



THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

REPORT 19
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
INQUIRY INTO PATIENT ASSISTED TRAVEL
SCHEME – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Presented by Hon Liz Behjat MLC (Chairman)

February 2014

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

Terms of Reference:

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

“5. Public Administration Committee

5.1 A *Public Administration Committee* is established.

5.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members.

5.3 The functions of the Committee are to –

(a) inquire and report on –

(i) the structure, efficiency and effectiveness of the system of public administration;

(ii) the extent to which the principles of procedural fairness are embodied in any practice or procedure applied in decision making;

(iii) the existence, adequacy, or availability, of merit and judicial review of administrative acts or decisions;

(iv) any Bill or other matter relating to the foregoing functions referred by the Council;

and

(b) consult regularly with the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, the Public Sector Standards Commissioner, the Information Commissioner, the Inspector of Custodial Services, and any similar officer.

5.4 The Committee is not to make inquiry with respect to –

(a) the constitution, functions or operations of the Executive Council;

(b) the Governor’s Establishment;

(c) the constitution and administration of Parliament;

(d) the judiciary;

(e) a decision made by a person acting judicially;

(f) a decision made by a person to exercise, or not exercise, a power of arrest or detention; or

(g) the merits of a particular case or grievance that is not received as a petition.”

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1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

1.1 At a regularly conducted meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Administration held on 26 February 2014, it was resolved to initiate an inquiry into the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) in Western Australia with the following terms of reference:

The Committee is to inquire into and report on the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme in Western Australia, in particular:

- 1) how adequately PATS delivers assistance to regional people accessing specialist medical care, including:
 - a) the level of funding applied to the transport and accommodation subsidies provided;
 - b) eligibility for PATS funding;
 - c) the administration process;
 - d) whether there is consideration of exceptional circumstances; and
- 2) any incidental matter.

1.2 The Committee hereby acquaints the Legislative Council accordingly.



Hon Liz Behjat MLC
Chairman

27 February 2014