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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

The thirty-eighth Parliament has seen the establishment of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee and I am pleased, as Chair of the Committee, to present its first annual report.

Since its formation in November 2008, the Committee has been conducting an Inquiry into the Provision, Use and Regulation of Caravan Parks (and Camping Grounds) in Western Australia. In addition to this, the Committee has been considering a range of issues for potential future inquiries and has been gathering background information to assist in its decision making. The Committee has held 13 deliberative meetings, conducted a number of hearings and received briefings from a wide range of people to assist with its inquiries.

I would like to formally thank the members of the Committee for their dedication and commitment to the work of the Committee. I would also like to thank Hon. David Templeman, MLA, who was co-opted onto the Committee for its inquiry into caravan parks and camping grounds. Finally, I would like to express the Committee's appreciation of the work performed by the Committee's secretariat, Dr Loraine Abernethie (Principal Research Officer) and Ms Vanessa Beckingham (Research Officer).

DR M.D. NAHAN, MLA
CHAIR

CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Introduction

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

- Conducted 1 inquiry;
- Held 13 deliberative meetings;
- Has taken evidence from/or was briefed on 25 occasions;
- Undertook investigative travel to Rockingham, Mandurah, Gingin, Exmouth, Coral Bay, Karratha, Port Hedland and Broome.

Table 1.1

Summary of activities of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, 13 November 2008 - 30 June 2009

Description	Activity
Briefings	25
Deliberative meetings	13

1.2 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 1.2).

Table 1.2

Briefings provided to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee, 13 November 2008 - 30 June 2009

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
1 April 2009	Mr David Kobelke	Manager - ProjectConnect	Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Mr Linus O'Brien	Director, Industry Capability Network	Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Date	Name	Position	Organisation
6 April 2009	Mr Chris O'Neill	Director	Worley Parsons
6 April 2009	Mr Arthur Dixon	Chairman	Australian Centre for Natural Gas Management
6 April 2009	Mr Richard Werren	Business Development Manager LNG	Clough Engineering
	Mr Roland Berndt	General Manager of Engineering	Clough Engineering
8 April 2009	Mr Stephen Grocott	General Manager, Innovative Industries Division	Department of Commerce
	Mr Andrew Mann	General Manager, Science and Innovation; Policy and Risk Management	Department of Commerce
8 April 2009	Mr Tim Shanahan	Director, Energy and Minerals Initiative	University of Western Australia
20 May 2009	Mr Niegel Grazia	Vice President Government Affairs	Woodside Energy Ltd
	Mr Brian Haggerty	Vice President LNG Development	Woodside Energy Ltd
	Mr Gary Bowtell	General Manager Development and Engineering LNG Development	Woodside Energy Ltd
2 June 2009	Ms Ronnie Fleay	President	Shire of Exmouth
	Ms Doreen Blum	Deputy President	Shire of Exmouth
	Mr Phil Anastasakis	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Exmouth
	Mr Rob Manning	Executive Manager, Health and Building	Shire of Exmouth
2 June 2009	Mr Alistair Brogan	Director	Bayview Coral Bay

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
	Mr Avon Davey	Onsite Manager	Bayview Coral Bay
2 June 2009	Mr Norm Monck	Owners	Peoples Park Caravan Village
	Mr Geoff Monck	Owners	Peoples Park Caravan Village
2 June 2009	Mr Noel Bridge	Managing Director	First Acuity - Management Enterprises
9 June 2009	Ms Vicki Suckling	Planning Manager	Tourism Western Australia
	Ms Rachel Telford	Regional Manager, Experience Perth	Tourism Western Australia
	Elizabeth Smith	Policy Manager	Tourism Western Australia
	Campbell Fletcher	Policy Analyst	Tourism Western Australia
10 June 2009	Ms Loyla Whitworth	Member	Sunnywest Caravanners
	Ms Lyn Boyce	Member	Sunset Coast Caravan Club
	Mr Gerry Kerrigan	Member	International Caravanners Association
	Mr Trevor Cocks	Member	West Side Caravanners
	Mr Stan Perkins	Member	Southwest Caravan & Camping Club
	Mr Jack Sadler	Member	Sunset Coast and WA Caravan Club
12 June 2009	Mr Mark Newman	Chief Executive Officer	City of Mandurah
	Mr Tony Free	Director of Sustainable Development	City of Mandurah
	Mr Michael Willcock	Project Planner	City of Mandurah
	Ms Paddi Creevey	Mayor	City of Mandurah
	Ms Dianne Russel Taylor	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Peel Development Commission
12 June 2009	Mr Richard Rodgers	Manager Building Services	City of Rockingham

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Date	Name	Position	Organisation
	Mr Michael Ross	Manager Statutory Planning	City of Rockingham
17 June 2009	Mr Barry Gardner	Proprietor	Swan City Caravans
19 June 2009	Mr Simon Fraser	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Gingin
	Mr Wayne Harris	Principal Environmental Health Officer	Shire of Gingin
	Ms Lisa Edwards	Principal Planner	Shire of Gingin
	Mr Tony Monteleone	Principal Building Surveyor	Shire of Gingin
	Mr Wayne Fewster	Shire President	Shire of Gingin
22 June 2009	Mr Darryal Eastwell	Manager, Environmental Health	Town of Port Hedland
22 June 2009	Mr Stephen Webster	Chief Executive Officer	Pilbara Development Commission
	Mr John Verbeek	Principal Project Officer	Pilbara Development Commission
23 June 2009	Mr Allan Moles	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr Bob Sharkey	Executive Manager Development	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr Craig Watts	Manager, Environmental Health Services	Shire of Roebourne
23 June 2009	Ms Mandy Lorrimar	Government Affairs Advisor Protocol	Woodside Energy Ltd
	Ms Renay Sheehan	Senior Government Affairs Advisor	Woodside Energy Ltd
29 June 2009	Mr Glen Chidlow	Chief Executive Officer	North West Tourism

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
29 June 2009	Mr Graeme Campbell	Park Operator	Roebuck Bay Caravan Park
30 June 2009	Mr Darryl Butcher	Director Development	Shire of Broome
30 June 2009	Mr Vaughan Davies	Regional Manager	Australia's North West Region - Tourism Western Australia

1.3 Investigative Travel

As part of its Inquiry into the Provision, Use and Regulation of Caravan Parks (and Camping Grounds) in Western Australia, the Committee travelled to Rockingham, Mandurah, Gingin, Exmouth, Coral Bay, Karratha, Port Hedland and Broome for a series of briefings from various caravan park owners/operators, and representatives from local government agencies, regional development commissions and other interested parties. While in Karratha, the Committee also met with representatives of Woodside Energy Ltd. The people the Committee spoke to are listed above in Table 1.2.

1.4 Work in Progress

The Committee has commenced an Inquiry into the Provision, Use and Regulation of Caravan Parks (and Camping Grounds) in Western Australia. In particular, the Committee will examine the:

- Structure, conduct and performance of the caravan park industry;
- Demand, supply and costs, and trends thereof, of caravan park sites and related services;
- Supply and demand for long- and short-stay sites including camping sites;
- Impact of existing legislation, and state and local government policies regulating caravan parks, particularly relating to:
 - maintaining a viable caravan park industry,
 - protecting the rights of operators and users, and
 - providing an adequate mix of long- and short-stay facilities and sites.

The Committee will report on 15 October 2009.

CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Economics and Industry Standing Committee has a nominal administrative budget of \$18,000 which is funded out of the budget of the Legislative Assembly. Approval for major expenditure occurs on a case-by-case basis and is subject to the approval of the Speaker.

The Committee is required in accordance with Standing Order 276 to detail expenditure for the financial year 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009. The Legislative Assembly dissolved on 7 August 2008, therefore, two Economics and Industry Standing Committees operated during this financial year. Whilst the current Committee of the 38th Parliament tenders the financial figures below, the Legislative Assembly has provided those pertaining to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee of the 37th Parliament.

Table 2.1

Expenditure Items of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee of the 37th Parliament for the period 1 July 2008 – 7 August 2008 and of the 38th Parliament for the period 13 November 2008 – 30 June 2009:

Expenditure Item	37 th Parliament	38 th Parliament
Advertising		2,300
Travel		34,900
Protocol		200
Printing	2,900	
Miscellaneous	1,300	900
TOTAL	4,200	38,300

Notes:

- The total figure for the financial year 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009 is \$42,500.
- 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.

DR M.D. NAHAN, MLA
CHAIR