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A meeting of the Travelsafe Committee was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on 24 October 1991 at 1.12 pm.

Present: Mr Ardill (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Goss, Springborg, Fenlon and Dollin.

In attendance - Mr R Downey, Research Director.

Apologies: Mr Lester.

Minutes of meeting of 1 October 1991: Confirmed, moved Mr Dollin, seconded Mr Springborg.

Elliott and Shanahan Consultancy:

Members were given a final chance to attend the workshop in Sydney on 29/30 October 1991. To advise Mr Downey by 25 October 1991.

Mr Downey reported on likely timetable for presentation of report to the Committee. It is as follows:

report,

26.11.91	-	Presentation to Committee
27.11.91	-	Committee meet to consider make amendments
28.11.91	-	Committee adopt report
29.11.91	-	Printing arranged
3.12.91	-	Printing completed
3.12.91	-	Media Release issued for Press Conference on 5.12.91
5.12.91	-	Report tabled
5.12.91	-	Press Conference after tabling

Correspondence:

Inwards - Agreed that the inwards correspondence be received:

Hamill	-	handheld car telephones
Jefferies	-	police driver training
Douglas	-	driving school industry
Dougal	-	Travel Safe AIDS Campaign
Hamill	-	implementation progress report
Rose	-	community consultative process in Ingham

Outwards -

Agreed that the outwards correspondence be adopted:

Jeffries	-	police driver training
Ayr	-	clarification of comments in this newspaper
Advocate		
Dougal	-	Travel Safe AIDS Campaign
Hamill	-	Travel Safe AIDS Campaign
Stevenson	-	Breathcheck public breath testing equipment
Malcolm	-	Breathcheck public breath testing equipment

Business Arising from that Correspondence:

The Department of Transport progress report stated mobile brake testing equipment is being purchased in 1991. This is to assist in the implementation of recommendation No. 2 of the Committee's report into compulsory motor vehicle checks (Report No. 2).

Agreed that when the Department of Transport receives its mobile brake testing equipment, the Committee will visit the Department, at a suitable site, and view a demonstration on the equipment in operation. Mr Downey will make arrangements.

Bicycle Safety Report:

Mr Ardill distributed a discussion paper on bicycle safety. He suggested that the Committee report to Parliament, as a matter of urgency, on bicycle safety matters which have been consistently heard in evidence at recent public hearings. Most witnesses raised the issue of road behaviour by cyclists of all ages but particularly children.

The recent visit to the Traffic Education and Playground Centre in Townsville highlighted the lack of understanding of road rules by children. Of further concern was that all but one (1) child did not wear a helmet.

The report proposed by Mr Ardill and generally discussed by the Committee, would focus on the following issues:

- Department of Transport be strongly encouraged to assist local authorities and service clubs to establish bicycle training facilities similar to those in Townsville so that children have the opportunity to obtain practical skills in a safe environment.

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- Media be strongly encouraged to promote a responsible attitude with regard to publication of material which appears to condone or encourage unsafe road behaviours.
- Parents be reminded of their obligation to ensure their children understand road rules and their vulnerability on the road before being allowed to ride bicycles on roads. This could be done more formally through the issue of a certificate such as that given to children as part of the BIKE-ED program.

It was agreed that the report should recognise the programs and other bicycle education work currently underway and not be critical of these efforts.

Agreed that a report should be prepared for presentation to Parliament before the end of 1991.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 31 October 1991 in Room 5.04 at 1.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

Confirmed this

14th

day of

November

1991.



Chairman