



Speech By
Hon. Steven Miles

MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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SUPERMARKET PRICING SELECT COMMITTEE

Order of Appointment



Hon. SJ MILES (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (11.51 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That:

1. a select committee, known as the Supermarket Pricing Select Committee (committee), be established to:
 - (a) examine the causes and effects of increased supermarket prices; and
 - (b) identify opportunities to increase transparency in the supermarket sector for consumers and producers.
2. in undertaking the inquiry, the committee consider:
 - (a) rising grocery prices in Queensland and discrepancies between retail and wholesale and farmgate prices, including different sized businesses;
 - (b) the variability in supermarket offerings and pricing across the state, particularly in regional Queensland and in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
 - (c) the long-term trends in profits accruing along the supply chain for perishable produce, with particular regard to impediments to the profitability of primary producers;
 - (d) the conduct of retailers in negotiations with Queensland producers, and the prevalence and effects of information asymmetry between these parties;
 - (e) improvements to Queensland's policy environment to increase transparency for producers, including what data will reduce information asymmetry, and/or reduce prices for consumers; and
 - (f) any other reviews or inquiries occurring in Australia regarding this matter, with a view to complement these analyses by focusing on potential Queensland government responses.
3. the committee:
 - (a) has the power to call for persons, documents and other things;
 - (b) must present a report to the Legislative Assembly by Friday, 31 May 2024;
 - (c) ceases upon the tabling of its report to the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (d) consists of six members.