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COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

The functions of the Committee are to review and report to the Assembly on: -

- (a) the outcomes and administration of the departments within the Committee's portfolio responsibilities;
- (b) annual reports of government departments laid on the Table of the House;
- (c) the adequacy of legislation and regulations within its jurisdiction; and
- (d) any matters referred to it by the Assembly including a bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or paper.

At the commencement of each Parliament and as often thereafter as the Speaker considers necessary, the Speaker will determine and table a schedule showing the portfolio responsibilities for each committee. Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the Assembly will stand referred to the relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may make.

Whenever a committee receives or determines for itself fresh or amended terms of reference, the committee will forward them to each standing and select committee of the Assembly and Joint Committee of the Assembly and Council. The Speaker will announce them to the Assembly at the next opportunity and arrange for them to be placed on the notice boards of the Assembly.

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee of the 37th Parliament was appointed on 07 April 2005. The Committee resolved at the outset to undertake a period of examination of issues within its areas of portfolio responsibility in order to determine where its efforts for an inquiry may most usefully be concentrated. From this informed basis, it is envisaged that the Committee will shortly announce an inquiry.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Government and non-government agencies who have either briefed the Committee or provided documentation to assist with its research.

MR A.P. O'GORMAN, MLA
CHAIRMAN

CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Introduction

During the course of this reporting period (Table 1.1), the Committee:

- Held 7 deliberative meetings; and
- Was briefed by 8 persons.

Table 1.1

Summary of activities of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 7 April 2005 - 30 June 2005

Description	Activity
Briefings	6
Deliberative meetings	7
Witnesses appearing	8
Reports tabled	0

1.2 Briefings

The Committee received a number of informal briefings. The briefings were used to gain information in relation to the Committee's inquiries as well as other matters (Table 1.3)

Table 1.3

Briefings provided to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 7 April 2005 - 30 June 2005

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
18 May 2005	Mr John Hancock	Director, Operational Policy	Department for Community Development
18 May 2005	Ms Susan Hudd	Director, Policy and Program Development	As above
18 May 2005	Ms Leah Bonson	Director East, Community Development Statewide Services	As above
25 May 2005	Ms Fay Alford	President	Foster Care Association

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
1 June 2005	Mr Ron Alexander	Director General	Department of Sport and Recreation
22 June 2005	Mr Ian Cowie	Director, Strategies and Legislation	Department of Local Government
29 June 2005	Mr Keith Galton-Fenzi APM	Inspector, Aboriginal Policy and Services Unit	Western Australia Police Service
29 June 2005	Ms Carol Martin, MLA	Member for the Kimberley	Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Western Australia

1.3 Reports Tabled

As cited, the Committee commenced on 07 April 2005 and in the three months to 30 June 2005 conducted exploratory work in relation to a number of areas within its portfolio responsibilities. This included the delivery of foster care and adoption services in this State, the structure of the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund, bush fires legislation and the efficiency and effectiveness of local government service delivery.

1.4 Work in Progress

Two other matters of examination, relating to programs for severely at risk youth and service delivery (and other matters) to remote Indigenous communities, remain under consideration.

1.5 Work of the former Committee

On 25 August 2004, in response to a request from the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Committee determined to conduct a review of Fire and Emergency Services legislation in Western Australia.

On 28 October 2004, the Committee tabled its report of the inquiry into the *Impact of the Arts in Regional Western Australia*, which commenced in November 2002.

On 23 January 2005 the Inquiry into Fire and Emergency Services Legislation lapsed on dissolution of the Legislative Assembly.

CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee does not have its own formal budget and is funded out of the budget of the Legislative Assembly. Approval for major expenditure is required on a case-by-case basis and is entirely at the discretion of the Speaker.

The Committee's expenditure for the financial year 7 April 2005 - 30 June 2005 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

Table 2.1

Expenditure Items of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 7 April 2005 - 30 June 2005

Expenditure Item	\$
Protocol	\$100
TOTAL	\$100

Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest \$100.
- Salaries of committee staff are not included.
- Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for committee accommodation, not included.