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<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Mr A.P. Jacob, MLA Member for Ocean Reef
<b>Members</b>	Mr I.M. Britza, MLA Member for Morley
	Ms M.M. Quirk, MLA Member for Girrawheen
	Hon T.G. Stephens, MLA Member for Pilbara

## COMMITTEE STAFF

<b>Principal Research Officer</b>	Dr Brian Gordon (until 24 June 2011)
	Dr David Worth, MBA, PhD (from 24 June 2011)
<b>Research Officer</b>	Ms Jovita Hogan, BA (Hons)

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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

I present the third annual report for the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee of the 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament. The report gives a synopsis of the work of the Committee during the reporting period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011.

In this period, our Committee tabled a report on 25 November 2010 on its inquiry known as 'Making our Prisons Work' which looked into the efficiency and effectiveness of the State's prisoner education, training and employment strategies. An Interim Report had been tabled on 24 June 2010 which focussed on prison industries and associated employment activities.

The Committee commenced its new *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Future Directions of Social Housing in Western Australia* on 27 July 2010 and hopes to table the final report by the end of 2011.

The work of Parliamentary committees is an important component of our democratic process and allows a unique opportunity for members to work across parties to improve policy and governance for our community. I thank my fellow Committee members for their dedication and goodwill.

On behalf of the Committee, I acknowledge and sincerely thank the Principal Research Officer, Dr Brian Gordon, and the Research Officer, Ms Jovita Hogan, for their invaluable work in support of this Committee over the past year. Dr Gordon is leaving the Committee after over four years to move to another Committee and I welcome Dr Worth to the role of Principal Research Officer.



**MR A.P. JACOB, MLA**  
**DEPUTY CHAIR**



## CHAPTER 1 COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES

### 1.1 Portfolios

The 18 portfolio areas of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee as determined by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly are:

- Indigenous Affairs
- Electoral Affairs
- Women's Interests
- Disability Services
- Police
- Emergency Services
- Road Safety
- Sport and Recreation
- Culture and the Arts
- Attorney General
- Corrective Services
- Child Protection
- Community Services
- Seniors and Volunteering
- Local Government
- Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- Environment
- Youth

### 1.2 Activities

During the course of this reporting period the Committee:

- tabled its final report on the *Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Prisoner Education Training and Employment Strategies Report* on 25 November 2010;
- held 24 deliberative meetings;
- held 68 hearings or briefings;
- undertook investigative travel to South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, and the Pilbara, Kimberley and Wheatbelt regions in Western Australia;
- attended two forums; and

- commenced a new *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Future Directions of Social Housing in Western Australia*.

**Table 1.1- Summary of activities of the Committee, 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011**

Description	Activity
Briefings	48
Deliberative meetings	24
Formal evidence hearings	20

### 1.3 Public Hearings

Pursuant to Assembly Standing Order 264, the Committee has power to send for persons, papers and records. During the period 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 the Committee conducted 20 public hearings and took evidence from 55 witnesses to assist with its investigations.

**Table 1.2- Public hearings of the Committee, 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011**

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
11 August 2010	Mr Neil Fong	Consultant	KPMG
	Ms Christine Ginbey	Director, Strategic Asset Services	Department of Corrective Services
	Ms Katalin Kraszlan	Project Manager	Department of Corrective Services
18 August 2010	Ms Angela Dominish	Director Strategic and Executive Services	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Ian D'Mello	Manager, performance and Statistics	Department of Corrective Services
	Ms Natalie Gibson	Director Operations	Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
	Mr John Acres	Principal Officer	Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
	Professor Neil Morgan	Inspector of Custodial Services	Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
8 September 2010	Ms Donna Herdsman	Manager, Service Agreements (procurement)	Department of Corrective Services

	Ms Matilda Prowse	Manager, Non Government Contracts	Department of Corrective Services
	Ms Katalin Kraszlan	Public Servant/ Project Manager	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Peter Sirr	CEO	Outcare
15 September 2010	Ms Natalie Gibson	Acting Deputy Inspector	Office of the Inspector of Custodial services
	Mr John Acres	Director of Operation	Office of the Inspector of Custodial services
	Professor Neil Morgan	Inspector of Custodial Services	Office of the Inspector of Custodial services
22 September 2010	Mr Graeme Doyle	Assistant Commissioner	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Mark Kuzminski	Chief Finance Officer	Department of Corrective Services
	Mr Boris Rozman	Acting Director, Corrective Services Policy and Evaluation Unit	Department of Treasury and Finance
	Mr Anthony Kannis	Executive Director, Infrastructure and Finance	Department of Treasury and Finance
28 January 2011	Mr Grahame Searle	Director General	Department of Housing
	Ms Tania Loosely-Smith	General Manager, Strategy and Policy	Department of Housing
	Ms Helen Harvey	Acting General Manager, Service Delivery	Department of Housing
	Mr Greg Cash	Director, Affordable Housing Policy	Department of Housing
	Mr Paul Whyte	General Manager, Commercial and Business Operations	Department of Housing
16 February 2011	Mr Colin McClughan	Executive Officer	Community Housing Coalition of WA
	Mr Barry Doyle	Senior Policy Officer	Community Housing Coalition of WA

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	Mr Kieran Wong	Director	CODA
	Ms Bronwyn Kitching	Executive Officer	Shelter WA
	Dr Shae Garwood	Research Officer	Shelter WA
	Mr Ian Duncan	Economist	Western Australian Local Government Association
	Ms Allison Hailes	Executive Manager, Planning and Community Development	Western Australian Local Government Association
	Ms Michele Poepjes	Policy Manager, Community	Western Australian Local Government Association
23 February 2011	Mr Julian Wright	Senior Strategic Housing Officer	City of Perth
	Mr Stephen Kobelke	Chief Executive Officer	Aged and Community Services WA
	Mr Robert Bunny	Member	Aged and Community Services WA
	Ms Jennie Vartan	Member	Aged and Community Services WA
16 March 2011	Mr Vaughan Harding	Chief Executive	Uniting Church Homes
	Mr Glenn Muskett	Chief Executive Officer	Braemar Presbyterian Care
	Mr Raymond Glickman	Chief Executive Officer	Amana Living
23 March 2011	Mr Ross Holt	Chief Executive Officer	LandCorp
	Mrs Kerry Fijac	General Manager Business Development and Marketing	LandCorp
6 April 2011	Dr Ron Chalmers	Director General	Disability Services Commission
	Mr David Granville	Senior Project Officer	Disability Services Commission
13 April 2011	Mr Peter Sirr	Chief Executive Officer	Outcare



	Ms Jill Rundle	Chief Executive Officer	Western Australian Network of Alcohol & Other Drug Agencies
	Ms Carol Daws	Treasurer	Western Australian Network of Alcohol & Other Drug Agencies
18 May 2011	Dr Russel Perry	Chief Executive Officer	Capricorn Village Joint Venture
25 May 2011	Hon Mr Keith Wilson	Mental Health Advocate	
	Mr Stephen Hall	Executive Director	Western Australian Association for Mental Health
15 June 2011	Mr Eric Lumsden	Director General	Department of Planning
22 June 2011	Mr John Dastlik	Executive Director	Housing Industry Association WA Region
	Ms Anne Arnold	Chief Executive	REIWA
29 June 2011	Mr Steven Parry	Acting Director General	Department of Housing
	Ms Tania Loosely-Smith	General Manager, Strategy and Policy	Department of Housing
	Mr Paul Whyte	General Manager, Commercial and Business Operations	Department of Housing

## 1.4 Briefings

In addition to gathering evidence during 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 1.3- Briefings provided to the Committee, 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011**

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
30 September 2010 <b>Broome</b>	Mr Wes Morris	Centre Coordinator	KALACC
30 September 2010	Superintendent, and Staff	Broome Regional Prison	Department of Corrective Services

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1 October 2010	Superintendent	West Kimberley Regional Prison	Department of Corrective Services
23 August 2010 <b>Brisbane</b>	Ms Christine Harvey	Executive Director, Social Housing Programs (and staff)	Department of Communities QLD
	Mr David Cant	Chief Executive Officer (and staff)	Brisbane Housing Company
24 August 2010 <b>Melbourne</b>	Dr Ian Winter	Executive Director	Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
	Mr Ken Downie	Registrar of Housing Agencies	Housing Registrar, Department of Human Services, Victoria
	Mr Anthony Hardy	Director	Housing Registrar, Department of Human Services, Victoria
	Mr John McInerney	Managing Director	Common Equity Housing Limited
26 August 2010 <b>Sydney</b>	Mr Mark Sheppard	Executive Director, Strategic Projects	Housing New South Wales
	Mr Michael Mundine	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Housing Company, NSW
	Ms Lani Tuitavake	General Manager	Aboriginal Housing Company, NSW
16 September 2010	Mr Graham Searle (and staff)	Director General	Department of Housing
28 February 2011 <b>Adelaide</b>	Mr Bob Day	Managing Director	Home Australia Group
	Mr Paul Downton	Architect, Christies Walk	Urban Ecology Australia
	Hon Ms Jennifer Rankine, MLA	Minister for Housing	Government of South Australia
	Mr Matthew Woodward	General Manager	Unity Housing
1 March 2011	Mr Philip Fagan-Schmidt	Executive Director	Housing South Australia

	Mr Ciaran Synnott	Executive Director	Community Housing Council of South Australia
	Mr Paul Madden	Executive Director	HABITAT
2 March 2011 <b>Canberra</b>	Mr Sean Innis	Group Manager, Housing and Homeless	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
	Ms Lisa Croke-Brancj	Manager	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
	Prof. Julian Disney	Director, Social Justice Project	University of NSW
	Mr Adrian Pisarski	Executive Officer	Queensland Shelter
	Mr Malcom Thompson	Deputy Secretary	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
	Mr James Shevlin	First Assistant Secretary	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
	Hon Ms Joy Birch, MLA	Minister for Housing	ACT Government
3 March 2011 <b>Melbourne</b>	Mr Michael Lennon	Chief Executive Officer	Housing Choices Australia
	Mr Ken Downie	Registrar of Housing Agencies	Housing Registrar, Department of Human Services, Victoria
	Mr Anthony Hardy	Director	Housing Registrar, Department of Human Services, Victoria
	Mr Rowan Dowland	General Manager Development	mecu credit union
	Ms Anna Hughes	Regulatory Department	Standard and Poors Australia Pty Ltd

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	Ms Jodie Henson	Regulatory Department	Standard and Poors Australia Pty Ltd
	Mr Rob Leslie	Chief Executive Officer	Yarra Community Housing
	Mr Stephen Nash	Chief Executive Officer	HomeGround Services
28 March 2011 <b>Port Hedland</b>	Mr Patrik Melberg	Manager, Communities Port and Rail	BHP Billiton
	Ms Morag Lowe	Principal	Hedland First National
	Mr Bob Neville	Manager	Bloodwood Tree
29 March 2011 <b>Karratha</b>	Ms Diane Pentz	Chief Executive Officer	Regional Development Australia Pilbara
	Ms Collene Longmore	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr John Verbeek	Manager, Economic Development	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr Andrew Ward	Director, Community and Corporate Services	Shire of Roebourne
	Ms Jo Prichard	Councillor	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr David Pentz	Director, Development Regulatory and Infrastructure Services	Shire of Roebourne
	Mr Kim Henshaw	Chief Executive Officer	Karratha District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Ms Felicity Gilbert	Assistant Director, Regional Delivery	Pilbara Development Commission
	Mr Chris Adams	General Manager	Pilbara Cities
30 March 2011 <b>Broome</b>	Mr Kenn Donohoe (and staff)	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Broome
	Mr Howard Pedersen (and staff)		Nyamba Bum Yawuru Ltd
30 March 2011 <b>Kununurra</b>	Mr Peter Stubbs	Director, Ord East	Department of Regional Development and Land Kununurra

	Mr Kent Osmotherly	Managing Director	Ecoefficient Homes
	Mr Garry Gaffney (and staff)	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Wyndham/ East Kimberley
	Mr Keith Wright	Councillor	Shire of Wyndham/ East Kimberley
	Ms Michele Pucci	Chair	Regional Development Australia - Kimberley
	Ms Wendy Kelly	General Manager, Corporate Services	Wunan Foundation
	Mr Murray Coates	General Manager	Wunan Pathways
1 April 2011 <b>Darwin</b>	Mr Ken Davies	Chief Executive	Territory Housing
	Ms Catherine Weber	Deputy Chief Executive Strategic Policy and Governance	Territory Housing
	Ms Lisa Brady	Director Policy	Territory Housing
	Mr Greg McNamara	Architect	Tropo Architects Darwin
	Ms Lena Yali	Architect	Tropo Architects Darwin
	Mr Andrew Kirkman	Executive Director	Remote Housing NT
	Mr Pat Sowry	Australian Government Executive Director	Remote Housing NT
	Mr John Cooper	Finance and Logistics Manager	Remote Housing Systems (MS) Pty Ltd
	Mr Dave Silva	Sales Manager	Remote Housing Systems (MS) Pty Ltd
18 April 2011	Mr Graham Searle (and staff)	Director General	Department of Housing
4 May 2011 <b>Tammin</b>	Ms Helen Westcott and Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils	Executive Officer	Shire of Bruce Rock, Shire of Kellerberrin, Shire of Merredin, Shire of Tammin, Shire of Westonia, Shire of Yilgarn

## 1.5 Investigative Travel

The Committee travelled to South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and the Pilbara, Kimberley and Wheatbelt in Western Australia. The investigative travel was undertaken in relation to the work of the Committee on both the *Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Prisoner Education Training and Employment Strategies* and the *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Future Directions of Social Housing in Western Australia*. The people who briefed the Committee during this travel are listed above in Table 1.3.

## 1.6 Conferences and Forums

The Committee attended two forums in relation to housing: ‘Inventing the Future: Population Dispersal and Sustainability,’ and ‘Policy Issues on the Australian Horizon the Community Housing in British Columbia - The Way Forward for WA? Attendance at these forums was in relation to the Committee’s *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Future Directions of Social Housing in Western Australia*.

## 1.7 Work in Progress

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee is conducting an *Inquiry into the Adequacy and Future Directions of Social Housing in Western Australia*. The Committee began this Inquiry on 28 July 2010 and has received 40 submissions. A total of 26 public hearings have been conducted during which the Committee heard evidence from 41 witnesses. In addition, the Committee held a number of visits and briefings in regional Western Australia and in the Eastern States. The Committee’s then-Principal Research Officer attended the International Social Housing Summit in The Hague on 13-14 October 2010 on behalf of the Committee to obtain international information of relevance to the Inquiry. The Committee is due to report to Parliament by 1 December 2011.

## CHAPTER 2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee has a nominal administrative budget of \$15,000 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's expenditure for the financial year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (in accordance with Standing Order 276) is detailed below:

**Table 2.1- Expenditure items of the Committee, 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011**

Expenditure Item	Total (\$)
Advertising	2,200
Travel	103,360
Protocol	0
Miscellaneous	2,390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,950</b>

Notes:

- Figures rounded off to nearest \$10;
- Salaries of Committee staff are not included; and
- Costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for Committee accommodation, is not included.