

**NSW PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON
MENTAL HEALTH**

INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Terms of Reference of the Inquiry:

1.
That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on mental health services in New South Wales and in particular:
 - a)
the changes which have taken place since the adoption of the Richmond Report,
 - b)
the impact of changes in psychiatric hospitalisation and/or asylum,
 - c)
levels and methods of funding of mental health services in NSW, including comparisons with other jurisdictions,
 - d)
community participation in, and integration of, mental health services,
 - e)
quality control of mental health services,
 - f)
staffing levels in NSW mental health services,
 - g)
the availability and mix of mental health services in NSW,
 - h)
data collection and outcome measures.

2.
That the Committee table an interim report by 3 September 2002.

Members of the Select Committee from the NSW Legislative Council:

The Hon Peter James BREEN MLC - Reform the Legal System
The Hon Dr Arthur CHESTERFIELD-EVANS MLC - Australian Democrats
The Hon Amanda FAZIO MLC - Australian Labor Party
The Hon John HATZISTERGOS MLC - Australian Labor Party
The Hon Doug MOPPETT MLC - National Party
The Hon Dr Brian PEZZUTTI MLC Liberal Party (Committee Chairperson)

Public Hearings:

Public hearings have been held over the last few months, including a public forum in August for individuals who had submitted to the Inquiry.

An interim paper outlining the range and scope of evidence will be released in early September 2002.