



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATIONS

To 31 May 2007

56th Parliament

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and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

The Progress on Investigations provides a summary of the activities of Joint Investigatory Committees and Select Committees.

1. 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).

2. Select Committees may be established by resolution of either House of the Parliament and operate in accordance with the Standing Orders and not the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003.

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Mr A McIntosh and Mr D Morris.*

Chair: Mrs Judy Maddigan MP

Executive Officer: Sandy Cook

INQUIRY INTO THE MISUSE/ABUSE OF BENZODIAZEPINES AND OTHER FORMS OF PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS IN VICTORIA

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 November 2007 on the misuse/abuse of benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs in Victoria with particular regard to:

- (a) examining the nature, extent and culture of the misuse/abuse of benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs;
- (b) examining the short and long term consequences/harms of the abuse/misuse of benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs;
- (c) examining the relationship between benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs and other forms of licit and illicit substance use;
- (d) reviewing the adequacy of existing strategies for dealing with benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs misuse/abuse;
- (e) recommending best practice strategies to address the issue of benzodiazepines and other forms of pharmaceutical drugs, including regulatory, law enforcement, education and treatment responses; and
- (f) examining national and international legislation, reports and materials relevant to the issue.

Activities during May 2007

- **The Committee met Dr Mike McDonough and was briefed informally by expert witnesses on the issues pertaining to the misuse/abuse of benzodiazepines and other pharmaceutical drugs**
- **Literature review continued to be undertaken**

- **The Committee travelled to Canberra and met with**
 - Dr Narelle Bower** Medicines Australia
 - Dr Mike Tedeschi**, Canberra Hospital/ANU Medical School
 - Dr Toni Makkai**, Director Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC)
 - Dr Judy Putt**, Research Manager AIC
 - Dr Jenny Mouzos**, Senior Research Analyst [DUMA] AIC
 - Lance Smith**, Research Assistant [DUMA] AIC
 - Janet Smith**, Manager, Librarian AIC
 - Ms Jenny Bergin**, Director Community Pharmacy Practice, Pharmacy Guild of Australia
 - Ms Khin Win May**, Policy officer, Pharmacy Guild of Australia
 - Ms Julie Tongs** CEO and staff from Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services
 - Dr Phyll Dance**, Research Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology Population Health, Australian National University
 - Mr David Templeman**, National Program Manager Alcohol and Other Drugs Association (ADCA)
 - Ms Kerry Deans**, Chief Executive Officer Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
 - Dr Kay Sorimachi**, Director of Policy Development Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
 - Mr Gino Vumbaca**, Chief Executive Officer Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD)
 - Mr Malcolm Wares**, Manger Compliance Policy, Medicare Australia
 - Ms Victoria Callioni**, Manager Consumer Compliance, Medicare Australia
- **The Committee travelled to Adelaide and met with**
 - Ms Debra Rowett**, President Pharmacy Board of South Australia
 - Mr Peter Halstead**, Registrar Pharmacy Board of South Australia
 - Superintendent Paul Dixon**, Officer in Charge, Drug Investigation Unit, South Australia Police Service
 - Chief Inspector Paul Harvey**, Drug Investigation Unit, South Australia Police Service
 - Dr Ann Rathjen**, Analyst, Chemical Division, South Australia Police Service
 - Superintendent Tony Rankine**, Officer in Charge, Traffic Support Branch, South Australia Police Service
 - Professor Jason White**, Director of Treatment and Rehabilitation, Drugs and Alcohol Services of South Australia (DASSA) and University of Adelaide
 - Mr Keith Evans**, Chief Executive Officer Drugs and Alcohol Services of South Australia (DASSA)

Mr Geoff Anderson, Chief Pharmacist, Drugs of Dependence Unit Drugs and Alcohol Services of South Australia (DASSA)

- **The Committee held a Forum in Warrnambool on 29 May 2007 with the following people**

Mayor David Atkinson, Warrnambool City Council

Mr Geoff Soma, Director Western Region Alcohol & Drug Centre (WRAD)

Dr David Richards, Addiction Medicine Physician Western Region Alcohol & Drug Centre (WRAD)

Dr Rodger Brough, Drugs and Alcohol Physician, South West Healthcare

Ms Annette Ludeman, Administrative Supervisor, Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd

Acting Inspector Peter Langdon, Victoria Police

Ms Bev McIlroy, Service Manager Glenelg & Southern Grampians Drug Treatment Service

Mr Norman Ferrier, Manager Monaghan's Healthwise Pharmacy Warrnambool

- **The Committee held a Forum in Ballarat on 29 May 2007 with the following people:**

Mr Raymond Beacham, Alcohol and Other Drug Team Leader - Ballarat Community Health Centre

Mr Brett Vallance, Withdrawal Nurse - Ballarat Community Health Centre

Ms Alice Neville, Withdrawal Nurse Ballarat Community Health Centre

Mr Damon Boon, Mobile Drug Safety Worker, Ballarat Community Health Centre

Ms Sue Adam, Manager Alcohol & Drug Program, - Uniting Care Ballarat

Mr Darren Cutts, Withdrawal Nurse – Uniting Care Ballarat

Ms Sue Scott, Comorbidity Case Worker – Uniting Care Ballarat

Ms Alison Doodt, Regional Drug & Alcohol Coordinator – Department of Human Services

Mr Colin Dorn, Manager Professional Services – UFS Dispensaries

Chris Lynton-Moll, Executive Director – Australian Healthcare Messaging Laboratory, Ballarat University

- **The Committee held a Forum in Bendigo with the following people:**

Ms Kate Harrington O'Brien, Operations Manager Drug & Alcohol Services, Bendigo Community Health Services

Cheryl Sobczyk, Clinical Nurse Manager - Bendigo Community Health Services

Ms Penny Buykx, Research Officer - Faculty of Health Sciences La Trobe University, Bendigo

Ms Jane Tydd, Regional Alcohol & Drug Coordinator – Department Human Service - Loddon Mallee

Ms Kerry Donaldson, Manager, Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS)

Brian Baxter, Manager Community Health – Mclvor Health & Community Services

Mark Powell, Safe Community Forum Executive Officer – City of Greater Bendigo

Richard Michell, Coordinator Post Withdrawal – Bendigo Community Health Service

Judy Rossignulo, Rural Outreach Diversion Worker – Castlemaine Community Health

Toni Riley, Pharmacist – Toni Riley Pharmacy.

Future Activities

- **Public Hearings scheduled for 25-26 June 2007**
- **A teleconference is being organised with representatives from the Rural and Remote Australia Association**
- **Industry Forum scheduled for 16 July 2007.**

INQUIRY INTO JUSTICE AND CRIME STRATEGIES IN HIGH VOLUME CRIMES

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2008 on justice and crime strategies in high volume crimes such as breaking and entering, which often involve young people - and the Committee is to recommend on:

- (a) strategies that will reduce high volume crimes with particular emphasis on residential burglaries being committed by young people; and
- (b) strategies that are effective because they change the environment in which these offences are likely to be committed .

Activity during May 2007

This inquiry has not yet commenced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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(Assembly) *Hon. C Campbell, Mr. P .Crisp and Ms M. Thomson*

Chair: Hon. Christine Campbell, MP

Executive Officer: Dr Vaughn Koops

INQUIRY INTO KEY COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES IN VICTORIA'S FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 December 2007 on the key competitive advantages underpinning the performance and growth in Victoria's financial services sector, particularly with regard to the sector's presence interstate, and recommend strategies to:

- (a) maintain this growth;
- (b) maximise employment opportunities from the sector's further expansion;
- (c) ensure the benefit of the sector's growth and operation are shared across the state; and
- (d) identify likely risks and impediments to the sector.

INQUIRY INTO MANDATORY ETHANOL AND BIOFUELS TARGETS IN VICTORIA

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 March 2008 on mandatory ethanol and biofuels target in Victoria – and, in particular, the Committee is required to:

- (a) report on the merits or otherwise of a mandated target for alternative fuels including biofuels and ethanol;
- (b) report on whether a mandatory target should be 5% by 2010, 10% by 2015 or otherwise;
- (c) report on the measures required by Government to facilitate an alternative fuels industry in Victoria for transport and non-transport applications; and
- (d) report on how to maximise the regional economic development benefits of a mandatory biofuels target including jobs growth and investment potential.

Activities during May 2007

- **The Committee received a briefing on the Financial services industry from representatives from Invest Victoria**
- **The Call for Submissions for the Inquiry into Key Competitive Advantages in Victoria's Financial Services Sector closed. The Committee received 16 Submissions to the Inquiry.**

Future Activities

- **Next meeting 4 June 2007**
- **Call for Submissions for the Inquiry into Mandatory Ethanol and Biofuels Targets in Victoria**
- **Public Hearings for the Inquiry into Key Competitive Advantages in Victoria's Financial Services Sector and the Inquiry into Mandatory Ethanol and Biofuels Targets in Victoria.**

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

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(Assembly) *Dr Alistair Harkness, Mr Steve Herbert, Mr Geoff Howard and
Mr Nicholas Kotsiras.*

Chair: Geoff Howard MP

Executive Officer: Karen Ellingford

DRESS CODES AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 March 2008 on dress codes and school uniforms in Victoria, in particular:

- a) the benefits and costs of mandatory school uniforms;
- b) the views of school communities about dress codes and school uniforms;
- c) the most cost efficient and practical uniform procurement arrangements;
- d) matters which need to be considered to ensure dress codes and uniform policies are consistent with anti-discrimination legislation and health promotion policies;
- e) appropriate enforcement and sanctions;
- f) appropriate exemption criteria and processes; and
- g) national and international trends.

Activities during May 2007

The Committee held public hearings on 14 May 2007, with the following individuals/organisations:

The Smith Family:

Mr Anton Leschen, Regional Programs Manager

Victorian Parents Council:

Ms Jo Silver, Executive Officer

Cancer Council Victoria, SunSmart:

Ms Kylie Strong, Program Manager

Ms Jen Makin, Research and Evaluation Manager

Ms Emma Clarkson, Secondary Schools Program Co-ordinator

Ms Justine Osborne, Primary Schools and Early Childhood Program Co-ordinator

Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc

Dr Mark Rose, Committee of Management

Ms Lowana Moore, Program Manager

Association of Independent Schools of Victoria

Mrs Evelyn Sayers, Board Member

Mr Andrew Smith, Deputy Chief Executive

On 21 May 2007, the Hon John Lenders, Minister for Education, briefed the Committee on matters associated with the inquiry

As at 31 May 2007, the Committee had received 59 submissions to the inquiry.

Future Activity

The Committee will conduct meetings and school visits in the Northern Territory (Darwin), which has recently introduced a mandatory school uniform policy.

The Committee will conduct hearings with Victorian students and teachers.

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 1 March 2008 on effective strategies for teacher professional learning with particular regard to:

- a. the relationship between ongoing professional learning for teachers and teaching expertise;
- b. which factors will support high quality professional learning for teachers, including learning methods and environments for the development of professional knowledge, and the pedagogy relevant to professional development of teachers;
- c. national and international trends regarding ongoing professional learning for teachers and report on innovative initiatives;

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(Assembly) *Hon C Campbell, Mr M O'Brien, Mr R Scott, and
Mr M Thompson.*

Chair: Mr Adem Somyurek MLC

Executive Officer: Mark Roberts

INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE 2006 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2008 on the conduct of the 2006 Victorian State Election and matters related thereto.

Activities during May 2007

- **Mr Steve Tully, Electoral Commissioner, and Ms Liz Williams, Deputy Electoral Commissioner briefed the Committee on the 2006 Victorian State Election**
- **Committee website developed**
- **Preparation of databases**
- **Committee secretariat has arranged for expert witnesses to brief the committee on its inquiry**
- **Development of stakeholder lists**
- **Submissions continued to be received during May, as a result of advertisements calling for submissions.**

Future Activities

- **Further mail out to interested stakeholders**
- **Planning public hearings**
- **Planning for visit to Electoral Matters Committees at the Commonwealth and New South Wales Parliaments, and meeting with other specialist witnesses, including relevant electoral commissioners and officers.**

Other Activity

- **Mark Roberts appointed Executive Officer to the Committee.**

- (9) the provision and maintenance of serviceable access tracks and signage to assist with recreational and emergency requirements;
- (10) the impact of climate change on bushfires and public land management practices;
- (11) whether additional measures are required to provide a mechanism for the skills, knowledge and interests of local communities, and appropriate scientific expertise, to be better represented in the management of bushfire risk on public land;
- (12) the involvement of local communities in the management of fire; and
- (13) any other matter that impacts on the scale and intensity of bushfires in Victoria.

Activities during May 2007

- **Tour and briefing at the Department of Sustainability and Environment Emergency Coordination Centre on 21 May 2007**
- **Deputy Chair and Research Officer attended the Nature Conservation Council of NSW conference - Bushfire in a Heating World - from 31 May-1 June 2007**
- **178 submissions received plus 758 pro forma submissions (as at the end of May)**
- **Ongoing background research and literature review.**

Future Activities

- **First public hearing on 4 June 2007 with the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Country Fire Authority and Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner**
- **Site visit at Kinglake National Park and public hearing at Kinglake on 18 June 2007.**

COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Inquiry into the Production and/or Use of Biofuels in Victoria was tabled in October 2006

Government response due mid April 2007

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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(Assembly) *Ms Liz Beattie, Mr. Martin Dixon, Mr. Jude Perrera,
Mrs E J Powell, Ms Mary Wooldridge*

Chair: Mr Johan Scheffer MLC

Executive Officer: Paul Bourke

INQUIRY ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE BUSINESS IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 1 March 2008 on the involvement of small and medium size businesses in corporate social responsibility and, in conducting the inquiry, the Committee is to:

- (a) investigate current Australian initiatives where small and medium size businesses have developed innovative ways of working with governments and community groups to support communities;
- (b) examine the international context and emerging trends with overseas initiatives relevant to corporate social responsibility amongst small and medium size businesses aimed at tackling social disadvantage;
- (c) investigate how small and medium size businesses could play a role in tackling disadvantage in local communities and making communities stronger, particularly how they can partner with government and community groups to work in the areas of most need;
- (d) determine the barriers and the drivers for small and medium sized businesses to become involved in social responsibility initiatives and options for addressing those barriers and increasing the drivers;
- (e) examine the barriers to sustainability of business and corporate social responsibility initiatives for small and medium sized businesses.

Activities during May 2007

- **Discussion of possible witnesses**
- **Organisation of Public Hearings**
- **Preparation of databases**

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Chair: Mr B Tee, MLC

Executive Officer: Kerryn Riseley

PROPERTY INVESTMENT

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 March 2008 on property investment and property marketeers with particular regard to:

- a) reviewing the regulatory framework for the provision of property investment advice, with the objective of establishing how best to control the exploitation of Victorians in the context of keeping the burden on business as low as possible;
- b) the Commonwealth's role in regulating financial advice, and the ongoing work of the Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs in considering regulation of this area.

Activity during May 2007

- **The Committee decided to call for submissions in relation to its inquiry on property investment. A call for submissions has been drafted and will be advertised in June 2007.**

Future activities

- **Call for submissions advertised, allowing two months for submissions to be made**
- **The Chair will write to all key stakeholders advising them of the call for submissions and inviting them to make a submission.**

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2008 on:

- a) the reach and use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms, including Government established ADR schemes and restorative justice schemes, so as to improve access to justice and outcomes in civil and criminal court jurisdictions and

to reduce the need, where possible, for contact with the court system, particularly in marginalised communities;

- b) whether a form of Government regulation of alternative dispute resolution providers is appropriate or feasible so as to ensure greater consistency and accountability for Victorians wishing to access alternative dispute resolution.

Activities during May 2007

- **The Committee commenced preliminary scoping and research on this Inquiry and was informally briefed by a number of key stakeholders**
- **Drafting of a discussion paper on this terms of reference was commenced.**

Future activities

- **Briefings from key stakeholders to continue**
- **Drafting of discussion paper to continue.**

INQUIRY INTO VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 September 2008 on the effect of vexatious litigants on the justice system and the individuals and agencies who are victims of vexatious litigants — and, the Committee should:

- a) inquire into the effectiveness of current legislative provisions in dealing with vexatious litigants;
- b) make recommendations which better enable the courts to more efficiently and effectively perform their role while preserving the community's general right of access to the Victorian courts.

This Inquiry has not yet commenced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Inquiry into De Novo appeals to the Country Court – government response tabled 22 May 2007.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Ms Kerryn Riseley commenced as the Committee's Executive Officer.**
- **Appointment to the Committee's Research Officer positions is currently being finalised.**

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Chair: Mr George Seitz MP

Executive Officer: Mr Sean Coley

INQUIRY INTO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Terms of reference – received from the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007

To inquire, consider and report to Parliament on issues relating to strengthening communities through local economic development initiatives in outer suburban areas.

In particular, the Committee is requested to:

- 1) Examine existing local economic development programs being carried out by municipalities in outer suburban areas;
- 2) Identify the barriers to local economic development and the ways in which these can be addressed;
- 3) Investigate and recommend incentive arrangements for industry and the respective responsibilities of each tier of government;
- 4) Investigate the role of council local economic development units and the types of assistance they provide;
- 5) Examine and report on ways in which councils and government at all levels can encourage economic development, enhance and promote employment opportunities and attract new investment;
- 6) Identify export based operations and opportunities in outer suburban areas and recommend options to encourage their growth;
- 7) Identify new and emerging sectors and how they can assist economic development in outer suburban areas, including innovative examples of business incubators, home-based businesses and social enterprises

The Committee is to make its final report to Parliament by 30 September 2008.

Activities during May 2007

A number of Committee members and staff attended the following events relevant to the inquiry:

21 May 2007 Public Hearing

- **Municipal Association of Victoria**
Ms Paula Giles, Director, Policy, Programs & Commercial

- **Master Builders Association of Victoria**
Mr Brian Welch, Executive Director
Mr Asher Judah, Policy and Research Executive
- **Victoria University, Institute for Logistics & Supply Chain Management**
Dr Pieter Nagel, Director
Dr Keith Toh, Senior Research Fellow
Mr Roger Oakden, Adjunct Advisor
- **BioMelbourne Network**
Mr Tim Murphy, Chief Executive Officer
- **Monash University, Faculty of Information Technology**
Associate Professor Dr Graeme Johanson, Director, Centre for
Community Networking Research
- **Victoria University**
Dr Carmine Sellitto, Lecturer, School of Information Sciences Systems

Future Activities

4 June 2007	The Communities in Control Annual Conference.
8 June 2007	Public Hearing
25 June 2007	Meetings and briefings, Auckland, New Zealand
26-28 June 2007	8th International Cities, Town Centres and Communities Society Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
29 June 2007	Meetings & briefings, Wellington, New Zealand

DATE AND TIME	MINISTER	PORTFOLIO
Monday, 7 May 2007		
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Ms Jacinta Allan, MP	Education Services
2.30 pm – 3.15 pm		Skills
3.15 pm – 3.45 pm		Employment
3.45 pm – 4.15 pm		Women's Affairs
Tuesday, 8 May 2007		
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Hon. Bronwyn Pike, MP	Health
Wednesday, 9 May 2007		
9.30 am – 12.30 pm	Mr John Lenders, MLC	Education
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP	Public Transport
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm		Arts
Thursday, 10 May 2007		
9.30 am – 11.00 am	Mr Gavin Jennings, MLC	Community Services
11.00 am – 11.30 am		Aboriginal Affairs
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Mr Tim Pallas, MP	Roads and Ports
Friday, 11 May 2007		
9.30 am – 11.30 am	Presiding Officers - Hon. R Smith, MLC and Ms Jenny Lindell, MP	Parliamentary departments
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Hon. Bob Cameron, MP	Police and Emergency Services
4.00 pm – 4.45 pm		Corrections
Monday, 14 May 2007		
2.00 pm – 2.45 pm	Ms Lisa Neville, MP	Mental Health
2.45 pm – 3.30 pm		Children
3.30 pm – 4.15 pm		Aged Care
Tuesday, 15 May 2007		
9.30 am – 10.15 am	Mr James Merlino, MP	Sport and Recreation
10.15 am – 11.00 am		Youth Affairs
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Hon. John Thwaites, MP	Water, Environment and Climate Change
Wednesday, 16 May 2007		
9.30 am – 10.45 am	Hon. Peter Batchelor, MP	Victorian Communities
10.45 am – 12.00 noon		Energy and Resources
Thursday, 17 May 2007		
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Mr Richard Wynne, MP	Housing
10.30 am – 11.30 am		Local Government
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Mr Joe Helper, MP	Agriculture
Tuesday, 29 May 2007		
9.30 am – 11.30 am	Hon. Justin Madden, MLC	Planning
Wednesday, 30 May 2007		
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Hon. Rob Hulls, MP	Attorney-General
10.30 am – 11.00 am		Racing
11.00 am – 12.00 noon		Industrial Relations
2.00 pm – 2.45 pm	Hon. Daniel Andrews, MP	Consumer Affairs
2.45 pm – 3.45 pm		Gaming
Thursday, 31 May 2007		
9.30 am – 10.45 am	Hon. Tim Holding, MP	Finance, WorkCover and Transport Accident Commission
10.45 am – 11.15 am		Tourism
11.15 am – 11.45 am		Information and Communication Technology

Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part One (no. 73) was considered and adopted by the Committee on 21 May 2007.

Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part One (no. 73) was tabled in Parliament on 24 May 2007 and distributed to interested persons/organisations.

Future Activities

Draft Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part Two to be considered and adopted by the Committee in June 2007.

Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part Two to be tabled in Parliament in June 2007 and distributed to interested persons/organisations.

Draft Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part Three to be considered and adopted by the Committee in August 2007.

Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part Three to be tabled in Parliament in August 2007.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY ACCOUNTABILITY IN VICTORIA

Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(14).

Activities during May 2007

Submissions continued to be received during May, as a result of an advertisement calling for submissions was placed in *The Age* and *The Herald Sun* in March 2007

The Committee will be briefed following the compilation of a list of interested parties and the scoping of the inquiry.

Future Activity

The Committee will consider the submissions received and determine a timetable for public hearings.

INQUIRY INTO TRUSTEE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOVERNING THE PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION FUND

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

Future Activities

The Committee will be briefed following the compilation of a list of interested parties and the scoping of the inquiry

The Committee will consider the submissions received and determine a timetable for public hearings.

AUDITOR–GENERAL’S OFFICE

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

Activities during May 2007

The Subcommittee on the Victorian Auditor-General's Office was established and will hold its first meeting on 7 June 2007. The Subcommittee consists of the following members:

Members:

(Council)	<i>Mr R Dalla-Riva</i>
(Assembly)	<i>Mr B Stensholt, (Chair)</i>
	<i>Mr K Wells (Deputy Chair),</i>
	<i>Ms J Munt</i>

On 30 April 2007, the Committee was briefed by the Auditor-General on the Victorian Auditor-General's Office's draft annual plan and budget estimates for 2007-08

On 21 May 2007, the Committee forwarded its response to the VAGO 2007-08 Budget Estimates to the Treasurer and the Presiding Officers of Parliament

Draft report of the Appointment of a person to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's office to be considered and adopted by the Committee in June 2007

Report of the Appointment of a person to conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's office to be tabled in Parliament in June 2007

Report distributed to interested stakeholders

Draft report of the Appointment of a person to conduct the performance audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's office to be considered and adopted by the Committee in June 2007

Report of the Appointment of a person to conduct the performance audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's office to be tabled in Parliament in June 2007

Report distributed to interested stakeholders.

COMMITTEE REPORT AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates – Part One
Government response due November 2007**

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INQUIRY INTO VEHICLE SAFETY

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 March 2008 on vehicle safety – and the Committee should -

- (a) identify and prioritise those vehicle safety technologies that have the most potential for reducing the number of crashes and or the seriousness of injuries sustained in crashes;
- (b) compare the level of safety provided by these leading edge technologies with the minimum regulated standards (Australian Design Rules);
- (c) compare the rate of fitting of these leading edge technologies in Australia with that of other developed economies including Europe, the United States of America and Japan and identify any impediments to encourage their adoption;
- (d) review the level of manufacturers/importers de-specifying (decision not to fit) vehicle safety technologies commonly available overseas to vehicles imported and sold in Australia;
- (e) seek advice from high volume local vehicle makers and vehicle importers as to when the vehicles in their product ranges will have these high priority vehicle safety technologies; and
- (f) recommend strategies for encouraging vehicle manufacturers to fit leading edge vehicle safety technologies to vehicles sold in Australia and for increasing the public's knowledge and demand for these technologies.

Activities during May 2007

Seventeen submissions have been received so far

Advertisements were placed seeking application from individuals with appropriate experience for the role of Research Officer for this inquiry. Over thirty applications were received and four people were interviewed. A successful candidate was chosen.

Future Activities

The Research Officer will commence work 2 July 2007

Mr Paul Weller, MP, and the Executive Officer will attend the 20th conference on Enhanced Vehicle Safety, with the theme, Innovations for Safety: Opportunities and Challenges, in Lyon France 18 – 21 June 2007.

FEDERAL – STATE ROAD FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS INQUIRY

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 September 2008 on Federal – State road funding arrangements – and the Committee should -

- (a) review current arrangements in Australia;
- (b) assess the current arrangements in Australia in respect of economic efficiency and equity;
- (c) make recommendations for improving Federal – State road funding arrangements in Australia.

Activity during May 2007

Work on this inquiry has not yet commenced

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Committee met with VicRoads, Transport Accident Commission and the Accident Research Centre, Monash University for briefings on general road safety matters.

Future Activity

The Committee will meet the Assistant Commissioner for Traffic and Transport Services Department, Victoria Police.

RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TAXATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANAGED INVESTMENT SCHEMES (NON-FORESTRY)

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 – to inquire, consider and report no later than 30 September 2007 on the potential economic impacts to Victoria's rural and regional businesses and communities as a result of the proposed changes to the taxation arrangements for Managed Investment Schemes (non-forestry), which have been recently announced by the Commonwealth; of particular interest are the impacts on investment, job creation, exports and resource use (water and land) —and, to this end, the Committee should consider the core issues of the:

- a) investment, job creation and exports which have occurred over the past three years in rural and regional areas as a result of Managed Investment Schemes;
- b) investment, job creation and exports, which is occurring in rural and regional areas following the planned transition period;
- c) net economic impacts on Victoria's rural and regional areas over the next five years;
- d) impacts on northern Victoria's irrigation water markets; and
- e) anticipated structural changes and the new industry opportunities in rural and regional areas —

and the Committee should make recommendations on any necessary or desirable actions that could be taken to assist Victoria's rural and regional businesses to adapt to the proposed changes in order to limit the potential negative impacts of the changes.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2007.

Activity May 2007

- **Discussion of Terms of Reference.**

Future activity

- **Planning for Inquiry.**

INQUIRY INTO RURAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM

Referred by the Legislative Council on 15 March 2007 – to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on —

- (1) the economic benefits of tourism in regional areas, including tracking the flow-on benefits through other regional businesses and industry;
- (2) potential impediments to the sustained growth of regional tourism, economic activity and jobs;
- (3) the effectiveness, at a National, State and local level, of current programs to promote and enhance tourism in regional Victoria;
- (4) initiatives to increase both international and domestic visitor nights in regional Victoria;
- (5) the efficacy of existing mechanisms at a National, State and local level to address the impact on regional tourism of natural events such as bushfires, floods and drought, and effective measures to drive long term economic recovery; and
- (6) opportunities to leverage private investment and commercial activity in regional tourism infrastructure, including ecotourism.

Activities during May 2007

- **Processing of submissions received**
- **Finalisation of schedule of public hearings for 2007**
- **Development of schedule of public hearings and site visits for 2008**
- **Planning and organisation of public hearings in Melbourne for June**
- **Planning and organisation of regional hearings in Bendigo and Daylesford for June**
- **Briefing papers prepared for Melbourne and regional hearings**
- **Research on regional and rural tourism issues**
- **Ongoing background research and literature review**
- **Development of stakeholder lists**
- **Updating of the Committee website**
- **Recruiting for research and office staff.**

Future activities

- **Briefing of the Committee on Inquiry issues and procedural issues**
- **Planning for regional hearings**
- **Summary of submissions received**
- **Ongoing background research and literature review.**

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FULL COMMITTEE

Activity during May 2007

The Committee met on 21 May 2007, where it considered and adopted Alert Digest No. 6 of 2007.

- **Alert Digest No. 6**

Accident Towing Services Bill 2007

Appropriation (2007/2008) Bill 2007

Appropriation (Parliament 2007/2008) Bill 2007

Crimes Amendment (DNA Database) Bill 2007

Fair Trading and Consumer Acts Amendment Bill 2007

Health Professions Registration Amendment Bill 2007

State Taxation and Gambling Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2007

Water Acts Amendment (Enforcement and Other Matters) Bill 2007

SUBCOMMITTEES

Redundant Legislation

Mr Edward O'Donohue, MLC (Chair)

Mr Carlo Carli, MP

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Activity during May 2007

The Subcommittee will meet shortly to consider the future conduct of this Inquiry.

Regulation Review

Mr Ken Jasper, MP (Chair)
Mr Carlo Carli, MP
Mr Colin Brooks, MP
Mr Khalil Eideh, MLC
Mr Ryan Smith, MP

Activity during May 2007

The Subcommittee met on 16 May 2007, where it considered and adopted the following Regulations:

- **Statutory Rules 2006**

SR No. 143 – Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2006

SR No. 146 – Trade Measurement (Interim) Regulations 2006

SR No. 147 – Subordinate Legislation (Travel Agents Regulations 1997 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2006

SR No. 148 – Motor Car Traders (Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 149 – Catchment and Land Protection (Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 150 – Conservation, Forests and Lands (Catchment and Land Protection Infringement Notice)(Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 151 – Catchment and Land Protection (Register of Interests) Regulations 2006

SR No. 152 – Financial Management (Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 153 – Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Regulations 2006

SR No. 154 – Plumbing (Shower Head) Regulations 2006

SR No. 155 – Parliamentary Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 156 – World Swimming Championships Regulations 2006

SR No. 157 – Australian Grands Prix (Formula One) Regulations 2006

SR No. 158 – Road Safety (General)(Infringements) Regulations 2006

SR No. 159 – Water Industry Regulations 2006

SR No. 160 – Subordinate Legislation (Transport Accident Regulations 1996 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2006

SR No. 161 – Supreme (Chapter VI Amendment No.10) Rules 2006

SR No. 162 – Supreme Court (Chapter I Amendment No.4) Rules 2006

SR No. 163 – Supreme Court (Intellectual Property) Rules 2006

SR No. 164 – Magistrates' Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.16) Rules 2006

SR No. 165 – Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Amendment No.17) Rules 2006

SR No. 166 – County Court (Chapter II Amendment No.6) Rules 2006

SR No. 167 – County Court (Chapter I Amendment No.19) Rules 2006

SR No. 168 – County Court (Chapter I Amendment No.20) Rules 2006

SR No. 169 – Supreme Court (Chapter I Amendment No.5) Rules 2006

SR No. 170 – Magistrates' Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.17) Rules 2006

SR No. 171 – Supreme Court (Chapter 1 Amendment No.6) Rules 2006

SR No. 172 – Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2006

SR No. 174 – Mental Health (Patient's Rights) Regulations 2006

SR No. 173 – Infringements (General)(Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 175 – Road Safety (General)(Safety Cameras and Other Amendments) Regulations 2006

SR No. 176 – Road Safety (Vehicles)(Heavy Vehicle Fees) Regulations 2006

SR No. 177 – Water Industry (Prescribed Persons)(Amendment) Regulations 2006

SR No. 178 – Magistrates' Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.18) Rules 2006

SR No. 179 – Magistrates' Court (Criminal Procedure)(Further Amendment) Rules 2006

- **Statutory Rules 2007**

SR No. 1 – Road Safety (Road Rules)(School Days) Regulations 2007

SR No. 2 – Plumbing (Heat Pumps Amendment) Regulations 2007

SR No. 3 – Legal Profession (Practising Certificate Fees)(Interim) Regulations 2007

SR No. 4 – Subordinate Legislation (Health (Medical Radiation Technologists) Regulations 1997 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2007

GAMING LICENSING SELECT COMMITTEE

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Secretary: Mr Richard Willis

INQUIRY INTO GAMING LICENSING

Terms of Reference agreed to by the Legislative Council on 14 February 2007 as follows:

1. A Select Committee of 7 Members be appointed to inquire into and report on —
 - a. the conduct, processes and circumstances (including but not limited to the probity thereof) pertaining to post-2008 public lotteries licensing in Victoria pursuant to the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 (the Act) and any related matter;
 - b. the conduct, processes and circumstances (including but not limited to the probity thereof) pertaining to the extension of Tattersall's public lotteries licence until 30 June 2008;
 - c. the conduct, processes and circumstances (including but not limited to the probity thereof) pertaining to post-2012 Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) operator licensing in Victoria pursuant to the Act, and any related matter;
 - d. the adequacy or otherwise of the legislative and regulatory framework pertaining to the number, location, distribution and specification of EGMs in Victoria and any related matter;
 - e. the effectiveness or otherwise of current measures to minimise and address the incidence of problem gambling in Victoria, the merits of alternative measures and any related matter;
 - f. the financial position of the Community Support Fund (the Fund) described in the Act, including, but not limited to:
 - i. payments into the Fund under section 10.3.2 of the Act (and its predecessors);

- ii. payments from the Fund under section 10.3.3 of the Act (and its predecessors); and
 - iii. the criteria, processes and methodology for the selection of projects funded by payments referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) above; and
 - iv. the community benefit statements prepared by those venues not required to contribute to the Fund;
- g. any other associated matters dealing with gaming licensing issues.
2. The Committee will consist of 2 Members from the Government Party nominated by the Leader of the Government, 2 Members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, 1 Member from The Nationals nominated by the Leader of The Nationals, 1 Member from the Australian Greens nominated by the Australian Greens Whip and Mr. Peter Kavanagh, MLC from the Democratic Labor Party.
 3. The Members will be appointed by lodgement of the names with the President by the persons referred to in paragraph (2) no later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 16 February 2007.
 4. The first meeting of the Committee must be held no later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 26 February 2007.
 5. The Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all Members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
 6. 4 Members of the Committee will constitute a quorum of the Committee.
 7. The Chair of the Committee will be a non-Government Member and the Deputy Chair will be a Government Member.
 8. The Committee will advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders.
 9. The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry.
 10. The Committee will present its final report to the Council no later than 28 February 2008.
 11. The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee will not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions.
 12. The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders and Sessional Orders or practices of the Council will have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders or practices of the Council.

Activity during May 2007

- **52 written submissions received.**

Future Activity

- **Initial public hearings scheduled for 30 July and 3 August 2007.**

PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

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INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT

Terms of Reference agreed to by the Legislative Council on 2 May 2007 as follows:

1. A Select Committee of 7 Members be appointed to inquire into —
 - (a) the sale or alienation of public land for development;
 - (b) the sale or alienation of public open space for the purposes of private development; and
 - (c) the sale and development of public land and the relationship to the Melbourne 2030 policy and Green Wedges.
2. The Committee will consist of 2 Members from the Government Party nominated by the Leader of the Government, 2 Members from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, 1 Member from The Nationals nominated by the Leader of The Nationals, 1 Member from the Australian Greens nominated by the Australian Greens Whip and Mr Peter Kavanagh, MLC from the Democratic Labor Party.
3. The Members will be appointed by lodgement of the names with the President by the persons referred to in paragraph (2) no later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 4 May 2007 .
4. The first meeting of the Committee must be held no later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 21 May 2007.
5. The Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all Members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
6. 4 Members of the Committee will constitute a quorum of the Committee.

7. The Chair of the Committee will be a non-Government Member and the Deputy Chair will be a Government Member.
8. The Committee will advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders.
9. The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry.
10. The Committee will present its final report to the Council no later than 30 June 2008 .
11. The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee will not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions.
12. The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders and Sessional Orders or practices of the Council will have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders or practices of the Council.

Activity during May 2007

- **Terms of Reference advertised**
- **Letters calling for submissions from key stakeholders sent out.**

Future Activity

- **Possible background briefings from relevant Government Departments.**
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