

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CABINET COMMITTEE

Terms of reference

April 2018

Membership	
Premier	Hon Steven Marshall MP (standing invitation to attend)
Treasurer	Hon Rob Lucas MLC (standing invitation to attend)
Minister for Education	Hon John Gardner MP (Deputy Chair)
Minister for Health and Wellbeing	Hon Stephen Wade MLC (Chair)
Minster for Human Services	Hon Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Child Protection	Hon Rachel Sanderson MP
Minister for Environment and Water Cabinet Secretary	Hon David Speirs MP (standing invitation to attend)

Objectives

To drive the development and implementation of the Government's commitment to strategic reforms in health and disability policy from a whole of government perspective, including delivery models, resource allocation and stakeholder engagement.

To monitor the status of key commitments and reforms in the area of social affairs, including monitoring the performance of key agencies and the outcomes achieved by those agencies.

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The Committee will meet its objectives by:

1. Developing and scrutinising, on a whole-of-government basis, proposals that relate to the Government's strategic priorities in the areas of health and disability reform, with a focus on ensuring the effectiveness of resource allocation and stakeholder engagement and the appropriateness of proposed delivery models
2. Overseeing the Government's election commitments in social affairs, including by monitoring the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
3. Leading development and implementation of the Government's commitments on child protection, including evidence-based early intervention strategies
4. Evaluating major projects and reform proposals in the areas of vocational training, skills development and higher education, with a focus on building workforce skills and capability, and ensuring that the social development potential inherent in the projected growth in the defence industry sector benefits the entire community
5. Evaluating and overseeing projects and reform proposals that aim to improve teaching standards and education outcomes in South Australia
6. Providing scrutiny of whole-of-government issues that have the potential to affect the cost of living and general affordability
7. Calling accountable Ministers and Chief Executives to appear before the Committee to provide updates on the status and delivery of key commitments, policies and projects
8. Instructing the Officials' group to undertake work, as required, to progress matters and support the deliberations of the Committee
9. Scrutinising and overseeing, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, any strategic and cross portfolio projects, reforms and policy issues that have a direct bearing on the responsibilities exercised by the Committee
10. Considering any other related matter referred to it by Cabinet

The Committee will apply one of the following decisions to submissions it considers:

- approved to proceed to Cabinet
- approved to proceed to Cabinet as amended
- not approved to proceed to Cabinet

Operational matters

Meetings

The Committee will meet at the discretion of the Chair.

Ministers, including Assistant Ministers, and officials who are not designated Committee members may attend on approval of the Chair to assist in deliberations of individual proposals, noting Committee outcomes remain the prerogative of Committee members only.

The Premier and the Treasurer have discretion to nominate senior officials to attend Committee meetings on their behalf and actively participate in deliberations.

Quorum will consist of the Chair plus one other member or their formal nominated representative.

Secretariat

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

Officials' group

At the discretion of the Chair, a network of senior officials from relevant agencies will be established to support the deliberations and work of the Committee. The Committee will determine and approve the objectives and work plan of the group.

Agenda

The Chair may approve a range of strategic and cross portfolio items, consistent with the terms of reference, for the Committee's discussion and consideration. Matters falling within the Committee's terms of reference can also be referred to it by the Cabinet Secretary through the forward agenda process.

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