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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- ❖ ***68 meetings held***
- ❖ ***17 sub-committees active***
- ❖ ***102 submissions received***
- ❖ ***406 witnesses gave evidence***
- ❖ ***43 public hearings held***
- ❖ ***5 reports tabled in Parliament***
- ❖ ***1 new inquiry commenced***
- ❖ ***4 seminars organised***

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

2000

- 16 August The Committee holds a seminar for Members and their staff on the Future of Health Care in Victoria.
- 17 August Chairman gives a presentation at the Australasian Evaluation Society conference in Geelong on *the role of the Committee in evaluating public finances and public administration in Victoria*.
- 25 August Chairman gives a presentation at the Department of Treasury and Finance Open Day on *Responsible Financial Management*.
- 30 August Report No. 37 – *Report on the Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for 1999-2000 – Revised Audit Fees* - is tabled.
- 23 October Chairman and Members brief the NSW Parliamentary Public Bodies Review Committee on annual reporting in the Victorian Public Sector and the Victorian Management Reform Program.
- 15 November The Committee holds a seminar for Members and their staff on the Victorian Government's Annual Financial Statement for 1999-2000.
- 22 November Chairman and Members meet with Mr John Mayne, Office of the Auditor-General, Canada to discuss the role of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in performance auditing.

- 30 November Chairman gives a presentation at the National IPAA Conference in Perth on *Rethinking secrecy in Government*.
- 30 November Report No. 38 – *Report on the 2000-2001 Budget Estimates* - is tabled.
- 11 December Chairman gives a presentation to the Glastonbury Society, Geelong, on *the Committee's review of Child Protection Services provided by the Department of Human Services*.
- 2001**
- 7 February Chairman briefs senior Malaysian public servants on the Committee's role in evaluating public sector programs and services.
- 4 - 6 February Members attend the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees Biennial Conference in Canberra. Chairman gives two presentations.
- 6 February Chairman appointed as Chairman of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees.
- 15 February Chairman addresses an IIR conference in Canberra on *Examining performance reporting requirements*.
- 28 February The Committee holds a seminar for Members and their staff on Future Environmental Issues.
- 22 March Report No. 39 – *Report on Unfunded Superannuation Liabilities in the Financial Reports of Victorian Universities* - is tabled.
- 2 May Report No. 40 – *Report on the Appointment of Independent Auditors to Conduct Financial and Performance Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office* - is tabled.

- 3 May Report No. 41 – *Report on the 1999-2000 Budget Outcomes* - is tabled.
- 5 April Committee briefs Dr Sahala Benny Pasaribu, the Chairman of the Indonesian House Commission IX on Budget and Finance, Indonesian Parliament on the role of the Committee in promoting public sector reforms.
- 4 May Chairman briefs senior Indonesian public officials on the work of the Committee.
- 17 May Committee holds a seminar for Members and their staff on the 2001-2002 Budget.
- 1 June Committee briefs Mr Martin Peck, MP, Chairman of the New Zealand Finance and Expenditure Select Committee on the role of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in financial scrutiny of the public sector.
- 15 June Chairman gives a presentation on *Auditing under the Spotlight* at the Victorian Auditor-General's Office annual conference.

Private meeting of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

L to R: (list Members)

Absent: Ms S Davies, MP and Hon. G Rich-Phillips, MLC

Ms S Davies, MP

Hon. G Rich-Phillips, MLC

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

This annual report on the Committee's performance is an integral part of our accountability relationship with the Parliament.

The past year was a year of challenge, accomplishment and change for the Committee.

Significant achievements included:

- eight inquiries were completed;
- five reports containing 157 recommendations were tabled;
- a significant number of the Committee's 228 recommendations contained in reports tabled the previous year were adopted, or are still under consideration by the Government:
 - 119 recommendations accepted;
 - 68 recommendations accepted in part;
 - a further 11 recommendations are still under consideration;
 - 30 recommendations rejected.
- 10 specifications for performance audits were reviewed and a number of suggestions were accepted by the Auditor-General for inclusion in the terms of reference for the audits.

While the Committee has reported on its performance against a set of performance measures, no single indicator can account for the achievements, and more general benefits, that flow from our work. Because the Committee cannot implement the recommendations that it makes, it often takes several years for legislative and policy decisions to flow through from the work undertaken by the Committee. To illustrate this point, in 1998 the previous Committee undertook a review of the system for processing outstanding fines and unexecuted warrants and it is only now that

the recommendations are being progressively implemented by the Government.

The implementation of the new two-phased estimates process was the biggest and most time consuming task undertaken during the year with the Committee reviewing the expenditure and revenue of 34 ministerial portfolios and the Parliamentary Departments. This reformed process resulted in the Budget Estimates for 2000-2001 being subjected to 52 hours of detailed scrutiny by the Committee in 2000, compared to 19 hours the previous year.

A milestone achievement was that, for the first time, the intended results and actual results achieved by Departments and Agencies in 1999-2000 were scrutinised and reported on by the Committee. This is a significant development because it will ultimately make the Government more accountable for the financial and performance results achieved by the public sector.

The Committee continued to be a key agent of change in improving the Government's management of public resources. A common theme throughout the work undertaken this year has been the need to improve the quality of financial and performance information provided to the Parliament because of the increasingly complex framework in which the public sector now operates.

The success of the Committee depends on many people.

The Committee's secretariat, led by the Executive Officer Michele Cornwell, is integral to the performance of the Committee. The contribution and dedication of the Committee's staff has once again been outstanding.

The hard work and commitment of the Members of the Committee enable us to provide advice to the Parliament, the Government and the community. Also, we rely on the co-operation and assistance of Ministers and public officials in providing evidence and advice to the Committee and in acting on our recommendations. The Committee also appreciates the valuable contribution made to our work by the many community and

business organisations and individuals who provided submissions and evidence to the Inquiries undertaken during the year.

The year has been an active time for the Committee, during which we have worked on many important issues and made constructive contributions to improving accountability issues and the effectiveness of public programs and services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Loney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Loney, MP
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP – 2000-2001



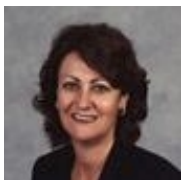
Mr Peter Loney, MP
Chairman, Public Accounts
and Estimates Committee

Peter Loney was elected as the Member for Geelong North in 1992. He served on the Law Reform Committee to 1998, when he was appointed to the Victorian Public Accounts and Estimates Committee. In December 1999, Peter was appointed Chairman of the Committee. From 1993 to 1999 he held several Shadow Ministry portfolios. Before entering Parliament Peter was a teacher and a Commissioner with the Geelong Regional Commission from 1984 to 1992.

Peter was appointed as the Chairman of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees (ACPAC) in February 2001.

Peter is a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports (Chairman);
- Department of Human Services - service agreements;
- Environmental Accounting and Reporting;
- Scoping of Performance Audits (Chairman);
- Statutory Officers of Parliament (Chairman); and
- Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets.



Hon. Louise Asher, MP

Louise Asher was elected as the Member for Monash Province in 1992 and moved to the Lower House to become the Member for Brighton in September 1999. Louise was Minister for Small

Business and Minister for Tourism during 1996-1999. Before entering Parliament Louise had a varied career as a teacher, research officer, senior policy adviser and consultant. Louise is currently Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Louise was a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Scoping of Performance Audits; and
- Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure.



Ms Ann Barker, MP

Ann Barker was the Member for Bentleigh in 1988-92 and was elected as the Member for Oakleigh in 1999. Before entering Parliament Ann was employed as electorate officer, assistant adviser and office manager. Ann was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Ann is a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports; and
- Department of Human Services - service agreements (Chairperson).



Ms Susan Davies, MP

Susan Davies was elected as the Member for Gippsland West in 1997. Before entering Parliament Susan was a teacher and a farmer. Susan was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Susan is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Services - service agreements; and

- Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure.



Hon. David Davis, MLC
(Appointed to the Committee on 6 September 2000)

David Davis was elected as the Member for East Yarra Province in March 1996. Before entering Parliament, he operated a chiropractic practice. He served on the Family and Community Development Committee between 1996-1999, the Law Reform Committee in 1999-2000 and the Legislative Council Privileges Committee since 1999. David has held the position of Chair of the Opposition Waste Watch Committee since 1999. David was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 6 September 2000.

David is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Service – service agreements;
- Environmental accounting and reporting;
- Auditor-General’s reports;
- Scoping of performance audits; and
- Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament.



Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC
(Discharged from the Committee on 6 September 2000)

In 1992, Bill Forwood was elected as the Member for Templestowe. He has been a member of the Melbourne University Council since 1993. Before entering Parliament, Bill was employed as a senior adviser and manager and held executive positions in a number of companies. He is currently the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council. He was Chairman of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee during 1996-1999 and held the position of Deputy Chairman between December 1999 until his discharge from the Committee on 6 September 2001.

During the period February 1998 to August 1999 he was also Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier.

Bill was a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Service – service agreements;
- Environmental accounting and reporting;
- Auditor-General’s reports;
- Scoping of performance audits; and
- Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament.



Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC
Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts and
Estimates Committee

Roger Hallam was elected as the Member for Western Province in 1985. During 1992-1999 he served as Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Local Government, Minister Responsible for WorkCover, Minister for Finance and Minister for Gaming. Before entering Parliament, Roger was employed as an accountant and managing director. Roger was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999. He currently has responsibility for the shadow portfolios of Treasury, Finance and Gaming. On 4 October 2000, Roger was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

Roger is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Environmental Accounting and Reporting; and
- Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets (Chairman).



Mr Timothy Holding, MP

Tim Holding was elected as the Member for Springvale in September 1999. Before entering Parliament he was employed as an assistant ministerial adviser and an electorate officer. Tim was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Tim Holding is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure; and
- Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets.



Mrs Judith Maddigan, MP

Judy Maddigan was elected as the Member for Essendon in 1996. Before entering Parliament she was employed as a librarian. In 1999 Judy was appointed as Deputy Speaker in the Legislative Assembly. She was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Judy is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports;
- Department of Human Services - service agreements;
- Scoping of Performance Audits;
- Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure;
- Statutory Officers of Parliament; and
- Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets.



Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC

Gordon Rich-Phillips was elected as the Member for Eumemmerring Province in 1999. Before entering Parliament, he was employed as a research analyst and public servant. Gordon was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Gordon is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Services service agreements;
- Environmental Accounting and Reporting (Chairman); and
- Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets.



Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC

Theo Theophanous was elected as the Member for Jika Jika Province in 1988. He has a public service and academic background, having tutored in politics and sociology at LaTrobe University. During 1991-1992 he held the portfolios of Consumer Affairs and Small Business, and was Minister Assisting the Minister for Manufacturing and Industry Development. During 1993-1999 he was Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council and Opposition Spokesperson on Industry and Employment and WorkCover. He is currently Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Employment and Training. Theo has been a Member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee since November 1992.

Theo is a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Environmental Accounting and Reporting; and
- Statutory Officers of Parliament.

**Members of the Sub-Committee on Performance Audits attending
a briefing by the Auditor-General**

**L to R: Mrs J Maddigan, MP, Mr P Loney, MP,
Hon. L Asher, MP and Hon. D Davis, MLC**

**The Victorian Auditor-General, Mr J W Cameron, and members of
the staff of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office
at a meeting with the Sub-Committee**

CHAPTER 1: PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP AND METHODS OF OPERATION

1.1 Introduction

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee is a joint investigatory committee of the Victorian Parliament established by the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968*.

The Committee is the oldest of its kind in Australia, commemorating 107 years in January 2001.

1.2 Membership

The Committee has ten members comprising five Government Members, four Opposition Members and one Independent.

By tradition, the Committee's Chairman is a Government Member elected by the whole Committee, while the Deputy Chairman is an Opposition Member. To emphasise the bipartisanship of the Committee, two Opposition Members were appointed as chairmen of sub-committees: Hon. Roger Hallam is Chairman of the Inquiry into the Valuation and Reporting of Cultural, Heritage and Infrastructure Assets and Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips is Chairman of the Follow-up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting.

The Committee continues to have high profile members including the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Mrs Judy Maddigan), the Opposition Spokesperson on Treasury and Finance (Hon. Louise Asher), the Shadow Minister for Treasury, Finance and Gaming (Hon. Roger Hallam), and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Education and the longest serving Member of the Committee (Hon. Theo Theophanous).

1.3 Functions

The Committee investigates and reports to Parliament on matters associated with State financial management. Its functions under the Parliamentary Committees Act are to inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on:

- (a) any proposal, matter or thing connected with public administration or public sector finances; and
- (b) the annual estimates or receipts and payments and other Budget Papers and any supplementary estimates of receipts or payments presented to the Assembly and the Council.

The *Audit Act* 1994, as amended, also outlines responsibilities of the Committee in guarding the independence of the Auditor-General and in facilitating the Auditor-General's accountability to the Parliament.

The following information outlines the Committee's three key functions: the traditional public accounts function, an estimates function and an auditing function.

1.3.1 Public accounts function

The Committee has two roles in this area:

- following up matters of concern raised in the reports of the Auditor-General; and
- undertaking general inquiries into some aspect of financial administration or public sector management.

An important aspect of the Committee's work is to follow up on matters raised by the Auditor-General in various reports to the Parliament. The Auditor-General's reports draw Parliament's attention to financial concerns or issues relating to any public sector agency. The Committee can follow up these matters by virtue of its powers to hold public hearings and take evidence. In this way, matters raised by the Auditor-General are put under the microscope for the benefit of the Parliament and the community. Throughout the year, the reports of the Auditor-General raised a number of issues on which the Committee either sought a briefing

or investigated further. This process involved cross portfolio and individual agency issues, for example the follow-up Inquiry into Protecting Victoria's Children – the role of the Department of Human Services.

In addition to reviewing the reports of the Auditor-General, the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee undertakes a number of public interest inquiries throughout the year.

1.3.2 Estimates function

The Committee's previous annual report outlined the major changes to the estimates review process that were implemented this year.

During the period May to September, the Committee now holds public hearings to scrutinise the expenditure and activities of 34 ministerial portfolios and the Parliamentary Departments. As a result of these reforms the Budget Estimates for 2000-2001 were subjected to 52 hours of scrutiny by the Committee in 2000, compared to 19 hours the previous year.

Before the Budget is brought down by the Treasurer, the Committee forwards to all Departments a questionnaire seeking information to supplement the details that will be contained in the Budget Papers. This information is analysed and background briefing papers are prepared that form the basis for many of the questions that are raised at the hearings.

The Committee follows a schedule of public hearings during May, June and August to review the budget estimates for each ministerial portfolio. All Ministers and senior departmental officers are invited to appear before the Committee and are questioned on the proposed expenditure of Departments for the next financial year. The evidence given at the public hearings is analysed and, where the Committee considers necessary, further information is sought.

The Committee's objective in its scrutiny of the budget estimates is to:

- constructively contribute to improving the presentation of budget information, to the Parliament and the community of Victoria;
- facilitate a greater understanding of the budget estimates;
- encourage clear, full and precise statements of the Government's objectives and planned budget outcomes;
- assist the Parliament and the community of Victoria to assess the achievement of planned budget outcomes against actual performance; and
- encourage economical, efficient and effective administration.

The Committee's report on the budget estimates is usually tabled in October or November each year.

This process is then followed by a further review process in November with the Committee seeking information from Departments on the outcomes of the previous financial year. This process involves a retrospective review of the annual reports of Departments, the Government's Annual Financial Report, the Report of the Auditor-General on the Finances of the State of Victoria, and a review of Departments' corporate and business plans.

This additional review process focuses on the operation and performance of Departments over the previous financial year and complements the initial estimates review process.

The report on the Budget Outcomes is usually tabled in either late March or early April depending on the sittings of the Parliament.

1.3.3 Auditing function

An important function of the Committee is to act on behalf of the Parliament in relation to the Auditor-General and report to the Parliament on the Auditor-General.

The statutory responsibilities as outlined in the *Audit Act 1994*, as amended, provide for the Committee to:

- recommend the appointment of the Auditor-General and the independent performance and financial auditors to review the Victorian Auditor-General's Office;
- consider the Victorian Auditor-General's Office budget estimates;
- review the Auditor-General's draft annual plan and, if necessary, provide comments on the plan to the Auditor-General prior to its finalisation and tabling in Parliament;
- have a consultative role in scoping performance audits and determining particular objectives of the audits and identifying any other particular matters that should be addressed;
- have a consultative role in determining performance audit priorities; and
- exempt, if ever deemed necessary, the Auditor-General from legislative requirements applicable to Government agencies on staff employment conditions and financial reporting practices.

During 2000-2001, the Auditor-General and other members of the Office met with the Committee on several occasions to discuss:

- the Budget Estimates for the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for 2001-2002;
- performance audit program for 2001-2002;
- the Auditor-General's draft annual plan for 2001-2002;
- proposed specifications, including planned objectives and scope, for all performance audits commenced during the year; and
- the Auditor-General's submissions to the Committee's inquiries into a legislative framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament; valuation and reporting of heritage and infrastructure assets; and unfunded superannuation liabilities in the financial reports of Victorian universities.

1.7 Government responses to Committee reports

The Committee has the power to make recommendations to the Parliament, and the appropriate responsible Minister is required to respond within six months of the report being tabled.

Consideration of the Committee's recommendations is an integral part of the accountability process. The Committee records its appreciation to Ministers for their timely responses to the Committee's reports.

1.8 How the Committee operates

Because the Committee has the capacity to determine its own work program and priorities, it generally undertakes a number of inquiries concurrently. In 2000-2001, 17 sub-committees were involved in reviewing the budget estimates or undertaking specific inquiries.

Inquiries are generally advertised and the Committee invites interested individuals and organisations to make written submissions.

Most of the Committee's hearings, at which evidence is gathered, are open to the public and interested parties can receive transcripts of those public hearings.

The Committee presents the results of Inquiries in reports which are tabled in both Houses of Parliament. Copies are distributed to all Ministers, Departments, industry and community organisations with an interest in the Inquiry and the reports are also available to the public.

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee website provides background information on the Committee and its Members; details of current inquiries; meeting dates; a list of recent reports and electronic versions of the latest reports and issues papers. Details are available through www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec

CHAPTER 2: CORPORATE PLAN

To guide its work and provide a framework for the selection of Inquiry topics, the Committee has developed the following corporate plan:

2.1 Mission statement

On behalf of the Parliament to scrutinise and assess the financial administration of the public sector, and promote improvements where necessary.

2.2 Objectives

The duties of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee are described in detail in section 4EB of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* and in the *Audit Act 1994*, as amended. These duties can be interpreted as setting the following objectives for the Committee:

- to encourage the economic, efficient and effective utilisation of public sector resources;
- to enhance the accountability of the Executive Government to the Parliament and the public; and
- to enhance the presentation and disclosure of information to Parliament and the public.

2.3 Strategies

The strategies employed by the Committee to achieve its objectives include:

- 1 examining significant public sector financial and management issues by:
 - (i) maintaining an awareness of key Government policy and public sector financial management issues; and
 - (ii) reviewing:

- the implementation of Government policy;
 - the effectiveness of public sector internal control and risk management systems; and
- (iii) monitoring the impact and implementation of reports and activities of the Auditor-General and taking further action, if required.
- 2 actively promoting any reforms needed to improve accountability and ensure that services provided by Government reflect value for money; and
 - 3 maintaining the Committee's credibility and relevance with Members of Parliament, the public sector and the public by producing timely and relevant quality reports on matters reviewed or investigated.

2.4 Performance measures

The Committee's performance during the year, as measured against the targets shown below, clearly demonstrates a period of mixed achievement.

While the number of reports tabled met the target levels, some timeliness targets were not met and little progress was made with reviewing the backlog of Auditor-General's reports. The reasons for not meeting the expectations of the Committee in relation to these matters can be attributed to:

- the need to give priority to the budget estimates hearings during the period May to September; and
- the delay in recruiting staff to assist with the review of the budget estimates.

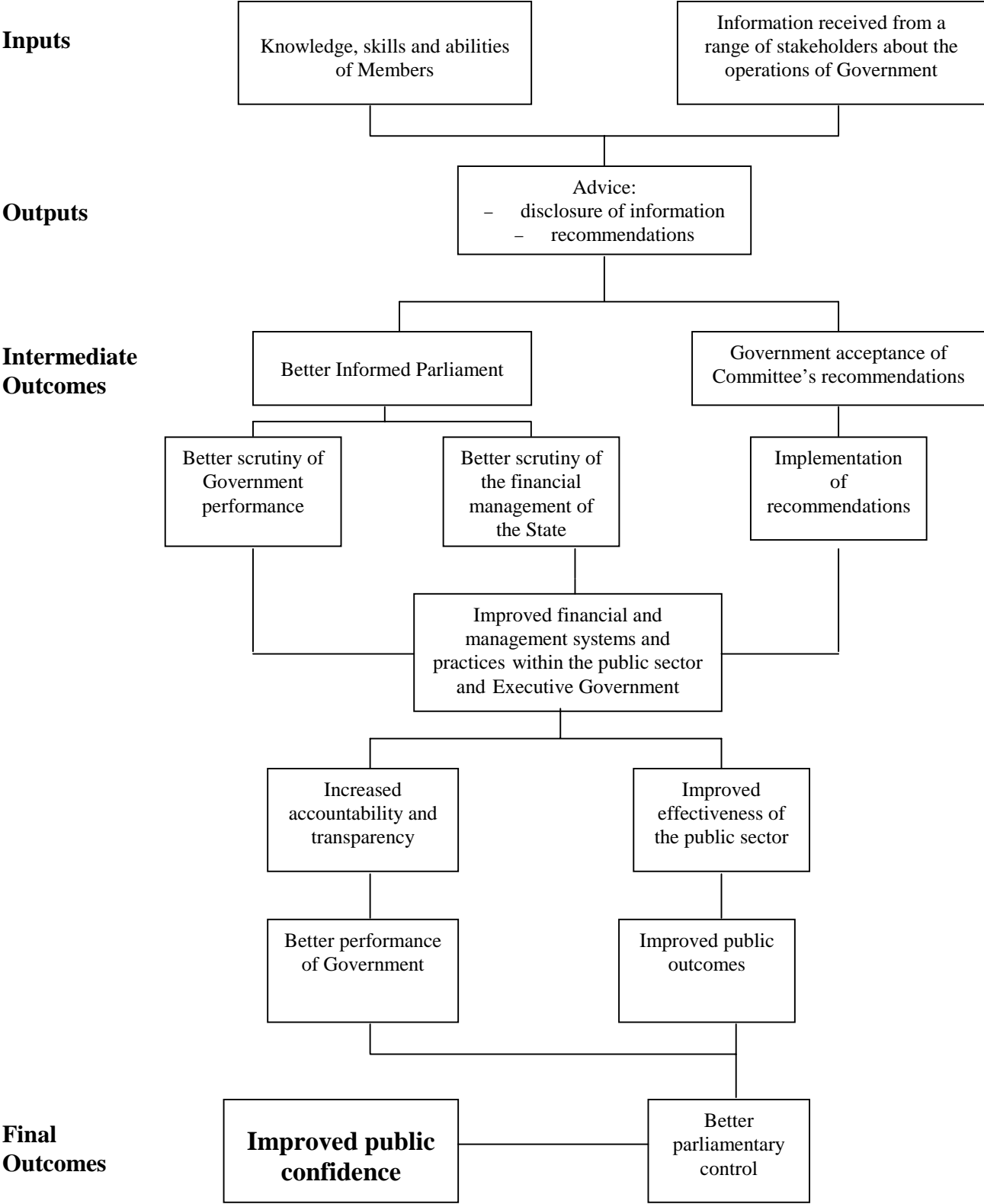
There continued to be a high level of interest in the Committee's reports, and their relevance and significance was acknowledged by political and media commentators, academics, parliamentarians and public sector agencies in a number of articles and forums.

The Committee set itself a high target for Government acceptance of its recommendations. The Committee is pleased to note that the

majority of its recommendations have been accepted and acted on by the Government.

In summary, the Committee has delivered on its corporate mission and is well placed to meet the challenges of the next financial year.

Exhibit 2.1: What the Committee does and the Impact of Our Work



Estimates hearing with the Premier (Hon. S Bracks, MP) and officers of the Department of Premier and Cabinet

Estimates hearing with the Minister for Environment and Conservation (Hon. S Garbutt, MP) and officers of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment

CHAPTER 3: REPORTS PRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

3.1 Report No. 37 Report on the Financial Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for 1999-2000 - Revised Audit Fees

Reference

In accordance with section 17 of the *Audit Act* 1994, as amended, the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee is required to recommend to the Parliament the appointment of an independent auditor to conduct an audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

In March 2000, the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee recommended to the Parliament that Mr Douglas Bartley, a Senior Partner with KPMG, undertake the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for the 1999-2000 financial year and the remuneration for this audit be \$15,000.

Advice was subsequently received from Mr Bartley that significant more work had to be undertaken than originally envisaged, and that consequently the fees needed to be increased by \$9,000 to cover the costs of the additional work.

The Auditor-General's Office confirmed the extent of the additional audit work and agreed that the additional fees should be paid for the audit.

Response to the Report

The Parliament endorsed the Committee's recommendation that the level of remuneration to be paid to Mr Bartley be increased by \$9,000 to \$24,000 for undertaking the audit.

3.2 Report No. 38 Report on the 2000-2001 Budget Estimates

Reference

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee has the power to carry out investigations and report on the budget estimates and other budget documents presented to the Parliament.

Inquiry

Between May and August 2000 the Committee, for the first time, held public hearings with the Premier, every Minister and the Presiding Officers of the Victorian Parliament.

Committee's findings

Apart from commenting on the estimates of expenditure for the Departments, the Committee reviewed the detailed financial and performance information contained in the Budget Papers and commented on the productivity charge and efficiency dividend and the capital asset charge. The Committee also reviewed the impact of the GST on the Victorian Public Sector, the progress with implementing the Management Reform Program and reviewed departmental annual reports for 1998-1999. The Committee also reviewed performance payments in the Victorian Public Sector.

The report contained 119 recommendations. Major recommendations included that:

- actual data be provided for both departmental operating statements and statements of cashflow;
- the guidelines for annual reporting be updated to improve performance information and accountability;
- the Government develop more meaningful performance measures, especially of a qualitative nature, that accurately reflect the nexus between Government policy and departmental strategic directions;

- the Department of Education, Employment and Training review its current performance measures in relation to the quality of teaching and teacher development; and
- an independent review be undertaken to examine existing performance management arrangements within each Department with the intention of ensuring that common criteria for awarding performance pay applies across the Victorian Public Sector.

Government's response to the report

The Committee is pleased that many of its recommendations were accepted by the Government:

- 64 recommendations were accepted;
- 43 recommendations were partially accepted;
- 6 recommendations were rejected;
- 5 recommendations are under review, and
- 1 recommendation was accepted in principle.

3.3 Report No. 39: Report on Unfunded Superannuation Liabilities in the Financial Reports of Victorian Universities

Reference

Since 1998, the Victorian Auditor-General has issued qualified audit opinions on the financial statements of all Victorian universities which have recognised as an asset, the Commonwealth Government's commitment to fund the superannuation costs of university employees who were members of the State Superannuation Fund.

Committee's Findings

At 30 June 2000, the financial report of the Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs reported a total unfunded superannuation commitment to all Australian

universities of \$2.3 billion of which the Commonwealth's share is \$1.7 billion.

The Committee's research revealed that, in other jurisdictions in Australia, there is a diversity of accounting practices coupled with different audit opinions applied to the financial reports of Australian universities in respect of unfunded superannuation liabilities. While the resolution of this problem rests with the Commonwealth Government, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- as a matter of priority, the Victorian Government make representations to the Commonwealth Government with the view to resolving the issue of the reporting of unfunded superannuation liabilities in Victorian universities' accounts; and
- the Australasian Council of Auditors-General be urged to determine and apply a consistent approach to the accounting treatment and audit opinion relating to unfunded superannuation liabilities in universities accounts across Australia.

Government's response to the report

The Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance has advised that an issue proposal was being prepared to the Urgent Issues Group of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, requesting them to resolve the matters raised in the Committee's report.

3.4 Report No. 40: Report on the Appointment of Independent Auditors to Conduct Financial and Performance Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Reference

In accordance with sections 17 and 19 of the *Audit Act* 1994, as amended, the Committee is required to recommend the appointment of an independent auditor to conduct a financial

audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office and a performance audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Committee's findings

Financial Audit: After assessing each proposal against the selection criteria and clarifying with the short-listed tenderers their audit methodology and approach, the Committee resolved to recommend the appointment of Mr Christopher Lewis, a Partner with KPMG, on the basis that:

- he is a Member of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board; and
- he is highly qualified and experienced in undertaking audits in both the private and public sectors.

Performance Audit: After reviewing all proposals received and conducting interviews, the Committee resolved to recommend the appointment of Mr Stuart Alford of Ernst & Young to conduct the performance audit of the Auditor-General's Office.

Mr Alford, a practising audit partner with Ernst & Young, is also Chairman of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and is the Australian accounting profession representative on the International Auditing Practice Committee of the International Federation of Accountants. Mr Alford also undertook the 1998 performance review of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Response to the report

On 3 May 2001, the Parliament endorsed the appointment of Mr Lewis² and Mr Alford.

² On 2 July 2001, Mr Lewis resigned as financial auditor of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office and the Committee presented another report to the Parliament recommending the appointment of Mr Graeme Ross, a Partner with Day Neilson, as financial auditor. This appointment was subsequently endorsed by the Parliament.

3.5 Report No. 41: Report on the 1999-2000 Budget Outcomes

Reference

In April 2000 the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee presented its 36th Report to Parliament entitled Report on Reforms for scrutinising the Budget Estimates. This report recommended a two-phased estimates scrutiny process with estimates hearings being held between May and August on the proposed expenditure of Departments for the next financial year and a further review process in October and November of the outcomes for the previous financial year. Report No. 41 is the first occasion on which the Committee has provided the Parliament with a report on the budget outcomes.

Committee's findings

The 1999-2000 Budget Papers were prepared on the basis of the previous Government's expectations. Following the change of Government in October 1999, a mid-year budget review was tabled in the Parliament which updated the economic conditions and outlook for Victoria. Based on a review of the Budget Papers for 1999-2000, annual reports of Departments for 1999-2000 and responses from Departments on the outcomes of various departmental activities undertaken, the Committee compiled a report containing 32 recommendations. Many of the recommendations suggested improvements in:

- annual reporting;
- financial and performance information;
- governance processes; and
- monitoring some key departmental activities.

Government's response to the report

The Government has accepted 21 recommendations and partially accepted another 11 recommendations. No recommendations were rejected.

Photo taken by Philip Flanagan, Catholic Social Services

Two Members (Ms S Davies, MP and Mrs J Maddigan, MP) of the Sub-Committee on DHS Service Agreements who attended a Catholic Social Services forum on health and welfare Government contracts.

Sub-Committee on Department of Human Services - Service Agreements attending a hearing in Echuca
L to R: Mrs J Maddigan, MP, Ms A Barker, MP, Ms S Davies, MP, and Hon. G Rich-Phillips, MLC

CHAPTER 4: INQUIRIES IN PROGRESS

This section provides a brief description of current Inquiries at 30 June 2001.

4.1 Budget Estimates for 2001-2002

Inquiry

Prior to the presentation of the Budget in May 2001, the Committee forwarded a questionnaire to all Departments to obtain additional information to assist with the review of the budget estimates for 2001-2002.

Public hearings have been held with the Premier and seven Ministers. Further hearings are scheduled to take place in August and the Committee will report in November 2001.

4.2 Follow-up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting

Inquiry

In March 1998, the Committee undertook an inquiry into environmental accounting and reporting and an Interim Report was tabled in June 1999 containing 35 recommendations.

The Government's response to the report indicated, in broad terms, support for a number of the Committee's recommendations including:

- the re-introduction of State of the Environment reporting;
- the implementation of public sector environmental reporting; and
- the encouragement of reporting by the private sector.

In light of these developments, the Committee resolved to immediately undertake a follow-up inquiry that will review the

legislative framework to establish a Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development, and the progress made by Government agencies in implementing many of the Committee's recommendations.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry require the Sub-Committee to:

- Review the proposed role and objectives of the Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development and seek advice on:
 - (a) comparable positions in other jurisdictions; and
 - (b) resourcing and reporting arrangements.
- Develop a framework for legislation:
 - (a) State of Environment reporting; and
 - (b) the Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development.
- Follow up outstanding issues raised in the *Interim Report on Environmental Accounting and Reporting*, and report on developments in relation to the following matters:
 - (a) methodologies and standards for environmental accounting and environmental reporting;
 - (b) environmental indicators for environmental accounting and reporting;
 - (c) verification processes for environmental accounting and reporting;
 - (d) consistency of reporting environmental impacts in financial statements at the international, national, Victorian, regional and local government levels;
 - (e) consistency in reporting by private enterprise to Government agencies; and
 - (f) the rate of adoption, by private enterprise, of environmental reporting and environmental management systems in Victoria.
- Investigate the role of environmental levies and charges in public environmental management.

An Issues Paper was prepared and widely circulated to individuals and organisations with an interest in this topic. Terms of reference were advertised and 42 submissions were received.

Public hearings were held in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra with evidence taken from 72 witnesses.

At the time of finalisation of this annual report, this Inquiry had completed its public hearings and a fourth draft of the report had been prepared and was under consideration by the Committee. The Committee expects to table the report in February 2002.

4.3 Inquiry into Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Agreements in Victoria

Inquiry

As a result of concerns raised during the Committee's inquiry into the Outsourcing of Government Services in the Victorian Public Sector, the Committee resolved to conduct an Inquiry into Department of Human Services (DHS) service agreements.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry require the Sub-Committee to:

- review the current framework for the delivery, management, funding and monitoring of community, health and welfare services in Victoria that are subject to DHS service agreements, and in particular, as they apply to rural and regional areas and to local government;
- determine the degree to which customer service rights and service provider and purchaser responsibilities are reflected in DHS service agreements;
- review developments in the use of service agreements in other States, Territories and overseas;
- assess the impact that DHS service agreements have had on:
 - (a) equity of access to services; and

- (b) filling service gaps in the community, health and welfare sectors;
- review the arrangements that provide DHS service agreement coverage of community, health and welfare needs, especially emerging needs for services;
- determine the number and type of DHS service agreements and evaluate the processes used to allocate the different types of DHS service agreements to agencies, by head office and regional management;
- review the nature and use of unit costing contained in DHS service agreements and determine its current level of accuracy in incorporating the full range of functions provided;
- review the nature of pricing and funding of mandatory statutory service provision as provided by non-government agencies;
- review the tendering and contract arrangements for DHS service agreements and determine:
 - (a) whether the current arrangements are appropriate, efficient and effective; and
 - (b) if changes are required;
- determine how DHS service agreements reflect training, recruitment and retention of staff, and organisational development needs of service providers, in the community, health and welfare sectors.

The terms of reference were advertised and 161 submissions were received. The Committee held public hearings in regional Victoria, Melbourne and Brisbane and took evidence from 135 witnesses.

At the time of finalising this annual report, the Sub-Committee had completed taking evidence and a draft report was under consideration. It is expected that this Inquiry will report in February 2002.

4.4 Matters arising from reports of the Auditor-General

Reference

In virtually all Parliaments in the Westminster system the Public Accounts Committee works closely with the Auditor-General. The form this co-operation takes varies, but almost always includes a review by the Committee of the reports published by the Auditor-General, and a follow up to those reports when the Committee considers it appropriate.

This is the practice which is followed by this Committee.

Inquiry

As at 30 June 2001, the Committee was working on:

- Special Report No. 43 – Protecting Victoria’s Children: the role of the Department of Human Services and responses from the Department and Minister for Finance.

It is expected that this Inquiry will report in November 2001; and

- Special Report No. 46 – Public Housing: responding to a fundamental need / Law Enforcement Assistance program: Better information on crime.

It is expected that this Inquiry will report in March 2002.

4.5 Legislative framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament

Inquiry

As a result of representations from the Auditor-General, the Committee undertook an Inquiry into the need for an appropriate legislative framework for Victorian Officers of Parliament.

The terms of reference required the Sub-Committee to inquire into and report on:

1. An appropriate legislative framework for Victorian Officers of Parliament such as the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General and other statutory office-holders, that would recognise the special position of Statutory Officers of the Parliament in terms of their relationship with the Victorian Parliament but which also ensures that their greater autonomy is accompanied by very clear accountability requirements; and
2. developments in this area in other jurisdictions.

The terms of reference were advertised and 11 submissions were received. Public hearings have been held in Melbourne, Canberra and Wellington, New Zealand. This Inquiry has completed all its public hearings.

A draft report is being prepared and it is expected that the report will be tabled in February 2002.

4.6 Valuation and Reporting of Cultural, Heritage and Infrastructure Assets by Public Sector Entities

Inquiry

The level of heritage and infrastructure assets managed by the public sector represents a fundamental component of the State's entire asset base. Accordingly, the accounting treatment applied to these assets can have a significant impact on the reported financial position of an agency.

Presently, there are a number of accounting standards that relate to the treatment of these assets:

- Australian Accounting Standards AAS29 (Financial Reporting by Government Departments) and AAS27 (Financial Reporting by Local Governments) which require recognition in the statement of financial position of all assets, including heritage and infrastructure assets, when it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied in the asset will eventuate and the asset

possesses a cost or other value that can be measured reliably; and

- Australian Accounting Standard AAS4 (Depreciation of non-current assets) which requires that all assets with limited useful lives be subject to depreciation.

However, there has been a significant level of debate both in Australia and overseas on whether cultural, heritage, scientific and community collections actually satisfy the asset recognition criteria contained in the Australian Accounting Standards.

The terms of reference adopted for the Inquiry require the Sub-Committee to:

1. Determine whether the characteristics shown by Cultural, Heritage and Infrastructure assets, or categories of, satisfy the asset recognition criteria as contained in Australian Accounting Standards AAS27 and AAS29.
2. Assess the current valuation methods for infrastructure, cultural and heritage assets in terms of meeting the financial and operational requirements of government agencies and satisfying external reporting requirements.
3. Determine whether the depreciation methods required by the Australian Accounting Standards are compatible with, or appropriate for, infrastructure and cultural and heritage assets owned by the Victorian Government
4. Examine the costs of obtaining valuations, particularly of cultural and heritage assets, and determine whether the reliability of the valuation justifies the cost.
5. Identify the reporting requirements of Cultural, Heritage and Infrastructure assets in overseas countries such as the US, Canada and the European Union and determine the need for alternative approaches to valuation methods in Australia.

6. What changes are necessary to ensure a consistent and reliable valuation and reporting mechanism for cultural, heritage and infrastructure assets.

The terms of reference were advertised and 33 submissions were received. Public hearings have been held in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra and evidence was taken from 40 witnesses.

This Inquiry has completed all its public hearings and the report is expected to be tabled in March 2002.

CHAPTER 5: OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Members seminars on financial and public sector reforms

The Committee, with the assistance of the Department of Treasury and Finance, Department of Human Services, Department of Natural Resources and Environment and other agencies, conducts seminars for parliamentarians and their staff aimed at promoting awareness about financial management or public sector reform issues.

During 2000-2001, the Committee held seminars on:

- the future of health care;
- Victorian Government's Annual Financial Statement for 1999-2000;
- environmental issues; and
- the 2001-2002 budget estimates.

Each seminar attracts approximately 60 participants. The Committee sought feedback from Members and their staff about the presentation and value of the seminars. Responses from Members indicated that they found the program informative and useful.

5.2 Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees

The Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees (ACPAC), consisting of all public accounts committees throughout Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea, operates on a two-year cycle, with a biennial conference and a mid-term meeting each alternate year.

The aims of ACPAC are to:

- exchange information, ideas and opinions relating to public accounts committees;
- improve public and parliamentary accountability through the work of public accounts committees; and
- seek ways of improving the performance of public accounts committees.

The Chairman, seven Members of the Committee and the Executive Officer attended the 6th Biennial Conference held in Canberra from 4 to 6 February 2001. Agenda items included:

- Accrual accounting – the New Zealand experience;
- Transparency, including commercial in confidence;
- Defining and measuring community service obligations;
- Outsourcing risk. Risk management in the new contestable environment;
- Ethical issues in moving from the public sector to the private sector;
- Accountability versus efficiency;
- Retention of corporate money and skills in the public service;
- Defining the public interest;
- Impact of devolution; and
- Measuring performance.

The Chairman presented two papers at the conference. At the conclusion of the conference, the Chairman was appointed as the Chairman of ACPAC and will be responsible for organising the mid-term meeting in 2002 and the next biennial conference in 2003.

5.3 Staffing of the Committee

The staffing situation of the Committee, although improved in 2000, continues to be an ongoing issue.

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF HEARINGS AND MEETINGS 2000–2001

DATE	SUBJECT	ORGANISATION	WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE
20 July	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Scoping of Performance Audits of the Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Ms J Tranter Mr R Rottura
3 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
		Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, Wellington, New Zealand	Rt. Hon. J Hunt and six Members of the Officers of Parliament Committee
		Clerk of the House of Representatives	Mr D McGee, QC
		New Zealand Controller and Auditor-General	Mr D J D Macdonald Mr R Buchanan Mr T O'Loughlin
		Senior Lecturer, Public Policy Group, Victoria University	Mr J Martin
		Treasury	Ms K Adair Mr G Donovan
		Chief Ombudsman	Sir Brian Elwood

4 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Reporting and Accounting</i>	
		Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment	Dr J Morgan Williams
		Assistant Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment	Ms H Beaumont
		Citizens Concerns	Mr B McClymont
8 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolios: Agriculture and Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Hon. K Hamilton, MP Ms C Munro Mr T Healy Mr R Rawson Dr B Kefford Mr S Gartland Mr T Cahir
8 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Gaming, Department of Treasury and Finance	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr I Little Mr W Lahey
		Portfolio: Major Projects and Tourism, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr N Edwards Mr R Roennfeld Mr J Floyd
9 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Community Services, Department of Human Services	Hon. C Campbell, MP Mr H Ronaldson Ms M Wagstaff Mr B Solly Mr L Wallace

9 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Small Business, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr D Seymour Mr N Edwards
10 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Consumer Affairs, Department of Justice	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr P Harmsworth Ms B Steele Mr D Fitzgerald Ms L Goodes
14 August	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		Portfolios: Police and Emergency Services and Corrections, Department of Justice	Hon. A Haermeyer, MP Mr N Comrie Mr P Harmsworth Mr A Clayton
17 August	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
22 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Industrial Relations, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. M Gould, MLC Mr N Edwards Mr G Fary
		Portfolios: Housing and Aged Care, Department of Human Services	Hon. B Pike, MP Mr H Ronaldson Mr L Wallace Mr R Hudson Dr H Buchan Ms A Jurjevic Mr L Wallace

22 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Energy and Resources, Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Hon. C Broad, MLC Ms C Munro Mr R. Rawson Mr T Healy
		Portfolio: Ports, Department of Infrastructure	Hon. C Broad, MLC Mr R McDonald Mr N Aplin
22 August	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
23 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Sport and Recreation, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Madden, MLC Mr N Edwards Mr R Kennedy
		Portfolio: Youth Affairs, Department of Education, Employment and Training	Hon. J Madden, MLC Mr P Allen Ms L Foster
23 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Finance, Department of Treasury and Finance	Hon. L Kosky, MP Mr I Little Mr G Hehir Mr P Carroll
		Portfolio: Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment	Hon. L Kosky, MP Mr P Allen Ms M Sussex

24 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Environment and Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Hon. S Garbutt, MP Ms R Barker Dr B Robinson Ms C Munro Mr T Healy Mr R Rawson Mr G O'Neill Mr P Sutherland Ms M van Rees
		Portfolio: Women's Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet	Hon. S Garbutt, MP Ms J Watt Ms R Barker
24 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Department of Human Services	Mr S Solomon Mr L Wallace
		Victorian Council of Social Service	Mr A McCallum Ms D Fifier Ms M Webster
			Prof L Hancock Dr A Neville
25 August	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		Telstra	Mr C Senese Ms J Saleeba
		Shell	Dr D Bowman
		National Australia Bank	Mr C Davey
		Deakin University	Dr J Raar
		Victorian Water Industry Association Inc	Ms T McCormack Mr A Cooney

11 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		Pasminco	Mr D Sinclair
		World Wide Fund for Nature	Mr M Rae
		Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Mr D Belfield Ms C Proske
		CSIRO Minerals	Dr F Solomon
		Save Albert Park	Mr K Wiltshire Dr R Ulman
		University of Melbourne	Dr P Christoff
		Environment Institute of Australia	Mr S Molesworth, AM, QC
		Productivity Commission	Dr N Byron Mr R Kerr
		Environment Management Industry Association of Australia	Ms L Chaplin Mr T Thornton
		12 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee
Metropolitan Environment Forum of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives	Dr P Johnstone		
Environment Liaison Office	Dr D Yencken		

12 September (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr L Johnstone Mr P Lyon
		Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation	Mr T Jeyaretnam Mr K Fung
19 September	Public hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Ms A McLennan
		Cowbaw Community Health Service	Mr A Taylor
		Wattle Human Services	Mr G Fawkner
		Department of Human Services, Loddon Mallee Regional Office	Ms J Snell
		Bendigo Health Care Group	Ms K Byrne
		St Lukes Anglicare, Bendigo	Ms A McCallum
20 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into DHS Service Agreements</i>	
		Kyabram & District Memorial Hospital	Ms M Brookfield
		Kyabram Community and Learning Centre	Ms M Atkins
		Lockington and District Bush Nursing Hospital	Mr C Jones
		Shire of Campaspe	Ms J Andrews

20 September (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Northern Disability Services Inc.	Ms J Hope Black
21 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Upper Murray Family Care	Mr L Rumbold
		Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House	Mrs N Wright
		Upper Murray Region Neighbourhood House Collective – Disability Advocacy and Information Service	Mr M Jarrett
		Indigo Shire Council	Ms R Tai
		Wangaratta District Base Hospital	Mr B Hansen
26 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Department of Human Services	Ms M Wagstaff Mr A Hall
		Freehill, Hollingdale and Page	Mr M Cooke
		The Salvation Army	Ms M Hamley
		Royal District Nursing Service	Mr D Romanis Mr D Alderson Ms P McPherson

27 September	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Department of Premier and Cabinet, Queensland	Dr C Munro Ms H Gadsen Mr T Reddel
		Queensland Treasury	Ms N Deeth
		Queensland Health	Ms J Power
		Queensland Department of Housing	Ms R Phillips
		Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Development	Mr C Orr Mr P Tool
		Queensland Council of Social Service	Assoc Prof N Ryan Dr K Brown
		28 September	Public Hearing Sub-Committee
Centacare Catholic Family Services	Mr C Pearson		
South East Palliative Care Ltd	Ms A Coy		
Peninsula Hospice Service	Ms J Hind-Roff		
Victorian Healthcare Association	Ms M Smith Ms C Elvins Mr G Knox		
Infoxchange	Mr M Grant		
4 October	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
6 October	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Scoping of Performance Audits of the Auditor-General</i>	

9 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Ms M Van Rees Mr P Sutherland Mr S Jacoby
		Victorian Local Governance Association	Mr B Cotter Ms J Hansen Mr S Ray
		Maddock, Lonie and Chisholm	Ms L Hicks
		Green Innovations Inc	Mr P Sutton
		Environment Protection Authority	Mr R Joy Mr T A'Hearn
		Australian Accounting Research Foundation	Mr S Neild
9 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
		Office of Public Employment	Mr P Salway
		Purple Sage Project	Dr W Chamley
		Victoria University of Technology	Professor C Clark Dr M de Martinis
10 October	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
		Clerk of the Senate	Mr H Evans
		ACT Auditor-General	Mr J Parkinson
		Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	Mr R McLeod Mr O Winder

10 October (cont'd)	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
		Commonwealth Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit	Mr B Charles, MP Dr M Kerley
		Australian National University	Dr J Uhr
		University of Canberra	Prof R Wettenhall
11 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-up outstanding matters raised in Auditor-General's Reports</i>	
		Children's Welfare Association	Ms C Clare Mr K Patterson Mr B Lamb Mr B Mitchell Mr J Avent Mr V Coull
		Children's Protection Society	Ms R Lever Ms K Flanagan Ms L Hewitt
		Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency	Ms M Cadd Mr A Bamblett
		Department of Education	Mr G Schaeche Ms C Murphy
		Department of Human Services	Ms M Wagstaff Ms J McAuley
11 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Berry St Inc	Ms S de Wolf
		Catholic Social Services	Ms M Webster
		Municipal Association of Victoria	Ms C Hargreaves Ms C Blair Mr S Antonelli

11 October (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Melbourne Citymission	Rev R Cleary Mr J Dendyk
		Wesley Central Mission	Mr R Nicholls
12 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		Specialist Adviser	Mr I Langfield- Smith
		Victorian Auditor- General's Office	Mr G Pound Mr E Hopp
		Museum Victoria	Mr M Hallett
		VicRoads	Mr D Thompson
17 October	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		EPA, NSW	Mr D Collins
		Australian Industry Group	Ms V Filling Mr D Bell
		The Futures Foundation	Ms J Lee Matin
		NSW Department of Local Government	Ms M Craig
		NSW Local Government and Shires Association	Mr R Verhey
		Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Mr M Newson
		Australian Business	Mr M Carolin Ms I Williamson
		University of Wollongong	Assoc Professor G Rose

18 October	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
		University of NSW	Assoc Professor R Harding
		Australian National University	Dr S Dovers
		Environment Australia	Mr S Hatfield-Dodds
		Office Manager, ACT Commissioner for the Environment	Dr H Sims
		Environment Australia	Mr C Boekel Ms J Boshier
		Environment Australia	Mr M Forbes Mr D Pinch
		Australian Ethical Investments Limited	Mr D Paterson
		Green Measures	Mr D Osborn
		Australian Bureau of Statistics	Mr B Harrison Ms Z Abbasi
		The Australian Institute	Dr C Hamilton
		Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia	Mr R Bastian
		EcoFutures	Ms M Harriss Olson Mr P Toyne
19 October	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Victorian Council of Social Service	Ms D Fifier Ms M Webster
		Anglicare	Ms A Were

19 October (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres	Ms M Clark
		Women's Health Victoria	Ms M Beaumont
		Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities	Ms L Kokocinski
		Women's Liberation Halfway House	Ms H Kaiser Ms Z Thlebane
		O'Connell Family Centre (Grey Sisters) Inc	Ms M Mant
		Mercy Health and Aged Care Group	Mr I Goldsmith
		South Central Region Migrant Resource Centre	Mr R Buscemi
		UnitingCare Connections	Rev D Pargeter Ms M Leveratt
8 November	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-up outstanding matters raised in Auditor-General's Reports</i>	
		Australian Education Union	Ms C Stewart Mr M Butler
			Mr J Fogarty
		University of Melbourne	Prof D Scott
		Australians Against Child Abuse	Mr J Tucci
		Department of Education, Employment and Training	Mr M White

8 November	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		City of Maroondah	Mr N Foa Ms T Wilkinson
		UnitingCare Connections	Mr D Dalton Ms L Oakley
		ACROD	Ms S Kirkegard Ms V Funnell Mr B Lillywhite
		RMIT University School of Management	Ms S Moore
		Council of Intellectual Disability Services	Ms S Jackson
		Mackillop Family Services	Mr P Linossier
9 November	Private Briefing Full Committee	<i>Unfunded Superannuation Liabilities in the Financial Reports of Victorian Universities</i>	
		Department of Treasury and Finance	Mr N Taylor Mr N Daicos
		University of Melbourne	Mr D Percival
		Victorian Auditor- General's Office	Mr R Walker Mr G Pound
9 November	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
10 November	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		National Gallery of Victoria on Russell	Mr G Newcombe
		Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne	Prof J Ross Ms L McAllister

10 November (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		Deakin University	Prof G Carnegie
		Australian Accounting Standards Board	Mr K Alfredson Mr J Paul
		North Limited	Mr F Micallef
20 November	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Southern Health	Mr S Capp Mr C Putt Mr M Sammells
		Volunteering Victoria	Mr R Hermanus
		Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service	Mr M Yore Ms M Kenny Ms V Ayres-Wearne
		Children's Welfare Association of Victoria	Ms C Clare Mr Patterson Mr C Marshall
		Department of Human Services	Mr A Strip
		Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	Ms F Milsom
		Deakin University	Prof J Carter
21 November	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
22 November	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
23 November	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
24 November	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		

6 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Hanover Welfare Services	Mr T Nicholson
		Jesuit Social Services	Mr D Murray Mr R Cavanaugh
		LaTrobe University	Prof S Duckett
		Carers Association of Victoria	Ms M Bohan
		Muscular Dystrophy Assoc	Mr B Struk
7 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Headway Gippsland	Ms T Kingwill
		Central Gippsland and East Gippsland Regional Youth Committees	Mr P Craighead Mr N Smith
		Central Gippsland Health Service	Mr I Fraser Mr J Lau
		Wellington Shire Council	Mr B Graham Ms G Butler
		Department of Human Services, Gippsland Region Office	Mr L Harkin Ms D Wee
8 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Bellarine Peninsula Health Service	Ms M Curtis

8 December (cont'd)	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		MacKillip Family Services (Barwon)	Ms A Condon
		Barwon Association of Youth Support and Accommodation	Mr S Murphy
		Zena Collective	Ms P Cash Ms C Adams
		Barwon Health	Dr J Gallichio Mr J Linke Mr D Dillon Ms A Fletcher
		Golden Plains Shire	Mr N Klemm
13 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		A N U	Professor A Barton
		Australian National Audit Office	Mr M Watson Ms L O'Brien
		Department of Finance and Administration	Mr B Kauffman
		National Gallery of Australia	Mr M Baird
		Australian War Memorial	Mr M Whitmore
13 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Unfunded Superannuation Liabilities in Financial Reports of Victorian Universities</i>	
		Australian National Audit Office	Mr M Watson Ms L O'Brien
		Department of Finance and Administration	Mr B Kauffman

14 December	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		University of Sydney	Prof P Wolnizer
		University of NSW	Prof B Walker
		NSW Treasury	Mr A Waddington Mr M Smith
			Prof D Griffin
		Collection Valuation Project	Mr R Llewellyn
20 December	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Scoping of Performance Audits of the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor- General's Office	Ms P Williams Mr R Seidel-Davies Mr S Mitsas
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23 January	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Privilege</i>	
23 January	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-up outstanding matters raised in Auditor-General's Reports</i>	
		NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People	Ms G Calvert
23 January	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Scoping of Performance Audits of the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victoria Police	Mr N Comrie Mr P Nancarrow Mr L Gassner
6 March	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services service agreements</i>	
		Victorian Council of Social Service	Ms D Fifer Ms M Webster

7 March	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		Department of Treasury and Finance	Mr S Gurr Mr W McGregor
		Australian Valuation Office	Mr G Addicott
		RMIT University	Mr A Molland
		La Trobe University	Ms C Capitanio
8 March	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
15 March	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
29 March	Deliberative Meeting Full Committee		
29 March	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Legislative Framework for Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament</i>	
		Regulator-General	Dr J Tamblyn
		The Ombudsman Victoria	Dr B Perry
10 April	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	
		City of Melbourne	Mr R Marsh
		Melbourne Water	Mr B Forrester
		Moorabool Shire Council	Mr G Jakob Mr K Caldwell
		Office of the Valuer-General of Victoria	Mr J Dunham Mr G Balfour
		Ernst & Young	Mrs R Picker

23 April	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Financial and Performance Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Stevenson McGregor	Mr K Stevenson
		Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Mr G Harry
		B D O	Mr M Batchelor Mr G Carpenter Mr P Doughty
		Ernst & Young	Mr S Alford Mr D Balcombe
		Arthur Andersen	Ms M Waldron
		Hall Chadwick	Mr R Yeo Mr G Marriott
		KPMG	Mr C Lewis
26 April	Private briefing and deliberative meeting Full Committee	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr J W Cameron Ms P Williams Ms J Tranter
25 May	Public Hearing Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Premier, and Multicultural Affairs	Hon. S Bracks, MP Mr T Moran Mr Y Blacher
1 June	Public Hearing Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Treasury, Department of Treasury and Finance	Hon. J Brumby, MP Mr I Little Mr G Hehir Mr P Goddard
		Portfolio: State and Regional Development, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Brumby, MP Ms D Goodin Mr D Hanna

1 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Tourism, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr D Riley Ms D Goodin
1 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Major Projects, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr I Hatfield Ms D Goodin
		Portfolio: Gaming, Department of Treasury and Finance	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr W Lahey Mr R Geddes Mr D Bloomfield
8 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Youth Affairs, Department of Education, Employment and Training	Hon. J Madden, MLC Ms J Fraser Ms K Cleave
		Portfolio: Sport and Recreation, Department of State and Regional Development	Hon. J Madden, MLC Mr N Edwards Mr R Kennedy
8 June	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Scoping of Performance Audits of the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor- General's Office	Mr J W Cameron Ms P Williams Mr S Mitsas Ms J Tranter

22 June	Public Hearing Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Arts, Department of Premier and Cabinet	Hon. M Delahunty, MP Mr T Moran Mr D Carmody Ms M Katsonis
22 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Education, Department of Education	Hon. M Delahunty, MP Mr S Hamilton Mr M White
26 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Community Services, Department of Human Services	Hon. C Campbell, MP Ms P Faulkner Ms P White Mr R Solly Mr L Wallace
26 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Women's Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet	Hon. S Garbutt, MP Mr T Moran Ms J Watt Ms R Barker
26 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Environment and Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Hon. S Garbutt, MP Ms R Barker Mr R Rawson Mr T Healy Mr G O'Neill Mr P Sutherland Ms M van Rees Dr. B Robinson
27 June	Public Hearing Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Planning, Department of Infrastructure	Hon. J Thwaites, MP Mr R McDonald Mr P Jerome Mr J Collins

27 June	Public Hearing Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Health, Department of Human Services	Hon. J Thwaites, MP Ms P Faulkner Mr S Solomon Dr C Brook Ms A Jurjevic Mr L Wallace

APPENDIX 2: STAFFING OF THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has the following core staff:

Ms Michele Cornwell	-	Executive Officer
Ms Frances Essaber	-	Assistant Executive Officer
Mrs Christine Walker	-	Office Manager

Research Staff:

Mr John Knowles
Dr Caroline Williams

Secondments

The Committee has a policy of seconding officers from the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, to assist with the review of the Budget Estimates. During the period under review, Mr Mark Holloway, a performance auditor from the Victorian Auditor-General's Office assisted with research work connected with the review of the Budget Estimates for 2000-2001.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the staff of the secretariat for their efforts throughout the year.

Specialist Advisers

To assist with some of the more technical and complex issues that may arise during an Inquiry, the Committee has a panel of specialist advisers to provide advice on complex and technical issues. The composition of the panel changes depending on the degree of specialisation and complexity of each Inquiry.

During this year, the Committee has been assisted by the following advisers:

Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting

Professor Craig Deegan Faculty of Commerce
University of South Queensland

Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates

Professor James Guthrie Graduate School of
Management, Macquarie
University

Hansard

The excellent service provided by the Parliamentary Reporter and her staff is also acknowledged.

APPENDIX 3: COMMITTEE'S EXPENDITURE FOR 2000-2001

The Committee's expenditure for 2000-2001 was as follows:

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Members' Travel/Expense Allowance	11,390
Salaries and associated costs of the secretariat	218,264
Administrative Expenses	72,307
Inquiries	307,039
Total Expenditure	609,000

Expenditure was 0.38 per cent over budget.

APPENDIX 4: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Full Committee	No. of meetings attended
The full Committee met on 15 occasions:	
Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	15
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	15
Ms Ann Barker, MLC	13
Hon. David Davis, MLC ²	14
Ms Susan Davies, MP	14
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC ³	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	10
Mr Tim Holding, MP	14
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	12
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	15
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	13
No. of Public Hearings	- 4
No. of Private Meetings	- 11

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Agriculture and Aboriginal Affairs – 2000-2001 Budget Estimates	No. of meetings attended
The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:	
Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1
No. of Public Hearings	- 1

² Appointed as a Member of the Committee on 6 September 2000

³ Discharged as a Member of the Committee on 6 September 2000

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Gaming, Major Projects and Tourism – 2000-2001 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings – 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Community Services – 2000-2001 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1

No. of Public Hearings – 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Small Business and Consumer Affairs - 2000-2001 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1

Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Police and Emergency Services and Corrections – 2000-2001 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Industrial Relations – 2000-2001 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC	1
Hon. R Hallam, MLC	1
Mrs J Maddigan, MP	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Tourism and Major Projects – 2001-2002 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Youth Affairs and Sport and Recreation – 2001-2002 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Community Services – 2001-2002 Budget Estimates **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure
for Environment and Conservation and
Women's Affairs – 2001-2002 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon. David Davies, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings – 1

**Sub-Committee on Scoping of Performance
Audits of the Auditor-General** **No. of meetings
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on five occasions:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	5
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	4
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	3

No. of Private Meetings – 5

**Sub-Committee on Inquiry into Department of
Human Services service agreements** **No. of meetings
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on 15 occasions:

Ms Ann Barker, MP (Chairperson)	14
Ms Susan Davies, MP	13
Hon. David Davis, MLC ³	6
Hon. Bill Forwood, MLC ⁴	
Mr Peter Loney, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	14
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	9

No. of Public Hearings – 13

No. of Private Meetings – 2

³ Appointed as a Member of the Sub-Committee on 4 October 2000

⁴ Discharged as a Member of the Committee on 6 September 2000

Sub-Committee on Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on seven occasions:

Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC (Chairman)	7
Hon. D Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	6
Mr Peter Loney, MP	2
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	5

No. of Public Hearings	-	4
No. of Private Meetings	-	3

Sub-Committee on Outstanding Matters Raised in Auditor-General's Reports **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on three occasions:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	3
Ms Ann Barker, MP	3
Hon. David Davis, MLC	3
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	3

No. of Public Hearings	-	3
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Sub-Committee on Statutory Independent Officers of Parliament **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on five occasions:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	5
Hon. David Davis, MLC ⁵	3
Hon B Forwood, MLC ⁶	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	4
Hon Theo Theophanous, MLC	2

No. of Public Hearings	-	3
No. of Private Meetings	-	2

⁵ Appointed as a Member of the Sub-Committee on 4 October 2000

⁶ Discharged as a Member of the Committee on 6 September 2000

Sub-Committee on Valuation and Reporting on Infrastructure and Heritage Assets **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on six occasions:

Hon Roger Hallam, MP (Chairman)	6
Mr T Holding, MP	6
Mr Peter Loney, MP	2
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	4
Hon G Rich-Phillips, MLC	3

No. of Public Hearings – 6

Sub-Committee on Appointment of Independent Auditors to Conduct Financial and Performance Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Hon Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Hon L Asher, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1

No. of Private Hearings – 1