

Report 42

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Terms of Reference: Inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia

Presented by Hon Pierre Yang MLC (Chair) March 2024

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1 Reference and procedure

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

- 1.1 On 20 March 2024, the Standing Committee on Public Administration resolved to establish an inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia.
- 1.2 The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

The Standing Committee on Public Administration resolves to inquire into and report on issues impacting regional telecommunications in Western Australia.

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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 into 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; and
 - (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 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, function 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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