



**THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT**

**REPORT 44**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND**  
**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**  
**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION**  
**TO PARLIAMENT – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Presented by Hon Ken Travers MLC (Chair)

April 2014

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

### **Date first appointed:**

30 June 2005

### **Terms of Reference:**

The following is an extract from Schedule 1 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders:

#### **“3. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations**

3.1 *An Estimates and Financial Operations Committee* is established.

3.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members, 3 of whom shall be non-government Members.

3.3 The functions of the Committee are to –

(a) consider and report on –

(i) the estimates of expenditure laid before the Council each year;

(ii) any matter relating to the financial administration of the State; and

(iii) any bill or other matter relating to the foregoing functions referred by the Council;

and

(b) consult regularly with the Auditor General.”

### **Members as at the time of this inquiry:**

Hon Ken Travers MLC (Chair)

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**1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE**

**Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179**

1.1 At a regularly constituted meeting of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations (the Committee) held on 7 April 2013, it was resolved to initiate an inquiry into the provision of information to Parliament with the following terms of reference:

The Committee is to inquire into and report on the non-provision of information about agencies to Parliament. The Inquiry will consider:

- a) The responsibilities of Ministers and public sector staff when making decisions whether to provide Parliament with information;
- b) The adequacy of the provision of information to Parliament by agencies and government trading enterprises not subject to the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the adequacy of the legislative framework;
- c) The circumstances when it is appropriate not to provide information to Parliament or to request that the information provided be kept confidential;
- d) Technical compliance with section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006 and
- e) Any other relevant matter.

1.2 The Committee hereby acquaints the Legislative Council accordingly.



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**Hon Ken Travers MLC**  
**Chair**

**10 April 2014**