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## Parliamentary Committees Act 2003

### REFERRAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE TO JOINT INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE

#### Order in Council

The Governor in Council, under section 33(1)(b) of the **Parliamentary Committees Act 2003**, requires that the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006** in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out in the schedule to this Order.

This Order is effective from the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated 19 April 2011

Responsible Minister  
TED BAILLIEU MLA  
Premier of Victoria

MATTHEW McBEATH  
Clerk of the Executive Council

#### SCHEDULE

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT

#### REVIEW OF THE

#### CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

To inquire into and report by 1 October 2011 on the first four years of operation of the **Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006** (the Charter Act), including:

1. the matters referred to in section 44(2) of the Charter Act
2. the effects of the Charter Act on
  - (a) the development and drafting of statutory provisions
  - (b) the consideration of statutory provisions by Parliament
  - (c) the provision of services, and the performance of other functions, by public authorities
  - (d) litigation and the roles and functioning of courts and tribunals
  - (e) the availability to Victorians of accessible, just and timely remedies for infringements of rights
3. the overall benefits and costs of the Charter Act; and
4. options for reform or improvement of the regime for protecting and upholding rights and responsibilities in Victoria.

In carrying out its inquiry, the Committee is asked to take note of, and make use of as it sees fit, the evidence and findings of, and government responses to, previous inquiries and reports concerning rights and responsibilities in Australia.

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