



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATIONS

To 30 June 2005

55th Parliament

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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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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 June 2005

- **Discussion Paper continued to be circulated**
- **Drafting of Final Report continued**
- **The Committee Chair together with the Executive Officer and Research Officer met with Ms Jill Gallagher, Executive Director, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), on 10 June 2005**
- **Public Hearing with Mr Gordon Broderick, Executive Director, Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia (DSICA) and Mr Warwick Ryan, Director of Indirect Tax, KPMG, on 20 June 2005**

- Youth Forum held on 20 June 2005 with students from Princes Hill Secondary College and Assumption College in Kilmore. The Forum was also attended by representatives from the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria
- Research Officer attended the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association Older People and Drugs Forum - 'Older but not forgotten?' on 21 June
- Organisation of interstate evidence seeking trip to Brisbane.

Future Activity

- Drafting of Final Report continued
- Participation in an Indigenous Forum
- Organisation of further public hearings in Melbourne and Regional centres in Victoria.

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.

Activities during June 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

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Chairman: Mr. Tony Robinson, MP

Executive Officer: Dr. Russell Solomon

INQUIRY INTO LABOUR HIRE EMPLOYMENT IN VICTORIA

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 June 2005

31 written submissions received as at 31 May 2005

13 written responses received as at 31 May 2005.

Future Activity

Final Report adopted on 20 June 2005 awaiting tabling.

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

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.

Activities during June 2005

20 written submissions received as at 30 June 2005.

Public Hearings held in Melbourne:

20 June 2005

- Racing Victoria Limited
- Martin O'Connor & Partners
- Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria

Regional Informal Forum, Public Hearings and Site Visits –

Informal forum held at Nagambie on 21 June 2005 to meet with interested parties involved in the breeding industry.

Public Hearings held in Nagambie on 22 June 2005:

- Kisimul Farm
- Paringa Park
- Collingrove
- Moyola Park

Site Visits in the Strathbogie region:

21 June 2005

- Yallabee Stud, Romsey
- Eliza Park Stud, Kerrie
- Chatswood Stud, Seymour
- Goulburn Park Stud, Nagambie

22 June 2005

- Phoenix Broodmare, Euroa
- Seven Creeks Estate, Euroa

Regional Informal Forum and Site Visits in Western Victoria

Informal forum held in Hamilton to meet with interested parties involved in the breeding industry.

23 June 2005

- Wyndholm Park, Mt. Rowan
- Mr. Peter Armytage, former VRC Chairman

24 June 2005

- Claremont Thoroughbreds, Balmoral
- Yuruga Bloodstock, Great Western

Future Activities

Visit to New Zealand to meet with representatives from the horse breeding and racing industries, government officials and site visits

Melbourne Public Hearings – 8, 15 and 22 June 2005.

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Chair: Steve Herbert MP

Executive Officer: Karen Ellingford

PROMOTION OF MATHS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

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 June 2005

The Committee completed an extensive meeting program in Perth. This included meetings with Scitech, University of Western Australia, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia, Science Teachers Association of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology, Curriculum Council, Office of Science & Innovation, Department of Education & Training, Murdoch University, Lynwood Senior High School, Mathematical Association of Western Australia and Kent Street Senior High School

The Committee visited the site of the Synchrotron for a tour and briefing with senior representatives on Friday 10 June. The Committee then held public hearings at Monash University, with representatives of Monash University's Education Faculty and the Project for Enhancing Effective Learning (PEEL)

The Committee conducted public hearings in Melbourne on Monday 20 June, with representatives of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, Mathematical Education Research Group of Australasia, Victorian Schools Innovation Commission and the Australian Institute of Physics.

Future Activity

The Committee will be represented at the Australian Science Teachers Association 54th Conference at University of Melbourne from 4-7 July and the Mathematical Education Research Group of Australasia at RMIT University from 7-9 July

The Committee will continue public hearings in Melbourne and regional centres throughout July and August. The Committee will also hold open forums at Balwyn High School on 25 July, Bendigo Town Hall on 1 August and the Shepparton Science & Technology Centre (McGuire College) on 2 August

The Committee will commence planning the outline and content for the final report.

COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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

Activity during June 2005

The Chair and the Executive Officer met with the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Vocational Training at Parliament House in Canberra to discuss the Committee's findings and recommendations. The House of Representatives Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into teacher education, which has some aspects in its terms of reference that are directly related to the recently completed work of this Committee.

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Chair: Ms J M Lindell, MP

Executive Officer: Dr Caroline Williams

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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 June 2005

- **Report tabled in Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council on 14 June**
- **Report distributed to 300 organisations and individuals.**

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and Mr D Wilson*

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

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 June

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

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 June

Adoption of Report.

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 June

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 - Government Response received 15 June 2005.

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Chairman: Mr R. Hudson, MP

Executive Officer: Ms M. L. Mason

INQUIRY INTO WARRANT POWERS AND PROCEDURES

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 31 October 2005.

Activities during June 2005

- Drafting of final report.

Future Activities

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

INQUIRY INTO THE CORONERS ACT 1985

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 was initially required to report to Parliament by 31 December 2005. An extension has been granted with the report now required by 1 June 2006.

Activities during June 2005

- **The Committee is undertaking an international study tour of Canada, England, Republic of Ireland and Republic of Finland, as part of the Inquiry into the Coroners Act 1985, from 18 June to 7 July**

The Committee is meeting with the following people and organisations:

Canada:

Dr Barry McLellan, Chief Coroner for Ontario, Dr Ray Prime, Director Centre of Forensic Science, Ontario, Dr Mathew Bowes, Acting Chief Medical Examiner, Halifax, Hon Michael Baker QC, Minister of Justice, Halifax, Mr Doug Keefe QC, Deputy Minister of Justice, Halifax and Mr Jonathan Davies, Department of Justice, Halifax.

United Kingdom:

Mr Eric Strain, Coroners Service Branch, Northern Ireland Court Service, Ms Helen Shaw and Ms Deborah Coles, Co-Directors, INQUEST, Mr Tony Woolfenden, Head of Coroners Unit, Department of Constitutional Affairs, Coroners Society of England and Wales and Lady Justice Smith, Chair of the Shipman Inquiry.

Republic of Ireland:

Mr Brendan MacNamarra, Principal Officer, Civil Law Reform Division, Department of Justice and Coroners Society of Ireland.

Republic of Finland:

Dr Erkki Vuori, Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Helsinki, Dr Erkki Tiainen, Forensic Pathologist' Provincial State Office of Southern Finland and Ms Hilda Ahonen, Statistics Finland.

- **Further meeting with the State Coroner**
- **Consultancy is undertaking a small research project to interview family members and friends of deceased persons who have been the subject of a coronial inquiry.**

Future Activities

- **Public hearings.**

INQUIRY INTO THE *ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACT 1958*

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

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INQUIRY INTO BUILDING NEW COMMUNITIES

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 June 2005

The Committee held a public forum in Wyndham on 1 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Wyndham City Council, Mr Ian Robins, Chief Executive Officer, Cr Cynthia Manson, Mr Bryan Berry, Manager-Social Development, Mr Corey Becker, Youth Planning Officer
- Derrimut Heath Primary School, Ms Julie Mason, Chair-Quality Community Task Force, Mr Cory Becker, Youth Planning Officer
- Quantin Binnah Community Centre, Mr Norm Arnold, Chair
- Iramoo Community Centre, Mr Peter Maynard, Chair
- Western Region Environment Centre, Mr Bernie Fox and Mr Harry Van Moorst
- Wyndham Action Planners, Ms Lori McLean
- Wyndham Lodge Community Aged Care, Mr Ken McDonald, President-Board of Directors and Ms Brenda Arch, Director
- ISIS Primary Care Health Service, Mr Terry O'Bryan
- Youth Task Force, Mr Tim Mohan
- Wyndham Industrial Liaison & Development Committee, Mr Barry Harvey

The Committee held a public forum in Melton on 8 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Melton Shire Council, Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, Ms Emma Healey, General Manager-Community Services, Mr Luke Shannon, General Manager-Planning & Development, Ms Becker, Manager-Planning, Mr Tony Ball, Manager-Family, Youth Social Development & Housing, Ms Pam Newton, Manager-Aged & Disability Services
- Victoria University Melton campus, Professor Ron Adams, Head of Campus, Dr Kate White, Senior Project Officer
- Brimbank-Melton Local Learning & Employment Network, Ms Shanti Wong, Executive Officer
- Brimbank-Melton Primary Care Partnerships, Ms Judy Gregurke, Mr Bruce Wilson
- Combined Churches Caring Melton, Ms Denise Morris
- Country Fire Authority, Mr Lex de Man, Area Manager, Mr J. Deering, Operations Manager, Mr James Fox, Manager-Community Safety
- State Emergency Service, Ms Deborah Warren, Deputy Controller Operations

The Committee held a public forum in Cardinia on 9 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Cardinia Shire Council, Mr Don Welsh, Chief Executive Officer
- U3A Network Pakenham, Mr Ron Topp, President
- YMCA, Mr Haydn Robbins, Group Manager
- Pakenham Rotary Club, Ms Lyn Squires, Secretary
- Cardinia Family Day Care, Ms Margaret Aveling, Manager
- Cardinia Combined Churches Caring, Ms Jeni Mathieson, Manager
- Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten, Ms Cheryl Hampton, President
- Emerald Evergreens Senior Citizens Club, Ms Gloria Avard, President
- Outlook Inc., Mr Tony Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer

- Officer Recreation Reserve, Mr Rob Porter
- Big House Communities, Mr Andre Van Eymeren
- Cardinia Cluster of Neighbourhood Houses, Ms Judith Brown

The Committee held a public forum in Hume on 20 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Hume City Council, Cr Kevin Sheahan, Mayor, Mr Darrell Treloar, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Frank Dixon, Executive Director, Ms Nicole Mahony, Director-City Communities
- Dianella Community Health Services, Mr Mark Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer
- Craigieburn Brotherhood of St Laurence, Ms Eileen Buckley, Manager
- Orana Family Services, Mr Chris McDonnell, Chief Executive Officer
- Broadmeadows Uniting Care, Mr Phil Conrick, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee held a public forum in Whittlesea on 23 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Whittlesea City Council, Mr Graeme Brennan, Chief Executive Officer, Cr Sam Alessi, Mayor, Ms R. Spielman, Director-Community Services, Cr C. Hayes, Mr. J. Rawlings, Manager-Sustainable Planning
- Whittlesea Community Connections, Mr J. Ahmet, Manager
- Link Community Transport, Ms N. Staub, Executive Director
- Anglicare Plenty Valley, Mr M. Bosch, Acting Manager
- Kildonan Child and Family Services, Ms S. Avramopoulos, Senior Manager-Youth & Family Services
- Northern Migrant Resource Centre, Ms. S. Lagos, Chief Executive Officer
- Neami Whittlesea, Ms. S. Tsopanas, Manager, Mr J. Cassar
- North East Neighbourhood House Network, Ms M. Robb, Networker
- Plenty Valley Community Health Service, Mr M. Lee, Manager, Mr. M. Post, Executive Administration
- The Northern Hospital, Mr. H. Bryce, Executive Administration

The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne 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
- Upper Yarra Community House, Ms Sally Brennan, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee held a public hearing in Melbourne on 30 June 2005 with the following witnesses:

- Pony Club Association Victoria, Mr Jim Hurley, Acting President
- APRA Over 50s Association, Mr Neville Daynes
- Country Fire Authority, Ms Naomi Brown, Director of Community Safety
- University of Melbourne, Dr John Toumbourou, Associate Professor, Centre for Adolescent Health

On 6-7 June 2005, two of the Committee Staff and the Chair, Mr Don Nardella MP, attended the Conference "Communities in Control."

Future Activity:

The Committee will hold a public forum in Nillumbik on 5 July 2005 with the following witnesses:

- **Nillumbik Shire Council, Mr Greg Johnson, Mayor, Mr Bill Forrest, Chief Executive Officer, Ms Margaret Abbey, Manager, Mr Tom Young, Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Services, Mr Andrew Port, Acting Group Manager Environment & Planning Services, Cr Bill Penrose, Mr Adrian Cully, Manager Social & Cultural Development**
- **Nillumbik Community Think Tank, Ms Faye Shepherd**
- **Land Care Groups in Nillumbik, Mr John Huf**
- **Nillumbik Community Health Centre, Ms Amanda Murphy, Chief Executive Officer**
- **YMCA, Ms Linda Freake, Manager**
- **Yarra Plenty Library Service, Ms Christine Mackenzie, Chief Executive Officer**
- **Nillumbik Living and Learning Centres, Mr John Besley, Chairperson**
- **Country Fire Authority, Ms Kay Hawkins**

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2005-06 BUDGET ESTIMATES

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

Activities during June 2005

Background briefing papers on the budget estimates for various portfolios prepared

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

1 June 2005

Hon. R. Hulls, Minister for Industrial Relations

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

Mr B. Corney, Acting Deputy Secretary, Industrial Relations Victoria, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

Hon. R. Hulls, Attorney-General

Ms P. Armytage, Secretary of Department of Justice

Ms J. Griffith, Executive Director, Community Operations and Strategy, Department of Justice

Mr J. Griffin, Executive Director, Courts, Department of Justice

Ms E. Eldridge, Executive Director, Legal and Equity, Department of Justice

Hon. R. Hulls, Minister for Planning

Professor L. Neilson, Secretary of Department of Sustainability and Environment

Ms G. Overell, Deputy Secretary, Built Environment, Department of Sustainability and Environment

Mr A. McDonald, Acting Deputy Secretary, Resources and Regional Services, Department of Sustainability and Environment

**Mr P. McEwan, Executive Director, Planning Policy and Systems,
Department of Sustainability and Environment**

Hon. M. Delahunty, Minister for the Arts

**Ms P. Hutchinson Director, Arts Victoria, Department of Premier and
Cabinet**

**Mr D. Carmody, Deputy Director, Arts Victoria, Department of Premier
and Cabinet**

**Mr G. Andrews, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Arts Victoria,
Department of Premier and Cabinet**

Hon. M. Delahunty, Minister for Women's Affairs

Mr T. Healy, Acting Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities

**Mr S. Gregory, Chief Finance Officer, Department for Victorian
Communities**

**Ms S. Quek, Assistant Director, Office of Women's Policy Department for
Victorian Communities**

2 June 2005

Hon. S. Garbutt, Minister for Community Services

Ms P. Faulkner, Secretary of Department of Human Services

**Mr A. Rogers, Executive Director, Disability Services, Department of
Human Services**

**Ms P. White, Executive Director, Operations Division, Department of
Human Services**

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

Hon. S. Garbutt, Minister for Children

Ms P. Faulkner, Secretary of Department of Human Services

**Ms G. Callister, Executive Director, Office for Children, Department of
Human Services**

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

3 June 2005

Ms C. Broad, Minister for Local Government

Mr T. Healy, Acting Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities

**Ms P. Digby, Executive Director, Local Government Victoria, Department
for Victorian Communities**

**Mr S. Gregory, Chief Finance Officer, Department for Victorian
Communities**

Ms C. Broad, Minister for Housing

Ms P. Faulkner, Secretary of Department of Human Services

**Dr O. Donald, Executive Director, Housing and Community Building
Division, Department of Human Services**

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

**Mr K. Downie, Director, Strategy and Corporate Finance, Housing and
Community Building Division, Department of Human Services**

Mr G. Jennings, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Mr T. Healy, Acting Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities
Ms A. Jurjevic, Executive Director, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Department for Victorian Communities
Mr S. Gregory, Chief Finance Officer, Department for Victorian Communities

Mr G. Jennings, Minister for Aged Care
Mr J. Maclsaac, Director, Office of Senior Victorians, Department for Victorian Communities
Dr C. Brook, Executive Director, Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services, Department of Human Services
Mr L. Wallace, Executive Director, Financial and Corporate Services, Department of Human Services
Ms J. Herington, Director, Aged Care, Department of Human Services

8 June 2005

Hon. T. Theophanous, Minister for Resources
Mr D. Seymour, Acting Secretary of Department of Primary Industries
Dr R. Aldous, Executive Director, Minerals and Petroleum Division, Department of Primary Industries
Mr B. McDonald, Executive Director, Corporate Resources Division, Department of Primary Industries
Mr S. Condron, Chief Finance Officer, Department of Primary Industries

Hon. T. Theophanous, Minister for Energy Industries
Mr H. Ronaldson, Secretary of Department of Infrastructure
Mr B. McDonald, Executive Director, Corporate Services, Department of Infrastructure
Mr P. Clements, Manager, Retail Markets, Energy and Security Division, Department of Infrastructure

Hon. J. Madden, Minister for Sport and Recreation
Mr T. Healy, Acting Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities
Mr P. Hertan, Executive Director, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Department for Victorian Communities
Mr S. Gregory, Chief Finance Officer, Department for Victorian Communities

Hon. J. Madden, Minister for Commonwealth Games
Ms M. Sussex, Executive director, Office of Commonwealth Games Coordination, Department for Victorian Communities
Ms B. Glyn, Chief Finance Officer, Office of Commonwealth Games Coordination, Department for Victorian Communities
Ms J. Samms, Director, Office of Commonwealth Games Coordination, Department for Victorian Communities

9 June 2005

Hon. M. Thomson, Minister for Information and Communication Technology
Mr H. Ronaldson, Secretary of Department of Infrastructure
Mr B. McDonald, Executive Director, Corporate Resources, Department of Infrastructure

Mr R. Straw, Executive Director, Multimedia Victoria, Department of Infrastructure
Ms J. Treadwell, Chief Information Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Hon. M. Thomson, Minister for Consumer Affairs
Ms P. Armytage, Secretary of Department of Justice
Dr D. Cousins, Executive Director, Consumer Affairs Victoria, Department of Justice

Hon. J. Pandazopoulos, Minister for Tourism
Ms F. Thorn, Secretary of Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development
Ms L. Appleby, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Victoria, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

Hon. J. Pandazopoulos, Minister for Gaming and Minister for Racing
Ms P. Armytage, Secretary of Department of Justice
Mr R. Kennedy, Executive Director, Office of Gaming and Racing, Department of Justice

21 June 2005

Hon. J. Allan, Minister for Employment
Mr T. Healy, Deputy Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities
Ms E. Jensen, Executive Director, Employment Programs, Department for Victorian Communities
Mr S. Gregory, Chief Financial Officer, Department for Victorian Communities

Hon. J. Allan, Minister for Youth Affairs
Mr T. Healy, Deputy Secretary of Department for Victorian Communities
Ms L. Healy, director, Office for Youth, Department for Victorian Communities
Mr S. Gregory, Chief Financial Officer, Department for Victorian Communities

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

On 6 and 7 June 2005 follow-up questions forwarded to the Minister for Innovation; Minister for Veterans' Affairs; Minister for State and Regional Development; Transport

On 9 June 2005 follow-up questions forwarded to the Premier; the Treasurer

On 20 June 2005 follow-up questions forwarded to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Minister for Aged Care; Minister for Arts; Attorney-General; Minister for Children; Minister for Community Services; Minister for Energy Industries; Minister for Health; Minister for Industrial Relations; Minister for Manufacturing and Export; Minister for Planning; Minister for Resources;

Minister for Small Business; Minister for Women's Affairs; Minister for Work Cover

On 30 June 2005 follow-up questions forwarded to the Minister for Finance; Minister for Financial Services Industry; Minister for Gaming and Racing; Minister for Information and Communication Technology; Minister for Local Government; Minister for Major Projects; Minister for Tourism.

Future Activities

On 1 July 2005 follow-up questions to be forwarded to the Minister for Housing

On 4 July 2005 follow-up questions to be forwarded to the Minister for Commonwealth Games; Minister for Consumer Affairs; Minister for Employment; Minister for Youth Affairs; Minister for Sport and Recreation

Draft report to be prepared.

REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

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

Future Activities

On 15 August 2005, the 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

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

Activity during June 2005

Committee invited to give papers at conferences on Governance and Social Responsibility; and Integrated Governance.

Future Activity

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

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Activity during June 2005

Continued revising chapters of the report.

Future Activities

Complete the draft report

In late August 2005, the draft report to be considered by the Committee.

STATUTORY INDEPENDENT OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT LEGISLATION

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

Activity during June 2005

On 21 June 2005, the Committee considered the recommendations contained in the draft report and made a number of amendments.

Future Activities

Draft report to be revised

On 8 August 2005 the revised draft report on statutory independent officers of Parliament to be considered by the Committee.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

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

Future Activities

On 8 August 2005, a Sub-Committee will meet with officials from the Auditor-General's Office to discuss the draft specifications for the proposed performance audits on:

- maintenance, replacement and extension of sewerage infrastructure;
- condition and maintenance of public sector residential aged care facilities;
- strategic workforce management of Victorian Police

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

Future Activities

The Committee's 2004-05 annual report to be completed and considered by the Committee on 8 August 2005

The Committee to organise and participate in a study program for the members and staff of the Public Accounts Committee of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa during the period 24 to 26 August 2005.

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 2003-04 Budget Outcomes – Response due October 2005.

Report on Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector – Response due November 2005.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE RECEIVED

Report on the review of the Auditor-General's report on Services for people with an intellectual disability – Response tabled 14 June 2005.

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COUNTRY ROAD TOLL

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.

Activity during June 2005

Report was distributed widely, within Victoria and overseas.

Other Activities

The Chair, Deputy Chair, two Members and the Executive Officer attended a two day international conference on Driver Distraction, held at the New South Wales Parliament

The Committee has decided to self-generate an inquiry. In 1999 the previous Road Safety Committee conducted an inquiry into pedestrian safety and tabled a report with 21 recommendations. The Government Response to the report was tabled May 2000, supporting 20 of the recommendations in full or in part. The Committee will undertake a review of the recommendations made in the report, *Walking Safely, Inquiry into the Incidence and Prevention of Pedestrian Accidents*, and the Government Response.

Future Activities

Advertisements inviting submissions for the Review of Walking Safely – Inquiry into the Incidence and Prevention of Pedestrian Accidents will be placed in newspapers 9 July.

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.

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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 June 2005

- **The Committee considered drafts of Chapters 11 and 12 respectively and a full draft of the Farm Safety Report**
- **Maps were developed for the Farm Safety Report.**

Future activities

- **Members to further consider and adopt report.**

INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BUSINESS

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 June 2005

- **Regional visit and Public Hearings conducted in Maffra on 8 June and in Traralgon on 9 June**
- **Organisation of public hearing for 18 July**
- **Work towards an overseas visit in July/August 2005.**

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 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE RECEIVED

Inquiry into Country Football – Response tabled 1 June 2005.

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Executive Officer: Andrew Homer

FULL COMMITTEE

Activity during June 2005

- The Committee met 30 May 2005, where it considered and adopted Alert Digest No. 7 of 2005 concerning the following Bills:

Accident Compensation (Amendment) Bill

Accident Compensation and Transport Accident Acts (Ombudsman) Bill

Courts Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Dangerous Goods and Equipment (Public Safety) Acts (Amendment) Bill

Energy Safe Victoria Bill

Environment and Water Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Health Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Land (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill

Melbourne College of Divinity (Amendment) Bill

National Parks (Alpine National Park Grazing) Bill

Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Bill 2005

Parliamentary Administration Bill

Planning and Environment (Williamstown Shipyard) Bill

Racing and Gambling Acts (Amendment) Bill

Racing and Gaming Acts (Police Powers) Bill

State Taxation Acts (General Amendment) Bill

Victorian State Emergency Service Bill

SUBCOMMITTEES

Equal Opportunity

Subcommittee of the whole Committee

Activity during June 2005

- **The Subcommittee met on 30 May 2005 to consider and approve the Discrimination in the Law, 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 June 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 June 2005

- **The Subcommittee did not meet in June.**