

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committee's Meeting Room, A35, ground floor, Parliament House, commencing at 1.05pm on Tuesday 24 November 1992. Members present: D'Arcy, Elliott, Fenlon, Grice (until 1.25pm), Hollis, Pearce, and Santoro (from 1.30pm). Also present: Mr Dahms and Mr Beh.

### Apologies

Santoro to arrive late and Mr Grice to leave early because of conflicting engagements.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 13 November 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Elliott, seconded D'Arcy.

### Matters Arising

Ted Dahms provided the following information:

- Contact was made with Ms Toni Flynn, Secretary to the South Australian Economic and Finance Committee on behalf of Gary Fenlon and the way was opened for Mr Fenlon to visit this Committee in December 1992.
- The Government rate for the Marriott Sydney Hotel is \$145 compared to the corporate rate offered during the IIR conference of \$150.
- The alternative meeting rooms are A35, A17 and B27 and these offer similar facilities.

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr J A F Purvis, Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees
  - Proposed program for the 8th Biennial Conference in Hobart, March 1993 (2 November 1992).
2. Mr J Sinclair, Fraser Island Defenders Organisation
  - Government acquisition of the Orchid Beach Resort (12 November 1992).
3. Ms Victoria Walker, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Victoria
  - New departments and committees in Victoria.

**Resolved** (moved Elliott, seconded Fenlon) that the inwards correspondence be accepted.

## **Outward Correspondence**

1. Mr R D Doyle, The Clerk of the Parliament (16 November 1992)  
- extension of secondment for Mr Jim Beh.
2. Letters to all Directors General, witnesses, and other interested parties with copies of the Committee's report upon its Review of the Implementation of the Public Finance Standards (18, 20 November 1992)  
- sample letter and listing included.

**Resolved** (moved Elliott, seconded D'Arcy) that the outwards correspondence be adopted.

## **Authority of officer on secondment (Mr Jim Beh)**

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Fenlon) that Jim Beh be appointed on secondment from the Auditor-General's Department to the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts to assist the Committee in the conduct of its business, and to act under the Committee's direction, in terms of Sections 19 and 20 of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1988*.

## **Chairman's Address to the Australian Society of CPAS**

The Chairman reported that he addressed the lunch time meeting of the Australian Society of CPAS on the Committee's report upon its Review of the Implementation of the Public Finance Standards.

## **Second Reading of the Final Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of the 46th Parliament**

In accordance with Standing Order 203, the Chairman's draft report was read paragraph by paragraph to the Committee.

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Elliott) that the Chairman's draft report be adopted by the Committee as the final report on behalf of the Public Accounts Committee of the 46th Parliament.

## **IIR Conference (25, 26 February 1993)**

Discussion ensued as to which members would be attending the conference.

**Agreed** that the matter would be raised again at the next meeting.

## **Department of Primary Industries Long Unreconciled Bank accounts**

Mr Beh referred to the Appropriation Account and Departmental Statements of the Dept of Primary Industries for the year ended 30 June 1992. The Committee's

attention was drawn to Note 6 and the Auditor-General's qualification to the accounts (long unreconciled bank accounts). A draft letter to the Director-General, Dept of Primary Industries was considered by the meeting.

**Agreed** that the Chairman write to the Director-General, Dept of Primary Industries and that the draft letter be varied, if necessary, to incorporate any further matters identified when the Auditor-General's report to Parliament is tabled.

### **EARC Report on the Review of Parliamentary Committees**

Discussion ensued on the basis of making a submission to the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review.

**Agreed** that the Chairman, Jim Beh and Ted Dahms would produce an outline for consideration by Members at the Committee's next meeting on 9 December 1992.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9 December 1992

The meeting closed at 1.58pm

**Confirmed**

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Chairman