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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**INTERIM REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TOURISM
COMMISSION'S INVOLVEMENT IN MAJOR
TOURISM EVENTS: REQUEST FOR A MEMBER OF
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO APPEAR
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Presented by Hon Giz Watson MLC (Chair)

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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:

“2. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations

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

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

2.3 The functions of the Committee are to consider and report on -

- (a) the estimates of expenditure laid before the Council each year;
- (b) any matter relating to the financial administration of the State;
- (c) any bill or other matter relating to the foregoing functions referred by the House;
- (d) to consult regularly with the Auditor General and any person holding an office of a like character.”

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1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE

1.1 On 21 February 2011, the Committee resolved to hold an inquiry with the following terms of reference:

... to inquire into and report on whether the Western Australian Tourism Commission's (and its subsidiaries including Eventscorp) involvement with and support for the One Movement for Music Festival is delivering value for money to the Western Australian taxpayer.

With respect to the One Movement for Music Festival the Inquiry will consider:

- Western Australian Tourism Commission's corporate objectives and strategy in supporting this event;*
- the effectiveness of Western Australian Tourism Commission's management with respect to arranging and/or participating in this event;*
- the decision-making process and rationale behind Western Australian Tourism Commission's financial involvement in supporting this event;*
- the apportionment of risk between the public and private sector with respect to this event;*
- the adequacy of processes for evaluating whether this event meets the Western Australian Tourism Commission's expected outcomes; and*
- any other relevant matter.¹*

¹ Hon. Giz Watson, Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, Western Australia, Legislative Council, *Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)*, 23 February 2011, p873c.

Background

1.2 Mr John Hyde MLA has made a submission to the inquiry. He has also indicated “... he is happy to appear before the Committee if needed.”²

2 APPEARANCE OF AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER BEFORE A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

2.1 Legislative Council Standing Order 423 states:

When Attendance of Member or Officer of Assembly Required

When the attendance of a Member of the Assembly or any officer of the that House is desired, to be examined by the Council or any committee thereof (not being a Committee on a Private Bill), a Message shall be sent to the Assembly to request that the Assembly give leave to such Member or officer to attend, in order to his being examined accordingly.

2.2 The Committee, having considered Mr John Hyde MLA’s submission, believes his submission raises material issues of public interest that constitute disputed matters of fact relating to the Western Australian Tourism Commission’s involvement with the One Movement for Music Festival. As a result, the Committee resolved to initiate the process provided for in Standing Order 423.

2.3 The Committee makes the following recommendation.

Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council send a message to the Legislative Assembly in the following terms:

‘Mr Speaker, The Legislative Council requests that the Legislative Assembly grant leave to Mr John Hyde MLA, to give evidence before the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Inquiry into the Western Australian Tourism Commission’s involvement with and support for the One Movement for Music Festival.’



Hon. Giz Watson MLC
Chair

Date: 12 April 2011

² Submission No SUB007 from Hon. John Hyde MLA, 28 March 2011.