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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.

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

The Legislative Assembly's Education and Health Standing Committee of the 38th Parliament was formed on 13th November 2008. As with all Committees, the Speaker, and through him the Clerk of the Assembly, provides overall guidance, advice and support to Committee Staff and Committee Members.

The current Education and Health Standing Committee (EHSC) comprises Mr Peter Abetz, Ms Lisa Baker, Mr Ian Blayney, Mr Peter Watson and myself.

The Committee is supported by dedicated and professional research officers. Our Principal Research Officer Dr David Worth has provided invaluable assistance, guidance, advice and support to the committee since the committee was appointed.

Mr Tim Hughes was our research officer from the formation of the EHSC until May 2010 when he was given a well-deserved promotion to Principal Research Officer for the Economics and Industry Standing Committee. Ms Renee Gould also provided support to our inquiries in 2009 before being transferred to another committee. David has at times provided single-handed support to the Committee while awaiting the appointment of a new research officer.

Inquiries and Reports Completed

The Committee completed two Inquiries this year: the *Inquiry into Education Support for Students on 457 Visas in Western Australia* and the *Review of WA's Current and Future Hospital and Community Health Care Services*. It completed three reports flowing from these inquiries as well as its Annual Report for 2008-09.

The Committee is in the process of completing its *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in Western Australia*.

Report No. 3- Annual Report 2008-09

Report No. 4- Children Missing Out - Education Support for Students on 457 Visas and Students with a Disability

The Committee inquired into the level and type of educational support given to children whose parents entered the country on Subclass 457 visas and on how funding for school children with English as a Second Language can affect a child's social and educational development. The inquiry was undertaken as there were concerns that our educational system was not meeting the educational needs of children, and that the lack of adequate support for these children was causing additional stress to teachers and other children in the classroom.

This inquiry found that the number of 457 student enrolments in Western Australian schools was increasing with no funding model in place to guarantee adequate educational support for these children. Some other Australian jurisdictions provide additional funding for students for whom

English is a Second Language (ESL) and for 457 students. However, in the past the Commonwealth formulae for State funding has excluded additional funding for ESL programs for 457 students. The WA Department of Education and Training reported to the Committee that they provide ESL programs for 457 students on the basis of 'spare capacity'.

This report was tabled in November 2009 and made 23 recommendations. The Government's response on 20 April 2010 accepted most of the Committee's recommendations and committed:

additional funding of \$200,000 from the ESL program to provide a comprehensive professional learning program for mainstream teachers. This provision will enable approximately 60 teachers to be trained in internationally recognised courses, including ESL in the Mainstream, Language and Literacy, ESL and New Arrivals, and Powerful Ways.

The Minister commended the Committee for its report and said it "is highly valuable in taking forward educational provision for children attending Western Australian schools whose parents enter Australia on 457 visas, and ensuring that this will be provided in a way that is both principled as well as appropriately resourced and managed." The response said the report "raises for government the important issues of priorities, obligations and equity in the provision of ESL programs for the children of 457 visa holders".

In the 2010-11 Budget, Hon Ms Elizabeth Constable, MLA, Minister for Education, announced "More than \$7million has been allocated in the 2010-11 State Budget to support school students who speak English as a second language (ESL)." and that "students who enrol in public schools and who previously were not eligible for this tuition, such as those on temporary visa 457, would now be able to access intensive English support." This builds on the allocation of 6.8 million to this area in the 2009-10 budget.

The Committee would particularly like to thank Ms Abbey Beaumont for her assistance in preparing this report.

Report No.5- *Invest Now or Pay Later: Securing the Future of Western Australia's Children*

Report No.5 was an interim report from the Committee's *Review of WA's Current and Future Hospital and Community Health Care Services* tabled on 11 March 2010. This Inquiry had uncovered that in January 2010 there were 6,405 children in the metropolitan area waiting for child development services and that waiting times were getting progressively worse. In the case of speech pathology, the waiting time had doubled in just over a year to nearly 18 months. The Government had prepared a business plan in 2008 to address shortages of 366 FTE child health staff. The Committee was hopeful that the Report would assist the Minister for Health to argue and gain funds for child health in the forthcoming 2010-11 State Budget.

During its inquiry, the Committee heard of the terrible strain on the whole family when a child needs support. Often this support is not accessible for many families unless they can afford to pay for the services. The situation was described by one parent as "a treasure hunt with no map". Private child health services are not cheap, so families go without to try and make ends meet while

ensuring their child receives the therapy they require. The Report detailed some of the stories of parents who have children in need. The Committee admired the strength and determination of these parents who have to deal with a multitude of difficulties to enable their child and their family to survive on a day to day basis.

In addition, this Report also highlighted the fact that Indigenous children in Western Australia are more disadvantaged than Indigenous children in other states. More are born with low birth weight, less of these children are immunized, many perform below national standards at school in grade 5 literacy and numeracy tests, there are more deaths, and more teenage births.

In responding to the Committee's earlier *Healthy Child- Healthy State* report, Minister Dr Kim Hames said:

... I agree with the member, and with the comments in the Committee report, that there are significant shortages across the system. I will highlight some of those shortages. I think these figures are actually in the report. For school nurses, we are 135 full time equivalents short; for child health nurses we are 105 FTEs short; and for Aboriginal health workers we are about 23 FTEs short.

The Report's 11 recommendations included one that the Government's 3% efficiency dividend should not continue to be applied to community child health services, and:

That the Government increase its expenditure on public health and prevention from its current level of 2.6% of the total healthcare budget to at least 4% in the 2011-12 budget with a plan to increase the level to 6% by 2014-15. This investment is imperative in order to create strong, healthy communities by increasing the number of children who are school-ready, reducing the burden of chronic disease, reducing the rate of infant mortality, and limiting the future burden on Western Australia's hospitals.

The Government responded to this report on 21 June. It only accepted about a quarter of the Committee's recommendations and did not agree with half. In the 2010-11 State Budget, the Minister for Health announced the appointment of "more than 45 child health specialists in the next year to support young children in need of speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy" and said that the "\$49.7million investment over four years would bring waiting times down for child development services, in some cases by more than half."

While these additional child health FTEs are welcomed by the Committee, they only represent about 20% of the additional staff needed, as outlined by the Minister in his statement in 2009. The Minister acknowledged that "the new funding would address key points from the Parliamentary Education and Health standing committee's 'Invest now or Pay Later: Securing the Future of Western Australia's Children' report".

The committee would particularly like to thank Ms Erin Gauntlett, who was seconded from the Department of Health, for her assistance in preparing this report.

Report No. 6- *Destined to Fail: Western Australia's Health System*

This Inquiry reviewed the current and future hospital and community health care services of Western Australia to determine whether the needs of the population are taken into account in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating those services. This report was tabled on 6 May 2010, after more than 18 months of research. The Committee received 50 submissions, held more than 60 public hearings and heard evidence from over 120 witnesses. Evidence was gathered in four regional centres- Merredin, Kalgoorlie, Katanning and Albany, as well as from witnesses in Perth.

The Report gave particular reference to compliance with and any departure from the 2004 Reid Report and the Department of Health's Clinical Services Framework for 2005-15 and 2010-20; identifying any outstanding needs and gaps in health care services; and considering the ramifications of the Royal Perth Hospital Protection Bill 2008.

The 2004 Reid Report was a comprehensive document commissioned by the Gallop Government that confirmed there was a clear need for change in WA's public health system. Eighty six recommendations were made by that Report to the Gallop Government, with all but two supported by the Liberal Party in Opposition. The Reid Report found that the health system as it then existed was beset with an inordinate demand for hospital services and subsequent workforce shortages, faced a looming population surge and operated in a financially unsustainable manner.

Despite assertions by the then-Health Minister that Reid's recommendations would be acted upon, the former government failed to deliver on major aspects of the capital work program in a timely fashion. WA's health system has continued to struggle as the State experiences ongoing population growth and demand for health services.

On 6 May 2010 the Report was tabled in two volumes: the first detailing the state of the public hospital system and the second provided an overview of the State's community health system.

The Report made 91 Recommendations. These reflected the Committee's findings that the hospitals and health system will not be able to meet its obligations to the WA community if six key current weaknesses are not addressed:

1. The current use of low-growth population projections by the Department of Health when modelling future service demands;
2. The retention of Royal Perth Hospital as a tertiary facility and the subsequent move away from the provision of local hospital services based on population need;
3. The disregard by current and former governments of the long-term savings that can be made by a substantial commitment to preventative and primary health care programs;
4. The lack of a systemic approach to utilising any spare capacity in the private hospital sector, which already provides about 35% of Perth's hospital services;
5. The poor coordination between the State and Federal Governments over the planning and provision of aged-care facilities; and
6. The failure of the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) to improve its budget forecasting methods which have historically led to unreliable budget cuts in the State's health system.

The Committee believes that the recommendations proposed by this Report offer the Government a fair, balanced and honest view of the problems faced by WA's health system as well as viable options for improving the outcome. The Committee is still waiting for the Government's response to this report.

Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in WA

This inquiry commenced in May 2009 following concerns raised to members of the Committee from the general community and from members of Parliament on both sides of the House in relation to the problems resulting from alcohol and illicit drug use. The Committee decided to commence this inquiry while the Hospital and Community Health Services inquiry was being undertaken so that metropolitan and regional hearings could gather information for both inquiries. This year the Committee also planned a major trip to the Kimberley that will collect evidence from 70 witnesses in July.

Overall, the Committee has heard from nearly 200 witnesses and has received more than 70 submissions. This extensive data has given Committee members a greater awareness of the problems from alcohol and drugs, and an awareness of the escalation of problems within the State. Repeatedly the Committee is being told the problem is primarily caused by alcohol abuse, and to a lesser extent, illicit drugs (such as cannabis and amphetamines).

From hearings to date it is apparent that there needs to be a culture shift within the community in relation to drinking habits particularly with younger adults. We need to address **access** to alcohol, and the government is to be congratulated on the liquor restrictions being introduced in the Kimberley. Further measures addressing the number of liquor outlets, opening hours and introducing restrictions for high risk problem drinkers may assist in reducing the harm caused to the community by the abuse of alcohol. **Affordability** affects purchasing and we should be aiming for a minimum price per standard drink. It is disappointing that some 'clean skin' bottles of wine cost less than a bottle of water. Finally, we need to address **advertising** particularly advertising which links sport and recreation to alcohol and may thus influence young people to start drinking and drink more than necessary on a regular basis.

It is anticipated that the Committee will table an interim report late in 2010 and the final report early in 2011.

Conclusion

I have been proud to work with such a committed team of parliamentary members and Committee staff who have all worked very hard over the last year. I thank the Speaker who agreed to the Committee travelling for the first time in the past year, as the evidence we collected and the Conferences we attended, improved the reports we tabled this year.

As members we are all appreciative of how this places an additional burden on our electorate staff, and our families, particularly when we attend hearings and conferences to increase our knowledge base and assist us with our enquiries.

I personally thank all the team members for a very active, productive and rewarding year. During the hearings into our inquiry into *Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in WA* it has become apparent that alcohol is the major drug causing damage to individuals, families and the WA community as a whole. The Government are already attempting to assist in making modifications within the community to combat the damages caused by the abuse of alcohol with a new mental health strategy. I am hopeful that next year we will be able to make constructive recommendations to further prevent the physical, psychological and emotional harm caused by the abuse of alcohol. Legislation is regularly introduced to show the Government is, and will be, 'tough on crime'. As many criminal activities are associated with the excessive use of alcohol, the use and abuse of alcohol must be a priority for Parliament as a whole.

Our role as a Committee is to support the Parliament by conducting reviews and presenting reports to assist the government to identify and address the needs, gaps and inefficiencies in Health, Mental Health and Education. These will lead to improvements in the health and well-being of the total community.

It has been a busy but a successful year. Once again I thank the committee, our research officers and others who have assisted over the last year. Committee members: Lisa Baker and Peter Abetz who have acted as the Deputy Chair, Ian Blayney, and Peter Watson. Our research staff Dave Worth, Renee Gould, Tim Hughes, and Michael Burton. Abbey Beaumont and Erin Gauntlett for their invaluable research, advice and expertise.

With an ageing population and an increase in the number of people with chronic diseases both the State and Federal Government will hopefully fund more child, adolescent and elderly community health care services to prevent ill-health and reduce the number of hospital admissions.

DR J.M. WOOLLARD, MLA
CHAIRMAN

CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Introduction

Table 1.1 outlines the work of the Committee during the course of this reporting period. The Committee has:

- Tabled three reports for the *Inquiry into Education Support for Students on 457 Visas in Western Australia* and the *Review of WA's Current and Future Hospital and Community Health Care Services*; as well as the Committee's *Annual Report for 2008-09*;
- Continued an *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in Western Australia*;
- Held 31 deliberative meetings; and
- Took evidence at hearings, or was briefed, on 31 occasions.

Table 1.1

Summary of activities of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2009— 30 June 2010

Description	Activity
Deliberative meetings	31
Formal evidence hearings or briefings	31
Reports tabled	4
Report findings tabled	164
Report recommendations tabled	125

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 2009 - 30 June 2010 the Committee conducted 26 public hearings, taking evidence from 184 witnesses to assist with its investigations (Table 1.2).

Table 1.2

Public Hearings of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2009— 30 June 2010

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
19 August 2009	Mr Philip Aylward	Executive Director, Child and Adolescent Health Service	Department of Health
	Mr Mark Morrissey	Executive Director, Child and Adolescent Community Health	Department of Health
	Ms Jodie South	Senior Project Manager, Infrastructure	Department of Health
25 August 2009	Dr Nigel Armstrong	Psychiatrist, Royal Perth Hospital	Department of Health
	Dr Steven Patchett	Executive Director, Mental Health	Department of Health
	Professor Samar Aoun	Director of Research, WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care	Curtin University of Technology
	Mr William Hallahan	Executive Officer	Palliative Care WA Inc
	Professor Gary Geelhoed	President	Australian Medical Association (WA)
	Mr Peter Jennings	Deputy Executive Director	Australian Medical Association (WA)
26 August 2009	Ms Michelle Scott	Commissioner	Commissioner for Children and Young People (WA)
	Ms Amy Tait	Principal Policy Officer	Commissioner for Children and Young People (WA)

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	Mr Kim Snowball	Chief Executive, WA Country Health Service	Department of Health
	Mr Kenneth Marston	Executive Director	Council on the Ageing WA Inc
	Ms Gail Milner	Operational Director, Innovation and Health System Reform	Department of Health
	Mr Neil Guard	Executive Director	Drug and Alcohol Office
	Mrs Myra Browne	Director, Policy, Strategy and Information	Drug and Alcohol Office
	Mr Eric Dillon	Director, Client Services	Drug and Alcohol Office
	Mrs Roslyn Elmes	Executive Director, Public Health and Ambulatory Care	Department of Health
	Dr Amanda Frazer	Executive Director, Women and Newborn Health Service, King Edward Memorial Hospital	Department of Health
	Professor D'Arcy Holman	Chair in Public Health	University of Western Australia
27 August 2009	Mr Neil Darby	Director, Schools	Department of Education and Training
	Mr Barry France	Principal, Applecross Primary School	Department of Education and Training
	Mrs Moira Long	ESL Teacher, Applecross Primary School	Department of Education and Training
	Ms Jacqueline Reid	Manager, Disabilities	Department of Education and Training
	Ms Natalie Tarr	Principal Consultant ESL/ESD	Department of Education and Training
31 August 2009	Dr John Wray	Paediatrician	
	Mr Tony Ahern	Chief Executive Officer	St John Ambulance WA

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	Ms Gayle Hillen	Occupational Therapist	Kidz OT Essentials
	Ms Lynne Middleton	Speech Pathologist	
	Mr Maurice Swanson	Chief Executive Officer	National Heart Foundation (WA)
	Ms Susan Rooney	Chief Executive Officer	Cancer Council WA
	Ms Denise Sullivan	Director, Tobacco Programs	Cancer Council WA
1 September 2009	Mr David Kelly	Secretary	Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union
	Mr John Thomas	Station Manager	St John Ambulance WA
	Dr Cori Williams	Speech Pathologist and Lecturer, School of Psychology and Speech Pathology	Curtin University of Technology
	Mr Justin Walter	General Manager	Mount Hospital
	Mr Christopher McGowan	Chief Executive Officer	Silver Chain
	Mr Kempton Cowan	Chief Executive Officer	Joondalup Health Campus
	Mr Kevin Cass-Ryall	State Manager, Operations, WA/SA	Ramsay Health Care, Hollywood Private Hospital
	Mr Vaughan Harding	Chief Executive Officer	Uniting Church Homes
	Mr Garry England	Chief Executive	Mercy Hospital, Mount Lawley
	Ms Michelle Kosky	Executive Director	Health Consumers' Council WA
	Ms Maxine Drake	Advocate	Health Consumers' Council WA

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7 September 2009 MERREDIN	Ms Elizabeth Marmion	Acting Operations Manager, Eastern Wheatbelt, WACHS Merredin Hospital	Department of Health
	Mr Cecil Stones	Health Service Manager, WACHS Merredin Hospital	Department of Health
	Councillor Ken Hooper	Shire President	Shire of Merredin
	Mr Frank Ludovico	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Merredin
	Councillor Julie Townrow	Shire Councillor	Shire of Merredin
	Mrs Wendy Jardine	Primary Health Manager, WACHS, Wheatbelt Population Health	Department of Health
	Mrs Shelley Lombardini	Project Coordinator	Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network
	Dr Gabriel Adeniyi	Medical Practitioner	Merredin Medical Clinic
	Mrs Beth Gearing	Liaison Officer	Merrittville Retirement Village
	Mrs Jeanette Fegan	District Community Care Coordinator, WACHS Merredin Hospital	Department of Health
	Mrs Bree Hetherington	Occupational Therapist, WACHS Merredin Hospital	Department of Health
	Ms Suzann Franklin	Clinical Nurse, Eastern Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health	Department of Health
	Mr Michael Hayden	Chairperson	Merredin Aboriginal Project

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	Mr Eric Nordberg	Regional Manager, Wheatbelt Community Drug Service Team	Holyoake Australian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Resolutions
	Mr Luke Turner	Diversion Officer and Counsellor-Educator	Wheatbelt Community Drug Service Team
	Sgt Michael Daley	Acting Officer in Charge, Police Station, Merredin	WA Police
11 September 2009 ALBANY	Mr Garry Adams	Acting Regional Director, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Ms Suzanne Seeley	Nurse Director, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Dr Jonathon Mulligan	Medical Director, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Mr Mark Robinson	Acting Operations Manager, Albany Hospital, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Mr Bruce Manning	Chief Executive Officer	Great Southern Development Commission
	Mr Russell Pritchard	Regional Manager	Great Southern Development Commission
	Mr William Madigan	Executive Director	City of Albany
	Mr Peter King	Director	St John Ambulance Australia (WA) Inc
	Mr Ashley Wilson	Regional Manager	St John Ambulance Australia (WA) Inc
	Miss Stacey Abbott	Station Manager	St John Ambulance Australia (WA) Inc
	Mr Moray McSevich	District Director	Department for Child Protection, Great Southern

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	Ms Suzanne Millar	Regional Manager, Aged-care, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Ms Natalie Galantino	Service Coordinator	Silver Chain, Great Southern
	Mr Andrew Markovs	Manager	Men's Resource Centre
	Mr Lester Coyne	Manager, Aboriginal Health, Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service	Department of Health
	Ms Sandra Crowe	Population Health Director, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Superintendent Dene Leekong	Great Southern District Office	WA Police
	Mr Bryan Taylor	Community Drug Service Team	Palmerston-Great Southern
	Ms Marcelle Cannon	Regional Manager, Mental Health Service, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Ms Melinda Misson	Team Manager, Mental Health Service, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
14 September 2009 KALGOORLIE	Ms Geraldine Ennis	Regional Director, Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Dr Peter Barratt	Medical Practitioner, Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Ms Karen De Bonde	Goldfields Regional Nurse Director, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health

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	Mr David Bowdidge	Operations Manager, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Mr Anthony Chisholm	Acting Chief Executive Officer	City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder
	Mr Robert Hicks	Chief Executive Officer	Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission
	Dr Charles Douglas	Public Health Physician, Goldfields Population Health, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Dr Anne Mahony	Director, Population Health, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Mrs Karine Miller	Regional Coordinator, Community Nursing, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Mrs Erin Bond	Allied Health Coordinator, Population Health, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Mrs Sharon Lenton	Regional Aged-care Manager, Aged-care Unit, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Ms Lisa O'Loughlin	Administration Officer	Eastern Goldfields Community Centre
	Ms Sherryl Wolfenden	Regional Manager, MPS and Aged-care, WACHS Goldfields	Department of Health
	Ms Sue Cristopoulos	Manager, Clinical Services	Bega Garnbirringu Health Service
	Miss Karen Kujawski	Manager, Social Support Unit	Bega Garnbirringu Health Service

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	Miss Deborah Clark	Chairperson	Kalgoorlie Local Drug Action Group
	Ms Rosemary Hunt	Executive Manager	Centrecare
16 September 2009	Mr Timothy Shackleton	Chief Executive Officer	Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations)
	Professor Harvey Coates	Senior ENT Surgeon, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children	Department of Health
21 September 2009 KATANNING	Mrs Fiona Berger	Acting Director of Nursing—Health Service Manager, Katanning Health Service, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Dr Nicolas du Preez	General Practitioner, Katanning Health Service, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Ms Lynette Davey	Psychologist	
	Mr Robert Douglas	Executive Manager, Community Development	Baptistcare
	Ms Suzanne Millar	Manager Aged-care, WACHS Great Southern	Department of Health
	Ms Claire Heffernan	Manager, Community and Youth Justice	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Gregory Crofts	Police Officer, Katanning Police Station	WA Police
	Mr Carl Beck	Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Manager of Community Services	Shire of Katanning
23 September 2009	Mr Philip Aylward	Executive Director, Child and Adolescent Health Service	Department of Health

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	Mrs Margaret Abernethy	Senior Policy Officer, Child and Adolescent Community Health	Department of Health
	Mr Darryl Kickett	Former CEO and Spokesperson	Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
	Mr Peter Mott	Chief Executive Officer	St John of God Hospital Murdoch
28 September 2009	Mr Keith Evans	Executive Director	Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
14 October 2009	Professor Mike Daube	Professor of Health Policy	Curtin University of Technology
	Mr David Smith	Deputy Director General	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
10 November 2009	Dr Peter Flett	Director General	Department of Health
11 November 2009	Ms Carol Cheney	Principal Policy Officer	Department of Health
	Mr Mark Miller	Manager, Intergovernmental Relations	Department of Health
18 November 2009	Ms Susan Ash	Chief Executive Officer	WA Council of Social Service
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12 February 2010	Ms Susan Oliver		
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	Mr Gary Kirby	Director, Prevention and Workforce Development	Drug and Alcohol Office
	Mr Matt Brown	Director of Member Advocacy	RAC WA
	Professor Steve Allsop	Director	National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University
	Dr Tarun Weeramanthri	Executive Director, Public Health	Department of Health
12 May 2010	Mr Barry Sargeant	Director General	Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
	Mr Shawn Holloway	Operations Merchandising Manager, WA	Coles
	Mr Tim Brown		WA Night Clubs Association
	Ms Aymee Mastaglia	Acting CEO	Wine Industry Association of WA (Inc)
19 May 2010	Mr Maurice Swanson	Chief Executive	Heart Foundation
	Mr Terry Slevin	Education and Research Director	Cancer Council of WA
	Mr Steve Pratt	Nutrition and Physical Activity Manager	Cancer Council of WA
	Prof Gary Geelhoed	President	Australian Medical Association WA
26 May 2010	Dr Karl O'Callaghan	Commissioner	WA Police
	Mr Iain Cameron	Executive Director	Office of Road Safety

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	Mr Wynne James	Manager Policy and Strategy Directorate	Mental Health Commission
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	Dr Roger Swift	Emergency Department	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
	Ms Deborah Walley	Manager Ambulance Education	St John Ambulance
	Ms Alison Hailes	Executive Manager Planning & Community Development	WA Local Government Association
	Mr Frank Edwards	Chief Executive Officer	City of Perth
	Mr Matthew Piggott	Coordinator Environmental Health & Building	City of Fremantle
	Mr Kevin Morgan	Mayor	Town of Cottesloe
9 June 2010	Dr Steve Kinnane	Researcher, Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies Arts and Sciences	University of Notre Dame Australia
	Mr Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer	Australian Hotels Association WA
	Mr Bruno Faletti	Manager, School Drug Education and Road Aware	Department of Education
	Mr Wayne Bradshaw	Chief Executive Officer	WA Football Commission Inc

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	Mr Scott Henderson	Chief Executive Officer	Netball WA
	Mr Peter Hugg	Chief Executive Officer	Football West
	Hon Mr Bob Kucera	Board member	Football West
	Mr Frank Lilley	President	Bowls WA
16 June 2010	Dr George O'Neil		Fresh Start Recovery Programme
	Mr Jeff Cloughton	Chief Executive Officer	Fresh Start Recovery Programme
	Hon Ms Sheila McHale	Chief Executive Officer	Palmerston Association Inc
	Mr Bram Dickens	Manager, South Metro Community Drug Team	Palmerston Association Inc
23 June 2010	Mr Terry Slevin	Director, Education and Research	Cancer Council of WA
	Mr Steve Pratt	Manager, Nutrition and Physical Activity	Cancer Council of WA
	Mr David Malone	Executive Director	Healthways
	Ms Jackie Tang	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Mark Glasson	Director, Offender Services	Department of Corrective Services

1.3 Briefings

Five briefings were held during the reporting period (Table 1.3).

Table 1.3

Briefing of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2009- 30 June 2010

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
28 September 2009 ADELAIDE	Mr Keith Evans	Executive Director	Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
30 September 2009 SYDNEY	Associate Professor Nicholas Lintzeris	Policy Committee, Chapter for Addiction Medicine	Royal Australasian College of Physicians
	Dr Alex Wodak	Director, Alcohol and Drug Service	St Vincent's Hospital, NSW
30 September 2009 MELBOURNE	Mr Todd Harper	Chief Executive Officer	Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
	Dr Sharon Goldfeld	Principal Medical Advisor	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria
	Mr Andrew Abbott	General Manager, Strategy and Coordination	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria
9 October 2009 HOBART	Ms Pip Leedham	Director, System Reform	Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania
	Ms Alice Burchill	Deputy Secretary, Care Reform	Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania
	Mr Michael Pervan	Chief Executive Officer	Southern Area Health Service, Tasmania
4 November 2009 DARWIN	Mr Chips Mackinolty	Policy and Strategy Manager	AMSANT

1.4 Conferences

The following four conferences were attended by Committee members during the reporting period:

- 29 September 2009- *2009 National Drug Trends Conference*, Sydney;
- 1-2 October 2009- *Anex '09- Australian Drugs Conference*, Melbourne;
- 7-9 October 2009- *2009 Congress of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) and Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies*, Hobart; and
- 2-4 November 2009- *29th Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD) Conference*, Darwin.

1.5 Reports Tabled

The Committee tabled four reports during the period 1 July 2009- 30 June 2010. They were:

- Report No. 3- *Annual Report 2008-09*
- Report No. 4- *Children Missing Out - Education Support for: -Students on 457 Visas, - Students with a Disability* was tabled on 19 November 2009;
- Report No.5- *Invest Now or Pay Later: Securing the Future of Western Australia's Children* was tabled on 11 March 2010; and
- Report No.6- *Destined to Fail: Western Australia's Health System [Volume 1- Hospital Sector and Volume 2- Community Health Sector]* was tabled on 6 May 2010.

1.6 Work in Progress

On 14 May 2009 the Committee initiated the *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Appropriateness of Prevention and Treatment Services for Alcohol and Illicit Drug Problems in Western Australia*. The Committee has held hearings in Perth; the Kimberley; the Great Southern; the Goldfields and the Mid West regions of the State. It has also received briefings from interstate experts and attended important national conferences. The Committee is due to table a report from this Inquiry in the Legislative Assembly by 26th November 2010.

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 is required in accordance with Standing Order 276 to detail expenditure for the financial year 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010.

Table 2.1

Expenditure Items of the Education and Health Standing Committee of the 38th Parliament for the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010

Expenditure Item	
Advertising	430
Conferences	8,330
Miscellaneous	1,800
Postage	1,020
Printing	6,650
Travel	90,650
TOTAL	\$108,880

Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest \$10.
- Committee staff salaries and training costs are not included.
- Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for Committee accommodation, are not included.