

# Legislative Council



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## **Estimates and Financial Operations Committee: Inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs Program**

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations today announces that it has commenced an Inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.

The Legislative Council referred the inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs Program with the following terms of reference:

- (1) The Estimates and Financial Operations Committee shall conduct an inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs program.
- (2) The Committee is to inquire into the Local Projects Local Jobs program ("the program") with particular reference to the following —
  - (a) how each project was developed, evaluated and selected for funding;
  - (b) how payments were made and acquitted under each project to ensure financial probity and accountability;
  - (c) how actual or perceived conflicts of interest were declared and managed under each project;
  - (d) the number of projects funded and for each project the amount of funding provided and number of jobs created;
  - (e) whether community, education, arts and sporting groups within the State were afforded an equal opportunity to access the program;
  - (f) whether funding to the program affected the quantum of funds available for grants or other funding sources for community, education, arts and sporting groups within the State and if so in what way; and
  - (g) any other related matter.
- (3) The Committee is to also inquire into the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office for the independent costing of election promises and related purposes.

- (4) For the purposes of this inquiry only, the Hon Tjorn Sibma is appointed Chair of the Committee and the Hon Alanna Clohesy is appointed Deputy Chair.
- (5) The Committee is to report no later than twelve months after the referral.

In due course, the Committee will call for written submissions and conduct hearings as appropriate.

For media inquiries, contact Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC, Chair.

Other inquiries to Ms Samantha Parsons, Committee Clerk on (08) 9222 7207.

Further information regarding the committee is available at [www.parliament.wa.gov.au/est](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/est).

**Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC**  
**Chair**