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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 Wednesday, 20 September 1989 at 9.40 a.m.

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

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

Minutes of the Meeting of 7 September 1989:

Circulated and Confirmed (Moved Mr Hayward, seconded Mr Stephan).

PAC Brochure:

Moved Mr Campbell, seconded Mr Perrett that 10,000 copies be printed. Members to advise Secretary of any additional requirements.

DPI Drought Relief Report:

Recommendations 1 to 7 approved. Recommendation 8 amended to read -

The 50% freight subsidy on the transport of fodder be retained, with the following guideline changes:

- (i) The subsidy to be limited to a maximum distance of 1,000km.
- (ii) Fodder for use in opportunity feedlots to be ineligible.

Recommendations 9 to 11 approved. Recommendation 12 amended to read -

The freight subsidy on returning agistment movements be retained, with a subsidy rate of 75% and with the following new guidelines:

- (i) Available for 12 months, but only after revocation of the home property's drought declaration.
- (ii) Available only for the return of stock sent on agistment (plus progeny born on agistment) while the home property was drought declared; forward agistments to be registered with Stock Inspector within 28 days of movement.
- (iii) Limited to a maximum distance of 1,000km.

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Recommendations 13 and 14 approved. Recommendation 15 amended to read -

The maximum rates of subsidy be reviewed by the Department to accurately reflect, for private vehicles, 50% and 75% of direct private vehicle operating costs; and for hired vehicles 50% and 75% of actual hired vehicle operating costs. For private vehicles, the review should take into account the advantages of primary producer concessional registration.

Recommendations 16 to 20 approved.

Release of Report
to Other Parties:

Moved Mr Campbell, seconded Mr Booth that copies of the report be forwarded under an embargo to the Premier, Minister for Primary Industries, Labor and Liberal Spokesmen simultaneously so that comments can be made after tabling of the report.

Annual Report:

Moved Mr Campbell, seconded Mr Stephan that the Annual Report as tabled be accepted.

QIDC Annual
Reporting Report:

Report discussed. To be further addressed at next Meeting.

Comments by
Mr Harper:

Moved Mr Campbell, seconded Mr Booth that the Committee is very concerned with Mr Harper's comments.

All matters regarding press statements by Mr Harper be referred to the Chairman.

Comments by Mr Harper to be brought up at next meeting to discuss whether or not they are in contempt.

Date of Next
Meeting:

Monday, 25 September 1989 at 3.30 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 2.50 p.m.

Confirmed this *twenty eight* day of *September* 1989.



Chairman