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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe, on Monday, 7 August 1989 at 3.15 p.m.

Members Present: Mr G. Alison - Chairman, Messrs Booth, Campbell, Fraser, Hayward, Stephan and White.

In attendance - Secretary, Mr D.W. Bletchly and Research Officer, Dr K. Lambkin.

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 July 1989: Circulated and Confirmed Moved Mr Fraser, seconded Mr Campbell.

Minutes of the Meeting of 2 August 1989: Circulated and Confirmed Moved Mr Fraser, seconded Mr White.

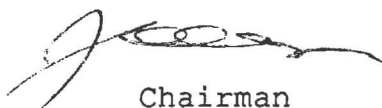
Business Arising: Members Speaking Out The Chairman reported that the letter to all Members re Standing Orders 136 and 206 had been forwarded.

Legal Opinion The Chairman reported that he had met with the Acting Solicitor-General in company with the Clerk of the Parliament and Secretary to discuss the issue of publishing of transcripts and exhibits from Hearings, and contempt of the Committee with regard to false and defamatory statements. These matters are to be raised with the Solicitor-General in writing as a matter of priority. Mr White commented upon his discussions with Federal Parliamentarians and their dealings with Parliamentary Committees and procedures adopted. It was noted that Dr Harry Evans, Clerk of the Senate could be able to provide additional information on the operations of the Committees.

QIDC: Following discussion (Moved mr White, seconded Mr Stephan) that the allegations of Boschma and Tucker be discussed on Thursday. Draft terms of reference for a review to be prepared.

The meeting concluded at 3.55 p.m.

Confirmed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1989.

  
Chairman