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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.

CHAIR'S FOREWORD

This is the seventh report of the Education and Health Standing Committee (the Committee), which was first appointed on 30 May 2001. This report provides an overview of the Committee's activities from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

Over the last 12 months, the Committee has focussed primarily on two inquiries. The first of these was into the *'Role and Interaction of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System'*. The Committee tabled its final report on this matter on 13 May 2004, bringing almost two years of research to a close. The report contained 95 findings, 39 recommendations and I commend my fellow Committee members, and the research staff for their effort in producing that report.

The Committee's second inquiry of this reporting period into *'Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia'*, was referred for investigation by the Legislative Assembly on 16 April 2003. The Committee has conducted an extensive evidence-gathering program and is currently in the process of drafting the final report. It is anticipated that the report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 28 October 2004.

During this reporting period, the Committee also met with senior personnel representing departments from within the Committee's various portfolio responsibilities. These meetings provided an informative and interactive forum that allowed the Committee to keep abreast of current issues and departmental policy directives.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their individual and collective contributions over this last year and commend the Principal Research Officers, Karen Hall and Liz Kerr and Research Officer, Peter Frantom, for their professionalism and dedication to the work of the Committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Lünsmann, Renae Jewell and the Parliamentary Assistants, Glen Whitting and Peter D'Cress, for their assistance throughout the past year.

MRS C.A. MARTIN, MLA
CHAIR

CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Introduction

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

- Has undertaken 2 inquiries;
- Held 30 deliberative meetings;
- Has taken evidence from 20 persons;
- Held 19 briefings involving 39 persons; and
- Tabled 3 reports.

Summary of activities of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2003 - 30 June 2004.

Description	Activity
Briefings	19
Deliberative meetings	30
Formal evidence hearings	12
Witnesses appearing	20
Reports tabled	3
Report findings tabled	95
Report recommendations tabled	39

1.2 Public Hearings

Pursuant to Assembly Standing Order 264, the Committee has power to send for persons, papers and records. During the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, the Committee conducted 12 public hearings, taking evidence from numerous witnesses to assist with its investigations (Table 1.2).

Table 1.2

Public Hearings of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2003 - 30 June 2004.

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
27-Oct-03	Mrs Michele Toner	Executive Officer	Learning and Attentional Disorders Society of Western Australia (Inc.)
	Mr Philip Mort	Principal, Atwell Primary School	Department of Education and Training
	Dr Annkathrin Franzmann	Paediatrician	North Metropolitan Health Service
	Dr Bradley Jongeling	Consultant, Community Paediatrician	
	Ms Robyn Oliver	Student Services Area Manager, West Coast Education District	Department of Education and Training
29-Oct-03	Mr Paul Albert	Director General	Department of Education and Training
	Ms Margaret Banks	Acting Deputy Director General Schools	
26-Nov-03	Mrs Sandy Moran	Research Nurse	
	Professor Stephen Houghton	Psychologist/University Professor	University of Western Australia
	Mrs Michele Toner	Executive Officer	Learning and Attentional Disorders Society of Western Australia (Inc.)
3-Dec-03	Dr Michele Larose	Child Psychiatrist/Consultant	Bentley Health Service
	Ms Amanda Styles	Senior Speech Pathologist	
2-June-04	Dr Fred Baughman	Paediatric Neurologist/Author	
	Mr Ron Carlisle	Chairman	Citizens Committee on Human Rights

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
16-June-04	Mr Constantine Berbatis	Lecturer	Curtin University of Technology
	Ms Zoe Mullen	Pharmacist	Pharmaceutical Council of Western Australia
	Professor Bruce Sunderland	Professor of Pharmacy	Curtin University of Technology
	Associate Professor Heather Jenkins	Academic	Curtin University of Technology
23-June-04	Professor David Hay	Professor of Psychology	Curtin University of Technology
30-June-04	Dr Kenneth Whiting	Paediatrician	Private Practice

1.3 Briefings

In addition to gathering evidence during formal hearings, 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 Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2003 - 30 June 2004.

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
1-July-03	Ms Denise Houghton	Director of Nursing	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms Nicola Nicholls	Magnet Project Manager	
	Mr Chris Appleby	Chief Executive	
	Ms Jackie Novak	Rheumatology Nurse Practitioner	St Helens and Knowsley Hospital NHS Trust
	Ms Ann Campbell	Physiotherapist	
	Ms Joan Kirby	Ward Manager	
	Dr Veronica Abernethy	Consultant, Rheumatology	

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Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
2-July-03	Ms Cheryl White	Workforce Designer, Changing Workforce Programme	NHS Modernisation Agency, Mendip Primary Care Trust
	Ms Sharon Lomas	Project Manager, Changing Workforce Programme	
	Dr Mike Hall	Consultant, Neonatal Medicine	Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust
	Ms Helen Creedon	Neonatal Nurse Educator	
3-July-03	Ms Katherine Fenton	Director of Nursing and Patient Services	Southampton General Hospital, Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust
	Mr Allan Jolly	Project Manager, Mental Health Practitioner Project	West Hampshire NHS Trust
	Mr Steve Tee	Head of Mental Health Division	University of Southampton
	Mr Martin Barkley	Chief Executive	West Hampshire NHS Trust
	Professor Debra Humphris	Director, New Generation Project	University of Southampton
	Professor Jill Macleod Clark	Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Biological Sciences	
4-July-03	Mr Paul Rowe	Clinical Director, Surgical Services	Eastbourne General District Hospital, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
	Mr Jalal Maryosh	Consultant, Accident and Emergency	William Harvey Hospital, East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust
	Ms Lesley White	Business Manager and Deputy Emergency Services Collaborative Programme Manager	
	Ms Sarah Maycock	Acting Assistant Hospital Manager	
	Ms Sue Travis	Bed Bureau Manager	

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Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
22-Sept-03	Dr Bill Beresford	Director, Clinical Services	Royal Perth Hospital
	Dr John Harvey	Medical Superintendent	Rockingham/Kwinana District Hospital
	Dr Paul Mark	Executive Director, Clinical Services	Fremantle Hospital and Health Service
	Mr Russell McKenney	General Manager	Armadale/Kelmscott Memorial Hospital
	Ms Margaret Bennett	Operations Manager	
	Dr Peter Sprivulis	Clinical Director, Acute Demand Management Unit	Fremantle Hospital and Health Service
24-Sept-03	Mr Michael O'Kane	State Manager	Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
15-Oct-03	Mr Mike Daube	Director General	Department of Health
	Dr Brian Lloyd	Chief Medical Officer	
	Mr John Burns	Chief Executive, East Metropolitan Health Region	
	Ms Prudence Ford	Group Director, Planning and Workforce	
	Ms Gail Milner	Acting Director, Clinical Policy and Programmes	
	Dr Merran Smith	Director, Health Information	
29-Oct-03	Mr Paul Albert	Director General	Department of Education and Training
	Ms Margaret Banks	Acting Deputy Director General, Schools	
19-Nov-03	Mr Chris Cottier	Director, Policy and Co-ordination	Department of Indigenous Affairs
	Mr Ron Alexander	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Sport and Recreation

1.4 Investigative Travel

On 20 June 2003, as part of the Committee's inquiry into *'The Role and Interactions of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System'*, two Committee members and one staff member visited Canada and the United Kingdom to meet with specific organisations that had recently developed and implemented innovative health care programs.

Extensive background research identified Canada and the United Kingdom to be at the forefront of health reform and indicated that the changes taking place within these countries was of particular relevance to the Western Australian public health system. On 26 June 2003, a third member of the Committee joined the touring party for the United Kingdom component of the investigative tour. The Committee returned to Australia on 6 July 2003.

1.5 Conferences

The Committee did not attend any conferences during the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

1.6 Reports Tabled

The Committee tabled three reports during the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, they were as follows:

1. *Annual Report 2002 - 2003, Report No. 4;*
2. *The Role and Interactions of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System: Report on International Travel, Report No. 5; and*
3. *The Role and Interactions of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System, Report No. 6.*

1.7 Work in Progress

Inquiry into Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia

On Wednesday, 16 April 2003, the Legislative Assembly agreed to a motion that the Committee inquire into Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia. In accordance with Standing Order 287(2), the following Terms of Reference were referred to the Committee for investigation:

- (a) The extent of the incidence, diagnosis and use of stimulant medication for the treatment of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention

Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Western Australia, taking into account all previous reports and inquiries;

- (b) an analysis of those figures compared to other States of Australia and other countries;
- (c) the analysis of emerging medical opinion and varying medical and behavioural approaches for the treatment of ADD and ADHD;
- (d) the divergence of public opinion and the need for a more defined State Policy;
- (e) the relationship, if any, between those diagnosed with and/or medicated for, ADD or ADHD and drug addiction; and
- (f) the relationship between ADD or ADHD and the educational, economic and social wellbeing of individuals.

Subsequently, at its meeting on 7 May 2003, the Committee resolved to undertake the inquiry and report back to the House by 30 June 2004. The reporting date was then extended, by resolution of the Committee and on agreement of the House, until 28 October 2004.

An advertisement calling for public submissions was placed in the *West Australian* newspaper on Saturday, 17 May 2003. Submissions were also directly invited from 192 organisations, which included a range of health professionals, community organisations and identified support groups relevant to the inquiry.

(a) Co-opted Member

Standing Order 249 (4) states that:

The Assembly may on motion co-opt any member of the Assembly, not being a Minister, to participate for a specified inquiry, in meetings of a portfolio-related committee or the Public Accounts Committee in relation to portfolio matters allocated to it. That member is not a member of the committee and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum, but in relation to that inquiry may ask questions of witnesses and participate in a deliberative meeting.

Further to the above-mentioned resolution of 16 April 2003, the Assembly agreed to a motion -

That in accordance with Standing Order 249 (4) Mr M.P Whitely be co-opted to participate in the Education and Health Standing Committee's

*investigation into Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit
Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia.*¹

The Committee is currently preparing its final report on the matter and expects to report to the House in October 2004.

¹ Parliamentary Debates, Western Australian Legislative Assembly, Wednesday 16 April 2003, p.6848.

CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Education and Health Standing Committee does not have its own formal budget and is funded out of the budget of the Legislative Assembly. Approval for major expenditures 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 2003/2004 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

Postage	\$200.00
Printing	\$4,300.00
Protocol	\$1,700.00
Travel	\$20,100.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$26,300.00</u>

Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest \$100.
- Salaries of the Committee staff are not included.
- Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for Committee accommodation, not included.
- A credit of \$4,000.00 from investigative travel conducted at the end of the previous financial year was carried over into the 2003/2004 reporting period. Actual expenditure for the 2003/2004 financial year, when credited with the carry over, was \$22,300.00.