



THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

REPORT 29

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
BELL GROUP COMPANIES (FINALISATION OF
MATTERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS)
BILL 2015 – EXTENSION OF TIME**

Presented by Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC (Chair)

October 2015

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

Terms of Reference:

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

“4. Legislation Committee

4.1 *A Legislation Committee* is established.

4.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members.

4.3 The functions of the Committee are to consider and report on any Bill referred by the Council.

4.4 Unless otherwise ordered, any amendment recommended by the Committee must be consistent with the policy of a Bill.”

Members as at the time of this inquiry:

Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC (Chair)

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC

Hon Dave Grills MLC

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Hon Sally Talbot MLC)

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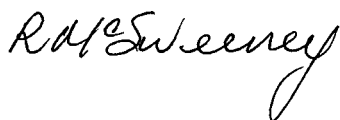
- 1.1 On 15 September 2015, the Legislative Council referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation (**Committee**) an inquiry into the Bell Group Companies (Finalisation of Matters and Distribution of Proceeds) Bill 2015 (**inquiry**) with the following order of reference:

That —

(1) the Bell Group Companies (Finalisation of Matters and Distribution of Proceeds) Bill 2015 be discharged and referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration and report no later than 10 November 2015; and

(2) the committee shall not inquire into the policy of the bill.

- 1.2 The Committee has sought and received submissions and other evidence relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference, and has held regular meetings and a number of hearings to progress this inquiry. This inquiry raises significant and complex issues for the Committee's consideration.
- 1.3 On 22 October 2015, the Committee resolved to seek leave of the Legislative Council to extend the date by which the Committee is to report on the inquiry from 10 November 2015 to 12 November 2015.
- 1.4 This extension is requested to enable the Committee to seek and receive further evidence in order to discharge its reporting obligations to the House.
- 1.5 The Committee therefore requests an extension of time in which to report from 10 November 2015 to 12 November 2015.



Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC
Chair

22 October 2015