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<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Mr A.P. Jacob, MLA Member for Ocean Reef
<b>Members</b>	Mr I.M. Britza, MLA Member for Morley  Mr A.P. O’Gorman, MLA Member for Joondalup  Hon T.G. Stephens, MLA Member for Pilbara

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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.



## **CHAIR'S FOREWORD**

I present the second annual report for the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee of the 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament. The report gives a synopsis of the work of the Committee during the reporting period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010.

In this period, our Committee has tabled its report on its inquiry into the Adequacy of Services to Meet the Developmental Needs of Western Australia's Children on 13 August 2009. Subsequently the Committee undertook an inquiry into the Inside Australia project at Lake Ballard. This report was tabled 26 November 2009. It has also commenced an inquiry known as 'Making our prisons work' which looks into the efficiency and effectiveness of prisoner education, training and employment strategies. An Interim Report was tabled on 24 June 2010 which focussed on prison employment activities and prison industries.

The work of Parliamentary committees is an important component of our democratic process and allows a unique opportunity for members to work across parties to improve policy and governance for our community. I thank my fellow committee members for their dedication and goodwill.

On behalf of the Committee, I acknowledge and thank the Principal Research Officer, Dr Brian Gordon and Research Officer, Jovita Hogan for their invaluable work in support of the Committee.

MR A.P. O'GORMAN, MLA  
CHAIR



## **CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **1.1 Portfolios**

The eighteen portfolio areas of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee as determined by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly are:

- Indigenous Affairs
- Electoral Affairs
- Women's Interests
- Disability Services
- Police
- Emergency Services
- Road Safety
- Sport and Recreation
- Culture and the Arts
- Attorney General
- Corrective Services
- Child Protection
- Community Services
- Seniors and Volunteering
- Local Government
- Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- Environment
- Youth

## 1.2 Committee activity

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

- Conducted 3 inquiries;
- Held 13 deliberative meetings;
- Has taken evidence from/or was briefed on 26 occasions;
- Undertook investigative travel to the Pilbara and Goldfields in Western Australia; and Singapore.

**Table 1.1**

**Summary of activities of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010**

Description	Activity
Briefings	12
Deliberative meetings	13
Formal evidence hearings	14
Reports tabled	3

## 1.3 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 14 public hearings, taking evidence from 31 witnesses to assist with its investigations (Table 1.2).

**Table 1.2****Public Hearings of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Witness</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
9 September 2009	Sean Doran	Arts Producer	Insideworld Imagine
14 October 2009	Richard Muirhead	Chief Executive Officer	Tourism Western Australia
	Steve Crawford	Director Strategic Policy	Tourism Western Australia
	Lance Hardy	Regional Manager	Tourism Western Australia
	Diana Jones	A/Chief Executive Officer	WA Museum
	Drew Dymond	Technical Director	Perth International Arts Festival
	Shelagh Magadza	Artistic Director	Perth International Arts Festival
	Stefano Carboni	Director/CEO	Art Gallery of Western Australia
	Gary Dufour	Deputy Director/Chief Curator	Art Gallery of Western Australia
4 November 2009	Mr Terry Murphy	Director General	Department for Child Protection
10 December 2010	Mr Greg Joyce	Chairman	St John Ambulance Inquiry
	Ms Cathy Campbell	Manager System Reviews	Department of Health
19 January 2010	Ms Christine Laird	Manager Education and Vocational Training	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Ian Giles	Deputy Commissioner for Adult Custodial Services	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Ian Clark	Superintendent Hakea Prison	Department of Corrective Services
10 February 2010	Prof. Neil Morgan	Inspector of Custodial Services	Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services

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	Mr Barry Cram	Deputy Inspector of Custodial Services	Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
	Justice Narelle Johnson	Chairperson	Prisoners Review Board of Western Australia
10 March 2010	Mr Tim Connolly	Director Case Management & Offender Employment	Department of Corrective Services
	Ms Kathy Csaba	Manager Prison Industries	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Peter Sirr	Chief Executive Officer	Outcare Inc
	Mr Peter Henson	Chair	Outcare Inc
17 March 2010	Professor Richard Harding	inaugural Inspector of Custodial Services	now with UWA and the Crime Institute
21 April 2010	Mr Paul McMullan	Director Acacia Prison	SERCO
	Vanessa Davies	Assistant Director for Offender Management	SERCO
19 May 2010	Ms Jackie Tang	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Brian Ellis	Director Sentence Management	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Mark Glenson	Director Sentence Services	Department of Corrective Services
	Ms Christine Laird	Managing Director Education and Vocational Training	Department of Corrective Services
	Helen Baron St John	Consultant	
26 May 2010	Ms Kathy Csaba	A/Manager Prison Industries	Department of Corrective Services



## 1.4 Briefings

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

**Table 1.3**

**Briefings provided to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010**

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
20 September 2009	Brian Seale	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Menzies
	Aileen Kelly	Councillor	Shire of Menzies
	Ian Tucker	Councillor	Shire of Menzies
	Jill Dwyer	Councillor	Shire of Menzies
21 September 2009	Robert Hicks	Chief Executive Officer	Goldfields Esperance Development Commission
	Norma Latchford	Chair	Arts and Culture Goldfields (Inc)
16 October 2009	Antony Gormley	Sculptor	
3 March 2010	Superintendent and staff	Casuarina Prison	Department of Corrective Services
25 March 2010	Mr Alvin Yeo	Chair	The Government Parliamentary Committee for Home Affairs and Law
	Mr Zainudin Nordin	Mayor	the Central Singapore District
	Ms Phang Seok Sieng		Singapore Prison Service
	Ms Shie Yong Lee		Singapore Prison Service
	Mr Poh Zhongming		Ministry of Home Affairs
	Phillip Overmyer	CEO	Singapore International Chamber of Commerce
26 March 2010	Mr Soh Wai Wah	Director of Prisons	Singapore Prison Service
	Ms Phang Seok Sieng		Singapore Prison Service

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
	Desmond Chin Kim Tham	CEO	SCORE
	Matthew Chua		Ministry of Home Affairs
	Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee	Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs	Ministry of Home Affairs
27 April 2010	Superintendent, and staff	Bandyup women's prison	Department of Corrective Services
12 May 2010	Superintendent and staff	Roebourne Prison	Department of Corrective Services
20 May 2010	Steve Thorpe	Executive Director	Corrective Service Industries NSW
	Rhonda Booby	Director Offender Services and Programs,	NSW Department of Corrective Service

## 1.5 Investigative Travel

In relation to the Inquiry into the Inside Australia project at Lake Ballard, the Committee travelled to Menzies, Lake Ballard and Kalgoorlie.

In relation to the 'Making our prisons work' Inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of prisoner education, training and employment strategies, the Committee travelled to Roebourne in the Pilbara and to Singapore. The people the Committee spoke to are listed above in Tables 1.2 and 1.3.

## 1.6 Work in Progress

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee is continuing to conduct the 'Making our prisons work' Inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of prisoner education, training and employment strategies. The final report will review:

- vocational education, together with the integration of rehabilitation strategies and their impact on post release outcomes;
- re-entry strategies and the provision of post release support including community engagement initiatives;
- the gaps in post release outcomes between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal offenders and how they might be addressed through such initiatives as Justice Re-investment; and
- data collection and analysis by the Department of Corrective Services including post release data

## CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Community Development and Justice 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's expenditure for the financial year 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

**Table 2.1**

**Expenditure Items of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee, 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010**

Expenditure Item	\$
Advertising	3,500
Travel	41,000
Printing	8,600
Protocol	1700
Miscellaneous	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,200</b>

Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest \$100.
- Salaries of committee staff are not included.
- Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for committee accommodation, not included.