



## **DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

### **Terms of Reference**

57<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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### **Inquiry into Violence and Security Arrangements in Victorian Hospitals**

That under s 33 the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, an inquiry into violence and security arrangements in Victorian hospitals and, in particular, emergency departments, be referred to the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2011, including:

- (a) the incidence, prevalence, severity and impact of violence in Victorian hospitals and, in particular, emergency departments;
- (b) the effectiveness of current security arrangements to protect against violence in Victorian hospitals and, in particular, emergency departments;
- (c) an examination of current and proposed security arrangements in Australia and internationally to prevent violence in hospitals and, in particular, emergency departments, including the appropriateness of Victoria Police Protective Services Officers in Victorian hospital emergency departments;
- (d) a recommendation of initiatives to enhance the overall security arrangements and safety in Victorian hospitals, particularly emergency departments, to ensure appropriate levels of safety for health professionals and the general public without compromising patient care.