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A meeting of the Travelsafe Committee was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Monday, 14 May 1990 at 3.07 pm.

Members Present:

Mr Ardill (Chairman), Mrs Bird, Messrs Lester, Dollin, Goss and Fenlon.

In attendance - Mr Bletchly Clerk-Assistant (Committees).

Apologies:

Mr L Springborg.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 10 May 1990 were confirmed moved Mr Lester seconded Ms Bird.

Research Activities:

Agreed that the Committee would concentrate its attention on the following items identified in the motion establishing the Committee as requiring urgent consideration:

- (a) the need for some form of compulsory periodic inspections of passenger vehicles as an effective means of reducing road crashes and the severity of associated injuries;
- (b) the need to improve the standards of motor vehicle repairs as a means of improving vehicle and road safety; and
- (c) current traffic law enforcement methods and penalties, and their effectiveness.

Research Material:

The following were identified as being beneficial to the Committees research activities:

- Current data available within the Department of Transport on road crash and death statistics.
- Information available from other Australian States and Territories and from overseas on the relationship between vehicle roadworthiness, accidents and road deaths.
- Defects which make a vehicle "unroadworthy".
- Vehicle inspection programs conducted by interstate and overseas authorities.

- Current vehicle inspection activities undertaken by the Department of Transport and the extent of the random vehicle inspection program including intercept reports, location of inspection centres, facilities and number of personnel involved in the program.
- Age profile of passenger vehicles in Queensland and location by postcode.
- Current audit practices undertaken by the Department of Transport with respect to Roadworthy Inspection Stations and Approved Inspection Stations for vehicles up to 4 tonne GVM.
- Comparative data on interstate laws relating to vehicle inspection, motor vehicle repairs and traffic enforcement and fines.
- Environmental aspects of motor vehicle repair/accident/damage.

Interstate Visit:

Agreed that the Committee should investigate motor vehicle inspections and road safety matters in New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

Members Salaries:

Unanimously agreed that the Chairman write to the Honourable the Premier seeking a variation to the Members Salaries Act so that members would receive the same salaries as members of the Public Accounts and Public Works Committees.

Staffing:

Agreed the most appropriate form of staffing would be to second an appropriately qualified officer from the Department of Transport to assist in research projects.

Acknowledged that the Committee may also require specialist research assistance from such research institutes as Universities.

Agreed that it be recommended to the Parliamentary Service Commission that an appropriately qualified officer from the Department of Transport be seconded to undertake the duties of Research Director for a period of six months unless otherwise determined from a date to be fixed.

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Agreed that the Department of Transport be requested to provide a panel of offices for interview by the Committee.

Office
Accommodation:

The Clerk-Assistant (Committees) reported on possible office accommodation arrangements.

Next Meeting:

Agreed next meeting to be held on 28 May 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 4.21 pm.

Confirmed this

28th day of

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Chairman