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# **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATIONS**

**To 31 October 2008**

**56<sup>th</sup> 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 with investigatory functions.

1. The Joint Investigatory 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 and Standing 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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# **DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

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**Executive Officer:** Ms Sandy Cook

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

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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 October 2008***

- **Government response was received 30 May 2008**
- **Mail out of Report continued.**

## **INQUIRY INTO JUSTICE AND CRIME STRATEGIES IN HIGH VOLUME CRIMES**

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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 .

**\*\*extended to 30 November 2009 by the Legislative Assembly on 30 July 2008**

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **Review of literature continued**
- **Mail out of the Discussion Paper continued**
- **The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Melbourne on 6 October 2008.**

**Appearing before the Committee were:**

**Mr Paul Mathewson, Executive Officer, Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 Ms Sarah Johnson, Officer, Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance  
 Mr David Murray, Executive Officer, Youth Substance Abuse Service  
 Ms Robyn Freestone, Senior Policy Officer, Youth Substance Abuse Service**

- **The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Morwell on 13 October 2008.**

**Appearing before the Committee were:**

**Ms Francine McCabe, Manager, Policy and Practice Unit, Youth Services, Department of Human Services  
 Ms Marie Murfet, Manager, Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, Department of Justice  
 Ms Judy Budge, Manager, Community Care and Housing, Gippsland Region, Department of Human Services  
 Ms Jennifer Landsman, Manager, Youth Justice, Gippsland Region, Department of Human Services  
 Ms Chris Hammat, Team Leader Group Conferencing, Anglicare  
 Ms Karen Mobourne, Aboriginal Planning Officer, Gippsland Region, Department of Human Services  
 Ms Naomi Pankhurst, Team Leader, Youth Justice, Gippsland Department of Human Services  
 Mr Brad Harwood, Senior Policy Advisor, Youth Justice Department of Human Services  
 Inspector Chris Major, LaTrobe Region, Service Area Inspector, Victoria Police  
 Senior Constable Brett Godden, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Region 5, Division 3, Victoria Police  
 Mr Laurie Marks, Operations Coordination Department, Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Victoria Police  
 Mr Darren Anderson, Youth Resource Officer, Victoria Police  
 Snr Sergeant Cameron Blair, Victoria Police  
 Senior Constable Jeni Bennett, Victoria Police  
 Mr Tony Carson, Acting Indigenous Community Corrections Officer, Corrections Victoria  
 Mr John Black, General Manager, Corrections Victoria  
 Mr Shaun Braybrook, Manager, Wulgungoo Ngalu Learning Place**

- The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Morwell on 14 October 2008.

Appearing before the Committee were:

Mr Edwin Batt, Magistrate, Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Ms Donna Bogdanovski, Drug and Alcohol Case Manager, Court Integrated Services Program, Magistrates Court of Victoria

Mr Clinton Taylor, Diversion Coordinator, Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Ms Meagan Cripps, 2IC - Senior Policy Registrar, Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Ms Heather Farley, Coordinator Community Development, LaTrobe City Council

Ms Joanne Brunt, Employment Coordinator, LaTrobe City Council

- The Committee visited the Berry Street Education Program 'The Shed', Morwell on 14 October 2008.

The Committee met with:

Ms Jane Barr, Manager, Education and Support, Berry Street

Ms Trish McCluskey, Regional Director, Berry Street

Ms Adele Zomer, Lead Teacher, Berry Street

Ms Tracey Taylor, Team Leader, Education and Training, Berry Street

Ms Lyn Simmons, Team Leader, Teaching More Kids Mentoring Project, Berry Street

Mr Alan Swan, Teacher, Berry Street

- The Committee visited the Wulgungoo Ngalu Learning Place, Won Wron on 14 October 2008.

The Committee met with:

Mr Shaun Braybrook, Manager, Wulgungoo Ngalu Learning Place

- The Committee viewed a session of the Victoria Police ROPES programme at Altona North on 22 October 2008:

The Committee met with:

Chief Inspector Alan Kennedy, Corporate Strategy and Performance Department, Victoria Police

Leading Senior Constable Michael O'Meara, Boronia Uniform, Victoria Police

A/Superintendent Steve Soden, Community and Diversity Division, Operations Coordination Department, Victoria Police

- The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Melbourne on 22 October 2008.

Appearing before the Committee were:

Dr Patricia Brown, Director, Children's Court Clinic

Dr Carl Scuderi, Senior Drug Clinician Children's Court Clinic

Major Brendan Nottle, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army, Melbourne - Project 614

Ms Jennifer McVicar, Director, Pro Bono and Community Service Baker McKenzie Solicitors

Mr Edmund Misson, General Manager, Youth Transitions Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

**Mr Ian Claridge, General Manager, Student Wellbeing Health Support , Youth Transitions Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**

**Ms Janet Thompson, Assistant General Manager, Youth Transitions Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**

**Ms Tiffany Overall, Advocacy and Human Rights Officer, Youthlaw**

**Ms Greta Clarke, Executive Officer, Research Planning and Development Unit, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service**

**Mr Dave Taylor, Community Development Worker, Springvale Monash Legal Service**

**Ms Sarah Nicholson, Policy Officer Federation of Community Legal Centres**

**Mr Chris Ryan, Solicitor, Wyndam Legal Service**

**Mr Michael Adams, Law Student on placement, Springvale Monash Legal Service**

**Ms Alexandra Doig, Law Student on placement, Springvale Monash Legal Service**

**Ms Elisabeth Beker, Law Student on placement, Springvale Monash Legal Service**

- **The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Melbourne on 23 October 2008.**

**Appearing before the Committee were:**

**Mr Bernie Geary, Child Safety Commissioner**

**Ms Pam Boag, Senior Project Manager, Office of the Child Safety Commissioner**

**Ms Megan Scannell, Senior Project Manager, Office of the Child Safety Commissioner**

**Ms Anna Saw, Graduate Recruit, Office of the Child Safety Commissioner**

**Mr Stephen Gray, Youth Counsellor, Knox City Council**

**Mr Russell Hopkins, Manager, Community Access Families Children and Young People, City of Melbourne**

**Reverend Jonathon Chambers, Senior Chaplain, Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry, Anglicare Victoria**

**Ms Mariela Diaz, General Manager, Placement and Support, Anglicare Victoria**

**Dr Sheryl Hemphill, Senior Research Fellow, International Youth Development Study, Centre for Adolescent Health**

**Ms Dianne Garner , Manager, Adolescent Forensic Health Service**

**Ms Lynne Evans , Programs Manager, Adolescent Forensic Health Service**

**Professor George Paton, Director Centre for Adolescent Health**

**Ms Linda Hammond, Project Worker, Good Shepard, Lynall Hall**

**Mr Stuart Edwards, Senior Policy Worker, Odyssey House, Lynall Hall**

**Ms Jane Kearney, Acting Assistant Principal, Lynall Hall Community School**

**Ms Megan Moore, Principal, Doxa School**

**Ms Julie Rolfe, CEO, Doxa Youth Foundation**

- **The Committee also received In Camera evidence in Melbourne on 23 October 2008.**
- **The Committee conducted Public Hearings in Melbourne on 27 October 2008.**

**Appearing before the Committee were:**

**Judge Michael Bourke, Chair, Youth Parole Board**

**Mr Vic Gordon, Alternate Department of Human Services Representative,  
Youth Parole Board**

**Mr Larry Osborne, Alternate Community Representative, Youth Parole  
Board**

**Ms Collette Crehan, Secretary, Youth Parole Board**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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**Chair:**                Hon Christine Campbell, MP

**Executive Officer:** Dr Vaughn Koops

## INQUIRY INTO IMPROVING ACCESS TO VICTORIAN PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION AND DATA

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 27 February 2008 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2009 on the potential application of open source licensing to Victorian Government information – and, in particular, the Committee is required to:

- (a) report on the potential economic benefits and costs to Victoria of maximising access to and use of Government information for commercial and/or non-commercial purposes, including consideration of:
  - (i) public policy developments elsewhere in Australia and internationally; and
  - (ii) the types of information that will provide the greatest potential benefit;
- (b) consider whether use of open source licensing models, including Creative Commons, would enhance the discovery, access and use of Government information;
- (c) report on the use of information and communication technology to support discovery, access and use of Government information; and
- (d) identify likely risks, impediments and restrictions to open source licensing of Government information, including impacts on and implications for any existing cost recovery arrangements.

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **Seventy nine submissions have been received to date and continue to be summarised**
- **Briefing papers prepared for members**
- **Committee Meeting/Public hearing held in Melbourne 27 October 2008.**
- **Submissions continued to be published on the intranet**

### ***Future Activities***

- **Submissions continue to be summarised**
- **Briefing papers to be prepared for members**
- **Future meeting – 27 November 2008**

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Mr N Kotsiras*

Chair:                        Mr Geoff Howard

Executive Officer: Ms Karen Ellingford

## EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 December 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;
- (d) determining how best practice in ongoing professional learning for teachers can be delivered into schools and learning communities;
- (e) examining the potential for greater cross-sectoral links between industry, training institutions and schools in the delivery of ongoing professional learning for teachers; and
- (f) examining gender issues in the delivery of ongoing professional learning for teachers.

### ***Activity during October 2008***

**The Committee commenced formally deliberating the final report.**

### ***Future Activity***

**The Committee will continue deliberating the final report.**

## **GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFERENCES IN HIGHER EDUCATION PARTICIPATION**

Referred by the Legislative Council on 18 July 2007 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2009 on geographical differences in the rate in which Victorian students participate in higher education.

The Committee will be exploring the reasons for and impact of such differences and would be interested in receiving comment on:

- a) variations in the number and type of university applications, offers, acceptances and completions in different metropolitan, rural and regional areas;
- b) influences of school retention rates, including enrolments and completions for VCE, VCAL and VET in schools on participation in higher education;
- c) influences of participation in other post-school pathways, including TAFE enrolments and take-up of apprenticeships or other employment opportunities, on participation in higher education;
- d) potential geographic, economic, social, cultural and other influences on university applications, offers, acceptances and completions across Victorian communities;
- e) advantages and disadvantages of participation and non-participation in higher education for school leavers and their families and communities in different metropolitan, rural and regional areas;
- f) potential effects of geographical differences in participation in higher education on skills shortages and the Victorian economy; and
- g) strategies to address any barriers contributing to geographic differences in participation in higher education.

### ***Activities during October 2008***

The research officer attended the CEET 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, *The expansion of education and training: ensuring relevance, quality and inclusion*, held in Ascot Vale on 31 October 2008.

### ***Future Activity***

The Committee will continue collecting evidence and commence drafting a final report.

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Mr M Thompson

Chair: Mr Adem Somyurek

Executive Officer: Mr Mark Roberts

## INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE 2006 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION

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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.

### *Future Activity*

- **Await Government response due December 2008.**

## INQUIRY INTO POLITICAL DONATIONS AND DISCLOSURE

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Referred by the Legislative Council on 16 April 2008 – for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 April 2009 on —

- (1) whether the **Electoral Act 2002** should be amended to create a system of political donations disclosure and/or restrictions on political donations; and
- (2) the outcome resulting from similar legislative reforms introduced in Canada, the United Kingdom and other relevant jurisdictions.

### *Activities during October 2008*

- **Submissions still being received and published on Committee's website**
- **Secretariat continuing to summarise key points from public hearings and submissions for Committee consideration**
- **Draft outline of report submitted to Committee for consideration at meeting on 27 October 2008.**

### *Future Activities*

- **Briefing papers prepared for Committee members on a range of topics relating to inquiry**
- **Secretariat to summarise evidence received from international study tour**
- **Secretariat continues to research and write chapters of inquiry report.**

## **INQUIRY INTO VOTER PARTICIPATION AND INFORMAL VOTING**

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Committee self-generated new terms of reference on 5 May 2008, as follows -

Pursuant to Section 33(3) of the **Parliamentary Committees Act 2003**, the Electoral Matters Committee inquire into and report to Parliament upon issues relating to – (i) voter participation; and (ii) informal voting.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 June 2009.

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **Submissions still being received and published on Committee’s website**
- **Secretariat continuing to summarise key points from public hearings and submissions for Committee consideration.**
- **Draft outline of report submitted to Committee for consideration at meeting on 26 October 2008**
- **Secretariat summarising key points from public hearings and submissions, for Committee consideration.**

### ***Future Activities***

- **Briefing papers prepared for Committee members on a range of topics relating to inquiry**
- **Secretariat to summarise evidence received from international study tour**
- **Secretariat continues to research and write chapters of inquiry report.**

## **NOVEMBER 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

### ***Activity during October 2008***

**Secretariat attended Melbourne City Council Lord Mayoral ballot draw on 28 October 2008**

### ***Future Activities***

- **Secretariat observing activities at**
  - **both postal and attendance election offices - week commencing 24 November 2008**
  - **attendance voting centres on local government election day 29 November 2008**
  - **City of Stonnington - scanning of ballot papers prior to computer calculation on 30 November 2008**
  - **VEC offices - computer count and data entry of ballot papers on 1 December 2008**
  - **VEC warehouse - week commencing 8 December 2008.**

## **OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

- **Prepare report on international study tour and table in Parliament**
- **Committee meetings – 10 November 2008 and 1 December 2008**

- **Meeting senior Iraqi delegation on 1 December 2008, to discuss electoral matters and issues of common interest**
- **Potential Committee visit to New Zealand in February 2009, to further inquiries into Political Donations and Disclosure and Voter Participation and Informal Voting.**



# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Chair:                             Hon J Pandazopoulos, MP

Executive Officer:              Mr Derek Benjamin

## INQUIRY INTO MELBOURNE'S FUTURE WATER SUPPLY

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Referred by the Legislative Council on 19 September 2007 - to inquire, consider and report no later than 31 December 2008 on the relative merits of supplementing Melbourne's water supply by some or all of the following means:

- 1) further water savings that can be achieved by increased conservation and efficiency efforts;
- 2) the collection of stormwater;
- 3) the re-use of treated waste water;
- 4) the use of groundwater;
- 5) small locally based desalination plants; and
- 6) any other optional water source which appears to the Committee to be appropriate.

### *Activities during October*

- On the 9 October 2008 the Legislative Council resolved that the reporting date for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee's *Inquiry into Melbourne's Future Water Supply* be amended so as to require the Committee to present its report by 30 April 2009.

*Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of Victoria,  
No. 91 – Thursday, 9 October 2008*

### *Site Visit to Queensland - 20-21 October 2008*

- Committee Members attended a study tour to South East Queensland where the met with key stakeholders.

### *Public Hearing - 27 October 2008*

As part of the *Inquiry into Melbourne's Future Water Supply* the Committee held a public hearing on 27 October 2008 at Parliament House in the LCCR from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm.

**The Committee heard evidence from the following witnesses:**

- **Mr Andrew Allan, President;**
- **Mr Peter Morrison, Member; and**
- **Mr Claude Cullino, Member, Stormwater Industry Association of Victoria**
  
- **Associate Professor Rebekah Brown, Program Leader, National Urban Water Governance Program, School of Geography and Environmental Science, Faculty of Arts; and**
- **Professor Tony Wong Chief Executive Officer, Facility for Advancing Water Biofiltration; Honorary Professorial Fellow, School of Geography and Environmental Science, Faculty of Arts, Monash University.**
  
- **Professor John Langford, Director, Uniwater, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Melbourne.**
  
- **Dr Shiroma Maheepala, Land and Water Division, CSIRO.**

***Future Activities***

- **Public hearing in Melbourne 10 November 2008**
- **Research program to be further developed.**

# **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Chair:**                Mr J Perera

**Executive Officer:** Vacant

## **INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT ACCOMMODATION FOR VICTORIANS WITH A DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS**

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To the Family and Community Development Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2009 on the provision of supported accommodation for Victorians with a disability and/or mental illness and, in particular, the Committee is asked to report on the current situation in Victoria and compare it to best practice in other jurisdictions regarding:

- (a) the standard and range of accommodation currently available;
- (b) the extent of accommodation and services currently available, including the different models for service delivery and funding;
- (c) the methods for measuring unmet demand for accommodation and how these can be improved;
- (d) the process for managing service quality;
- (e) availability of sufficient accommodation to meet future demand with an appropriate range of services;
- (f) access and service issues for particular groups, including rural communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and indigenous Australians; and
- (g) the impact on families of the current service provision of accommodation; and for the purpose of this inquiry ‘supported accommodation’ means public and private accommodation provided for people with a disability or mental illness who need additional support services but excludes mental health treatment services (SEC, PARC) and the disability forensic program (SFS).

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **Terms of Reference and Discussion Paper continued to be sent to interest groups and the general public in response to further advertising**
- **Public Hearings held in Traralgon and Morwell on 21 October, Melbourne on 22 October and Geelong on 23 October, together with site visits in Geelong**
- **Organisation of further Public Hearings for November being finalised**
- **Analysis of Submissions underway.**

### ***Future Activities***

- **Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:**
  - **Melbourne on 5 November**
  - **Mildura on 6 November**
  - **Shepparton on 18 November**
  - **Bendigo on 19 November**
  - **Ballarat on 20 November**
- **Public Hearing dates for November progressively advertised in relevant local area newspapers**
- **Reminder that although submissions were due by 10 October 2008, it is not a cut-off date. Submissions are welcome at anytime, although to assist the Committee in its work it is asked that submissions be forwarded as soon as possible.**

# LAW REFORM COMMITTEE

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**Chair:** Mr Johan Scheffer, MLC (from 20 August 2007)

**Executive Officer:** Ms Kerryn Riseley

## PROPERTY INVESTMENT

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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.

### Activities

- The Committee tabled its final report on 10 April 2008
- The Government response is due to be tabled by 10 October 2008.

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 31 March 2009 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 October 2008***

- Literature review and drafting of final report.

### ***Future activity***

- Ongoing literature review and drafting of final report.

## **VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS**

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 1 March 2007 - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 4 December 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.

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- Literature review and drafting of final report
- The Committee held a public hearing on 6 October 2008. Supreme Court Judge and President of VCAT, Justice Bell, gave evidence to the Committee
- Dr Freckelton SC finalised his reports on consultations with judicial officers and VCAT members and court and VCAT staff and presented his findings to the Committee. Dr Freckelton's reports are available of the Committee's website
- The Committee was represented at the Protecting Human Rights Conference at the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne.

### ***Future activity***

- The Committee will consider the draft final report.

# OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## INQUIRY INTO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Referred by 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:

- (a) Examine existing local economic development programs being carried out by municipalities in outer suburban areas;
- (b) Identify the barriers to local economic development and the ways in which these can be addressed;
- (c) Investigate and recommend incentive arrangements for industry and the respective responsibilities of each tier of government;
- (d) Investigate the role of council local economic development units and the types of assistance they provide;
- (e) 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;
- (f) Identify export based operations and opportunities in outer suburban areas and recommend options to encourage their growth;
- (g) 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.

## INQUIRY INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS IN OUTER SUBURBAN MELBOURNE

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Received from the Legislative Assembly on 9 October 2008

To inquire, consider and report to Parliament on the major issues relating to the production, processing and distribution of agricultural products in the interface municipalities and peri-urban areas of Melbourne. In particular, the Committee is requested to:

- 1) Identify the types of agricultural sectors operating in interface municipalities and peri-urban areas;
- 2) Examine the role of agribusiness in enhancing economic growth, increasing jobs and the sector's contribution towards promoting healthy, sustainable and prosperous outer suburban areas;
- 3) Investigate the role of planning in encouraging the development of agribusiness;
- 4) Analyse the options for sustainable food production, including environmental stewardship and local food production;
- 5) Investigate impediments faced by the industry to its long term growth and sustainability and recommend options to resolve these barriers;
- 6) Highlight niche and well performing sectors operating in the interface of Melbourne, with particular reference to viticulture, horticulture and sustainable agriculture;
- 7) Examine exemplary programs supported by governments (at all levels), the private sector and non-government organisations, which assist the sustainability of the agribusiness sector; and
- 8) Investigate national and international initiatives relevant to these issues.

The Committee is to make its final report to Parliament no later than 31 August 2009.

#### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **The Report on the Inquiry into Local Economic Development in Outer Suburban Melbourne was tabled in the Parliament on the next available sitting date after 30 September, being 7 October 2008**
- **9 October 2008 – The Inquiry into Sustainable Development of Agribusiness in Outer Suburban Melbourne was received from the Legislative Assembly. The Committee and Secretariat then began the identification of relevant organisations and individuals to be invited to provide a written submission on the new inquiry**
- **28-30 October 2008 - Erratum slips detailing minor corrections were sent to recipients of the Local Economic Development inquiry report. The Committee's website was also updated to reflect these changes and the tabled copies of the report were amended**
- **w/b 25 October 2008 - The Committee called for written submissions in State-wide and targeted agriculture-specific newspapers.**

#### ***Future Activities***

- **The Committee and Secretariat will contact organisations and individuals requesting written submissions on its Inquiry into the Sustainable Development of Agribusiness in Outer Suburban Melbourne**
- **The Committee will be undertaking preliminary background research on agribusiness issues**
- **Following the closing date for submissions (8 December 2008) the Committee will plan a series of public hearings and site visits for the first half of 2009.**

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

**Inquiry into Local Economic Development in Outer Suburban Melbourne – Response due April 2009.**

# **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

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## **THE VICTORIAN AUDITOR–GENERAL’S OFFICE**

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

***Activities during October 2008:***

***Review of the findings and recommendations of the Auditor-General’s reports,  
Round One***

**Committee considered draft reports on:**

- **Government Advertising; and**
- **Priority two audit reviews.**

**Research and reports well-advanced in relation to**

- **Condition of Public Sector Residential Aged Care Facilities; and**
- **The New Ticketing System Tender**

***Draft Performance Audit Specifications***

**Committee considered draft specifications in relation to:**

- **The Channel Deepening Project; and**
- **Management of School Funds.**

***Review of the findings and recommendations of the Auditor-General’s reports,  
Round Two***

**Commencement of reviews and preparation for public hearings in relation to:**

- **State Investment in Major Events**
- **Maintaining Victoria’s Rail Infrastructure Assets**
- **Promoting Better Health Through Healthy Eating and Physical Activity**

**Priority two audit review questionnaires to Departments drafted.**

## ***Future Activities***

Committee consideration of:

- draft reports (*New Ticketing System Tender and Condition of Public Sector Aged Care Facilities*) for Round One audit reviews;
- draft specifications for proposed performance audits to be conducted by the Auditor-General; and
- public submissions on Priority One audit reviews, Round Two.

## **INQUIRY INTO THE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

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

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- Final draft report advanced.
- Committee consideration and adoption of the Report on the 2008-09 Budget Estimates Part Three.
- Report tabled 15 October 2008 during Parliament's regional sitting in Gippsland.

### ***Future Activity***

- Response from Government on the Committee's recommendations due 15 April 2009

## **INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC FINANCE PRACTICES AND LEGISLATION**

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

Terms of reference are available via:

[http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec/inquiries/finance\\_practices\\_legislation/terms.html](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec/inquiries/finance_practices_legislation/terms.html)

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- Research progressed including jurisdictional comparisons and preliminary drafting of a Discussion Paper.
- Committee noted contents of the Discussion Paper.

### ***Future Activities***

- Consideration and release of the Discussion Paper for consultation with relevant stakeholders
- Drafting, consideration and adoption of the Report for tabling in December 2008.

## **INQUIRY INTO THE 2007-08 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

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

### ***Activities during October 2008***

- Report scoping and planning session undertaken within Secretariat with topics, improvements and enhancements proposed to the report content, questionnaires and future years' outlook
- Draft papers on proposed approach prepared
- Draft Questionnaire Part One and letters to Ministers, Departments, related agencies and the Victorian Auditor-General prepared
- Committee considered draft papers and Questionnaire, Part One
- Annual reports of Departments and related agencies received
- Planning of review of annual reports commenced.

#### *Future Activities*

- Questionnaire Part Two for Departments and related agencies to be developed and considered in November 2008
- Review of Annual Reports with approved methodology to commence
- Research and drafting of Report chapters
- Receipt and review of responses to Questionnaires from Departments, agencies and the Auditor-General
- Clarification of responses received.

### **PAEC 2007-08 ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### *Activities during October 2008*

- Committee consideration of the draft Annual Report
- Tabling of the PAEC 2007-08 Annual Report on 9 October.

#### *Future Activity*

- Forward plan within the Report to be implemented.

### **STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY ACCOUNTABILITY IN VICTORIA**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(1).

- Government response to Committee report received 10 September 2008, to be considered further by the Committee.

### **2006-07 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

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#### *Future Activity*

- Government response to Committee report, due 8 November 2008.



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## FEDERAL–STATE ROAD FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS INQUIRY

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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.

\*Report date extended to 30 September 2009 by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 4 December 2007.

### **Activity during October 2008**

- Work on this inquiry has not yet commenced.

## INQUIRY INTO LEVEL CROSSINGS

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Referred by the Legislative Council on 18 July 2007 –

That this House requires the Road Safety Committee to inquire into and report by 29 February 2008\* on existing, new and developing technologies for implementation to improve safety at level crossings.

\* Report date extended to 31 December 2008 by resolution of the Legislative Council on 9 October 2008.

### **Activity during October 2008**

- Work progressed on the draft report.

### **Future Activity**

- Draft report to the Committee for consideration in November.

## **INQUIRY INTO THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULES**

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 9 September 2008 –

That, under s33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, the Road Safety Committee be required to inquire into, consider and report no later than 30 November 2009 on the process of development, adoption and implementation of Australian design rules and to consider other worldwide practices with a focus on improving vehicle safety.

### ***Activity during October 2008***

- **Work on this inquiry has not yet commenced.**

### ***Future Activity***

- **Letters inviting submissions will be sent in November. Advertisements calling for submissions will also be placed in major newspapers.**

# RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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

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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.

## INQUIRY INTO RURAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM

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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 October 2008***

- **Fulfilment of requests for copies of Final Report, as required**
- **Inquiry information and evidence archiving**

#### ***Future activities***

- **Deal with requests for copies of the Final Report and for information about the Inquiry status**

#### **AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE : DUE JANUARY 2009**

#### **INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL CENTRES OF THE FUTURE**

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 27 May 2008 – to inquire into, consider and report no later than 30 September 2009 on measures to build on the current Government's investment in regional Victoria, through further development and enhancement of regional centres, focusing on the development of regional centres as places of economic, environmental, social and cultural innovation that enable regional Victoria to meet the challenge of predicted future population growth in this state, and, in particular, the Committee is required to report on:

- (1) measures that could be taken to encourage new and existing businesses, industries and government authorities to establish operations in regional centres;
- (2) the development of industrial land to support the economic base of regional centres;
- (3) the most effective investments in infrastructure to encourage business and industry development in regional centres, and to support and encourage further population growth in regional centres;
- (4) measures to promote strong social capital and high quality-of-life outcomes in growing regional centres; and
- (5) examples from other jurisdictions where promotion of population growth in regional centres has successfully occurred.

The Committee is required to report to the Parliament by 30 September 2009.

#### ***Activities during October 2008***

- **Committee held a workshop with Dr Paul Collits of RMIT University**

- **Committee held a public hearing to take evidence from Hon Jacinta Allan MP – Minister for Regional and Rural Affairs, and the Chief Executive of Regional Development Victoria, Mr Justin Hanney; followed by a Committee Meeting**
- **Committee finalised its regional consultation program of hearings and workshops for the remainder of 2008**
- **Committee held a workshop with Mr Andrew McDougall of SGS Economics & Planning Pty Ltd**
- **Preparation for regional public hearings to be held during the remainder of 2008, in Geelong, Ballarat, Morwell, Shepparton and Bendigo**
- **Preparation for a visit to Canberra to meet with the Minister and officials of the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**
- **Discussion and review of a proposed 2009 timetable**
- **Research and literature review continued.**

#### ***Future activities***

- **Organisation of regional hearings**
- **Research and writing of briefing material for regional hearings**
- **Consultation with stakeholders**
- **Processing of submissions received**
- **Summary of submissions and transcripts of evidence**
- **Briefing of the Committee on Inquiry issues**
- **Finalisation of Inquiry-related meeting and regional consultation program for 2009**
- **Preparation and briefing for consultation meetings to be held in Canberra during November 2008**
- **Ongoing research and drafting**
- **Drafting of a proposal to visit other jurisdictions.**



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## FULL COMMITTEE

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### *Activities during October 2008*

The Committee met on the 6 October 2008, where it considered and approved:

- **Alert Digest No. 12 of 2008**  
**Abortion Law Reform Bill 2008**  
**Courts Legislation Amendment (Costs Court and Other Matters) Bill 2008**  
**Evidence Bill 2008**  
**Family Violence Protection Bill 2008**  
**Medical Research Institutes Repeal Bill 2008**

The Committee also met on the 27 October 2008, where it considered and approved:

- **Alert Digest No. 13 of 2008**  
**Asbestos Diseases Compensation Bill 2008**  
**Coroners Bill 2008**  
**Education and Training Reform Further Amendment Bill 2008**  
**Fundraising Appeals and Consumer Acts Amendment Bill 2008**  
**Gambling Legislation Amendment (Responsible Gambling and Other Measures) Bill 2008**  
**Liquor Control Reform Amendment Bill 2008**  
**Major Crime (Investigative Powers) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2008**  
**Police Regulation Amendment Bill 2008**  
**Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**

Prostitution Control and Other Matters Amendment Bill 2008  
Racing and Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2008  
Sheriff Bill 2008  
Water (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2008

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

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### **Redundant Legislation**

Mr Edward O'Donohue, MLC (Chair)  
Mr Carlo Carli, MP  
Mr Khalil Eideh, MLC  
Mrs Inga Peulich, MLC  
Ms Jaala Pulford, MLC

#### *Activity during October 2008*

The Subcommittee met on 27 October 2008 to consider a draft report of the Corporations Law Repeal Inquiry prepared by external consultants. Some minor amendments are required, however it is envisaged that the amended draft report will be presented for consideration to the Full Committee meeting on the 10th of November in order to wind down the inquiry by December 2008.

### **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 October 2008*

The Subcommittee met on 23 October 2008, where it considered and approved the following Regulations:

- **Statutory Rules 2008**

SR No. 62 – Road Safety (Vehicles)(Fees Amendment) Regulations 2008

SR No. 63 – Road Safety (Drivers)(Fees Amendment) Regulations 2008

SR No. 87 – Zoological Parks and Gardens (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2008

SR No. 89 – Country Fire Authority (Charges) Amendment Regulations 2008

SR No. 93 – National Parks (Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2008

SR No. 64 – Magistrates' Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.23) Rules 2008

SR No. 83 – Magistrates' Court (Committals) Amendment Rules 2008

SR No. 84 – Magistrates' Court (Criminal Procedure) Amendment Rules 2008

**SR No. 94 – Supreme Court (Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings) Rules 2008**

**SR No. 95 – Supreme Court Library Fund (Investment) (Amendment No.1) Rules 2008**

**SR No. 100 – Supreme Court (Associate Judges Amendment) Rules 2008**

**SR No. 90 – Subordinate Legislation (Associations Incorporation Regulations 1998 - Extension of Operation) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 101 – Subordinate Legislation (Land Acquisition and Compensation Regulations 1998 – Extension Of Operation) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 60 – Road Safety (Vehicles)(Learner Approved Motor Cycle Scheme Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 61 – Road Safety (Drivers)(Learner Approved Motor Scheme and Other Amendments) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 68 – Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 70 – City of Melbourne (Elections) Amendment Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 76 – Transport (Taxi-Cab Network Service Provider Accreditation Exemptions)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 77 – Road Safety (General)(Infringement Trial Amendments) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 78 – Road Safety (Road Rules)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 79 – Road Safety (General)(Peer Passenger Restrictions) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 81 – Eastlink Project Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 85 – Infringements (General)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 88 – Fair Trading (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 92 – Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Amendment Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 97 – Estate Agents (Contracts) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 106 – Country Fire Authority Amendment Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 71 – Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Volatile Substances)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR 105 – Health (Infectious Diseases)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 86 – Fair Trading (Safety Standard)(Prams and Strollers) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 99 – Fair Trading (Safety Standard)(Children’s Portable Folding Cots) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 66 – Impounding of Livestock Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 67 – Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals (Infringement Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 69 – State Superannuation Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 72 – Transport (Infringements)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 91 – Catchment and Land Protection Amendment Regulations 2008**

**SR No. 96 – Local Government (General) Amendment Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 104 – Road Safety (General) Amendment Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 80 – Road Safety (Drivers)(Peer Passenger Restriction) Interim Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 73 – Transport (Conduct)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 74 – Transport (Taxi-Cabs)(Amendment) Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 75 – Transport (Passenger Vehicles)(Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 82 – Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Regulations 2008**  
**SR No. 102 – Liquor Control Reform Amendment Regulations 2008**

# FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STANDING COMMITTEE

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## INQUIRY INTO DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY PERFORMANCE AND OPERATIONS

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Terms of Reference:

To inquire into and report on Victorian departmental and agency performance and operations for the previous financial year.

### ***Activity during October 2008***

- **Committee adopted new reference and advised the Legislative Council.**

### ***Future Activity***

- **Possible public hearings.**
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