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JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE W.A.M. GUNN, M.L.A.,
ACTING PREMIER AND TREASURER AND THE HONOURABLE P.J. CLAUSON,
M.L.A., MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL

TUESDAY 26 MAY 1987

The Acting Premier and Treasurer and Minister for Police, Mr Bill Gunn and the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General, Mr Paul Clauson today announced the appointment of Mr Gerald Edward Fitzgerald Q.C. to head a Commission of Inquiry into allegations against the Queensland Police Force.

Mr Gunn and Mr Clauson also released Terms of Reference for the inquiry (attached) which were approved by State Cabinet today.

The Ministers said Mr Fitzgerald Q.C. was eminently qualified to conduct the inquiry.

"He is a leading Queen's Counsel from the Private Bar and previously served as a Judge of the Federal Court from 1981 to 1984," they said.

Mr Gunn and Mr Clauson said the inquiry would be conducted under the provisions of The Commissions of Inquiry Acts.

They said the Terms of Reference while relating primarily to recent allegations made on the ABC's "Four Corners" programme, covered the broad theme of allegations in other media relating to claims of organised crime involvement in prostitution and unlawful gambling, police corruption and illegal drug trafficking.

"The terms provide for a thorough and widespread investigation into the allegations that have been made," the Ministers said.

"It is in the best interests of Queenslanders generally, and particularly members of the Queensland Police Force that such matters be fully and efficiently examined.

"We are confident the inquiry will achieve this aim," Mr Gunn and Mr Clauson said.

It was anticipated that the inquiry would open about mid-June and run for up to six weeks.

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