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#### Chair's Foreword

am pleased to present the Committee's third annual report for tabling. The highlight of the 2022–23 year was the tabling of our report *Hungry for Change: Addressing food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty*. This was the culmination of approximately 18 months of work for the Committee, on our *Inquiry into the most effective ways for Western Australia to address food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty*.

This inquiry commenced in April 2022 and set out to find ways to address food insecurity for children living in poverty, while acknowledging that every child has a right to sufficient good food every day. As well as conducting hearings in Perth, Committee members travelled to Albany and Katanning and to remote communities in the Pilbara, Gascoyne and Goldfields. Witnesses made it very clear that the physical problems of under-nutrition and malnutrition can turn into mental health problems and social problems. The ability of students to complete their education or to pursue training opportunities that could lead to employment is compromised, and they remain stuck in the cycle of poverty. The inquiry found that it is time to find a way to break this cycle, but with an ongoing solution, not just quick fixes.

We investigated how food relief and food literacy can assist children experiencing food insecurity. Children need to eat to learn, but they also need to learn to eat. Food relief does not always reach children in need, and its nutritional value is not guaranteed. But without access to good food, lessons on how to prepare good food seem irrelevant. One of the few ways for children to access good food – and potentially to learn about it at the same time – is through a school lunch program. We discovered that a surprising number of our schools are already providing meals and snacks to students from school funds because they see it as a matter of necessity. As one principal told us, it's a 'no-brainer': hungry kids cannot learn effectively.

Hungry for Change recommended that WA build on these programs and extend school lunches in an equitable way to mitigate the impact of food insecurity on our next generation. We gathered ideas for how this could be done on a research visit to Tasmania in February and March 2023, where a school lunch program initiated by the canteen association is currently being piloted. We visited some schools in low socioeconomic suburbs of Hobart and saw how much the students appreciated a free, hot, hearty lunch. Teachers and principals at these schools told us how it was making a difference to attendance, and how it had impacted positively on concentration and behaviour. It was extremely valuable to see the school lunch pilot program in action, and it assisted us in making some of the recommendations in our report.

We also heard how Tasmania had implemented a Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, which is something the Committee would like to see prioritised in WA. Tasmania has also created a dedicated minister and department for Education, Children and Youth, making it clear where responsibility for child wellbeing lies. Such investment in our children and young people now will pay dividends in years to come.

We received 494 submissions for the inquiry. Around 450 of these were from students who attend Catholic schools across WA, including in some of the most remote areas where the Catholic school is the only school. In addition to our travels around the state, we reached out to members of the multicultural community via two forums held in Mirrabooka, which provided essential insights into the experiences of newly arrived migrant and refugee families. We thank all those who contributed their insights and experiences to the inquiry, especially those children and young people who made themselves heard. Their voices are important, and we included some of their frank and heartfelt comments in the report.

The *Hungry for Change* report was tabled on 22 June 2023, and the government response was tabled on 10 October 2023.

In addition to the Committee's inquiry work, we continued with our oversight role of the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Committee met with the Commissioner twice during the financial year, and published a review report of some of the Commissioner's activities in March 2023.

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee members for their contributions over the past year: Deputy Chair Hon. Neil Thomson MLC, Rebecca Stephens MLA and Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot MLC. Thank you also to our research staff for their support during the 2022–23 year: principal research officer Dr Sarah Palmer, and research officers Carmen Cummings and Lucy Roberts. Dr Palmer and Carmen Cummings have both now moved on from the Committee, and we welcome Naomi Sherrington as our new principal research officer.

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE, MLA

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**CHAIR** 

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## **Chapter 1**

#### **Committee Activities**

#### Introduction

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

- · conducted 1 inquiry
- tabled 3 reports
- held 16 deliberative meetings
- took evidence from 41 witnesses at 16 formal evidence hearings
- was briefed by 13 persons
- undertook 3 investigative travel trips.

Table 1.1: Summary of the activities of the Committee, 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Description	Activity
Briefings	2
Deliberative meetings	16
Formal evidence hearings	16
Witnesses appearing	41
Investigative travel	3
Reports tabled	3
Report findings tabled	58
Report recommendations tabled	24

#### **Public Hearings**

Pursuant to Assembly Standing Order 264, the Committee has power to send for persons, papers and records. During the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023, the Committee conducted 16 public hearings, taking evidence from 41 witnesses to assist with its investigations (Table 1.2).

Table 1.2: Public Hearings of the Committee, 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
21 September 2022	Professor Pasi Sahlberg	Professor of Education	Southern Cross University
18 October 2022	Ms Jacqueline McGowan-Jones	Commissioner	Commissioner for Children and Young People

	Ms Natalie Hall	Director, Policy, Monitoring and Research	Commissioner for Children and Young People
19 October 2022	Megan Sauzier	Chief Executive Officer, WASCA	WA School Canteen Association (WASCA)
	Rebecca Bampton	President, WASCA	
	Amanda Ferguson	Project Development Officer, WASCA	
	Jennifer Hanna	Executive Committee Member, WASCA	
	Cre Millar	Canteen Manager, Applecross Senior High School	
	Rebecca Jolly	Canteen Manager, Oakwood Primary School	
	Naomi Putland	Canteen, Kitchen and Garden Manager, Highgate Primary School	
19 October 2022	Kevin Guiness	Director, Garlbagu, Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation	Foundation Food
	Abby Phillis	Director, Social Impact, Garlbagu, Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation	
26 October 2022	Associate Professor Francis Mitrou	Program Head, Population Health	Telethon Kids Institute
	Dr Alexia Bivoltsis	Senior Research Officer, Food and Nutrition Team	
26 October 2022	Ros Sambell	Lecturer; Chair, National Nutrition Network – Early Education and Care	School of Medical and Health Sciences, Edith Cowan University
	Prof Amanda Devine	Professor of Public Health and Nutrition	
16	Kate O'Hara	Chief Executive Officer	Foodbank WA
November 2022	Dr Roslyn Giglia	Dietitian; Nutrition and Food Security Manager	
23 November 2022	John Southalan	Adjunct Professor; Barrister	
23 November 2022	Prof Sharon Bessell	Professor, Policy and Governance; Director, Children's Policy Centre; Director, Poverty and Inequality Research Centre	Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

30 November 2022	Clinical Associate Prof Sarah Cherian	General Paediatrician; Clinical Lead, Refugee Health Service	Child and Adolescent Health Service
	Anne-Marie McHugh	Acting Nurse Co- director, Community Nursing Services	
22 February 2023	Dr Stephanie Godrich	Senior Lecturer in Nutrition	Edith Cowan University
15 March	Mike Rowe	Director General	Department of
2023	Amber Fabry	Chief Practitioner, Specialist Child Protection Unit	Communities
	Peter Byrne	Acting Assistant Director General, Governance, Performance and Insights	
	Phil Payne	Executive Director, Regulation and Quality	
15 March	Dr Laura Allison	Chief Psychologist	Catholic Education WA
2023	Lisa Fogliani	Principal, Mercy College, Koondoola	
15 March 2023	Fiona Hunt	Deputy Director General, Aboriginal Engagement and Community Policy	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Peter Facey	Assistant Director, Remote Aboriginal Communities	
	Sarah Charbonneau	Acting Executive Director, Community Policy	
22 March 2023	Dr Andrew Robertson	Chief Health Officer and Assistant Director General, Public & Aboriginal Health	Department of Health
	Dr Denise Sullivan	Director, Chronic Disease Prevention, Public & Aboriginal Health	
	Dr Gina Ambrosini	Principal Policy Officer, Chronic Disease Prevention	
	Matthew Lester	Acting Executive Director, Environmental Health	
22 March 2023	Jim Bell	Deputy Director General, Student Achievement	Department of Education

Martin Clery	Executive Director, Statewide Services	
Narelle Ward	Principal	
Michelle Ostberg	Director, Service Planning and Coordination	
Mandy Hudson	Assistant Executive Director, Curriculum Assessment and Strategic Policy, School Curriculum and Standards, School Curriculum and Standards Authority	

#### **Briefings**

In addition to the formal hearings, the Committee held a number of briefings. The briefings were used to gain information in relation to the Committee's inquiries as well as other matters of interest (Table 1.3).

Table 1.3: Briefings provided to the Committee, 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
DateNamePosition22 November 2022Amy BersonGeneral ManagerAlaa Al-BatatiActing Community Programs ManagerDaniel SherifiActing Youth Programs ManagerWahida AzizSettlement Caseworker, Settlement Engagement and Transition Support ProgramHafiz NazariSettlement Caseworker, Settlement Engagement and Transition Support ProgramJordan IleyYouth Program CoordinatorChloe McGrathYouth Program CoordinatorLueth DengditYouth Program CoordinatorGlenys CunninghamDeputy Principal	Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka		
2022	Alaa Al-Batati	,	Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Daniel Sherifi		Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Wahida Aziz	Settlement Engagement and Transition Support	Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Hafiz Nazari	Settlement Engagement and Transition Support	Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Jordan Iley	<u> </u>	Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Chloe McGrath		Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Lueth Dengdit		Edmund Rice Centre WA, Mirrabooka
	Glenys Cunningham	Deputy Principal	Koondoola Primary School
	Caroline Kiambi	Multicultural Community Worker	Edmund Rice Centre WA/Koondoola Primary School

	Alice Mboneye	Multicultural Community Worker	Edmund Rice Centre WA/Koondoola Primary School
17 May 2023	Jacqueline McGowan-Jones	Commissioner	Commissioner for Children and Young People
	Dawn Fitzgerald	Acting Director, Policy, Monitoring and Research	Commissioner for Children and Young People

#### **Investigative Travel**

As part of its *Inquiry into the most effective ways for Western Australia to address food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty*, the Committee carried out investigative travel to Albany and Katanning; a selection of remote communities in the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Goldfields; and to Tasmania, as detailed below.

Table 1.4: Summary of Committee travel, 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Date	Description	Attendees	Cost
21–24 August 2022	Investigative research trip to Albany and Katanning, Great Southern WA	3 Committee members, 2 staff members	\$4,986
31 October to 1 November 2022	Investigative research trip to Burringurrah, Jigalong, Newman, Warburton and Leonora	2 Committee members, 2 staff members	\$24,008
26 February to 1 March 2023	Investigative research trip to Hobart, Tasmania	3 Committee members, 2 staff members	\$21,936
		Total travel:	\$50,930

During these investigative trips, the Committee conducted briefings with the following people and organisations.

Table 1.5: Briefings provided to the Committee during investigative travel

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
22 August 2022	Rod Pfeiffer	Branch Manager	Foodbank WA, Albany
22 August	Peter Watters	Director	Clontarf Foundation,
2022	Graeme Simpson	Project Officer	North Albany Academy, North Albany Senior High School
	Academy members	Year 9 students	
22 August	Ben Killey	Chief Executive Officer	Worklink, Albany
2022	Wendy Triplett	Training Manager	
22 August 2022	Colette Albino	Corps Officer	The Salvation Army, Albany

23 August 2022	2 parents Kym Gardner	Coordinator	Child and Parent Centre, Mount Lockyer, Albany
23 August 2022	lan Clarke Chrystie Flint	Chief Executive Officer Outreach Services	Youth Centre, Albany Youth Support
	Tosh Wigley	Manager  Youth Centre	Association
	0 ,	Coordinator	
23 August 2022	Ian Clarke Bradley Ward	Chief Executive Officer Residential Services	Young House, Albany
	Kim Thorpe	Manager Refuge Coordinator	Youth Support Association
23 August	Geraldine Ennis	Regional Director, Great Southern	WA Country Health Service
2022	Paddy Glackin	Regional Medical Director, Great Southern	
	Sylvia Lennon	Director Population Health, Great Southern	
	Amber Giblett	Acting Regional Health Promotion Coordinator, Great Southern	
23 August	6 Karen community members	Year 11–12 students	Albany Migrant
2022	Julia Valentin	Migrant Resource Coordinator	Resource Centre
	Pah Shaw	Karen Community Assistant	
24 August 2022	Hazel Ealem'Hansen	Project Manager, Early Years Initiative	Katanning Noongar Leadership Group
	Meryl Hansen	Shekinah Black community member	
	Julie Hayden	Chief Executive Officer, Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation and Early Years Initiative	
	Wendy Hayward	Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson, Jeert Mia Aboriginal Corporation	
	Denise Gallanagh Wood	Manager, Community Development, Shire of Katanning	
	Shane Woods	Youth Family Support Worker, Department of Communities	
24 August 2022	Otieno Ndong'a	Staff member	Katanning Migrant Resource Centre
24 August 2022 'Katanning	Sharon Bielby	Domestic Violence Advocacy Support Worker	Anglicare WA, Katanning
Roundtable'	Sharon Thomas	Social worker, Katanning hospital	WA Country Health Service
	Donna Woithe	Population Health Coordinator	
	Geraldine Ennis	Regional Director, Great Southern	

	Katie Wheeler	Manager	Katanning Community
	Lie Cuidene	Described to	Resource Centre
	Liz Guidera	President	Shire of Katanning
	Michelle Salter	Councillor	<u> </u> 
	Matt Collis	Councillor	Decally Class Civil
24 August	12 participants	Year 7–12 students	Deadly Sista Girlz,
2022	Keona Pickett	Coordinator	Katanning Senior High
	Sonya Woods	Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer	School
31 October	Raymond Lockyer	Community member	Burringurrah Aboriginal
2022	Shirleen Riley	Community member	Community
	Robert Gilbert	Community member	
	Dwayne Mallard	Wajarri facilitator and	
		spokesperson	
	Jasmine Harris	Principal, Burringurrah Remote Community	
		School	<u> </u>
	Glenda Sibson	School officer,	
		Burringurrah Remote	
		Community School	-
	Marilyn Hake	Clinical Nurse Specialist,	
		WA Country Health	
	0 1: 0:1	Service	_
	Colin Sibson	Officer in Charge,	
	D	Burringurrah Police	
	Peter Sainsbury	Senior Ranger,	
		Department of	
		Biodiversity,	
		Conservation and Attractions	
	Ctophon Forrington		Duntukurnu Aharisinal
31 October 2022	Stephen Farrington	Remote Clinical Manager	Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service, Jigalong Aboriginal Community
31 October	Viv Naidu	Manager	Illawarra Store, Jigalong
2022	VIVINAIUU	S	Aboriginal Community
2022			Aboriginal Community
31 October 2022	Karina Ferrada	Teacher	Jigalong Remote Community School
31 October	Anthony Middleton	Shire President	Shire of East Pilbara
2022		Acting Chief Executive	1
	Emma Landers	Officer	
	Annabel Landy	Councillor	
	Eric Plet	Director Community	
	Enchet	Services	
	Rosie Davidson-Tuck	Manager of Community Services	
31 October	Sue Davenport	Executive Director	Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa
2022	Peter Johnson	Executive Director	
	Gina O'Connor	Families Program,	
		Kunawarritji	
	Michele Bentink	Martu Support	
1 November 2022	Edward Box	Retail Manager, Mily Store	Milyirrtjarra Aboriginal Corporation, Warburton
1 Nav	Damian McLean	President	Shire of
1 November 2022	Danian Welcan	Tresident	Ngaanyatjarraku, Warburton

1 Novembor	Oriwa McKay	CDP Engagement	Shire of
1 November 2022	,	Officer, former youth	Ngaanyatjarraku,
		worker, former school	Warburton
		Nutrition Program	
		Coordinator	
	Angelica McLean	Housing (Thrive	
		Program), former youth	
		worker	
1 November 2022	Scott Fatnowna	Deputy Principal	Ngaanyatjarra Lands
			School, Warburton Campus
1 November 2022	Margaret Butterworth	Deputy Principal	Leonora District High
	Jonathan Attwell	Principal	School
1 November	Naomi Sprigg dos Santos	Senior Project Officer,	WA Country Health
2022	. 55	Child Safety	Service, Leonora
2022	Cheryl Cotterill	Community Resource	
		Centre, former WACHS	
		Aboriginal Health	
		Worker, Home and	
		Community Care	
		Coordinator and	
		Enrolled Nurse, Leonora	
	Iulia Dumbahin	Hospital	Cabaal Fand Mattaus
27 February	Julie Dunbabin Kirsty Grierson	Project Manager Executive Officer	School Food Matters, Tasmania
2023	Jen Lea	Project Officer	Tasilialila
	Kate Carlin	Project Officer	
	Sam Rathmell	Project Officer (North)	
	Fran Lennard	Project Officer (North)	
	Pietta Jackson	Project Officer (South)	
	Claire Galloway	Community Dietitian,	Department of Health,
	,	Public Health Services	Tasmania
		(School Food Matters)	
	Kate DePaoli	Community Dietitian,	
		Public Health Services	
		(School Food Matters)	
	Carl Saunder	State Manager	Eat Well Tasmania
27 February	Stuart Lord	Principal	New Norfolk High
2023	Chris Woolley	Support Teacher	School, Tasmania
	Riki Ohia	Social Worker	C
	Julie Dunbabin Kate Carlin	Project Manager	School Food Matters, Tasmania
	Monique Reardon	Project Officer  Public Health	Department of Health,
	ivionique Reardon	Nutritionist, Public	Tasmania
		Health Services	Tustitutitu
27 February	Nic Street	Minister for Community	Tasmanian Government
2023		Services and	
2023		Development	
	Roger Jaensch	Minister for Education,	
		Children and Youth	
	Vince Taskunas	Chief of Staff to	
		Minister Street	
	Loga Nadar	Advisor to Minister	
	Day Casha	Street	
	Ben Coates	Advisor to Minister	
	Julio Dunhahin	Jaensch  Project Manager	School Food Matters
	Julie Dunbabin	Project Manager Executive Officer	School Food Matters, Tasmania
	Kirsty Grierson	Executive Officer	Tasiliallia

28 February 2023	Mellissa Gray  Courtney Hurworth	Deputy Secretary, Community Partnerships and Priorities Division Director, Community Policy and Engagement	Department of Premier and Cabinet, Tasmania
	Monique Reardon	Public Health Nutritionist, Public Health Services	Department of Health, Tasmania
28 February	Benjamin Richardson	Principal	Rokeby Primary School, Tasmania
2023	Carla Brown	Assistant Principal	
	Kathy McInerney	Education Assistant	
	Danielle Kempster	Teacher	
	Taylor Assmann	Teacher	
	Fran Lennard	Project Officer (South)	School Food Matters,
	Kate Carlin	Project Officer	Tasmania
	Monique Reardon	Public Health Nutritionist, Public Health Services	Department of Health, Tasmania
28 February 2023	Leanne Mclean	Commissioner for Children and Young People	Commissioner for Children and Young People Tasmania
	Isabelle Crompton	Director – Office of the Commissioner	
	Monique Reardon	Public Health Nutritionist, Public Health Services	Department of Health, Tasmania
1 March	Andrew Hillier	Chief Executive Officer	Loaves and Fishes,
2023	Aaron Krope	General Manager	Tasmania
	Helen Bennett	School Business Manager	Gagebrook Primary School
	Julie Dunbabin	Project Manager	School Food Matters, Tasmania
1 March 2023	Dr Kim Jose	Senior Research Fellow	Menzies Institute of
	Dr Kylie Smith	Senior Research Fellow	Medical Research,
	Associate Professor Verity Cleland	Associate Professor	University of Tasmania
	Monique Reardon	Public Health Nutritionist, Public Health Services	Department of Health, Tasmania

#### **Reports Tabled**

The Committee tabled 3 reports during the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023. These were:

- Report no 4: Annual Report 2021-2022, tabled on 20 October 2022
- Report no 5: Report Review 2022; Examination of selected reports by the Commissioner for Children and Young People, tabled on 30 March 2023
- Report no 6: Hungry for Change: Addressing food insecurity for children and young people affected by poverty, tabled on 22 June 2023.

#### **Other Activities**

#### **YARiC** presentation

As part of the Young Aboriginal Researchers in Community project (YARiC), the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA recruited 7 young Aboriginal women aged 12–18 years from schools in the Kalgoorlie area. These students completed training to design and deliver a culturally-informed peer-led research project into wellbeing, mental health, connectedness and gender equity.

The team presented the findings of their draft YARiC Wellbeing Survey report to members of the Committee on 29 November 2022, with the final report due out in June 2023.

Figure 1.1: YARIC trainees presenting their draft report to the Committee (L–R): Robyn Clarke MLA, Rebecca Stephens MLA, and Ayor Makur Chuot MLC at Parliament House, 29 November 2022



#### Inquiry engagement process

The inquiry into childhood food insecurity provided an opportunity for the Committee to include the voices of children and young people, who have a right to be consulted on issues affecting them under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In addition to the actions taken in the previous financial year, the Committee continued to make efforts to reach out to children experiencing poverty, their families and the organisations that support them throughout the 2022–23 period.

The Committee identified that Aboriginal children and young people were at greater risk of food insecurity, and sought their input through recording a 30-second radio advertisement for Aboriginal children with a young voice artist at Noongar Radio. The advertisement was broadcast 64 times by Indigenous stations across the state between August and November 2022. Similarly, the Committee sought to include the experiences of children in refugee and recently-arrived migrant families by attending a briefing with staff at Edmund Rice Centre on 22 November 2022.

Figure 1.2: Cover of easy English booklets for children and young people, left, and adults, right



The Committee produced easy English versions of the inquiry terms of reference. Catholic Education WA distributed the booklet for children to 7 of its schools. In total, the Committee received 494 submissions, including collated responses representing the views of over 500 Catholic Education WA students from 7 schools across the state. Most submissions were in written form, although some students submitted collages based on the easy English resource. All information provided by children and young people was made anonymous.

Committee members held 25 briefings in the regional towns of Albany, Katanning, Newman and Leonora and the remote Aboriginal communities of Burringurrah, Jigalong and Warburton. These included discussions with Karen youth who attended the Albany Migrant Resource Centre. Investigative travel was also undertaken to Tasmania, to hear about that state's School Lunch Pilot Program and see it in action at three different schools, and to hear about Tasmania's recently implemented Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. Eight briefings were included as part of this trip.

Figures 1.3 and 1.4: Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot MLC speaks to Leonora District High School students about their Food Ladder hydroponic greenhouse; (L–R) Robyn Clarke MLA, Hon. Neil Thomson MLC and Rebecca Stephens MLA are served by staff at New Norfolk Senior High School as part of the Tasmanian school lunch pilot program





The Committee took the large volume of submissions and the testimony of witnesses and participants in briefings across WA and Australia into account to produce the *Hungry for Change* report. A selection of quotes from children and young people's submissions was included in the front of the report.

Foodbank WA CEO Kate O'Hara reflected on the inquiry process in an ABC Radio interview on 3 July 2023:

The approach taken to this report needs to be commended, because it wasn't a case of desktop and staying in Perth – it was a case of getting out into community and listening. And whenever a report is brought together based on 'listen first, write second', it's a sensational approach to seeing the Government get informed.

The Committee's engagement efforts for the inquiry and the feedback received after the report was tabled demonstrate the extent to which the report was informed by the concerns of children, and the community more broadly. The government response to the *Hungry for Change* report is now available on the Committee's webpage.

### **Chapter 2**

#### **Financial Statement**

The 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 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

Table 2.1: Expenditure items of the Committee, 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Expenditure Item	Amount (\$)
Advertising	7,814
Consultants	988
Printing – Commercial	1,495
Protocol	483
Staff/Member Amenities	238
Travel	50,930
TOTAL	61,948

#### Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest dollar.
- Salaries of committee staff are not included.

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• Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for committee accommodation, not included.

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