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Minutes of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Works  
held on Wednesday 25 November 1992  
in the Committee Secretariat Meeting Room  
Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe

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**Present**

Ms J Spence MLA  
Mr L Stephan MLA  
Mr P Beattie MLA  
Mr T Sullivan MLA  
Mr V Johnson MLA  
Mr B Davidson MLA  
Mrs M Woodgate MLA

In attendance: Ms C Keliher, Research Director

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

The following amendments were moved:

That the Committee meet at 12.30 pm in future.

That Mr T Sullivan MLA be noted as Mr T Sullivan MLA to avoid confusion with Mr J Sullivan MLA.

Administrative Matters. The motion amended as follows:

"When the Committee travels long distances, it should travel first class or business class to permit discussions to take place in flight and where appropriate, to take advantage of lounges and flight decks when ground delays and so on are experienced."

**Townsville Hearings**

Discussion ensued concerning the arrangements made for hearings into the Kirwan Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre and the Townsville Correctional Centre, to be held on 7 and 8 December 1992. Arrangements have been made for placement of advertisements, notification of witnesses and information for the Committee prior to the hearing. All information will be forwarded to Committee members by courier on Thursday 3 December 1992.

**Apology from Mr Beattie**

Mr Beattie apologises for his inability to attend the hearings arranged in Townsville on 7, 8 and 9 December 1992.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence inwards and outwards was adopted.

Moved Mr Beattie, seconded Mrs Woodgate.

**Treasury/Casino  
Re-Development**

That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Chairman in requesting legal advice for the Committee.

Moved Mr Beattie, seconded Mr Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.

That the Chairman write to the Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament detailing the actions taken to get this legal advice and recommending mechanisms and procedures be put in place to overcome the difficulties experienced in this situation.

Moved Mr Beattie, seconded Mr Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

That when seeking legal advice it must be sought from independent sources, particularly in the interest of Members of the Opposition.

Moved Mr Beattie, seconded Mr Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr Johnson suggested that should such a situation arise again, the Chairman should call an urgent meeting of the Committee to consult members of the Committee before taking action.

**Legal opinion, Treasury/  
Casino Re-Development**

The Committee resolved,

That considering the legal opinion received, and noted, with respect to the possibility of inquiring into the proposed Treasury/Casino re-development, it is not able to at this time.

Moved Mr T Sullivan, seconded Mr Beattie.

That the legal opinion received be printed and tabled in the Parliament.

Moved Mr T Sullivan, seconded Mr Beattie.

**Inadequacies of the  
Committee Act**

In the situation which has arisen with the Treasury/Casino re-development proposal, inadequacies in the Committee's legislation have been identified. The following motion was moved:

That the Chairman identify inadequacies in the Committee's legislation and prepare a draft report for circulation to Members. This report, which will identify changes which should be made to the Act, will be presented to the Parliament.

Moved Mr Beattie, seconded Mr T Sullivan.

**EARC Report on  
Parliamentary Committees**

The EARC Report on Review of Parliamentary Committees was discussed and the following motion moved.

That the Chairman prepare a submission to PCEAR detailing the Committee's understanding of its responsibilities and that the Chairman be authorised to appear before any public hearings of the PCEAR to address submissions and speak on behalf of the Public Works Committee.

Moved Mrs Woodgate, seconded Mr Stephan.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**General business**

Committee Staff

The Committee proposes to advertise for staff to assist the Committee from February to November next year. All Committee members to be involved in shortlisting candidates to be interviewed. The advertisement when written is to be circulated to Committee members.

Moved Mr T Sullivan, seconded Mr Davidson.

Mr Johnson requested that the Research Director provide a list indicating the progress of all capital works over \$2m listed in Budget Paper No. 6, for the Committee at its next meeting.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday of the next sitting week, at 12.00 pm in the Committee Secretariat Meeting Room, Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe.

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

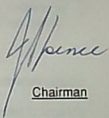
Confirmed this

*Eight*

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Chairman