



BUDGET ESTIMATES 2022-2023

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2022-2023 presenting the amounts to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund be referred to the Portfolio Committees for inquiry and report.
2. That, further to the resolution of the House of 16 November 2021 adopting the 2022 sitting calendar¹, the 2022-2023 initial budget estimates hearings be scheduled as follows:

Day One: Monday 22 August 2022

PC 5 Attorney General
PC 1 Treasurer, Energy

Day Two: Tuesday 23 August 2022

PC 3 Education and Early Learning
PC 7 Environment and Heritage

Day Three: Wednesday 24 August 2022

PC 6 Metropolitan Roads, Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Day Four: Thursday 25 August 2022

PC 7 Local Government
PC 3 Skills and Training, Science, Innovation and Technology

Day Five: Friday 26 August 2022

PC 6 Transport, Veterans, Western Sydney
PC 1 Finance, Employee Relations

Day Six: Monday 29 August 2022

PC 5 Corrections
PC 7 Planning, Homes

Day Seven: Tuesday 30 August 2022

PC 4 Customer Service and Digital Government
PC 5 Families and Communities, Disability Services

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 16 November 2021, p 2713

Day Eight:	Wednesday 31 August 2022
PC 6	Regional Transport and Roads
PC 5	Deputy Premier, Regional NSW, Police
Day Nine:	Thursday 1 September 2022
PC 1	Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Sport
PC 5	Multiculturalism, Seniors
Day Ten:	Friday 2 September 2022
PC 5	Emergency Services and Resilience, Flood Recovery
PC 4	Lands and Water, Hospitality and Racing
Day Eleven:	Monday 5 September 2022
PC 4	Agriculture and Western NSW
PC 1	Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism
Day Twelve:	Tuesday 6 September 2022
PC 2	Women, Regional Health, Mental Health
PC 6	Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport
PC 1	The Legislature
Day Thirteen:	Wednesday 7 September 2022
PC 4	Small Business and Fair Trading
PC 2	Health
PC 1	Premier

3. That for the purposes of the 2022-2023 initial budget estimates hearings:
 - (a) each portfolio, except The Legislature, be examined concurrently by Opposition and Crossbench members only, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, and from 11.15 am to 12.45 pm, then from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, and from 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm, with 15 minutes reserved for Government questions at the end of the morning and afternoon session, if required,
 - (b) the portfolio of The Legislature be examined concurrently by Opposition, Crossbench and Government members from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.
4. That, further to the resolution of the House of 16 November 2021 adopting the 2022 sitting calendar, the 2022-2023 supplementary budget estimates hearings be held over five days from 24 October to 28 October 2022.
5. That for the purposes of the 2022-2023 initial and supplementary budget estimates hearings:
 - (a) the committees must hear evidence in public,
 - (b) the committees may ask for explanations from ministers, parliamentary secretaries or officers of departments, statutory bodies or corporations, relating to the items of proposed expenditure,
 - (c) ministers be invited to appear for the morning sessions only unless requested by committees to appear also for the afternoon session,
 - (d) witnesses, including ministers, may not make an opening statement before a committee commences questions,

- (e) members may lodge supplementary questions with the committee clerk by 5.00 pm within two business days following a hearing, and
 - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, except those answers for which confidentiality is requested, after they have been circulated to committee members.
6. That the committees present a final report to the House by 23 December 2022.²