

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 25 February 2014 from 9.00 am to 10.57 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Finance portfolio, including Medibank Private, ComSuper, the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation, the Future Fund Management Agency, the Australian Electoral Commission and ASC Pty Ltd.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the scoping study on the sale of Medibank Private
- fiscal rules for the mid-year economic and fiscal outlook
- processes for limited tenders, particularly in relation to the appointment of Mr Tony Shepherd as Chair of the Commission of Audit and Mr Peter Crone as the head of the secretariat
- the application of the efficiency dividend to the Australian Public Service
- a Freedom of Information request for the incoming government brief in 2013
- job reductions in the Finance portfolio over the forward estimates
- determination of dividend levels in Government Business Enterprises
- refurbishment works at the Lodge
- processes for the appointment of ministerial staff, particularly in relation to the appointment of the former chief of staff to the Assistant Minister for Health
- processes for raising allegations of bullying or harassment of staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*
- Comcar entitlement and usage
- the selection process undertaken for the new managing director of the DisabilityCare Australia Fund
- the emerging markets strategy
- statistics on multiple voting in the last Federal election
- alignment of return periods for different entities under electoral donations laws
- costs associated with the upcoming Western Australia Senate election
- Air Warfare Destroyer project budget overspends.