

MINORITY REPORT

2007-08 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES INQUIRY

Minority Report by Coalition Members

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Pursuant to section 34 (2) of the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003

We:

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Submit this minority report:

Minority Report of Certain Members of the Public Accounts & Estimates Committee

We, the undersigned members of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (the Committee) have decided to submit a Minority Report and thereby formally oppose the adoption of the *2007-08 Financial and Performance Outcomes Inquiry* as currently drafted.

1. We cannot support Chapter 15 Quality Health and Education, and consequently have voted against this report.

Based on statements by the Auditor General it is clear to us that hospital provided data is unreliable.

The Auditor General in his report *Access to Public Hospitals: Measuring Performance* stated the following:

(i) Page V – Foreword

“Unfortunately, it is one of the findings of this audit that the reliability of access performance data by public hospitals cannot be assured.”

Further,

(ii) Page 3 – 1.2.1 Fair representation of access performance

“It was not possible to assure that reported performance against the majority of the access indicators fairly represented actual performance.”

And,

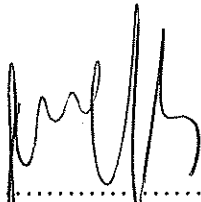
(iii) Page 5 – 1.3 Audit Conclusions

“Access indicators assist in assessing achievement against DHS’s stated objective of timely and accessible human (health) services. Systemic problems with the access indicators, however, limit their usefulness. It is not possible to assure the accuracy of actual results reported by hospitals, and while most of the indicators are relevant, the appropriateness of some of the benchmarks and targets used need further justification.”

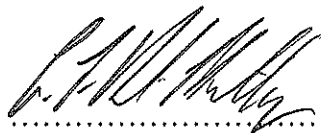
This chapter should have been rewritten taking into consideration the views of the Auditor General.

In particular, the chapter should have been rewritten with greater emphasis on the inaccuracy of hospital provided data.

If PAEC were to accept the chapter in its current form it would give the impression that PAEC is accepting of the hospital figures provided.



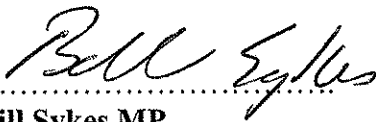
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