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## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

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- ❖ *56 meetings held*
- ❖ *29 sub-committees active*
- ❖ *85 submissions received*
- ❖ *285 witnesses gave evidence*
- ❖ *30 public hearings held*
- ❖ *7 reports tabled in Parliament*
- ❖ *1 issues paper distributed*
- ❖ *3 new inquiries commenced*
- ❖ *1 seminar organised*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

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### 2001

- 15 August Chairman briefs Malaysian Government Officials on the Committee's role in evaluating government programs and services.
- 23 August Report No. 42 – *Report on the Appointment of a replacement Auditor to Conduct Financial Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office* - is tabled.
- 6 September Chairman briefs senior Mongolian Government Officials on the work of the Committee.
- 26 September Chairman addresses an IIR Conference in Canberra on *Assessing the implications that outsourcing and contracting have on corporate governance with government departments*.
- 29 October Chairman briefs senior Indonesian Government Officials on the work of the Committee.
- 20 November Chairman gives a presentation at the CPA Australia (Vic Division) Government Business Symposium on *The Importance of Risk Management and Corporate Governance*.
- 27 November Report No. 43 – *Report on the 2001-2002 Budget Estimates* - is tabled.
- 28 November Report No. 44 – *Report on the Review of the Auditor-General's Special Report No. 43 – Protecting Victoria's Children: The role of the Department of Human Services* - is tabled.

5 December Report No. 45 – *Annual report for 2000-2001* - is tabled.

**2002**

7 February Committee hosts mid-term Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees meeting in Melbourne

21 February Chairman addresses the IQPC Conference in Canberra on *A Parliamentary Perspective on Performance Measures for Government*.

25 February Meeting with an official from the United States General Auditing Office

27 March Report No. 46 – *Final Report on Environmental Accounting and Reporting* - is tabled.

18 April Report No. 47 – *Report on Department of Human Services – Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services* - is tabled.

9 May Committee holds a seminar for Members and their staff on the 2001-2002 Budget.

27 May Chairman addresses the South African Association of Public Accounts Committees Conference in Kimberley, South Africa on *Accountability in a Third Party Democracy*.

29 May Report No. 48 – *Review of the Report on the 2001 Performance Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General* - is tabled.

## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

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I am pleased to present the highlights of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's performance for 2001-02. In keeping with one of our objectives – to improve the presentation and disclosure of information – we want to let the Parliament and the community know what we have achieved and how we expect to continue to work on their behalf.

The Committee had an exceptionally busy year. Our inquiries have covered complex, technical and significant accountability issues that have important implications for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government and the public service. Significant achievements included:

- eight inquiries were completed;
- seven reports containing 228 recommendations were tabled;
- a significant number of the Committee's 157 recommendations contained in reports tabled the previous year were adopted, or are still under consideration by the Government:
  - 90 recommendations accepted;
  - 54 recommendations accepted in part;
  - a further 6 recommendations are still under consideration; and
  - 7 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.

In chapter 2 of this report, the Committee has reported on its performance against a set of performance measures. However, 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.

The biggest and most time consuming task undertaken during the year continues to be the Committee's review of the expenditure and revenue of all ministerial portfolios and the Parliamentary Departments. During 2002 the Committee brought forward the timetable for the completion of the estimates hearings and 35 portfolios were subject to public hearings before the Appropriation Bills were passed by the Parliament. The Committee believes that this is a better arrangement because the Parliament and Members have the benefit of the public review undertaken by the Committee of each portfolio's expenditure before giving approval for the expenditure. The Committee believes there are further areas that can be improved and will work to progressively implement these over the coming years.

A common theme throughout much of our work continues to be the need to improve the quality of financial and performance information provided to the Parliament so there is a more results-oriented culture. The Committee is concerned that the government's performance management and reporting framework is still not completed and Departments and Agencies are making slow progress in this area. We believe that it is important that the momentum for these reforms is maintained to ensure there is commitment from the Government and from within the public sector.

During this year the Committee has met with a number of delegations of parliamentarians and senior government officials from various countries to discuss aspects of the Government's reform program and the work that the Committee has undertaken in reviewing these reforms. The Committee welcomes the opportunity to share our experiences and to assist these Parliamentary Committees and senior officials with gaining an insight into the important role they can have in improving public administration.

The success of this Committee depends on many people. The hard work and commitment of the Members of the Committee enabled

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 Auditor-General and the many community and business organisations and individuals who provided submissions and evidence to the Inquiries undertaken during the year.

I also wish to acknowledge the hard work, professionalism and dedication of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee secretariat.

As Chairman of the Committee during 2001-02, I take great pride in what the Committee has achieved during this period. The Committee's work has resulted in changes in policies and procedures, both within individual Departments, and across the Victorian public sector. It has also lead to improvements in the quality of information provided to the Parliament and the public.

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

**Peter Loney, MP**  
**Chairman**  
**2001-02**

## Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Membership – 55th Parliament 2003<sup>2</sup>

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Hon. C Campbell, MP (Chair) \*

Hon. B Forwood, MLC (Deputy Chair) \*

Hon. B Baxter, MLC \*

Mr R Clark, MP+

Mr L Donnellan, MP \*

Ms D Green, MP \*

Mr J Merlino, MP \*

Hon. G Rich-Phillips, MLC+

Ms G Romanes, MLC \*

\*These Members were appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 27 March 2003.

+These Members were appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in the 54<sup>th</sup> Parliament and re-appointed on 27 March 2003.

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<sup>2</sup> In March 2003 the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* was amended to provide for a membership of nine Members

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – 54<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT 2001-2002**

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**Mr Peter Loney, MP  
Chairman, Public Accounts  
and Estimates Committee  
December 1999 to November 2002**

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 was a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports (Chairman);
- Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services;
- 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 was formerly Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. Louise was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999 and was discharged from the Committee in September 2001.

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 was a Member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports; and
- Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services (Chairperson).



**Mr Robert Clark, MP**

Robert Clark was elected MLA for Balwyn in 1988. The electorate was abolished in the 1990-91 redistribution and Robert has been MLA for Box Hill since 1992. Before entering Parliament Robert was a solicitor practising in commercial, financial and labour law. Robert was the Opposition Spokesperson on Gaming and Finance and is the Shadow Treasurer. Robert was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in September 2001.

Robert was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

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



**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 was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services; and
- Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure.



**Hon. David Davis, MLC**

David Davis was elected as the Member for East Yarra Province in March 1996. Before entering Parliament, he operated as a Chiropractor. David held the position of Chair of the Opposition Waste Watch Committee from 1999. David was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 6 September 2000.

David was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Service – Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services;
- 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 also had responsibility for the shadow portfolios of Treasury, Finance and Gaming. On 4 October 2000, Roger was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

Roger was 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 was 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 of the Legislative Assembly. She was appointed to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee in December 1999.

Judy was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Auditor-General's Reports;
- Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services;



- 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 was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

- Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services;
- 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 La Trobe 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 was formerly the Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation, Industry and Regional Development. Theo had been a Member of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee since November 1992.

Theo was a member of the following Sub-Committees:

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

# CHAPTER 1: PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP AND METHODS OF OPERATION

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## 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 106 years in January 2001.

## 1.2 Membership

During 2001-02 the Committee had 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 was Chairman of the Inquiry into the Valuation and Reporting of Cultural, Heritage and Infrastructure Assets and Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips was Chairman of the Follow-up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting.

During 2001-02 the Committee continued to have high profile members including the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Mrs Judy Maddigan), the Opposition Spokesperson on Finance and Gaming (Mr Robert Clark), and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Innovation, Technology (Hon. Theo Theophanous) the longest serving Member of the Committee.

## 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, for example Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector.

### ***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 August, the Committee now holds public hearings to scrutinise the expenditure and activities of all ministerial portfolios and the Parliamentary Departments. As a result of these reforms the Budget Estimates for 2001-02 were subjected to 54 hours of scrutiny by the Committee in 2001.

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.

### ***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 proposed Budget Estimates for the Victorian Auditor-General's Office;
- 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 2001-02, 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 2002-03;
- performance audit program for 2002-03;
- the Auditor-General's draft annual plan for 2002-03;
- the Auditor-General's reports tabled in Parliament;
- 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 Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector and Private Investment in Public Infrastructure.

## **1.4 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.

## **1.5 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 2001-2002, 29 sub-committees were involved in reviewing the budget estimates and 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 that 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](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec)



## CHAPTER 2: CORPORATE PLAN

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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 level, 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:

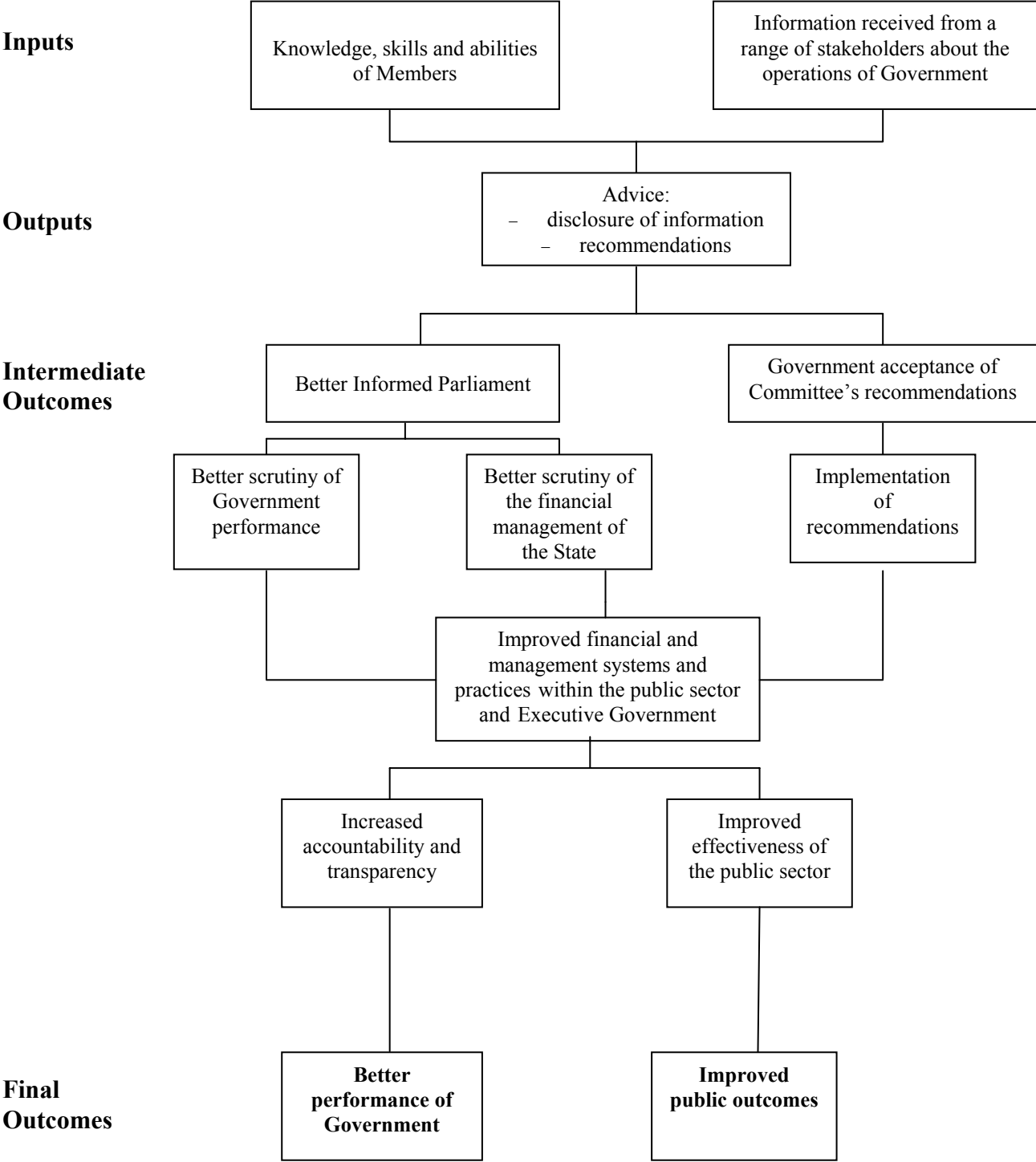
- the need to give priority to the budget estimates hearings during the period May to August; and
- the delay in recruiting staff to assist with the review of the budget estimates.

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**







## CHAPTER 3: REPORTS PRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

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### 3.1 Report No. 42: Report on the Appointment of a Replacement Auditor to Conduct Financial Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office

#### 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 auditor to conduct an annual financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

On 16 March 2001, the Committee sought submissions by tender for the conduct of the financial audit of the VAGO for the years ending 30 June 2001, 2002 and 2003.

On 2 May 2001, the Committee tabled a Report on the Appointment of Independent Auditors to Conduct Financial and Performance Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office that recommended the appointment of Mr Christopher Lewis, a Partner with KPMG, as the financial auditor of the VAGO. This appointment was subsequently agreed to by both Houses of Parliament on 3 May 2001.

On 2 July 2001, Mr Lewis advised the Presiding Officers of the Parliament and the Chairman of the Committee that he had resigned from KPMG to take up another appointment and accordingly, also resigned as auditor of the VAGO. Mr Lewis proposed that an alternative partner in KPMG be appointed to undertake the audit. As at that date no work had commenced on the 2000-2001 audit.

The appointment of the financial auditor is made on an individual basis rather than that of a firm. The Committee was advised that there were probity issues involved in appointing an alternative partner from KPMG without re-tendering as any replacement

partner would not have been part of the team evaluated by the Committee in the tender process.

Based on this advice and after reviewing the candidates already interviewed, the Committee resolved to interview two other tenderers, who met the selection criteria, but had not been included in the original interview process.

After interviewing representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers and Day Neilson the Committee resolved to recommend the appointment of Mr Graeme Ross, a Partner with Day Neilson, on the basis that he is highly qualified and experienced in undertaking financial audits.

### **Response to the Report**

The Parliament endorsed the Committee's recommendation that Mr Graeme Ross of Day Neilson conduct the financial audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for 2000-2001, the level of remuneration for the financial audit be \$19,800 and that Mr Ross be appointed for the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 audits.

## **3.2 Report No. 43: Report on the 2001-2002 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 September 2001, the Committee 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 output framework, definition of net debt and embedded tax savings. The Committee also reviewed Commonwealth-State funding issues, the annual reporting regime and the corporate and business plans of Departments.

Traditional accountability mechanisms rely on the availability of reliable and timely information. The Committee recognised that there was considerable scope for improvement by Departments and Agencies in the information contained in key accountability documents.

The report contained 95 recommendations. Major recommendations included that:

- the Auditor-General take immediate steps to audit key performance indicators of Departments to ensure their appropriateness to outcomes;
- departmental secretaries ensure that all material revenue and expense items are fully disclosed in the Budget Papers each year;
- the Growing Victoria Infrastructure Reserve be fully reported on in the Budget Papers; and
- the Government review the operation of the Partnerships Victoria policy at the completion of the initial projects.

## **Government's response to the report**

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

- 76 recommendations were accepted;
- 4 recommendations were partially accepted;
- 10 recommendations were rejected; and
- 5 recommendations were partially rejected.

### **3.3 Report No. 44: Report on the Review of the Auditor-General's Special Report No. 43 – Protecting Victoria's Children: The role of the Department of Human Services**

#### **Reference**

It is the practice of the Committee to follow up outstanding issues raised in the Auditor-General's reports.

In 1996 the Victorian Auditor-General tabled Special Report No. 43 – Protecting Victoria's children: The role of the Department of Human Services. The performance audit identified many significant weaknesses in key elements of the Department's protective services practice/unit, which adversely impacted on its ability to effectively address the protective concerns of children.

#### **Committee's Findings**

The Committee's review of developments since 1996 found that progress had been made on several issues including early intervention and prevention services, the Department of Human Services' relationship with Victoria Police and resourcing the child protection system. The Committee also found that there was further work for the Department of Human Services to undertake including in system abuse, the Department's response to child sexual assaults and the development of leaving care services. The Committee also addressed two issues that emerged during the course of its review and has made recommendations on Aboriginal children in care and the concept of a Children's Advocate.

The report contained 39 recommendations. Major recommendations included that the Department of Human Services:

- examine the possibility of expanding preventative early intervention measures, including the use of the foster care system, in relation to child abuse cases;
- give child protection prevention programs a higher status and priority within the Department;

- review, on a regular basis, the total resources provided to the non-government sector for child protection services;
- review current training programs to ensure child protection staff are knowledgeable about their statutory responsibilities;
- review the resourcing of specialist counselling services for children who have suffered abuse;
- give consideration to the development of a comprehensive package of resources across the whole-of-government to provide support to foster parents;
- provide support for mandated notifiers throughout the notification process;
- review the adequacy and appropriateness of placement options and support services for high-risk adolescents;
- ensure that adolescents leaving its care have an immediate post-care plan in place; and
- in consultation with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and the appropriate Aboriginal peak agency, develop strategies to reduce the number of Aboriginal children placed in out-of-home care, with the aim of improving access to a diverse range of support services for Aboriginal children and young people and their families.

### **Government's response to the report**

The Government has endorsed 34 recommendations, endorsed in principle 4 recommendations and rejected 1 recommendation.

The Minister for Community Services and Housing indicated in the response that she:

*welcomed the ongoing and comprehensive work undertaken by the PAEC in following up issues raised in the Auditor-General's Report No. 43.*

The Committee is pleased that additional funding of \$60 million over four years has been allocated to child protection services. The Committee looks forward to monitoring how the additional funding and new programs such as the Child Protection Outcomes

Project translates into improved outcomes for children and young people in protective care, their families and carers.

### **3.4 Report No. 45: Annual Report for 2000-2001**

### **3.5 Report No. 46: Final Report on Environmental Accounting and Reporting**

#### **Reference**

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 earlier 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 to 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.

#### **Committee's findings**

The Committee broadly supports the view that the Victorian Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development act as guardian for Victoria's environment, develop a State of Environment (SoE) reporting process and investigate environmental and sustainable development matters. The Committee welcomes the reintroduction of SoE reporting in Victoria and believes that it will provide a reliable and

indispensable source of environmental information to all sections of the community.

Environmental financial accounting provides information about an organisation to external stakeholders, usually through an organisation's annual report. At present, Australia does not have an accounting standard for dealing directly and fully with environmental issues. The Government and various submissions wanted the public sector to lead by example in public environmental reporting, however the development of environmental indicators for public sector reporting has been slow.

Currently there is no explicit auditing standard for the inclusion of environmental matters in financial statements or for the auditing of environmental matters in annual reports.

Economic instruments used in Australia as part of environmental policy include: charges and taxes, subsidies and tax concessions, deposit refunds and trading schemes. The use of environmental levies for environmental projects is usually opposed by taxation authorities that oppose linking revenue to expenditure on specific projects.

The report contained 39 recommendations. Major recommendations included:

- all reports of the Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development be tabled in Parliament and referred to the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee so developments can be monitored;
- the Bracks Government and the Commonwealth Government should jointly approach the Australian Accounting Standards Board about developing an Australian Environmental Accounting Standard, and with other states and territories about the development of an Australian Environmental Auditing Standard;
- the Government work with the Commonwealth Government to:

- establish a taskforce with representatives of key accounting and auditing bodies and relevant stakeholders to develop a conceptual framework for the verification of environmental performance reports for publicly listed companies;
- pursue the development of environmental information in public sector annual reports and environmental performance reports; and
- the Government encourage public and private sector enterprises to adopt environmental management systems.

### **Government's response to the report**

The Committee was particularly pleased that the Government accepted the majority of its recommendations and legislation has now been passed that provides for a Victorian Commissioner for Ecologically Sustainable Development.

### **3.6 Report No. 47: Report on the Department of Human Services - Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services**

#### **Reference**

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 for Community, Health and Welfare Services.

#### **Committee's Findings**

This was the largest inquiry undertaken by the Committee with responses from individuals and organisations, particularly in regional areas, far exceeding expectation.

The report identifies a number of challenges and opportunities for both the Department of Human Services and the community sector

to work together to improve the arrangements relating to Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services.

The report contains 53 recommendations. Major recommendations included that:

- Department of Human Services Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services should reflect and emphasise the importance of client service rights and include clear statements of departmental responsibilities towards service providers and clients;
- the financial information contained in the Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services relating to unit costs be enhanced by including details of the formulae that the Department of Human Services uses to calculate unit costs and the components of service delivery;
- the Department of Human Services, in consultation with service providers, conduct a review of statutory services delivered by non-government organisations to determine current and future demand; the effectiveness, adequacy and value for money of current statutory service models; duty of care issues; and the level and rationale of funding of statutory services delivered by non-government organisations;
- the Department of Human Services Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services should be for three years and where special conditions exist, this timeframe can be varied where there is agreement between service providers and the Department;
- the Government establish an independent mediation and arbitration process for dispute resolution of Department of Human Services Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services;
- the Department of Human Services review the adequacy of funding to service providers for the employment of staff. The review should consider all costs associated with the employment of staff; and

- the Department of Human Services develop criteria for determining where services are to be delivered by service providers in rural and regional Victoria and monitor the adequacy of the coverage of human services in rural and regional Victoria.

### **Government's response to the report**

The Government accepted 24 recommendations, accepted 7 recommendations in principle and partly accepted 20 recommendations. The Government rejected two recommendations relating to the public release of the report of the Community Care Services – Viability Methodology Study and the establishment of an independent mediation and arbitration process for dispute resolution of Department of Human Services service agreements.

### **3.7 Report No. 48: Review of the Report on the 2001 Performance Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office**

#### **Reference**

It is a statutory requirement that the review of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) be undertaken every three years by an independent auditor appointed by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee. The performance audit serves to ensure that the work of the Auditor-General remains accountable and of the highest standard.

This report examines and comments on the findings and recommendations contained in the report on the independent audit (the Alford Report) of the VAGO. The Alford Report identified that the past three years have been a period of challenge and accomplishment for the VAGO.



## Committee's Findings

The committee found that the overall findings of the performance audit are favourable and indicative that the Auditor-General is meeting his objectives effectively, economically and efficiently and in accordance with the Audit Act. The Alford Report also indicated that the management and operational changes implemented over the past three years resulted in improvements at the Auditor-General's Office. The Alford Report also identified and targeted areas for improvement and prescribed ways in which the VAGO may be made more efficient and effective.

The Audit Act provides that the performance audit shall be conducted by an "auditor". To date, four performance audits have occurred, all of which were conducted by a partner from three of the top accounting firms. All of the audits have been of a very high standard, but the Committee is concerned whether an accountant auditor should continue to undertake what is essentially a strategic management audit.

The Committee is aware that there could be a potential conflict of interest as the dilemma is that the major accounting firms undertake contract audits on behalf of the Auditor-General.

Consequently, the Committee recommended that the Audit Act be amended to provide that the performance audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office be undertaken by a suitably qualified person recommended by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and appointed by the Parliament.

The Government has agreed to this recommendation.





## CHAPTER 4: INQUIRIES IN PROGRESS

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This section provides a status report on inquiries being undertaken as at 30 June 2002.

### 4.1 Budget Estimates for 2002-2003

#### Inquiry

Prior to the presentation of the Budget in May 2002, the Committee forwarded a questionnaire to all Departments to obtain additional information to assist with the review of the budget estimates for 2002-2003. The Committee's review focussed on the following issues:

- embedded tax savings
- the management and implementation of the Government's Partnerships Victoria policy;
- e-commerce in the budget sector;
- departmental asset management policies;
- the profile of departmental staff; and
- staffing policies.

Public hearings have been held with the Premier and 14 Ministers and the Presiding Officers. Further hearings are scheduled to take place in July. After the completion of the hearings, transcripts will be reviewed and follow-up questions forwarded to all Ministers. As soon as departmental responses are received, work will commence on preparing the draft report.

As a result of the prorogation of the Parliament in November 2002, the tabling of the report will be delayed until the re-appointment of the Committee in the 55<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

## 4.2 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 that is followed by this Committee.

## **Inquiry**

As at 30 June 2002, the Committee was working on:

- Special Report No. 4 – Rural ambulances.

Preliminary background research has commenced. It is expected that the Committee will report on this matter in 2003.

## **4.3 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.

A draft report has been prepared and it is expected that the report will be tabled in August 2003.

## 4.4 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 a Government 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 United States of America, Canada and the European Union and determine the need for alternative approaches to valuation methods in Australia; and
6. Identify 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 was tabled in October 2002.

## **4.5 Public Sector Investment in Private Infrastructure**

### **Inquiry**

The Committee considered that it was timely to review the nature of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) given that Victoria is the largest adopter of PPPs in Australia. Partnership arrangements between the two sectors are not new but the involvement and approaches by Government and the private sector is rapidly changing; few comprehensive reviews have been conducted on the outcomes of such reforms. Preliminary findings from the Victorian



Auditor-General have been mixed and PPPs involve infrastructure and services that are essential to the community.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry into Public Sector Investment in Private Infrastructure require the Sub-Committee to:

1. Provide an overview of the various major infrastructure projects in Victoria that have involved private sector funding since 1990 with particular emphasis on issues relating to risk allocation and protection of the public interest;
2. Review and evaluate the expectations and outcomes of these projects in relation to the benefits and disadvantages to the community;
3. Review Victorian, Australian and international legislative and policy frameworks and practices regarding private sector investment in public infrastructure;
4. Examine the various Government models of monitoring, evaluating, governing and accounting for private investment in public infrastructure projects;
5. Review and evaluate mechanisms used by the Victorian Government to protect the public interest;
6. Review the mechanisms which the Victorian Government uses to evaluate the effectiveness of private sector investment in public infrastructure projects to determine whether they represent value for money for the Government and the community; and
7. Assess the framework for risk allocation between the public and private sectors and its application, with particular emphasis on how well risk is assessed, allocated and managed.

The terms of reference were advertised and 34 submissions were received. Several hearings were held in Melbourne and in October hearings were held in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra.

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It is expected that the report will be tabled in late 2003.

## 4.6 Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector

### Inquiry

Victoria has experienced significant public sector reforms in recent years resulting in fundamental changes to the way Government services are planned, costed, delivered, monitored and reported. To facilitate these reforms, the Government has introduced a range of policy initiatives involving partnerships; contracting out; outsourcing and the corporatisation of government business enterprises - resulting in greater scope for business and commercial activity. However, little attention has been given to the impact of risk management and accountability as a consequence of these changes. The Committee has resolved to conduct an Inquiry into Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector.

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

1. Assess the existing corporate governance arrangements in the Victorian Public Sector and determine whether they are appropriate and effective in view of the significant reforms which have transformed the Victorian Public Sector, particularly in the use of alternative service delivery mechanisms;
2. Review the effectiveness of the present corporate governance and accountability arrangements for:
  - (a) State owned enterprises and determine whether any improvements are required; and
  - (b) partnership arrangements between the Victorian Public Sector and:
    - (i) the private sector; and
    - (ii) not-for-profit organisations.

3. Review the effectiveness of the arrangements for monitoring and reporting on corporate governance issues in the Victorian Public Sector, particularly in terms of:
  - (a) the information that is publicly available on the performance of Government entities and the mechanisms available to allow the Parliament, consumers and the community to gain access to this information;
  - (b) the information available about what services are offered to the community; and
  - (c) the complaint mechanisms available to Members of Parliament, consumers and the community.
4. Review and seek advice on developments with corporate governance in other jurisdictions; and
5. Determine what improvements, if any, need to be made to current corporate governance frameworks in the Victorian Public Sector.

An Issues Paper was prepared and widely circulated to individuals and organisations with an interest in this topic. The terms of reference were advertised and 50 submissions were received.

One hearing has been held.

Further hearings will be held when the Committee is reappointed by the 55<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

#### **4.7 Review of the Victorian Public Service**

The Victorian Legislative Council referred the following matter to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2002:

- Changes, including planned or likely future changes, in the level, structure, deployment, remuneration and conditions of employment of the Victorian Public Service.

The terms of reference were advertised and two submissions were received. To assist in gaining detailed information about developments within the public service a detailed questionnaire was forwarded to all Departments. The Committee reported in October 2002.

## CHAPTER 5: OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

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### 5.1 Members seminar on the Budget

The Committee, with the assistance of the Department of Treasury and Finance, conducted a seminar for parliamentarians and their staff on the 2002-2003 budget.

The seminar attracted approximately 60 participants. Feedback from Members and their staff indicate that they find the budget briefing useful and it gives Members the opportunity to obtain more detailed information about the Budget Papers.

### 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, Fiji and Papua 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 chairmanship of the Council is rotated between jurisdictions. The Chairman of the Victorian Public Accounts and Estimates Committee was appointed to this position in February 2001. It was Victoria's responsibility to organise the ACPAC Conference held in February 2003.

### **Mid-term Meeting**

The mid term meeting of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees (ACPAC) was held in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House, on Thursday 7 February 2002.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide the agenda and topics for discussion at the ACPAC biennial conference in 2003 and to consider expanding the membership and role of the present Council.

Attendance included the Chairmen of: ACT Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the - New South Wales, Northern Territory, Tasmanian and Western Australian Public Accounts Committees; the Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Public Accounts Committee, representatives from the Commonwealth Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and the New Zealand Finance and Expenditure Committee.

The meeting resolved to seek a legal opinion on the steps required to alter ACPAC's constitution so another category of membership could be provided for.

### **South African Association of Public Accounts Committees**

The Chairman in his capacity, as the Chairman of ACPAC, attended the South African Association of Public Accounts Committees conference held in May 2002 and presented a paper on *Accountability in a Third Party Democracy*.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ORGANISATION	WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE
19 July	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Industrial Relations	Hon. M Gould, MLC Mr N Edwards Mr G Fary
25 July	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Ports	Hon. C Broad, MLC Prof L Neilson Mr R McDonald
		Portfolio: Energy and Resources	Hon. C Broad, MLC Ms C Munro Mr T Healy Mr R McLoughlin
2 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: WorkCover	Hon. R Cameron, MP Mr G Hehir Mr B Rowse Mr J MacKenzie Mr W Mountford Mr S Grant
		Portfolio: Local Government	Hon. R Cameron, MP Mr R McDonald Ms P Digby
2 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Audit of the Auditor-General's Office</i>	
2 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Consumer Affairs	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr P Harmsworth Ms B Steele Mr D Fitzgerald
		Portfolio: Small Business	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr N Edwards Mr D Seymour



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3 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Racing	Hon. R Hulls, MP Mr R Kennedy
		Portfolio: Manufacturing Industry	Hon. R Hulls, MP Mr D Seymour Ms N Watkinson
		Portfolio: Attorney-General	Hon. R Hulls, MP Mr P Harmsworth Ms E Eldridge
3 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Corrections	Hon. A Haermeyer, MP Mr P Harmsworth Mr A Clayton Ms P Armytage
		Portfolio: Police and Emergency Services	Hon. A Haermeyer MP Mr P Harmsworth Mr A Clayton Chief Commissioner C Nixon
7 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance Audits by the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Ms P Sharwood Mr L Naunton Ms P Williams Mr R Fearnside
7 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance and Financial Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Mr S Cougle
7 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Finance	Hon. L Kosky, MP Mr G Hehir Mr W Hodgson Mr B Rowse Mr P Carroll
		Portfolio: Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment	Hon. L Kosky, MP Mr S Hamilton Ms M Sussex

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8 August	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Aged Care	Hon. B Pike, MP Ms P Faulkner Ms A Jurjevic Dr C Brook Mr A Nippard Ms J Herington
		Portfolio: Housing	Hon. B Pike, MP Ms P Faulkner Mr L Wallace Ms J Westacott
8 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance and Financial Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Day Neilson	Ms M Crossley Mr B Potgeitner
14 August	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance and Financial Audits of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Day Neilson	Mr G Ross
22 August	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
24 August	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Parliamentary Departments	Hon. A Andrianopoulos, MP Mr R Purdey Mr W Tunnecliffe Mr B Davidson Ms C Williams Mr S Aird Mr G Spurr
6 September	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Transport	Hon. P Batchelor, MP Mr J Collins Mr R McDonald Mr J Taylor Ms G Moody Mr P Balfe Mr A Smith

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12 September	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Aboriginal Affairs	Hon. K Hamilton, MP Mr T Cahir Mr D Seymour
		Portfolio: Agriculture	Hon. K Hamilton, MP Mr B Kefford Mr D Seymour
4 October	Private Briefing and deliberative meeting Full Committee	Department of Treasury and Finance	Mr M Abela Mr A Lemon
13 November	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
14 November	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
21 November	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
29 November	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
11 December	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance Audits by the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor- General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Ms P Williams Ms P Sharwood Mr P Stoppa Mr R Seidel-Davies Mr T Brown Ms E Holland Mr M Brennan
11 December	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		

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6 February	Deliberative meeting Full Committee	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Mr R Walker Mr J Manders Mr S Mitsas
6 February	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Follow-up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting</i>	
7 March	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into the Report of the Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office</i>	
		Department of Treasury and Finance	Mr G Hehir Mr M Abela
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Mr J Manders
7 March	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Victorian Public Service</i>	
14 March	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
14 March	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance Audits by the Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Ms P Williams Mr C Nunn Mr R Seidel-Davies Mr T Brown Mr P Lewis
4 April	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector</i>	
4 April	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Victorian Public Service</i>	
4 April	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Department of Human Services Service Agreements for Community, Health and Welfare Services</i>	
11 April	Deliberative meeting Full Committee		
11 April	Private Meeting Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Valuation and Reporting of Heritage and Infrastructure Assets</i>	

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30 April	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure</i>	
		Department of Treasury and Finance	Mr J Fitzgerald Mr G Maguire
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr R Walker Mr S Mitsas Dr R Arndt
		Tasman Economics	Mr N Morris Mr A Wade
		Institution of Engineers	Assoc Professor J Wilson Mr K Mathers Dr C Duffield
		Monash University Transfield (Melb)	Professor G Hodge
		Transfield (Melb)	Mr D Shepherd Mr H Fischer
		Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Mr A Hagger Mr M D'Elia
1 May	Public Hearing Sub-Committee	<i>Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector</i>	
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Mr R Walker
		Municipal Association of Victoria	Mr R Spence Ms S Jones
		Energy Action Group	Ms A Sharam Mr J Dick
		Victorian Council of Social Service	Professor L Hancock Ms D Fifer
		Monash University	Professor G Hodge
17 May	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Multicultural Affairs	Hon. S Bracks, MP Mr T Moran Mr Y Blacher
		Portfolio: Premier	Hon. S Bracks, MP Mr T Moran Ms F Thorn Mr Y Blacher

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22 May	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolios: State and Regional Development, Innovation	Hon. J Brumby, MP Mr N Edwards Ms A Polmear Mr D Hanna
		Portfolio: Treasury	Hon. J Brumby, MP Mr I Little Mr G Hehir
22 May	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Small Business	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr N Edwards Ms A Polmear
		Portfolio: Information and Communication Technology	Hon. M Thomson, MLC Mr N Edwards Ms N O'Loughlin
23 May	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Aboriginal Affairs	Hon. K Hamilton, MP Ms C Munro Mr T Cahir
		Portfolio: Agriculture	Hon. K Hamilton, MP Ms C Munro Dr B Kefford
23 May	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Industrial Relations	Mr J Lenders, MLC Ms D Goodin Mr P Lorraine
		Portfolio: Finance	Mr J Lenders, MLC Mr I Little Mr W Hodgson Mr A Nye

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24 May	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Employment	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Ms D Goodin Ms K Angwin
		Portfolio: Tourism	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr P Allen Ms L Appleby
		Portfolio: Gaming	Hon. J Pandazopoulos, MP Mr I Little Mr B Lahey Mr R Geddes
24 May	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Consumer Affairs	Hon. C Campbell, MP Mr A Clayton Mr D Fitzgerald Ms S Maclellan
		Portfolio: Senior Victorians	Hon. C Campbell, MP Ms P Faulkner Mr L Wallace Ms J Herington
18 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Women's Affairs	Hon. M Delahunty, MP Mr Y Blacher Ms S Hamilton
		Portfolio: The Arts	Hon. M Delahunty, MP Mr Y Blacher Mr D Carmody Ms M Katsonis
		Portfolio: Planning	Hon. M Delahunty MP Mr P Jerome Mr J Collins Mr B McDonald Mr T Arnel

DATE	SUBJECT	ORGANISATION	WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE
18 June	Private Briefing Sub-Committee	<i>Performance Audits by the Victorian Auditor-General</i>	
		Victorian Auditor-General's Office	Mr W Cameron Mr E Hay Ms P Williams Mr R Seidel-Davies Ms K McNulty Ms P Ni Ivor Mr S Mitsas Mr P Stoppa
20 June	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Racing	Hon. R Hulls, MP Mr M Close Mr P Allen
		Portfolio: Manufacturing Industry	Hon. R Hulls, MP Ms N Watkinson Ms A Polmear
		Portfolio: Attorney-General	Hon. R Hulls, MP Mr P Harmsworth Ms E Eldridge
20 June	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Education and Training and Education Services	Hon. L Kosky, MP Hon. M Gould, MP Mr S Hamilton Mr M White
21 June	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Health	Hon. J Thwaites, MP Ms P. Faulkner Mr S Solomon Dr C Brook Mr L Wallace Mr J Davidson
21 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Ports	Hon. C Broad, MLC Mr D Powell Mr B McDonald
		Portfolio: Energy and Resources	Hon. C Broad, MP Ms C Munro Mr A Young Mr R McLoughlin Mr I Porter



**Appendix 1: List of Hearings and Meetings 2001-2002**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE</b>
25 June	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Local Government	Hon. R Cameron, MP Ms P Digby Mr R McDonald
		Portfolio: WorkCover	Hon. R Cameron, MP Mr J MacKenzie Mr B Mountford Mr S Grant Mr B Rowse Mr A Nye
25 June	Public Hearing Estimates Full Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Environment and Conservation	Hon. S Garbutt, MP Ms C Munro Mr D Seymour Mr K King Mr P Sutherland Ms M van Rees Mr R Joy
26 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Sport and Recreation	Hon. J Madden, MLC Mr P Allen Mr R Kennedy
		Portfolio: Commonwealth Games	Hon. J Madden, MLC Mr P Allen Dr P Hertan
26 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub- Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Parliamentary Departments	Hon. B A Chamberlain, MLC Hon. A Andrianopoulos, MP Mr R Purdey Mr W Tunnecliffe Mr B Davidson Ms C Williams Mr S Aird

DATE	SUBJECT	ORGANISATION	WITNESSES IN ATTENDANCE
27 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Housing	Hon. B Pike, MP Ms P Faulkner Mr L Wallace Ms J Westacott Mr K Downie Mr M Darmody
		Portfolio: Community Services	Ms B Pike, MP Ms P Faulkner Mr J Davidson Mr L Wallace Mr A Rogers Ms P White Ms B Whitmore-Seidel
28 June	Public Hearing Estimates Sub-Committee	<i>Inquiry into 2002-2003 Budget Estimates</i>	
		Portfolio: Youth Affairs	Hon. M Gould, MLC Ms J Samms Mr S Hamilton

**Appendix 1: List of Hearings and Meetings 2001-2002**

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

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**During 2001-2002, the Committee had the following core staff:**

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

### **Research Staff:**

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 2001-2002, the Committee was assisted by the following advisers:

### **Follow-Up Inquiry into Environmental Accounting and Reporting**

Professor Craig Deegan	Faculty of Commerce University of South Queensland
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### **Inquiry into 2000-2001 Budget Estimates**

Professor James Guthrie	Graduate School of Management, Macquarie University
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### **Hansard**

The excellent service provided by the Editor of Debates, Department of Parliamentary Debates, and her staff is also acknowledged.

## APPENDIX 3: COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2001-2002

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The Committee's budget for 2001-2002 was \$662,265. Expenditure was as follows:

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Members' Travel/Expense Allowance	10,904
Salaries and associated costs of the secretariat	202,606
Administrative Expenses	60,423
Inquiries	363,647
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>637,580</b>

**Expenditure was 96.27 per cent of budget.**

**Appendix 3: Committee's Expenditure for 2001-2002**

## APPENDIX 4: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

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<b>Full Committee</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>
The Full Committee met on 20 occasions:	
Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	20
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	2
Ms Ann Barker, MP	13
Mr Robert Clark, MP	13
Hon. David Davis, MLC	17
Ms Susan Davies, MP	10
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	13
Mr Tim Holding, MP	17
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	17
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	13
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	15
No. of Full Committee Private Meetings	10
No. of Full Committee Public Hearings	10
No. of Sub-Committee Private Hearings	16
No. of Sub-Committee Public Hearings	20

### **Sub-Committee**

<b>Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Industrial Relations- 2001-2002 Budget Estimates</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>
The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:	
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
No. of Public Hearings	- 1



**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Ports and Energy and Resources- 2001-2002 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met one occasion:

Ms Ann Barker	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for WorkCover and Local Government - 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
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Consumer Affairs, Small Business - 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
Mrs Judy Maddigan, 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 Racing, Manufacturing Industry and Attorney-General - 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
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Corrections, Police and Emergency 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 Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Aged Care and Housing - 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
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Aboriginal Affairs and Agriculture - 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 Small Business, Information and Communication Technology - 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	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 Aboriginal Affairs and Agriculture - 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	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 Industrial Relations and Finance - 2002-  
2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings  
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, 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 Employment, Tourism and Gaming - 2002-  
2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings  
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, 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 Consumer Affairs and Senior Victorians -  
2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings  
attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP (Acting Chairperson)	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Women’s Affairs, the Arts and Planning – 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney (Chairperson)	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Hon. David Davies, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Ports and Energy and Resources – 2002-2003 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
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Environment and Conservation – 2002-2003 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
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Sport and Recreation and Commonwealth Games - 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	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 Parliamentary Departments - 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Mr Robert Clark	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1

No. of Public Hearings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure for Housing and Community Services- 2002-2003 Budget Estimates** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Mr Robert Clark, 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 Youth Affairs - 2002-2003 Budget Estimates**      **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	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 four occasions:

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

No. of Private Meetings      -      4

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

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Ms Ann Barker, MP (Chairperson)	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Mr Peter Loney, MP	1
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1

No. of Private Meetings      -      1

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

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC (Chairman)	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	1
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mr Peter Loney, MP	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Private Meetings - 1

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

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

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

No. of Private Meetings - 1

**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 four occasions:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	4
Hon. Roger Hallam, MLC	2
Hon. Louise Asher, MP	2
Mrs Judy Maddigan, MP	2

No. of Private Meetings - 4



**Sub-Committee on Inquiry into the Report of the Audit of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Hon Roger Hallam, MLC	1
Mr Peter Holding, MP	1

No. of Private Meetings - 1

**Sub-Committee on Inquiry into the Review of the Victorian Public Service** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on two occasions:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	2
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	2
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	2

No. of Private Meetings - 2

**Sub-Committee on Inquiry into Corporate Governance in the Victorian Public Sector** **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on two occasions:

Mrs Judy Maddigan, (Chairperson)	2
Ms Ann Barker, MP	1
Hon. David Davis, MLC	2
Mr Peter Loney, MP	2

No. of Public Hearings 1

No. of Private Meetings 1

**Sub-Committee on Inquiry into Private Sector Investment in Public Infrastructure**      **No. of meetings attended**

The Sub-Committee met on one occasion:

Mr Peter Loney, MP (Chairman)	1
Mr Robert Clark, MP	1
Ms Susan Davies, MP	1
Mr Tim Holding, MP	1
Hon. Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC	1
Hon. Theo Theophanous, MLC	1

No. of Private Meetings      -      1