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Department of Lands**

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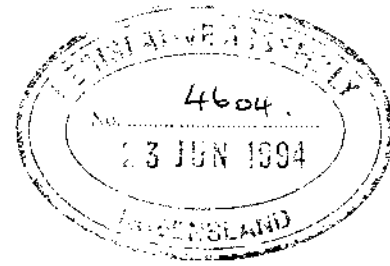
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REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Introduction

- 1 On 28 April 1994, the Legislative Assembly appointed Estimates Committee F to examine and report upon proposed expenditures stated in the *Appropriation Bill 1994* for the organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers:
 - . Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Trade and Economic Development;
 - . Minister for Administrative Services; and
 - . Minister for Lands.
- 2 On 15 June 1994, the Legislative Assembly appointed Mr K Vaughan MLA to replace Mr D Livingstone MLA as a member of the Committee.
- 3 The Committee conducted a public hearing on 17 June 1994 to receive evidence from the Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Trade and Economic Development, the Honourable D Hamill MLA, the Minister for Administrative Services, the Honourable G Milliner MLA and the Minister for Lands, the Honourable G Smith MLA. Answers to questions on notice and additional information received as a result of questions asked during the public hearing are presented separately in an additional volume of information.
- 4 The Committee draws the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the following matters which arose during the consideration of the proposed expenditures.

Queensland Department of Transport

Staffing Levels - Queensland Rail

- 5 The Minister was asked to reconcile the decrease in number of full-time equivalent employees with the decrease in the salary estimates. The Minister advised the Committee that the figures for estimated full time equivalent employees for both 1993/94 and 1994/95 listed in Budget Paper No.3 at page 318 were incorrect. The Committee noted the Minister's explanation that the correct figures were set out on page 4 of Queensland Rail's Departmental Estimates Statement for 1994/95. When these figures are used, no anomaly exists between employee numbers and the salary estimates.

Main Line Upgrade - Brisbane to Cairns

- 6 The Committee questioned the Minister on the allocation of \$220 million for the main line upgrade. The Minister advised the Committee that associated construction will generate some 2 000 years of employment, 700 new direct jobs, and a significant flow-on in terms of indirect employment. Private sector companies, particularly those in regional Queensland, would also benefit from subsequent letting of tenders. Specific measures such as track deviations to allow increased running speeds and track and bridge strengthening to allow freight container capacity to be increased will be undertaken to provide more timely and efficient container services to north Queensland. Further to this, coastal rail passengers will benefit from track improvements which will reduce the Brisbane to Cairns travel time from 32 hours to 25 hours.

Attrition Rate and Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme - Queensland Rail

- 7 The Minister advised the Committee that since 30 June 1990 the rate of attrition had been in the order of 4 500 employees. The Minister stated in respect of the Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme (VERS), that throughout this time, employees had never had cause to be worried that they would be sacked or involuntarily removed from their employ. However, it was often the case that the largest source of complaint came from those employees denied the opportunity to take a VERS package. The Committee noted the managed approach taken by Queensland Rail with regard to restructuring and subsequent reduction of employee levels. This managed approach had prevented a situation, which had arisen in other jurisdictions, whereby large numbers of skilled and strategic employees took a retirement package only to return as consultants.

Standard Gauge Rail Link to Port of Brisbane

- 8 The Committee asked the Minister to outline the benefits to the Port of Brisbane and the national rail freight network which the construction of the standard gauge rail link will bring. The Minister advised that currently freight which is landed in Brisbane and destined for other areas of Australia, has to be road freighted or double handled from narrow gauge to standard gauge rail wagons at Acacia Ridge. When commissioned, the standard gauge rail link will enable seamless transportation throughout Australia of freight landed in Brisbane.
- 9 The project is a tripartite endeavour with the Government allocating \$26 million, Queensland Rail \$35 million and the Port of Brisbane Authority \$19 million. The Minister commented that he was disappointed with the National Rail Corporation, which he believed had "welched" on an undertaking from the Commonwealth for a further \$10 million to be put towards the project.

Roads Program

- 10 The Committee questioned the Minister in relation to a number of aspects of road funding. The Minister advised that \$725.2 million has been allocated to undertake road work throughout the State during 1994/95 and that significant funding will be directed to country and provincial roads, together with major growth areas such as the Albert Shire. The Committee noted assurances from the Minister that a strict criteria of cost-benefit ratios through social and economic impacts are considered when allocating roads program funding, to ensure that monies are spent wisely.

Public Transport System

- 11 The pressure being placed on public transport infrastructure by the population growth of the south-east corner of the State is of significant interest to the Committee. The Minister was questioned whether sufficient funds have been provided to cope with this pressure and what new transport infrastructure programs and planning initiatives are being undertaken. The Minister outlined a number of completed and continuing projects such as the Gold Coast and Ipswich-Rosewood rail links, the development of new rail tunnels in the central city areas of Brisbane, and the upgrade of sections of the Pacific Highway and South East Freeway.
- 12 The Minister referred to the Passenger Transport Review, through which it is expected that private bus operators will integrate their services more efficiently with rail services in the future. The Minister pointed out to the Committee that previously it was possible for various transport sectors "to go their own merry way". Now that public transport was under the one portfolio, a more coordinated approach to growing public transport needs could be taken.

Cruise Ship Facilities

- 13 The Committee sought information in relation to the level of funding provided in the Budget to enhance the cruise shipping industry in Queensland. The Minister advised that no funding had been provided in the Budget. This was due to the fact that the disbursements of individual Port Authorities are not included in the Budget Papers as Port Authorities do not receive funding from Trust and Special Funds or the Consolidated Revenue Account.
- 14 Whilst the Committee noted that the ports of Cairns, Townsville and Gladstone have terminals to receive cruise ships, it was interested in the concern of the Minister and the Port of Brisbane Authority with respect to the need for better facilities to be put in place, to cater for cruise ships visiting Brisbane.

Administrative Services Department

Purchasing - Vertical Blinds

- 15 The Committee received evidence that due to certain actions of particular senior officers, a tender to supply vertical blinds was let to a company without the necessary quality assurance, and the company's products did not comply with the specifications and, the workplace health and safety regulations. The Committee was advised by the Minister that the Department had attended to this matter to the satisfaction of the Criminal Justice Commission. An assessment is to be undertaken to determine whether the vertical blinds have any dangerous qualities, i.e. they may not be fire resistant. The Minister responded that, if so, the Department will look at implementing a replacement program. The Committee notes, however, that no funding has been allocated in the 1994-95 departmental budget should rectification be required.

Relocation of Government Employees - Removal Costs

- 16 The Committee was advised that the Government had been losing approximately \$1 million a year in removal costs for Government employees who had received transfers to new locations. As a consequence, a tender was let to engage a contractor to facilitate the relocation of transferred Government employees. The Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services Removals (DAS Removals) was the successful tenderer and procedures have been instituted which require removalists to meet certain qualifications before such work is undertaken. Some concern was expressed that DAS Removals had excluded every Queensland removal business from the industry. The Committee notes that while DAS Removals has had an impact on the removal business it does not prevent removal operators and businesses from tendering with the State Government. At present approximately 23 firms have complied with the requirements of the Standing Offer Arrangement for the relocation of Government employees.

Asbestos Strategic Management Program

- 17 The Committee inquired as to the Asbestos Strategic Management Program allocation of \$1.5 million and was advised that \$700,000 will be spent on the training of audit personnel and the development of a building management plan. A further \$200,000 has been earmarked for urgent remedial work.

Anti-Discrimination Compliance in Buildings

- 18 The Committee noted the positive contribution regarding anti-discrimination compliance in Government buildings. The \$710,000 allocated will be spent on conducting an assessment of the Government's 240 buildings with a view to providing better access for people with disabilities.

CITEC Administration Expenses

- 19 The Committee inquired as to why CITEC administration expenses had increased from \$4.3 million in 1993-94 to \$8.7 million in the 1994-95 financial year. Evidence was received indicating that the approximate \$4.5 million variation was due to the transfer of TSN11 to CITEC as well as the development of backup facilities which will protect data in the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as natural disasters.

Department of Lands

Regional Open Space Scheme (ROSS)

- 20 Questions were asked as to the impact of the Regional Open Space Scheme (ROSS) on private land owners in that their land may be encumbered in some way. The Committee was advised that the land identified in the corridors would not be subject to any special limitations such as restricting public access. The Minister pointed out the emphasis would be on voluntary association, voluntary contribution and maximum consultation.

Maintenance of Uncommitted Crown Land

- 21 The estimates include an allocation for \$500,000 for the maintenance of uncommitted Crown land. This new initiative was subject to scrutiny by the Committee as to its purpose and where funds would be spent. Certain Crown land remains unused for various reasons such as it is uneconomical to pursue its use or that it has been contaminated in some way. The Department sees the provision of funds as a demonstration of its commitment to properly maintain unused Crown land. The Committee was advised that funds may be used, for example, to: (i) decontaminate approximately 100 drums of material stored on the wharves around the Brisbane River, (ii) erect a security fence around the Hamilton cold stores, and (iii) decontaminate materials on the Southport Spit.

Automatic Titling System

- 22 The Committee raised a number of issues regarding the Automatic Titling System (ATS). The Committee was advised that the ATS worked on a principle of storage of information on a sophisticated and reliable computer system. The system will not be fully functional until 1.7 million live titles and some 1.3 million historic titles are loaded on to the system. \$2.38 million has been allocated in the 1994/95 estimates for the conversion of these titles to the ATS. An allocation of \$2.2 million, representing operational funding, has been provided to meet the additional costs associated with business growth. The new system provides for the issue of a registration confirmation notice in lieu of the certificate of title. The Minister pointed out that there is no need for people to obtain a duplicate certificate of title but this will be issued upon request, provided a \$40 fee is paid for the service. This charge represents the administration costs associated with the recognition of the existence of that certificate of title. The Committee was advised that once the certificate of title is drawn it must be produced before any further dealings with that property can take place.

23 Crown Land Lease Rentals

The Committee sought clarification on the effect of Crown land lease rentals for 1994/95 and the effect they may have on Surf Life Saving Clubs. The Minister informed the Committee that the Department had been negotiating with the Surf Life Saving Association to reach a reasonable position, taking account of the fact that Surf Life Saving Clubs perform a public duty.

General

- 24 The Committee appreciates the cooperation and contribution by Ministers with respect to questions which, it was noted, at times were not related to the estimates of expenditure in 1994-95.
- 25 The Committee would like to compliment the three Departments for the detail of information provided in their Departmental Estimates Statements.

Estimates Committee Procedure

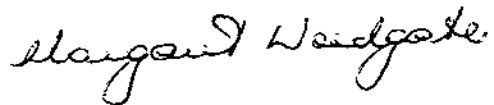
- 26 The Committee strongly supports the Estimates Committee process. However, the Committee believes that an evaluation of the Sessional Orders may further enhance the effectiveness of the estimates process.
- 27 The short period of time allowed for Estimates Committee F post the public hearing to produce this report (for tabling by the 23 June) made it difficult for Members of the Committee and may have caused problems for research staff. This was exacerbated by the fact that certain Members of the Committee have their electorates a substantial distance from Brisbane. The Committee would suggest that these matters be addressed in the review suggested above.

Recommendation

- 28 The Committee recommends that the proposed expenditure be agreed to.

Acknowledgments

- 29 The Committee takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the level of cooperation and assistance afforded to it by the various Ministers and members of their staff. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the staff of the Committee Secretariat for their valuable support and assistance during the estimates process.



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson

RESERVATIONS

- 1 Whilst the non-Government Members of the Committee endorse most of the comments made in the body of the majority report, we feel it is important to note our reservations with respect to some aspects of the budget estimates.

Department of Transport

- 2 There are concerns in regard to the proposed expenditure for the Department of Transport for 1994/95. Concerns exist about the marked increase in debt servicing by Queensland Rail of some 32 percent over the interest payments for 1993/94 and that of the total proposed borrowings for Queensland Rail over the coming year amount to \$2.15 billion.
- 3 The capital investment initiatives in Queensland Rail's infrastructure will be closely monitored to ensure that this particular initiative and those of other reforms actually reduce the annual loss of the Freight Group.
- 4 The total debt for the Department of Transport also requires monitoring to ensure the parameters of the budget are not exceeded.
- 5 There are further concerns about the staffing levels within Queensland Rail, particularly within regional areas, and the effects of the offering of VERS packages on staff levels and also Queensland Rail's expenditure for the maintenance of the 29 operational branch lines which were the subject of the Queensland Rail Task Force Report.
- 6 We were concerned that at times the Minister did not give complete answers to some of the questions. Answers in some cases were evasive and not precise.

Administrative Services Department

- 7 The Department has recently reorganised in accord with a review conducted by the Public Sector Management Commission. The Minister was questioned as to whether there would be any duplication of the Government Services Program by the various business units. The Minister replied that he did not believe there was any duplication and that the roles of the department were clearly defined.
- 8 In relation to the questions on the purchasing system the Minister referred to his Department's commitment to purchasing locally produced goods and services but did not indicate what percentage of the Department's purchases (in excess of \$1.5 billion) was directed toward local goods and services.
- 9 Despite evidence given to the Committee, concerns remain with respect to the purchasing procedures of the Department. The decentralisation of the purchasing function appears to have created inadequate monitoring of the purchasing

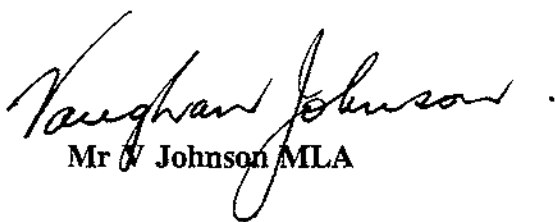
function. The Minister has placed great faith in the State Purchasing Council to ensure officers are educated, accredited and vigilant. When examined on why the Department had not progressed in relation to adherence to the State Purchasing Policy and what was allocated in the estimates in 1994-95 for training of purchasing staff, this was answered with a reference to the State Purchasing Council doing a very good job. We look forward to the performance and review of this body in 1994-95.

Department of Lands

- 10 Despite the Minister's assurances that land identified and subject to the ROSS project will not be subject to any special limitations and that the emphasis will be on "voluntary association, voluntary contribution and maximum consultation" we are not able to lend total agreement at this stage.
- 11 The indications from the Minister that freehold land could become subject to "access agreements" and "special planning limitations" pose a threat to freehold title.
- 12 There were also concerns that the new computers installed in the Land Titles Office are not able to provide a duplicate Certificate of Title. We believe that this is a major concern of the new system.



Mr H Hobbs MLA



Mr W Johnson MLA



Mr K Lingard MLA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Private Meeting held 30 May 1994

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B29 of Parliament House at 2.00 p.m.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:** By leave of the Committee, the Research Director proceeded to the election of the Chairperson.

Mrs Woodgate was nominated by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mr Livingstone.

And there being no further nominations, Mrs Woodgate was declared elected and took the Chair.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:** The Chair called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Mr Livingstone nominated Mr Lingard who declined.

Mr Livingstone nominated Mr Hobbs who declined.

Mr Livingstone nominated Mr Johnson who declined.

Mr Robertson was nominated by Mr Dollin and seconded by Mr Livingstone.

And there being no further nominations, Mr Robertson was declared elected.

4. **CONSTRAINTS FOR TABLING OF REPORT:** The Committee considered the time frame in which it would need to operate to enable a report to be finalised and tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, 23 June 1994.

Agreed, that subsequent to the Committee's public hearing on Friday 17 June, the Committee shall meet at 9.00 a.m. Monday 20 June to discuss the draft report and 2.00 p.m. Tuesday 21 June to adopt the report.

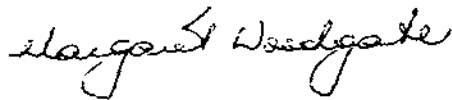
5. **ORDER OF HEARING DEPARTMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF TIME:** Agreed, that the Committee at its next meeting, would determine the order for Departments to appear and the length of time to be allocated for the consideration of each Department during the 17 June public hearing.

6. **TIME LIMIT FOR MINISTER TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:** Resolved, that in accordance with Sessional Order 18, answers to Questions taken on notice by a Minister are to be provided in a written format to the Committee within 24 hours after the question was placed on notice.

Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Johnson.

7. **MEMBERS, OTHER THAN COMMITTEE F MEMBERS ASKING QUESTIONS:** Agreed, that the Research Director brief the Committee at its next meeting regarding the procedures relating to non Committee F Members asking questions of a Minister at the public hearing.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.32 p.m.
9. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate and Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Johnson, Lingard, Livingstone and Robertson. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Private Meeting held 6 June 1994

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B29 of Parliament House at 2.04 p.m.
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 May 1994 (No.1) were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Robertson, seconded by Mr Dollin.

3. **ORDER OF HEARING DEPARTMENTS AND ALLOCATION OF TIME:** The Committee considered the order in which Departments would appear at the 17 June public hearing and the length of time to be provided for the consideration of each Department.

Resolved, that the following parameters apply to the 17 June public hearing:-

- (i) Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Economic and Trade Development, 4 hours and 20 minutes (the final 20 minute block to be divided 10 minutes non government Members, 10 minutes government Members);
- (ii) Minister for Administrative Services, 2 hours 40 minutes; and
- (iii) Minister for Lands, 4 hours.

Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Johnson.

4. **MEMBERS, OTHER THAN COMMITTEE F MEMBERS ASKING QUESTIONS:** The Research Director briefed the Committee with regard to the procedures relating to non Committee F Members asking questions of Ministers at the public hearing.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.54 p.m.
6. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate (Chairperson), Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Johnson, Lingard, Livingstone and Robertson. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Private Meeting held 16 June 1994

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe at 1.20 p.m.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Lingard and Mr Vaughan.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June 1994 (No.2) were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Robertson, seconded by Mr Dollin.
4. **PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO THE PUBLIC HEARING:** The Committee discussed various procedural matters related to the 17 June public hearing.
5. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Agreed, that the next private meeting of the Committee be held on Monday 20 June at 11.00 a.m. in room B29 of Parliament House.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.04 p.m.
7. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate (Chairperson), Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Johnson, and Robertson. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Public Hearing held 17 June 1994

1. MEETING

The Committee met in public session at 11.30 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, with the Chairperson, Mrs Woodgate, presiding.

2. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson made an introductory statement concerning the Committee's consideration of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill 1994 for the areas set out in the Sessional Orders.

3. ATTENDANCE

The following Members of the Committee were present:

Mrs M Woodgate MLA
Mr R Dollin MLA
Mr H Hobbs
Mr V Johnson
Mr K Lingard
Mr S Robertson MLA
Mr K Vaughan MLA

4. EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE

Department of Transport

In attendance was the Minister for Transport, the Honourable D Hamill MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Mr G Stevenson	Director-General, Department of Transport
Mr G Hartley	Executive Director, Policy Planning and Finance, Department of Transport
Mr W Turner	Director (Finance), Department of Transport
Mr V O'Rourke	Chief Executive, Queensland Rail
Mr R Scheuber	Group General Manager Finance and Information Services, Queensland Rail

Others Present

Department of Transport:

Mr G Uhlmann	Executive Director, Corporate Management and Development
Mr W Upton	Executive Director, Transport Operations
Mr P Blake	Director (Road Transport and Safety)
Mr N Doyle	Director (Roads)
Captain K Dwyer	Director (Marine and Ports)
Mr L Ford	Regional Director (North Queensland)
Mr G Goebel	Director (Passenger Transport)
Mr M McShea	Director (Business Services)

Queensland Rail:

Mr G Dawe	General Manager (Primary Industries and Q-Link)
Mr J Hearsch	Group General Manager (Freight Group)
Mr R Hunter	General Manager (Projects and Contracts)
Mr J Zantiotis	Group General Manager (Passengers Group)
Mr T Drake	Group General Manager (Corporate Services)

Personal Staff

Office of the Minister for Transport:

Mr R Whiddon	Senior Ministerial Policy Advisor
Mr J Ellis	Ministerial Media Advisor
Mr P Ferris	Ministerial Policy Advisor
Ms D Gulin	Assistant Ministerial Policy Advisor
Mr J Bradley	Assistant Ministerial Policy Advisor

The Chairperson declared the proposed expenditure of the Department of Transport to be open for examination.

The question before the Committee was: "That the proposed expenditures be agreed to."

After a short introductory statement by the Minister, the Committee proceeded to the examination of witnesses.

During the examination the following Members were granted leave to ask questions:

Mr L Ardill MLA
Mr P Beattie MLA
Mr B Laming MLA
Miss F Simpson MLA

Suspension of Hearing

The hearing was suspended at 12.55 p.m.

Resumption of Hearing

The hearing resumed at 1.25 p.m.

Suspension of Hearing

The hearing was suspended at 3.27 p.m.

Resumption of Hearing

The hearing resumed at 3.42 p.m.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

Administrative Services Department

In attendance was the Minister for Administrative Services, the Honourable G Milliner MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Mr R Dunning	Director-General
Mr M Grierson	Deputy Director-General, Government Services
Mr R Pitt	Deputy Director-General, Commercialised Services
Mr B Parker	General Manager, CITEC
Mr L Clarence	General Manager, Q-Fleet
Mr R Ward	General Manager, GOPRINT
Mr A Woodward	Director, Finance and Information Technology
Mr W Pashen	Management Accountant

Others Present

Ms L Hardwicke	Manager, Administration
Mr M Smith	General Manager, Q-Build Maintenance and Operations
Mr I Douglas	General Manager, Q-Build Property Management
Mr E Carfoot	General Manager, Q-Build Project Services
Mr W Kelly	General Manager, Qld Purchasing & Sales
Mr G Smith	General Manager, Sales and Distribution Services
Mr G May	Executive Director, Building
Mr A Donker	Executive Director, Services
Mr D Mills	Director, Planning and Human Resources

Mr J Spinazie	Manager, Q-Tel
Mr J Scrivens	Manager, Legal and Contractual Services
Mr R Turbit	Manager, Internal Operational Audit
Mr M Hefferan	Manager, Asset Management
Mr D McErlean	Program Director, Asset Procurement
Mr R Bertling	Program Director, Asset Procurement
Mr R Wegner	Program Director, Asset Procurement
Mr D Gilbert	Manager, Built Environment
Ms W Porter	Manager, Quality Assessment Unit
Mr K Farr	Manager, Portfolio Management
Ms L McGregor	General Manager, Qld State Archives
Mr C Clapper	Manager, Government Information Technology Conditions

The Chairperson declared the proposed expenditure of the Administrative Services Department to be open for examination.

The question before the Committee was: "That the proposed expenditure be agreed to."

After a short introductory statement by the Minister, the Committee proceeded to the examination of witnesses.

Suspension of Hearing

The hearing was suspended at 5.57 p.m.

Resumption of Hearing

The hearing resumed at 6.27 p.m.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

Department of Lands

In attendance was the Minister for Lands, the Honourable G Smith MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Mr B Wilson	Director-General
Mr R Freeman	Executive Director, Planning and Policy Group
Mr P Philipson	Director, Finance Branch
Mr B Lack	Program Director, Land Use Program
Mr L Leader	Program Director, Land Titles Program
Dr N Divett	Executive Director, Programs
Ms M Berenyi	Program Director, Land Information Program
Mr D McGann	Program Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Interests Program
Dr I Galloway	Director, Land Sustainability Sub-Program

Others Present

Mr K Watts	Executive Director, Corporate Services Group
Mr D Long	Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officer
Mr M Cremer	Director, Operational Review Unit/Acting Program Director, Land Valuation Program
Mr D Forrest	Program Director, Land Boundaries Program
Mr R Molloy	Manager, Budget, Finance Branch

The Chairperson declared the proposed expenditure of the Department of Lands to be open for examination.

The question before the Committee was: "That the proposed expenditure be agreed to."

After a short introductory statement by the Minister, the Committee proceeded to the examination of witnesses.

During the examination the following Members were granted leave to ask questions:

Hon J A Elliott MLA
Mr M Rowell MLA

Suspension of Hearing

The hearing was suspended at 9.15 p.m.

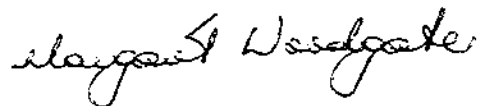
Resumption of Hearing

The hearing resumed at 9.27 p.m.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 12.01 a.m., Saturday 18 June 1994.

Confirmed

Margaret Woodgate MLA
Chairperson

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Private Meeting held 20 June 1994

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B29 of Parliament House at 11.12 a.m.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Hobbs.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 1994 (No.3) were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Robertson, seconded by Mr Johnson.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT:** The Committee discussed various aspects of the draft report.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:** The Minutes of the public hearing held on 17 June 1994 were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Johnson.

6. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Agreed, that the next private meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday 21 June at 9.30 a.m. in room B29 of Parliament House.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11.52 p.m.
8. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate (Chairperson), Messrs Dollin, Johnson, Lingard, Robertson and Vaughan. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Private Meeting held 21 June 1994

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B29 of Parliament House at 9.35 a.m.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 1994 (No.4) were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Johnson.

3. **ADOPTION OF REPORT:** The Chairperson read the report putting the question that each paragraph stand part of the report.

Agreed, that the report, as adopted by the Committee, be tabled on 23 June 1994.

4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Resolved, that the Additional Information booklet circulated to Members, at the meeting, be tabled on 23 June 1994.

Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Hobbs.

5. **TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolved, that the transcript of the Committee's Public Hearing be tabled on 23 June 1994.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Vaughan.

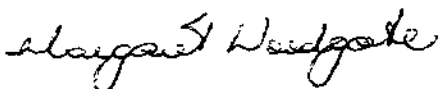
6. **COPY OF REPORT TO MINISTERS:** Resolved, that a copy of the report be sent to the relevant Ministers, examined by the Committee, under the cover of a letter from the Chairperson.

7. **MINUTES OF MEETING 21 JUNE 1994:** Agreed, that the Chairperson was authorised to sign the Minutes of the current meeting after consultation with Mr Lingard.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10.12 a.m.

9. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate (Chairperson), Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Johnson, Lingard, Robertson and Vaughan. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate
Chairperson