



THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

REPORT 17
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

Presented by Hon Liz Behjat MLC (Chairman)

August 2013

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:

“3. Public Administration Committee

- 3.1 *A Public Administration Committee* is established.
- 3.2 The Committee consists of 5 members.
- 3.3 The functions of the Committee are to –
- (a) inquire 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;
 - (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 Standards Commissioner, the Information Commissioner, the Inspector of Custodial Services, and any similar officer.
- 3.4 The Committee is not to make inquiry with respect to –
- (a) the constitution, functions 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.”

Members as at the time of this inquiry:

Hon Liz Behjat MLC (Chairman)

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1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

1.1 At a regularly conducted meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Administration held on 7 August 2013, it was resolved to initiate an inquiry into pastoral leases in Western Australia with the following terms of reference:

The Committee is to inquire into and report on pastoral leases granted to the pastoral industry in Western Australia, in particular:

- a) the management of the increase in the number of stock and environmental damage on pastoral land;
- b) the adequacy of security of land tenure;
- c) procedures for granting or renewing pastoral leases;
- d) the proposed pastoral lease 2015; and
- e) any other matter.

1.2 The Committee hereby acquaints the Legislative Council accordingly.



Hon Liz Behjat MLC
Chairman

8 August 2013