

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE CABINET COMMITTEE

Terms of reference

September 2017

Membership	
Premier	Hon Jay Weatherill (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Premier Minister for Public Sector	Hon John Rau
Treasurer	Hon Tom Koutsantonis (Chair)
Minister for Education and Child Development	Hon Susan Close
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure	Hon Stephen Mullighan
Minister for Health	Hon Peter Malinauskas

Objectives

To drive the development of the state budget and to ensure the rigorous application of the budget principles and processes to ensure that agency resources are efficiently deployed to meet the government's key priorities and overall financial targets.

To streamline the Cabinet agenda by approving individual funding requests from agencies or other Cabinet committees or taskforces up to \$10 million per annum (excluding GST).

To monitor the status and delivery of key commitments and projects, and performance of agencies.

Terms of reference

The Committee will meet its objectives by:

- Reviewing funding requests (including proposals that identify likely or future costs that are currently unquantified) and proposals to redirect existing budget provisions to meet expenditure priorities which arise outside the budget process; this applies to both Cabinet submissions and Cabinet notes
- Providing approval for an agency to enter into contractual arrangements or agreements in the context of approving funding requests consistent with Treasurer's Instruction 8
- Considering all fees and charges related Cabinet business

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- Funding requests will be considered in the context of Professor Mark Moore’s public value scorecard, having regard to whether all three elements of the ‘strategic triangle’ are addressed in the proposal:
 - Public value (defining the public value outcomes that the proposal aims to achieve and for whom)
 - Legitimacy and support (building a coalition of stakeholders whose support is necessary to sustain action and ensuring formal authorising requirements are met)
 - Operational capabilities (ensuring capacity and mobilising operational resources to implement proposals and achieve desired public value outcomes).
- The Committee will apply one of the following decisions:
 - Approved
 - Approved as amended
 - Not approved
 - Approved to proceed to Cabinet
 - Approved to proceed to Cabinet as amended
 - Not approved to proceed to Cabinet
- Submitting a monthly report to Cabinet summarising funding approvals (or after each meeting if the meeting schedule is less frequent than every month)
- Calling accountable Ministers and Chief Executives to appear before the Committee to provide updates on the status and delivery of key commitments and projects and performance of agencies (including achieving budgets).

The Committee will also:

- Consider wages policy issues and other workforce matters prior to proceeding to Cabinet
- Provide in-principle approval for enterprise bargaining negotiation instructions, with final offers to be approved by Cabinet
- Monitor ongoing government spending and programs against key performance and effectiveness criteria
- Consider taxation reform to ensure South Australia remains a progressive and competitive jurisdiction
- Provide a mechanism for budget deliberations
- Make recommendations to Cabinet:
 - Identifying government programs and spend that could be cut or redirected
 - Ensuring that Ministers maintain budget discipline
 - Ensuring that Ministers maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of programs
 - Ensuring that spending clearly reflects the Government’s key priorities
 - Ensuring that the government’s key financial targets are met
- Consider any other related matter referred to it by Cabinet.

Operational matters

Meetings

The Committee will meet every four to six weeks, or more or less frequently at the discretion of the Chair.

Secretariat

The secretariat function supporting the Committee will be provided by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC).

Agenda

DPC and the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) will work together to develop the agenda. The agenda will be approved by the Chair.

BPCC criteria

Submissions seeking additional funding must be submitted to BPCC prior to Cabinet. The DTF costing comment confirms where submissions must be considered by BPCC and identifies if a submission is ready for consideration by BPCC:

- Does this proposal meet the materiality threshold of \$250,000 per annum? (Agencies are required to manage expenditure requests below this amount within existing resources.)
- Does this proposal provide sufficient primary and alternate offsets?
- Does this proposal need to be considered outside the budget process?

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