

**40TH PARLIAMENT**



## **Report 28**

# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

*Inquiry into WorkSafe—Terms of Reference*

---

Presented by  
Hon Adele Farina (Chair)

June 2017

## **Standing Committee on Public Administration**

### **Members as at the time of this inquiry:**

Hon Adele Farina MLC (Chair)

Hon Darren West MLC

Hon Ken Baston MLC

Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC (Deputy Chair)

Hon Kyle McGinn MLC

### **Staff as at the time of this inquiry:**

Irina Lobeto-Ortega (Advisory Officer (Legal))

Margaret Liveris (Committee Clerk)

### **Address:**

Parliament House

4 Harvest Terrace, West Perth WA 6005

Telephone: 08 9222 7300

Email: [lcco@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lcco@parliament.wa.gov.au)

Website: [www.parliament.wa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au)

**ISBN 978-1-925149-98-2**



**REPORT 28**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

**INQUIRY INTO WORKSAFE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**



## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### REPORT 28: INQUIRY INTO WORKSAFE—TERMS OF REFERENCE

---

#### 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 21 June 2017, the Committee resolved to inquire into and report on WorkSafe, with the following terms of reference:

- a) WorkSafe's performance against the objects of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984*
- b) funding and resourcing of WorkSafe
- c) adequacy of WorkSafe's training, oversight and accountability processes
- d) adequacy of administrative processes, including complaints, investigations and prosecution processes
- e) adequacy of WorkSafe's audits of training providers delivering occupational health and safety training
- f) timely implementation and public education of coronial inquest recommendations arising from a workplace death
- g) legislative and jurisdictional issues
- h) any other relevant matter.

1.2 The Committee hereby acquaints the Legislative Council accordingly.



---

**Hon Adele Farina MLC**  
**Chair**

**27 June 2017**



## **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;
  - (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.

5.4 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.'



---

Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace, West Perth WA 6005  
Telephone: 08 9222 7300  
Email: [lcco@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lcco@parliament.wa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.parliament.wa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au)