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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

This is the fourth report of the Education and Health Standing Committee, which was first appointed on 30 May 2001. This report provides an overview of the Committee's activities from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Over the last 12 months, the Education and Health Standing Committee has focussed primarily on its inquiry into the *'Role and Interaction of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System'*. The Committee has called for and received submissions, conducted an extensive evidence gathering program and more recently sent several members to Canada and the United Kingdom to look at emerging models of health care and delivery.

On 16 April 2003, the Legislative Assembly referred to the Committee, for investigation, an inquiry into *'Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia'*. The Committee is currently receiving submissions on this matter.

During this reporting period, the Committee also met with senior personnel representing departments from within the Committee's portfolio responsibilities. These meetings provide an informative and interactive forum that allows the Committee to keep abreast of current issues and proposed shifts in departmental policy directives.

I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their individual and collective contributions over this last year and commend the Principal Research Officers, Erin Gauntlett and Karen Hall and Research Officer, Peter Frantom, for their extreme professionalism, dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank Helen Lünsmann and the Parliamentary Assistants, Glen Whitting and Peter D'Cress, for their invaluable assistance throughout the past year.

MRS C.A. MARTIN, MLA
CHAIR

CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Introduction

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

- Has undertaken two major inquiries;
- Held 35 deliberative meetings;
- Has taken evidence from 61 persons;
- Held 12 briefings involving 54 persons;
- Tabled one report; and
- Has undertaken an investigative trip to Canada and the United Kingdom.

Table 1.1

Summary of activities of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2002 - 30 June 2003.

Description	Activity
Briefings	12
Deliberative meetings	35
Formal evidence hearings	8
Witnesses appearing	61
Reports tabled	1
Report findings tabled	Nil
Report recommendations tabled	Nil

1.2 Public Hearings

Pursuant to Assembly Standing Order 264, the Committee has power to send for persons, papers and records. During the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, the

Committee conducted 29 public hearings, taking evidence from numerous witnesses to assist with its investigations (Table 1.2).

Table 1.2

Public Hearings of the Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2002 - 30 June 2003.

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
16-Oct-02	Ken Marston	Policy Officer	Council on the Ageing
	Lois Johnston	Retired Nurse	
	Susan Rooney	Chief Executive Officer	Cancer Foundation of Western Australia Inc.
	Dr Harry Sheiner	Chair	Western Australian Oncology Group
	Brian Dodds	Vice President	Australian Association of Social Workers (WA Branch)
	Penelope Mogridge	Social Work Manager	
	Nancy Da Costa	Clinical Nurse Manager	Bentley Health Service
	Emma Ellis	Chief Executive Officer	Diabetes Australia Western Australia
	Jo Hart	Manager	
23-Oct-02	Ric Forlano	Executive Director	Arthritis Foundation of Western Australia
	Sandra Thomson	National President	Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care
	Dr Chris Skinner	Senior Lecturer	Edith Cowan University
	Marita Sealey	Chief Executive Officer	Western Australian General Practice Education and Training Limited
	Danielle Gallegos	Dietitian - Nutritionist	Metropolitan, Public and Community Nutritionists
	Natalie Jones	Acting Population Health Nutritionist	
	Patricia Marshall	Nutritionist - Diabetes Educator	
	Rae Walter	Executive Director	Ngala Family Resource Centre
	Mark Donald	Manager, Early Parenting	

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Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
23-Oct-02 (cont.)	Andrea Callaghan Maxine Drake	Advocate Advocate	Health Consumers' Council WA (Inc.)
	Ilse O'Ferrall Dr Sandra Thompson	President Public Health Physician	Public Health Association of Australia (Western Australian Branch)
6-Nov-02	Sue Rowell Melita Brown Angie Paskevicius	Director, Allied Health Clinical Support Unit Speech Pathologist, Royal Perth Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Therapy Focus Inc.	Metropolitan Allied Health Council
	Annette Barton	Manager, Corporate Services	Australian Association of Occupational Therapists (Western Australia) Inc.
13-Nov-02	Gary Phillips	Mental Health Nurse Clinician	Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.
21-Nov-02	Professor Tony Wright	Head of School	School of Physiotherapy Curtin University of Technology
	Professor Charles Watson Professor Jill Downie Professor Tony Wright	Dean Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery Head, School of Physiotherapy	Faculty of Health Sciences Curtin University of Technology
	Neil Hall Virginia Bower Dr Paul Tinley	President Chief Podiatrist, Royal Perth Hospital Head, Podiatry Department, Curtin University of Technology	Australian Podiatry Association (Western Australia)
	Associate Professor Kate White	Acting Head of School	School of Nursing and Public Health, Edith Cowan University

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21-Nov-02 (cont.)	Margaret Watson	Chief Executive Officer	Nurses Board of Western Australia
	Ian Cooper	Physiotherapist, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Australian Physiotherapists Association (Western Australia Branch)
	Peter Robinson	Acting Head, Physiotherapist Department, Royal Perth Hospital	
	Mark Wiklund	Branch President	
22-Nov-02	Lynette Dimer	Health Promotion Officer	National Heart Foundation (Western Australia Division)
	Annette Forbes	Lecturer, Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University of Technology	
	Cobie Rudd	Chief Executive Officer	General Practice Divisions of Western Australia Ltd
	Dr Charles Nadin	Rural Director	
	Belinda Bailey	Manager, State Policy and Membership	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (Western Australia Faculty)
	Dr Peter Maguire	Faculty Board Member	
	Dr Grant Russell	National Manager, Quality Care and Research	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (Western Australia Faculty)
	Professor Louis Landau	Dean	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry The University of Western Australia
	Mark Olson	State Secretary	Australian Nurses Federation
	Mike Daube	Director General	Department of Health
	Philip Aylward	Director	
	Andrew Chuk	Deputy Director General	
	Phillip Della	Principal Nursing Officer	

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
22-Nov-02 (cont.)	Michael Jackson Dr Brian Lloyd Christine O'Farrell	Executive Director Chief Medical Officer Executive Director	Department of Health
27-Nov-02	Professor Michael Quinlan	Dean	College of Health University of Notre Dame Australia
	Dr Charles Douglas Dr Bret Hart Anne Mahony Dr Donna Mak	Public Health Physician Medical Co-director, North Metropolitan Health Service Senior Public Health Nurse Chair, Western Australian Regional Committee	Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine
4-Dec-02	Dr Bernhard Pearne-Rowe	President	Australian Medical Association (Western Australian Branch)

1.3 Briefings

In addition to gathering evidence during 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 Education and Health Standing Committee, 1 July 2002 - 30 June 2003.

Date	Witness	Position	Organisation
14-Aug-02	Paul Albert Terry Werner	Director Acting Director of Strategic Co-ordination	Department of Education

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21-Aug-02	Andrew Chuk Kathryn Cook	Deputy Director General, Corporate and Finance Division Assistant General Manager, Funding Strategy and Management	Department of Health
11-Sept-02	Dr Millar Forbes Peter Dhu	Medical Director Manager	DonateWest
18-Sept-02	Graham Brimage	Director of Strategic Policy	Department of Sport and Recreation
7-May-03	Professor Sven Silburn	Director, Centre for Developmental Health	Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
11-June-03	Mike Daube Andrew Chuk Dr Phillip Della Dr Brian Lloyd Prudence Ford Neil Purdy	Director General Deputy Director General Principal Nursing Officer Chief Medical Officer Group Director, Planning and Workforce Manager, Planning and Development	Department of Health
22-June-03	Alex Berland	Partner	Strategic Resource Group
23-June-03	Megan Loeb Laurie Gould	Consultant, Stakeholder Liaison, Evaluation and Education, Primary Health Care Division Director, Planning and Development, Primary Care and Chronic Disease	British Columbia Ministry of Health Fraser Health Authority
24-June-03	Nancy Swainson Lucy Falastein Jacquie Lemaire	Acting Director Policy Analyst Senior Program Officer	Health Policy and Communications Branch, Primary Health Care Division, Health Canada

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24-June-03 (cont.)	Clive Shepherd	Site Co-ordinator	Ontario Family Health Network
	Dr Daniel Way	Director, Postgraduate Education	Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa
25-June-03	Dr David Gass Tracey Martin	Director Co-ordinator	Primary Health Care, Nova Scotia Department of Health
	Dr David Gass Mary Jane Hampton	Director Director	Primary Health Care, Nova Scotia Department of Health Stylus Consulting
27-June-03	Marc Seale Greg Ross-Sampson	Chief Executive and Registrar Project Manager	Health Professions Council
	Simon Williams Barbara Edmonds	Director of Policy Director, Public and Patient Involvement	Patients' Association College of Health
	Sheelagh Richards Beryl Steeden	Chief Executive Group Head, Membership and External Affairs	College of Occupational Therapists
	Geraldine Cunningham	Director, Clinical Leadership Programme	Royal College of Nursing
	Rachel Haynes	Head of Public Affairs	Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
	Rob Rose	Workforce Designer, Changing Workforce Programme	NHS Modernisation Agency
	Phillip Masterton-Smith Professor Roy Pounder	Chief Executive Professor of Medicine	Royal College of Physicians University College London

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27-June-03 (cont.)	Cheryl Unthank	Senior Clinical Site Practitioner	Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust
	Judith Ellis	Chief Nurse	
	Hillary Cass	Director, Postgraduate Medical Education	
	Maggie Barker	Associate Medical Director	
30-June-03	Chris Wilkinson	Director of Nursing	Peterborough Hospitals and NHS Trust
	Sandra Betterton	Head of Nursing	Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Strategic Health Authority
	Randle Milne	Radiology Services Manager	Radiography Department Edith Cavell Hospital
	Sylvia Few	Intermediate Care Lead	Peterborough Hospitals and NHS Trust
	Ruth Emmins	Senior Nurse	
	Nuala Dachsmalchien	Senior Nurse	
	Sue Drake	Emergency Nurse Practitioner	Peterborough General Hospital
	Carel Turton	Deputy Sister, Surgical Service Unit	
	Kay Ruggerio	Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner	Edith Cavell Hospital
	Allison Dickinson	Specialist Orthopaedic Practitioner	
	Dr Angela Dancocks	Consultant, Accident and Emergency Department	Kettering General Hospital NHS Trust
	Marisa Shrimpling	Emergency Nurse Practitioner	
	Geraint Martin	Chief Executive	

1.4 Investigative Travel

On 20 June 2003, as part of the Committee's current inquiry into the roles and interactions of health professionals in Western Australia, two members and one staff member visited Canada and the United Kingdom to meet with specific organisations that have recently developed and implemented innovative health care programs. Extensive background research identified Canada and the United Kingdom to be at the forefront of health reform and indicated that the reforms taking place within these countries was of particular relevance to the Western Australian health system. On 26 June 2003, a third member of the Committee joined the touring party for the United Kingdom component of the investigative tour. The Committee returned to Australia on 6 July 2003.

1.5 Conferences

The Committee did not attend any conferences during the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

1.6 Reports Tabled

The Committee tabled one report during the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 entitled *Annual Report 2001 - 2002, Report No. 3*.

1.7 Work in Progress

The Role and Interaction of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System

On 26 June 2002 the Committee resolved to inquire into '*The Role and Interaction of Health Professionals in the Western Australian Public Health System*'. The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

That the Committee examine and report on:

- (a) emerging models of health care delivery;
- (b) the adequacy of current training methods;
- (c) the availability of defined career paths for health professionals; and
- (d) any other matter deemed relevant by the Standing Committee.

The Committee advertised in the '*West Australian*' on 6 July 2002 announcing the inquiry and inviting interested parties to make a written submission. Submissions

were analysed by the Committee and a series of hearings were conducted from 16 October 2002 to 4 December 2002; the evidence gathered will be used in conjunction with other information in the final report, scheduled to be tabled in December 2003.

Inquiry into Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia

On 16 April 2003 a motion was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly that in accordance with Standing Order 287(2), the following matters be referred to the Education and Health Standing Committee for its *'Inquiry into Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Western Australia'*. The terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) the extent of the incidence, diagnosis and use of stimulant medication for the treatment of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Western Australia, taking into account all previous reports and inquiries;
- (b) an analysis of those figures compared to other States of Australia and other countries;
- (c) the analysis of emerging medical opinion and varying medical and behavioural approaches for the treatment of ADD and ADHD;
- (d) the divergence of public opinion and the need for a more defined State Policy;
- (e) the relationship, if any, between those diagnosed with and/or medicated for, ADD or ADHD and drug addiction; and
- (f) the relationship between ADD or ADHD and the educational, economic and social wellbeing of individuals.

The Committee advertised in the *'West Australian'* on 17 May 2003 announcing the inquiry and inviting interested parties to make a written submission. Submissions were still being received by the Committee as of 30 June 2003. The Committee intends to table its final report on this matter in June 2004.

CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Education and Health 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 2002/2003 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

Advertising		\$2,400
Conference Fees		\$800
Printing		\$300
Protocol (Food, Beverages and Gifts)		\$800
Travel		
Members' Fares	\$19,900	
Members' Allowances	\$3,300	
Staff Fares	\$8,900	
Staff Allowances	<u>\$5,000</u>	\$37,100
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$41,400</u>

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.