trevor Ripper *Magistrates' Court*, PERIN Registrar**

**Annie Mereos *Magistrates' Court*, Special Circumstances List Co-ordinator**

**Anne Condon *Magistrates' Court*, Disability Co-ordinator**

**Margot Powell *DoI*, Legal Compliance**  
**Bill Jepperson *Public Transport Enforcement Forum*, Chair**  
**Ann Woods *DoI*, Senior Prosecutor**  
**Owen Harvey-Beavis *Municipal Association of Victoria***  
**Dennis Gazelle *Moreland City Council***  
**Emmett Dunne, *Victoria Police Prosecutions Division*, Superintendent**  
**Ron Ritchie *Police Traffic Camera Office***  
**Chris Gilsenan, *Police Traffic Camera Office*, Acting Senior Sergeant,**  
**Gary Sullivan *West Heidelberg Community Legal Centre*, Solicitor**  
**Godfrey Moase *Western Suburbs Legal Service*, Solicitor**  
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**Kate Colvin *VCOSS*, Policy Officer**  
**Basil Stafford, Defence Counsel**  
**Julia Griffiths *DoJ Community Operations and Strategy*, Executive Director**  
**Jennifer Chamberlin *DoJ Infringements Review Project*, Co-ordinator**  
**Steve Mitchell *TENIX Solutions*, Manager – Client Support.**

### ***Future Activities***

- **draft report to Committee for consideration**
- **Committee meetings to consider draft.**

### **INQUIRY INTO THE CORONER'S ACT 1985**

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Referred by Order in Council on 7 December 2004.

To inquire into and report to Parliament on the effectiveness of the Coroner's Act 1985 (the Act) and to consider whether the Act (excluding Part 9) provides an appropriate legislative framework for:

- (a) the independent investigation of deaths and fires in Victoria;
- (b) the making of recommendations to:
  - (i) prevent deaths and fires in Victoria; and
  - (ii) improve the safety of Victorians; and
- (c) the provision of support for the families, friends and others associated with a deceased person who is the subject of a coronial inquiry.

In particular, the Committee is required to recommend any areas where the Act should be amended or modernised to better meet the needs of the Community.

In making its inquiry the Committee should examine equivalent legislation and its operation in other jurisdictions.

The Committee is to make its final report to Parliament no later than 31 December 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

- further meeting with the Coroner
- appointment of a consultant to undertake a small research project to interview family members and friends of deceased persons who have been the subject of a coronial inquiry.

### ***Future Activities***

- International study tour
- Public hearings.

## **INQUIRY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACT 1958**

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Referred by Order in Council on 3 June 2003.

To inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

The **Administration and Probate Act 1958** and in particular to have regard to issues including, but not limited to:

1. the desirability of new legislation and procedures to deal with the administration of a deceased person's estate;
2. whether the act should be amended to provide alternative mechanisms for the resolution of disputes that involve small estates;
3. whether the Magistrates Court and the County Court should also be given jurisdiction to deal with grants of probate and administration and deal with disputes relating to wills; and
4. whether amendments are necessary in relation to the charges and commissions of solicitors who also act as executors.

The Committee was originally required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2004. An extension has been granted to the last sitting day of the Spring sittings 2006. The commencement of this inquiry has been delayed to await the final report of the National Committee for Uniform Succession Laws.

**Inquiry has not yet commenced.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Nil



# OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Mr D A Nardella and Hon K M Smith

Chairman: Mr Don Nardella MP

Executive Officer: Mr Sean Coley

## INQUIRY INTO BUILDING NEW COMMUNITIES

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Terms of reference – received by Order in Council on 18 January 2005.

To inquire into and report to Parliament on issues relating to strengthening communities through improved community engagement in outer urban areas, including both developing and established communities.

In particular, the Committee is requested to:

1. Investigate existing forms of community engagement and recommend ways to strengthen and empower communities and build social capital;
2. Examine the role of community groups and all levels of government in promoting community engagement, with a view to strengthening outer suburban communities;
3. Investigate the role of new forms of communication, including the Internet and associated technologies, in supporting and enhancing community engagement;
4. Identify opportunities for increasing community engagement between Melbourne's outer suburban municipalities and communities;
5. Identify barriers to participate in various forms of community engagement and ways to overcome these barriers;
6. Investigate and report into how life-long learning, neighbourhood houses and other organisations can strengthen local communities;
7. Investigate and report on options for engaging, with a culturally diverse community, older persons, people with a disability and youth in the local community;
8. The role of volunteers and volunteer organisations in strengthening local communities;
9. The role of mentoring in the outer suburbs;
10. Examine national and international initiatives relevant to these issues; and
11. Investigate the implications of building new outer urban communities, on community cohesion in nearby rural communities, particularly during the transition period from rural to urban.

The Committee is to make its final report to Parliament no later than 31 March 2006.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

**The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne on 2 May 2005 with the following witnesses:**

- **Victorian Local Governance Association: Mr Andrew Rowe, Chief Executive Officer and Ms C. Murrell, Policy Advisor**
- **Youth Affairs Council of Victoria: Ms Georgie Ferrari, Chief Executive Officer and Ms Jen Rose, Policy Officer**
- **Brotherhood of St.Laurence: Dr Janet Stanley, Research and Policy Project Officer and Ms C. Eadie, Social Policy student**
- **Centre for Community Networking Research, Monash University: Mr Larry Stillman, Research Fellow and Professor Don Schauder, Chair of CCNR**

**The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne on 9 May 2005 with the following witnesses:**

- **Victorian Council of School Organisations: Ms Jacinta Cashen, President**
- **Volunteer Alliance: Ms Kat O'Reilly, Chief Executive Officer Ashburton Support Services and Ms Georgia Cheal, Acting Co-ordinator**
- **Regional Cities Victoria: Cr Anne McCamish, Mayor City of Greater Shepparton, Mr Dennis Wapling, Community Services Officer and Mr Don Sharples, Secretary Regional Cities Victoria**
- **Northern Migrant Resource Centre: Ms Stephanie Lagos, Chief Executive Officer**

**The Committee held a public forum in Mornington Peninsula on 10 May 2005 with the following witnesses:**

- **Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mr Joe Cauchi, Director of Sustainable Communities**
- **Mornington Peninsula Community Connections, Dr John Murphy**
- **Mornington Peninsula Baptist Church Community Caring Inc., Mr Toby Baxter**
- **Frankston-Mornington Peninsula LLEN, Ms Pat O'Connell, Executive Officer**
- **Sorrento Community Centre, Ms Tracey Trueman, Manager**
- **Peninsula Community Legal Centre, Ms Jackie Galloway, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Ms Andrea Florence, Volunteer and Education Manager**
- **Rye Beach Community Centre, Ms Amanda Worthington and Ms L. Clancy**
- **Wongabeena Association, Ms D. Johnstone and Ms M. Williams**
- **Resident, Ms Jane Clarke**

**The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne on 16 May 2005 with the following witnesses:**

- **Moorabool Shire Council, Mr Robert Dobrzynski, Chief Executive Officer and Cr Michael Tudball**
- **Dennis Family Corporation, Mr Neil O'Connor, General Manager, Development**
- **Australian Red Cross, Victoria, Ms Fran Brewster, Human Resources Manager and Mr Tom Greenwood, Research and Development Consultant**

- University of Queensland, Dr. Geoff Woolcock, Boilerhouse, CSRC

The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne on 23 May 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Berry Street Victoria, Ms Di Ford, Manager, Hume Community Programmes and Mr Mario deSanta-ana, Manager, Practice Development, Research and Evaluation
- Deakin University, Professor John Catford, Dean Faculty of Health & Behavioural Studies
- Scouts Australia – Victoria Branch, Mr Alston Park OAM, Chief Commissioner for Victoria and Mr Adrian Walsh, Project Commissioner, Branch Headquarters Team
- Disability Support and Housing Alliance, Mr Bernd Bartl

The Committee held a public forum at Yarra Ranges on 30 May 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council, Shire Officers, Alison Cran, Chris Dupe, Mark Doubleday and Simon Holloway
- Morrison House, Jan Simmons
- Burrinja Community and Cultural Centre, Ross Farnell
- VISTA Community Leadership Program, Ruth Woods
- River Valley Church, Viki Perre, Andi Bennett and Anne Monichon

#### **COMMITTEE STAFF ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING SYMPOSIUM:**

18 May 2005, Government & Communities in Partnership: the next steps. Held at Whitley College, Melbourne, organised by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Centre for Public Policy.

#### ***Future Activity***

The Committee will hold public forums at the following councils:

Wyndham City Council on 1 June, Melton Shire Council on 8 June, Cardinia Shire Council on 9 June, Hume City Council on 20 June and Whittlesea City Council on 23 June 2005.

The Committee will hold a public hearing on 27 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Djerriwarrh Employment and Education Services, Mr Brian Beveridge, Chief Executive Officer
- Space Syntax, Mr Martin Butterworth, Managing Director
- Lend Lease Communities, Mr Bryce Moore, General Manager, Victoria

The Committee will hold a public hearing on 30 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Country Fire Authority, Ms Naomi Brown, Director of Community Safety
- University of Melbourne, Dr John Toumbourou, Associate Professor, Centre for Adolescent Health.

**COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE RECEIVED**

The government responded to the report: Inquiry into sustainable urban design for new communities in outer suburban areas, on 16 May 2005.

# **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

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## **2005-06 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968*, section 4F (1) (b).

### ***Activities during May 2005***

**On 5 May 2005 the Committee organised a briefing for Members of Parliament on the State Budget for 2005-06.**

**Departmental responses to the Committee's budget estimates questionnaire received.**

**Background briefing papers on the budget estimates for various portfolios prepared.**

**Estimates hearings were held with the following Ministers and departmental officers:**

### ***10 May 2005***

**Mrs J. Maddigan, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**

**Ms M. Gould, President of the Legislative Council**

**Mr R. Purdey, Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly**

**Mr W. Tunnecliffe, Clerk of the Legislative Council**

**Dr S. O'Kane, Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services**

**Hon S. Bracks, Premier**

**Mr T Moran, Secretary of Department of Premier and Cabinet**

**Dr R. Ben-David, Deputy Secretary, Sector Improvement, Department of Premier and Cabinet**

**Mr P. Harmsworth, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, State Services Authority**

**Hon S. Bracks, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Minister responsible for Veterans Affairs**

**Mr Y. Blacher, Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities**

**Mr J. MacIsaac, Director, Senior Victorians and Veterans, Department for Victorian Communities**

**Ms B. Mountjouris, Director, Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs**

***11 May 2005***

**Hon J. Brumby, Minister for State and Regional Development and Minister for Innovation**

**Ms F. Thorn, Secretary of Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**

**Ms J. Niall, Deputy Secretary, Business Development, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**

**Mr K. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**

**Hon J. Brumby, Treasurer**

**Mr I. Little, Secretary of Department of Treasury and Finance**

**Mr S. Helgeby, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, Department of Treasury and Finance**

**Mr J. Byrne, Director, Revenue Policy, Economic and Financial Policy, Department of Treasury and Finance**

**Mr R. Kerr, Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission**

**Hon B. Pike, Minister for Health**

**Ms P. Faulkner, Secretary of Department of Human Services**

**Mr L. Wallace, Executive Director, Financial and Corporate Services, Department of Human Services**

**Mr S. Solomon, Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care, Department of Human Services**

**Dr C. Brook, Executive Director, Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services, Department of Human Services**

***12 May 2005***

**Hon P. Batchelor, Minister for Transport**

**Mr H. Ronaldson, Secretary of Department of Infrastructure**

**Dr A. Smith, Deputy Secretary, Capital, Department of Infrastructure**

**Mr B. McDonald, Executive Director, Corporate Resources, Department of Infrastructure**

**Mr J. Betts, Director, Public Transport, Department of Infrastructure**

**Mr D. Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, VicRoads**

**Hon R. Cameron, Minister for Agriculture**

**Mr P. Harris, Secretary of Department of Primary Industries**

**Mr D. Seymour, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Management, Department of Primary Industries**

**Dr B. Kefford, Deputy Secretary, Regional Services and Agriculture, Department of Primary Industries**

**Mr S. Condron, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Primary Industries**

**Dr P. Appleford, Executive Director, Fisheries Victoria**

**Dr C. Noble, Executive Director, Primary Industries Research Victoria, Department of Primary Industries**

***13 May 2005***

**Hon J. Thwaites, Minister for Victorian Communities**

**Mr Y. Blacher, Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities**  
**Dr C. Lane, Executive Director, Community Strengthening and Volunteering,**  
**Department for Victorian Communities**  
**Mr S. Gregory, Chief Finance Officer, Department for Victorian Communities**

**Hon J. Thwaites, Minister for Environment and Minister for Water**  
**Mr K. Love, Acting Secretary of Department of Sustainability and Environment**  
**Ms S. Jaquinot, Acting Secretary of Department of Sustainability and Environment**  
**Mr A. McDonald, Chief Finance Officer, Department of Sustainability and Environment**  
**Mr G. Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Water Sector, Department of Sustainability and Environment**

**Hon. T. Holding, Minister for Corrections**  
**Ms P. Armytage , Secretary of Department of Justice**  
**Mr A. Clayton, Executive Director, Police, Emergency Services and Corrections, Department of Justice**

**Hon T. Holding, Minister for Police and Emergency Services**  
**Chief Commissioner C. Nixon, Victoria Police**  
**Ms P. Armytage , Secretary of Department of Justice**  
**Mr A. Clayton, Executive Director, Police, Emergency Services and Corrections, Department of Justice**

***16 May 2005***

**Hon L. Kosky, Minister for Education and Training**  
**Hon J. Allan, Minister for Education Services**  
**Mr Grant Hehir, Secretary of Department of Education and Training**  
**Mr John Sullivan, General Manager, Strategic Policy and Planning, Office of Strategy and Review, Department of Education and Training**  
**Mr Jeff Rosewarne, Deputy Secretary, Office of Resources, Management and Strategy, Department of Education and Training**  
**Hon A. Haermeyer, Minister for Manufacturing and Export and Minister for Financial Services**  
**Ms F. Thorn, Secretary of Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**  
**Dr L. Williams, Deputy Secretary, Business Support, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**  
**Mr B. Mapperson, Executive Director, Office of Service Industries, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**

***23 May 2005***

**Hon A. Haermeyer, Minister for Small Business**  
**Ms F. Thorn, Secretary of Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**  
**Dr L. Williams, Deputy Secretary, Business Support, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development**  
**Mr M. Brennan, Small Business Commissioner**

***31 May 2005***

**Mr J. Lenders, Minister for Major Projects**  
**Mr H. Ronaldson, Secretary of Department of Infrastructure**

Dr A. Smith, Deputy Secretary, Capital, Department of Infrastructure  
 Mr B. McDonald, Executive Director, Corporate Resources, Department of Infrastructure  
 Mr J. Cain, Executive Director, Major Projects Victoria, Department of Infrastructure  
 Mr J. Tabart, Chief Executive Officer, VicUrban, Department of Infrastructure

Mr J. Lenders, Minister for WorkCover  
 Mr A. Fronsko, Director, Financial Risk Management and Policy, Department of Treasury and Finance  
 Mr S. Grant, Chief Executive Officer, Transport Accident Commission  
 Mr G. Tweedly, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian WorkCover Authority

Mr J. Lenders, Minister for Finance  
 Mr I. Little, Secretary of Department of Treasury and Finance  
 Mr S. Helgeby, Deputy Secretary, Budget and Financial Management, Department of Treasury and Finance  
 Mr W. Hodgson, Deputy Secretary, Commercial Division, Department of Treasury and Finance

***Future Activities***

Public hearings scheduled for the following dates:

DATE AND TIME	MINISTER	PORTFOLIO
Wednesday 1 June 9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Hon. Rob Hulls	Minister for Industrial Relations
	Hon. Rob Hulls	Minister for Planning
	Hon. Rob Hulls	Attorney-General
Wednesday 1 June 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Hon. Mary Delahunty	Minister for the Arts
	Hon. Mary Delahunty	Minister for Women's Affairs
Thursday 2 June 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Hon. Sherryl Garbutt	Minister for Community Services
	Hon. Sherryl Garbutt	Minister for Children
Friday 3 June 9.30 am to 11.45 am	Hon. Candy Broad	Minister for Local Government
	Hon. Candy Broad	Minister for Housing
Friday 3 June 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm	Hon. Gavin Jennings	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
	Hon. Gavin Jennings	Minister for Aged Care
Wednesday 8 June 9.30 am to 11.30 am	Hon. Theo Theophanous	Minister for Resources
	Hon. Theo Theophanous	Minister for Energy Industries
Wednesday 8 June 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Hon. Justin Madden	Minister for Sport and Recreation
	Hon. Justin Madden	Minister for Commonwealth Games
Thursday 9 June 9.30 am to 11.30 am	Hon. Marsha Thomson	Minister for Information and Communication Technology
	Hon. Marsha Thomson	Minister for Consumer Affairs

Thursday 9 June 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm	Hon. John Pandazopoulos	Minister for Tourism
	Hon. John Pandazopoulos	Minister for Gaming and Racing
Tuesday 21 June 10.00 am to 11.00 am	Hon. Jacinta Allan	Minister for Employment
	Hon. Jacinta Allan	Minister for Youth Affairs

On 1 June 2005 follow-up questions forwarded to the Minister for Education and Training; Minister for Education Services; Minister for Corrections; Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Minister for Multicultural Affairs; Minister for Agriculture; Minister for Victorian Communities; Minister for Environment; Minister for Water; Presiding Officers of the Parliament.

Background briefing papers for the remaining portfolios to be prepared.

Follow-up questions to be forwarded to Ministers.

Draft report to be prepared.

## **REVIEW OF AUDITOR–GENERAL’S REPORTS**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activities during May 2005***

On 2 May 2005, the Committee considered and adopted the revised draft of the easy English version of the recommendations contained in the report on Services for people with an intellectual disability. Report distributed to interested individuals. Report available through the Committee’s website.

The draft report on parliamentary control and management of appropriations was completed and forwarded to the Chair to review.

### ***Future Activities***

Draft report on parliamentary control and management of appropriations to be considered by the Committee.

The Auditor-General to brief the Committee on a number of VAGO reports.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN THE VICTORIAN PUBLIC SECTOR**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activities during May 2005***

On 2 May 2005, the Committee considered, amended and adopted the draft report.

On 19 May 2005, the report was tabled in Parliament.

Report distributed to interested stakeholders and all government agencies.

### ***Future Activity***

Await the Government’s response to the Committee’s recommendations.

## **PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activity during May 2005***

**Continued revising chapters of the report.**

### ***Future Activity***

**Report to be completed and considered by the Committee.**

## **STATUTORY INDEPENDENT OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT LEGISLATION**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activity during May 2005***

**The draft report on statutory independent officers of Parliament was completed and forwarded to the Chair to review.**

### ***Future Activities***

**Draft report to be considered by the Committee.**

## **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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Source of reference: *Audit Act 1994*, sections 17(1) and 19(2).

### ***Activity during May 2005***

**On 31 May 2005, the Committee considered the Auditor-General's response to the Committee's comments on the VAGO draft annual plan for 2005-06.**

### ***Future Activity***

**The Committee to undertake a review of the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the independent auditor on the performance audit of the VAGO and discuss the report with the Auditor-General.**

## **OTHER MATTERS**

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### ***Activities during May 2005***

**On 18 May 2005, the Executive Officer briefed Ms Terengaiti, a Committee Secretary from the Parliament of Kiribati.**

**On 19 May 2005 the Committee met with the members of the NSW Public Accounts Committee and NSW Public Bodies Committee to discuss various issues.**

**On 27 May 2005, the Executive Officer briefed a delegation of senior public officials from Indonesia on the work of the Committee.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES**

Report on the review of the Auditor-General's special report no. 51 – Victorian Rural Ambulance Services: fulfilling a vital community need – Response due May 2005.

Report on the review of the Auditor-General's report on Services for people with an intellectual disability – Response due June 2005.

**Report on the 2003-04 Budget Outcomes – Response due October 2005.**

## **GOVERNMENT RESPONSE RECEIVED**

**Report on the 2004-05 Budget Estimates – Response tabled 11 May 2005.**



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**Chair:** Mr Ian Trezise, MP

**Executive Officer:** Ms A Douglas

## COUNTRY ROAD TOLL

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 5 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

- (a) the incidence and causative role of speed, drugs, alcohol and fatigue in rural road crashes;
- (b) the role of the road and roadside environment in the causation and severity of crashes;
- (c) the role and potential contribution to crash causation of vehicle features such as cruise control and in car navigation systems;
- (d) the extent and effectiveness of enforcement activities in country Victoria;
- (e) measures which could be introduced to reduce the incidence and severity of crashes; and
- (f) the need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of this inquiry -

and, in conducting the inquiry, the committee is to seek information from government and non-government agencies, local government, motoring organisations and the community. In particular, the committee is requested to examine measures being developed and implemented in other jurisdictions and countries with significant and comparable rural road networks.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

#### **Deliberation of draft report continued**

**Draft report was adopted by the Committee on 18 May 2005**

**The report was tabled on 26 May 2005.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Report on Crashes Involving Roadside Objects – Response due September 2005.

Report on the Country Road Toll – Response due November 2005.

# **RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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Hon Dr D N Naphine and Mr P L Walsh*

**Chair:** Mr Ben Hardman MP

**Executive Officer:** Ms Lilian Topic

## **INQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE OF FATALITY AND INJURY ON VICTORIAN FARMS**

Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 6 May 2003 (amended 3 June 2003, further amended 16 December 2003 and 31 August 2004), for inquiry, consideration and report to Parliament on:

1. The main causes of fatality and injury on Victorian farms compared to other jurisdictions.
2. The matter and type of injuries on Victorian farms compared to other industries and jurisdictions.
3. Current programs and initiatives designed to improve occupational health and safety on Victorian farms.
4. Any impediments to sustaining improvements in farm safety.
5. The financial and social cost of death and injury on Victorian farms.
6. The need for further strategies to reduce the incidence of injury and fatality on Victorian farms, what form the strategy should take and whether they are best developed by government agencies, industry bodies, worker representatives or a combination of these. In particular the committee should consider the creation of further codes of practice or education and training programs.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 June 2005.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

- **The Committee considered drafts of Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Farm Safety Report**
- **Maps are being developed for the Farm Safety Report.**

### ***Future activities***

- **Members to consider further draft chapters**
- **Continue drafting chapters.**

## **INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BUSINESS**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 3 June 2003, for inquiry, consideration and report to Parliament on:

The potential benefits to Victorian regional businesses from improved access to telecommunications infrastructure and services, in particular broadband infrastructure and services, and highlight any impediments that may stop businesses realising this potential. To this end, the Committee should consider the core issues of the:

1. current availability of telecommunication services at affordable prices for businesses in Victorian regional areas;
2. current availability of adequate telecommunications infrastructure for businesses in Victorian regional areas;
3. current level of competition in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets in Victorian regional areas;
4. current level of utilisation of available telecommunication infrastructure in regional Victoria;
5. effect that competition, in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets, has on the provision of telecommunication services to businesses in Victorian regional areas; and
6. effect that the current regulatory environment has on competition, in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets, in Victorian regional areas;

To make recommendations on any necessary or desirable actions that could be taken to assist Victorian regional businesses to be able to take advantage of any benefits from improved access to telecommunications infrastructure and services that may be identified.

The Committee should have regard to other reports that examine this matter in Victoria and other jurisdictions as well as on a national level and in particular:

1. The Telecommunications Services Inquiry 2000 (Besley);
2. The Regional Telecommunications Inquiry 2002 (Estens); and
3. "Australia's Broadband Connectivity" 2003 (Broadband Advisory Group).

This Inquiry has been proposed to examine the above matters with a focus on identifying growth opportunities for Victorian regional businesses through improving access to telecommunication services and infrastructure by improving the Victorian regional telecommunication market environment.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2004.

### ***Activities during May 2005***

- The Committee has received an extension to its reporting date. The Committee must now report to Parliament by 31 March 2006. The Order appeared in the Victorian Government Gazette on 12 May 2005
- Organisation of public hearings for 18 July
- Organisation and planning of a regional visit to Gippsland for 8 and 9 June
- Work towards an overseas visit in July/August 2005
- Attendance by a Sub-Committee at the Australian Telecommunications Users Group Conference in Canberra.

### ***Future activities***

- Literature and submission review to be completed
- Further public hearings to be organised for 2005
- Regional and rural visits to be organised for 2005
- Work on planning the overseas visit.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Country Football – Response due June 2005.



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Mr P. J. Lockwood, Mr A. J. McIntosh, Mr J. Perera and Mr M.  
H. Thompson (Deputy Chair).*

**Chair:** Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP

**Executive Officer:** Andrew Homer

## FULL COMMITTEE

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### *Activity during May 2005*

#### The Committee met:

- **2 May 2005, where it considered and adopted Alert Digest No. 5 of 2005 concerning the following Bills:**
  - Children and Young Persons (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill**
  - City of Melbourne (Amendment) Bill**
  - Commonwealth Games Arrangements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill**
  - Courts Legislation (Judicial Pensions) Bill**
  - Electoral Legislation (Further Amendment) Bill**
  - Higher Education Acts (Amendment) Bill**
  - Local Government (Amendment) Bill**
  - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Bill**
  - Magistrates' Court (Judicial Registrars and Court Rules) Bill**
  - National Parks (Point Nepean) Bill**
  - Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Bill**
- **16 May 2005, where it considered and adopted Alert Digest No. 6 of 2005 concerning the following Bills:**
  - Appropriation (2005/2006) Bill**
  - Appropriation (Parliament 2005/2006) Bill**
  - Emergency Services Superannuation (Amendment) Bill**

**Energy Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill**  
**Fisheries (Abalone) Bill**  
**Gabling Regulation (Public Lottery Licenses) Bill**  
**House Contracts Guarantee (Amendment) Bill**  
**Primary Industries Acts (Amendment) Bill**  
**Road Safety (Further Amendment) Bill**  
**Sex Offenders Registration (Amendment) Bill**  
**Tobacco (Amendment) Bill**  
**Transport Legislation (Further Amendment) Bill**

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

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### **Equal Opportunity**

Subcommittee of the whole Committee

#### ***Activity during May 2005***

- **The Subcommittee met on 23 May 2005 to consider the draft Interim Report.**

### **Redundant Legislation**

Mr Murray Thompson MP (Chair)  
Hon. Lidia Argondizzo MLC  
Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Mr Michael Leighton MP  
Mr Andrew McIntosh MP

#### ***Activity during May 2005***

- **The Subcommittee has completed its references and currently has no inquiry before it.**

### **Regulation Review**

Mr Peter Lockwood MP (Chair)  
Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Mr Ken Jasper MP  
Hon. Andrew Brideson MLC  
Mr Jude Perera MP

#### ***Activity during May 2005***

- **The Subcommittee met on 9 May 2005, where it considered and approved the following regulations –**

#### **Statutory Rules 2005**

**SR No. 1 – Subordinate Legislation (Corrections (Police Gaols) Regulations 1995 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2005**

**SR No. 2 – Subordinate Legislation (Victoria State Emergency Service Regulations 1995 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2005**

- SR No. 4 – Health (Infectious Diseases)(Further Amendment) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 5 – Magistrates’ Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.12) Rules 2005**
- SR No. 6 – Petroleum (Amendment) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 7 – Supreme Court (Chapter VI Amendment No.6) Rules 2005**
- SR No. 10 – Magistrates’ Court General (Amendment) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 11 – Mineral Resources Development (Amendment) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 12 – Fisheries (Levies)(Amendment) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 14 – Subordinate Legislation (Trustee Companies Regulations 1995 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2005**
- SR No. 15 – Magistrates’ Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.13) Rules 2005**
- SR No. 16 – Public Administration (Reviews) Regulations 2005**
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