

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE**

December 17, 1999

**MINUTE NO. 1
2:20 p.m. - Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Julé and Mr. Prebble in the Chair and Members Draude, Harper and Jones.
2. The Clerk to the Committee presided over the election of Co-Chairs. It was moved by Ms. Draude:

That, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly agreed to on December 13, 1999, Ms. Arlene Julé and Mr. Peter Prebble elected to preside as Co-Chairs of this Special Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and Ms. Julé and Mr. Prebble jointly took the Chair. The Co-Chairs made some introductory remarks and distributed a draft agenda.

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3. The Committee considered its next meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would meet again on January 5, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
4. The Committee next considered a number of organizational matters.
 - a) The Co-Chair, Ms. Julé, suggested that the Clerk of the Assembly be invited to address the Committee at its next meeting on the organization and proceedings of a special committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would be invited to appear.
 - b) The Co-Chairs proposed that the Committee receive background briefings on the terms of reference from government officials and community groups experienced in this area. It was agreed that representatives of the Department of Social Services and other individuals to be identified would be invited to address the Committee. It was further agreed that where written documents and other resources exist, the officials would be requested to provide copies to the Committee as well.
 - c) The Committee considered the preparation of its budget. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

That the Co-Chairs and Assembly staff be authorized to prepare a draft budget for the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
 - d) The Committee considered its role. It was agreed that the Committee should clearly articulate its mandate in order to develop strategies to reduce the incidence of children in the sex trade and to arrive at recommendations that could be reported to the Assembly.
 - e) The Committee heard suggestions on where it might like to hold public hearings.

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- f) The Committee considered its staffing requirements. The Co-Chair, Mr. Prebble, advised the Committee that the Office of the Clerk would prefer to advertisement for all additional staff for the special committees at the same time. The Clerk of the Assembly was invited to address the Committee on the role of committee researchers and on the resources that her office would be able to provide to the Committee.

It was moved by Ms. Jones:

That the Co-Chairs be authorized to work with Assembly staff to prepare advertisements for the position of one or more research officers and other positions as required.

The question being put and a debate arising, the motion was agreed to.

5. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

Arlene Julé
Committee Co-Chair

Peter Prebble
Committee Co-Chair

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk