

- M I N U T E S -

Of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review held in Room B.29 of Parliament House on Tuesday, 24 November 1992 at 1.05 pm.

Members present: Dr Clark (Chairman), Mr FitzGerald (Deputy Chairman), Ms Power, Messrs Quinn, Rowell, Sullivan and Welford.

Apologies: Nil

Also present: Ms K Sampford, Research Director (Acting)
R Klein, Clerk-Assistant (Committees) (Acting)

Minutes of previous meeting: Resolved. Minutes of meeting held Wednesday, 11 November 1992 were confirmed, moved Mr Quinn, seconded Mr Welford.

Correspondence:

Inwards

- EARC - separation of Departments of Justice and Attorney-General.
- EARC - complaint of Mr S Stokes
- EARC - pecuniary interests update for Brian Hunter

Outwards

- Mr Peter Hodge - resources for non-government Members
- Mr Brian McCarty - actions of DEVETIR Officers

Resolved. Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted Moved Ms Power, Seconded Mr Rowell.

Two items of late correspondence were received:

- Correspondence from the Queensland Treasurer re conflict of interest re the casino.
- Hiram Caton's invitation to a "Round Table" discussion of the proposed Queensland Bill of Rights.

Agreed to reply to the original letter of complaint by Mr Stokes, advising that the Committee is satisfied, on the basis of advice from EARC, that EARC has thoroughly investigated the matter.

Agreed to acknowledge Mr Solomon's letter, and to indicate that the Committee looks forward to receipt of the report.

Agreed that the up-date on Mr Brian Hunter's pecuniary interests be noted, and the Commission thanked for providing the information.

Resolved that the Treasurer's letter and accompanying information be accepted as a submission to the Committee with respect to EARC's report on Codes of Conduct for Public Officials, and that the Treasurer be advised, in writing, accordingly. Moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Mr Rowell.

**Draft Report on Archives
Legislation:**

Typographical errors were noted, to be amended on the proof.

Agreed unanimously that paragraph 1.1 to 1.11, 2.1 to 2.3, 3.1 to 3.50 and Appendices A to F of the draft report be adopted.

Agreed that the report be tabled in Parliament on Friday 27 November 1992, that a press conference be held on the same day, and that a preliminary press release be issued on Thursday 26 November, 1992.

Further agreed that the Research Director should research the following query raised by Mr Rowell: What is the Queensland Ombudsman's power to access archival documents exempted under Freedom of Information legislation?

Committee Programme:

Agreed to aim to give priority to the reviews of Codes of Conduct for Public Officials, Parliamentary Committees, and Appeals from Administrative Decisions.

Committee Brochure:

Agreed that 20 copies of the brochure be distributed to each Committee Member.

Meeting Times:

Discussion ensued as to whether for 1993 standard meeting times during session could be arranged and/or whether lengthier meetings should be called in non-sitting weeks.

Next Meeting:

Agreed to meet on Friday 27 November 1992 at 1.00 pm in Room 5.04.

The meeting closed at 2.12 pm.

Confirmed this

day of

1992.

 Chairman