

# Legislative Council



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## **Inquiry into WA Tourism Commission Support for Music Festival**

An Inquiry will be held into the operation and performance of the WA Tourism Commission's involvement and support for the One Movement for Music Festival, held in Perth in March 2010. The Inquiry will be conducted by the Parliament's Estimates and Financial Operations Committee.

"The Inquiry will seek to establish whether the Tourism Commission is delivering value for money for the West Australian Taxpayer", said the Committee Chair, Giz Watson MLC.

Two hearings with the Tourism Commission were held in October and December 2010, as part of the Committee's ongoing review of the spending and effectiveness of Government agencies.

"The Committee was not satisfied with the answers provided by the Commission's senior management and their refusal to provide certain information on the grounds of commercial sensitivity. As a result, the Committee has resolved to hold an inquiry", said Ms Watson.

The Committee will examine the planning, decision-making process and effectiveness of the Commission in relation to the music festival. The Committee intends to report its findings to the Upper House of the West Australian Parliament on 30 June 2011.

Attachment: Terms of Reference

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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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The Committee is 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:

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

The Committee is inviting public submissions addressing the inquiry's terms of reference. The deadline for the lodgement of written submissions is **Monday, 28 March 2011**.

The Committee intends to report on the inquiry to the Legislative Council by Thursday, 30 June 2011.