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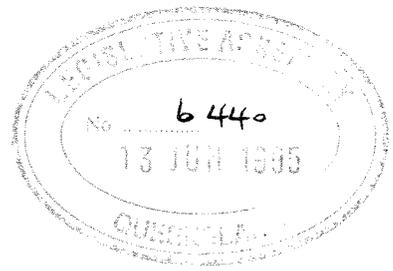
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND

**Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing
Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs
Department of Environment and Heritage**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Legislative Assembly on 31 March 1995 appointed six Estimates Committees to inquire into the estimates of expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill 1995 and the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 1995.
- 1.2 Under the Sessional Orders adopted by the Assembly on that day, this Committee had responsibility to examine the proposed expenditure of the organisational units within the Ministerial portfolios of Tourism, Sport and Racing, Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs, and Environment and Heritage.
- 1.3 On 24 May 1995, the Legislative Assembly appointed Mr Stephen Robertson MLA to replace Mr John Szczerbanik MLA as a member of the Committee.
- 1.4 The Sessional Orders required that the Committee meet in public session on Friday 2 June 1995 to begin its examination. At 11:30 a.m. on that day the Chair, Mr Rod Welford MLA, opened the hearing and made an introductory statement concerning the Committee's agreed approach to its examination of the proposed expenditure.
- 1.5 The procedures adopted by the Committee were:
 - (a) that the starting time for questioning Ministers would be set regardless of an early finish to the inquiry concerning the previous portfolio;
 - (b) that the Committee confine, to the best endeavours of the Members of the Committee, their questions to matters which relate to proposed estimates of expenditure, or expenditure on programs during the previous financial year where such expenditures are relevant to proposed expenditures for the forthcoming year;
 - (c) that, where possible, if Members anticipated any of their questions were likely to be taken on notice they should be provided to the Minister concerned prior to the hearing;
 - (d) that the Committee deal with each Department according to program areas and notify the Minister of this order at the beginning of the hearing; and
 - (e) copies of research material prepared by the Committee's staff for the purpose of analysing departments' expenditure were furnished to the relevant Ministers the day before the hearing.
- 1.6 Finally, where time was left at the conclusion of the Government Members' final twenty minute block of questions, the Chair exercised a discretion to allocate this time to the Opposition Members of the Committee for further questioning.
- 1.7 During the public hearing, two non-Committee members from the Opposition, Mr K Lingard MLA and Mr V Johnson MLA, sat in on the proceedings but asked no questions.

- 1.8 Copies of minutes of the Committee's meetings are appended to this report. The Hansard report of the evidence taken by the Committee has been published separately. Answers to questions placed on notice during the public hearing have also been published separately in an additional volume of information.
- 1.9 The Committee has now considered the estimates as set out in the Portfolio Program Statements and other Budget Papers, and has received evidence from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing, the Honourable R Gibbs MLA, the Minister for Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs, the Honourable A Warner, the Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Honourable M Robson and officials from the three departments.
- 1.10 The Committee draws the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the following matters which arose during consideration of the proposed expenditures.

2 EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING

- 2.1 The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$143,497,000 - an increase of 22% from the 1994-95 budget allocation.
- 2.2 Key budget initiatives include:
- the allocation of \$2.5m in 1995-96 to resource the Conventions Bureau and Regional Tourist Associations in Queensland, in view of the expansion of the conventions industry in Queensland;
 - a further \$1m for international marketing of the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation;
 - the establishment of an international marketing office in Seoul, Korea at a cost of \$650,000, to market Queensland as a travel destination and influence travel and holiday visitation;
 - \$365,000 to the Queensland Academy of Sport to supplement coaching positions, provide administrative support and include three additional sports (water polo, baseball and triathlon) to the Olympic Athlete Program.
 - \$326,000 towards the enhancement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young Persons' Sport and Recreation Development Program;
 - \$8m towards the provision of capital works funding for community sport and recreation facilities.

IndyCar Grand Prix

- 2.3 The Committee asked the Minister to outline the benefits derived from the 1995 IndyCar Grand Prix, in view of the criticisms of the cost of staging the event.

The Minister advised that the 1995 IndyCar Event generated an economic impact in Queensland of \$32m, created the equivalent of 357 permanent jobs and provided a \$25m stimulus to the Gold Coast region.

- 2.4 A number of further questions were asked in relation to subsidiary companies of the Gold Coast Motor Events Corporation, in particular in relation to remuneration received by the directors of those companies. Enquiries regarding directors' fees were taken on notice, and all have subsequently been answered.

Japanese Tourist Market

- 2.5 The Committee sought information from the Minister as to whether there had been any significant downturn in the Japanese tourist market, given the instability of the Japanese economy and the destruction caused by the Kobe earthquake. The Committee noted the Minister's assurances that there has been no decline in the number of Japanese tourists visiting Queensland. Furthermore, Japan remains Queensland's primary source of visitors and Queensland is the preferred State of stay for Japanese tourists.

Telephone Bookmaking

- 2.6 Another issue raised by the Committee concerned the costs of implementing telephone bookmaking, and the performance of the system. The Minister advised that the Racing Development Fund provided a grant of \$250,000 to purchase the equipment for the system, which commenced operation in July 1994. To date, telephone bookmaking has generated more than \$24m in betting turnover.

2.7 Greyhound Racing

Several concerns were raised about greyhound racing, including the reduction in betting turnover in provincial centres, the reduction in prize monies and the increase in the distribution of grants. The Minister advised the Committee that the Greyhound Racing Control Board has recently implemented a strategic plan to cover all aspects of the greyhound racing industry, including management practices, club management and marketing, and promotion of the industry.

Harness Racing

- 2.8 The Committee enquired whether there was any reason why harness racing had not re-commenced in north Queensland. The Minister advised the Committee that there was not the pool of horses necessary to service a professional circuit, or to continue professional harness racing in the north Queensland region.

Questions on Notice

- 2.9 Seven questions were placed on notice, and responses were received to all questions.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES AND ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER AFFAIRS

- 2.10 The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$500,918,000. The Department's budget represents a 16% increase from last year, and now constitutes 4% of the total consolidated revenue. A total of \$25.55m has been allocated in this year's budget for new initiatives and enhancements to existing services. The Minister, in her opening remarks, highlighted the growth in her department's budget from \$159m in 1989-90, and emphasised the improvements for many disadvantaged Queenslanders which these increases meant.

Aboriginal Infrastructure Program

- 2.11 The Committee asked the Minister to outline the funds allocated to the Aboriginal infrastructure program, and enquired whether any funding would be received from the Commonwealth. The Minister advised that \$3m had been allocated in 1995-96, increasing to \$10m in 1996-97 and \$15m in 1997-98, for the purpose of improving access to clean water and adequate sewage treatment. The Minister stated that it was hoped that the State funds would be augmented by \$28m from ATSIC.

Management of Public Intoxication Program

- 2.12 The Committee sought information on the plans for the allocation of \$1.069m of funds under the management of public intoxication program. The Minister emphasised the distinction between the management of public intoxication program, which is administered collaboratively with Queensland Health, and the Aboriginal diversionary program which involves diverting individuals from detention in watch-houses. Areas identified by the Minister as priority areas for the provision of services under the management of public intoxication program included Brisbane, Cairns, Cunnamulla, Gladstone, Ipswich, Mackay, Mareeba, Sunshine Coast, Mossman, Mount Isa, Normanton, Rockhampton, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville.

Post-school Options for People with Disabilities

- 2.13 The Committee questioned the Minister in relation to pilot post-school options services to be established in Brisbane and North Queensland for people with disabilities. The Minister advised the Committee that \$1.45m, increasing to \$3m in 1996-97 and 1997-98, had been allocated to provide options for school-leavers with disabilities in order to reduce pressure on their families. The emphasis would be on individual, focussed options.

Emergency Relief Payments

- 2.14 In response to a question about the distribution of emergency relief funds, the Committee was advised that during the current financial year, a total of \$1.39m had been allocated to non-Government organisations for the provision of emergency relief. Funding had been provided to 107 organisations state-wide.

Child Protection Strategy

- 2.15 The Minister was asked to outline details of the department's new Child Protection Strategy. The Minister advised the Committee that funds of \$24m over three years had been made available to assist in bringing major reforms of child protection policy in legislation into place. Key elements of the proposed legislative changes, as outlined by the Minister, will include the availability of time constraint orders as an alternative to the existing guardianship orders, to facilitate short-term interventions, and time limits on court orders to ensure that the situations of children in care are regularly reviewed.

SCAN Scheme

- 2.16 The Committee queried whether the Department of Family Services was the most appropriate body to act as lead agency in cases of child abuse. The Minister expressed the view that it was preferable that the responsibility for investigating reports of child abuse remained with a single agency. She cited the Victorian example of Danny Valerio whose case was reported to both the police and Family Services, but who was not picked up by either agency because each agency mistakenly believed the other was handling the matter.

Institutional Reform

- 2.17 A number of concerns were expressed about the implementation of the department's institutional reform program.
- 2.18 Specific information was sought from the Minister about alternatives to institutional placement. In response, the Minister outlined a number of options for relocating persons with disabilities in the broader community. These included shared family care where a disabled adult lives with another family which assumes the role of an adult foster person, shared households with one or more compatible individuals, and the provision of individual support by workers to disabled persons living in their own flats. The Minister also nominated the Xavier Home and W R Black Home as examples of non-Government accommodation facilities from which disabled individuals had successfully been re-located under the department's institutional reform package.
- 2.19 Statistical data was sought on the costs of delivering services in institutional settings compared to community settings. The Minister indicated that it was significantly more expensive to deliver services in a community situation. Using Challinor as an example, the Minister indicated that \$8.8m was currently expended to provide services for 172 individuals. By comparison, the delivery of services to those 172 people in community placement situations would involve expenditure of \$14.6m.
- 2.20 Finally, the Committee queried to what extent the department had consulted with the families of disabled persons living in institutional settings regarding the re-location of their family members to the community. The Committee noted the Minister's assurances that the department desired the involvement of groups such

as Australian Parents Advocacy, Queensland Parents of People with Disabilities and Queensland Advocacy Incorporated in the development of community placement options. The Minister further assured the Committee that deinstitutionalised persons will be as securely supported in terms of the department's financial commitment as they are now in institutional settings. As an example, the Minister cited Challinor, funding for which would be increased to \$14.4m in three years' time and which will remain as a program to provide funds for people in the community, even though Challinor as a building will no longer exist.

Questions on Notice

- 2.21 No questions were placed on notice.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Budget Allocation

- 2.22 The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$160,927,000. The 1995-96 budget allocation for the department represents an increase on the budget allocation for 1994-95 of almost 18%. The 1995-96 budget allocation is on its face 2.45% less than the estimated actual expenditure of \$164,970,000 for 1994-95.
- 2.23 The Minister advised that the Queensland budget process allows for a mid-year review which enables original appropriations to be re-distributed to meet emerging priorities. The mid-year review increased the 1994-95 budget allocation of \$136.725m by providing funds for land acquisitions (\$4.45m), unanticipated carryovers (\$11.006m), and additional receipts (\$5.384m). These changes are reflected in the 1994-95 estimated actual of \$164.97m but are not permanent additions to the department's budget. Therefore, there has been no decrease in the department's budget for 1995-96. A total of \$25.3m has been allocated to new initiatives, almost twice the amount provided in the 1994-95 budget.
- 2.24 During the last twelve months, the main emphasis of the department has shifted from a conservation perspective to a primary focus on ecologically sustainable development. Major new initiatives of interest to the Committee included the Koala Coast Protection Plan, implementation of the Great Sandy Region Management Plan under the Conservation Management Initiative, the expansion of the national park estate under the Land Acquisition Initiative, the construction of a new herbarium at Mount Coot-tha under the General Capital Initiative, and the full implementation of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Staffing of National Parks

- 2.25 The Committee questioned the Minister regarding the apparent inconsistencies with which staffing numbers for national parks were reported. The Minister took on notice a request to clarify the apparent discrepancy between the figures of 512 for last year, 542 for this year and 411 for 1995-96, and to explain how changes in

representing the figures for staff in the Program Statement had affected the numbers. An answer has been received detailing the Minister's explanation, indicating that the ranger numbers for 1995-96 will be 487, taking into account the expiry of labour market programs.

Wildlife Licensing Fees

- 2.26 In response to the Committee's enquiries regarding the new wildlife licensing fees introduced under the Government's user-pays policy, the Minister clarified the costs of fees for the recreational keeping of aviary birds, about which there had been considerable community confusion. The Minister indicated the department is assessing the full cost of the licensing process, and to what extent those costs should be recovered. The Minister advised that keepers of aviary birds will usually be able to make use of a recreational wildlife licence, the fee for which is \$30, unless they are keeping restricted species. Where the species of bird kept is one about which there are conservation concerns, a recreational wildlife specialist licence will be issued, at a current cost of \$150.

Koala Coast Community Facilities Program

- 2.27 Some concerns were raised as to whether the extent of publication of notices inviting applications for funding under the Community Facilities program was adequate to ensure that interested groups or bodies were aware of the availability of the funding. Apparent anomalies in the access to funding under the program for schools in the region of the south coast motorway were extensively canvassed.

Great Sandy Region Management Plan

- 2.28 The Committee questioned the Minister on how the funds allocated for implementation of the Great Sandy Region Management Plan would be spent. The Minister advised that \$4.5m over three years had been provided to introduce a waste management program for Fraser Island, prepare development control plans for the Great Sandy Region, upgrade key access roads on Fraser Island, and develop Stage 1 of regulated camping at Inskip Point.

Koala Coast Protection Plan

- 2.29 In response to questions, the Minister provided a breakdown of planned initiatives under the Koala Coast Protection Plan. Key activities included the protection of koala habitat at an estimated cost of \$20m over a five year period, research to expand knowledge of koala ecology at an estimated cost of \$1.6m over a five-year period, minimisation of koala mortality and injuries at an estimated cost of \$2.6m over five years, and the development of visitor infrastructure for the Koala Coast at an estimated cost of \$3m over five years.

Land Acquisition

- 2.30 The Committee asked for details of the new initiative funding for land acquisition of \$2.5m provided in the 1995-96 Budget. The Minister advised that

approximately \$200,000 would be spent on acquiring Commonwealth government lighthouses along the Queensland coastline. The balance would be spent on the acquisition of areas, particularly lowland forest areas in far north Queensland, focussing on the Tully region where mahogany glider habitat has been identified, and acquisitions designed to give effect to the Government's Sugar Industry Infrastructure Package.

- 2.31 Further questions were posed, regarding the difficulties of reconciling the figure of \$3.586m provided for land acquisition in 1995-96 and the amount of 550,000 hectares proposed to be acquired, in view of the acquisition of 535,000 hectares of national parkland in 1994-95 for at least \$12m. This matter was taken on notice, and an answer has subsequently been received.

Queensland Herbarium

- 2.32 The Minister advised the Committee that \$600,000 had been allocated in the 1995-96 Budget estimates for site works and design and documentation for the construction of a world-standard herbarium at Mount Coot-tha to improve the security and preservation of plants and literature currently valued at \$25m. In response to the Committee's enquiries, the Minister advised that the building will be constructed in 1996-97, with an anticipated completion date of August 1997.

Environmental Protection Legislation

- 2.33 New initiative funding for implementation in full of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* totals \$5m in 1995-96. The total allocation for this activity in 1995-96 is \$14.3m, some of which will be offset by the introduction of a comprehensive user pays scheme. The Committee asked the Minister to describe the types of inspections instituted under the new legislation, and to provide details of the number of inspections carried out during the past year. The Minister explained that compliance inspections are conducted to ensure that licensees comply with their licences and that unlicensed premises comply with the general provisions of the legislation. Planning inspections of premises are conducted to ensure that planning considers fully the environmental aspects of proposed development. The Minister indicated that 1,964 compliance inspections and 391 planning inspections had been conducted in 1994-95.

Waste Management

- 2.34 In response to the Committee's enquiries regarding the results of a recent review of all Queensland sewage treatment plants, the Minister advised that about 10% of plants were not undertaking the monitoring programs required as a condition of their licences; that where monitoring data was available, records were incomplete in the majority of cases; that, of plants for which monitoring data were available, 10% had complied fully with the conditions of their licences; and that all sewage treatment plants were capable of treating to secondary standard before discharge. An evaluation of the appropriateness of current licence conditions was undertaken based on this review. As a result, licence conditions have been modified to reflect the need to account for wet weather flows and to require more stringent samples.

In response to questions about the performance of the Ace Waste facility for the incineration of hospital waste, the Minister advised that the facility had operated in compliance with its licensing requirements for the last few months, and no major complaints had been received about matters such as smoke emissions.

Questions on Notice

- 2.35 Four questions were placed on notice, and responses to all questions have been received.

3 RESOLUTION

- 3.1 The Committee agrees to the proposed expenditures in the Appropriation Bill 1995 for the organisational units referred to it under the Sessional Orders of 31 March 1995.

4 OBSERVATIONS ON THE ESTIMATES PROCESS

- 4.1 As was its practice last year, the Committee takes this opportunity to record its observations on the process for the benefit of future committees. In particular, the Committee would like to comment on procedures adopted by it for the purpose of facilitating the Estimates process.

Scheduling of Estimates Hearings

- 4.2 • Time Allotments for Departments

Some concerns were expressed that the time periods allocated did not allow sufficient time for questioning. While the Committee considers this to be a legitimate concern, it also notes that, even though this is the second year of the Estimates process, Members are still coming to terms with acquiring the skills needed to extract the information they require.

- 4.3 • Order for Dealing with Program Areas within Departments

Another concern to Committees, Ministers and departmental officials alike relates to the order in which program areas within portfolios are examined. As occurred last year, this Committee resolved to deal with the program areas within each portfolio in strict sequential order. In this way only one set of advisers was required to be with the relevant Minister at any one time. Organising the questioning in this manner allowed officials from a program area whose expenditures had been examined to leave the hearing and return to their normal departmental duties.

Advance Notice of Issues

- 4.4 Estimates committees must complete their enquires and report to the Parliament within tight time constraints. For the purpose of facilitating the early completion of the Committee's work, the Committee agreed that any member of the

Committee who wished to ask a question that might involve some research was able to provide prior notice of those questions to the Minister concerned. While this practice has increased the likelihood that the information will be available beforehand to answer a question put to a Minister at the hearing, the Committee has found it necessary to give further consideration to how it could most effectively be utilised, given that difficulties can arise if advance notice is given of too many questions within too short a time frame. After discussion, the Committee suggests that, in addition to questions asked in the course of the hearing and taken on notice by the Minister, it may be appropriate if, at the end of the examination of each portfolio, Members were permitted to pose up to 10 questions not so far asked, on the understanding that answers to these would subsequently be researched and provided to the Committee prior to the preparation of its report. Alternatively, the Committee considers that a formal mechanism might be instituted for Estimates Committees, whereby up to 10 questions can be notified at least two working days in advance of the hearing.

Time Limits for Answers at Public Hearing

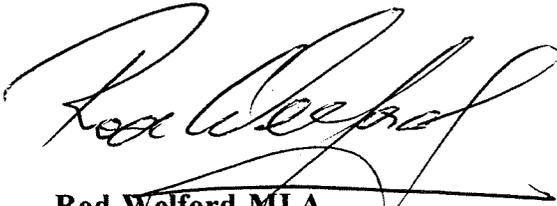
- 4.5 The Sessional Orders adopted by the Legislative Assembly in this and the preceding year provide that answers to questions during an Estimates hearing must not exceed three minutes. In its report to the Legislative Assembly of the preceding year, this Committee noted that it considered the three minutes allowed for witnesses to answer questions was more than sufficient, but observed that Ministers and other witnesses may have felt obliged to provide additional information even when not strictly necessary.
- 4.6 Although the experience gained from last year's Estimates process resulted on this occasion in the provision of answers which were, on the whole, more specific and succinct, some answers remained unduly verbose. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Sessional Orders adopted for next year's Estimates process should be amended to shorten the time for answers to two minutes, unless an extension of time is granted by the Chair. Either the questioner or the Minister or other witness providing the answer should be entitled to request such an extension.

Procedure in Committee of the Whole House

- 4.7 The present Sessional Orders allow a Member of the Legislative Assembly to speak for no longer than five minutes on the question that the report of an Estimates Committee be adopted. In reply to the debate, each responsible Minister may speak for no longer than five minutes. This Committee considers that the time limits which currently apply are insufficient for proper consideration of the substance of an Estimates Committee's report. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Sessional Orders, as they now stand, be amended to allow a Member to speak for a maximum of 15, rather than five, minutes on the question that a report of an Estimates Committee be adopted, and to allow each responsible Minister to speak for a maximum of 15, rather than five, minutes in reply to the debate.

5 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 5.1 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.



Rod Welford MLA
Chairman

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D**

Minutes of Private Meeting held on 24 May 1995
at 1.00 p.m. in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe

1. **Members present:**

Mr. Littleproud, Mrs Rose, Messrs Slack, Szczerbanik, Welford and Veivers

Apologies:

Dr Clark

In attendance:

Ms K Sampford, Research Director

Ms H Angelos, Research Officer

2. **Election of Chair**

As the Sessional Orders prescribe that, before proceeding to any other business, the Committee shall elect its Chairperson, Mr. Littleproud, as the longest serving Member present, was invited to call on the voices of the Members present for the nomination of the Chairperson. Mr Welford was nominated by Mr Veivers. There being no further nominations, Mr Welford was declared elected on the voices of the Members present.

3. **Election of Deputy Chair**

Mr Veivers nominated Mrs Rose. There being no further nominations, Mrs Rose was declared elected as Deputy Chairperson.

4. **Scheduling of Departments:**

After discussion, it was agreed that the order for the consideration of portfolios be -

- . Tourism, Sport and Racing
- . Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs
- . Environment and Heritage

and that the order for dealing with program areas within each Department be as set out hereunder -

Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing

- . Tourism
- . Racing
- . Sport and Recreation
- . Liquor Licensing
- . Youth

Corporate Services

Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
 Community Services Development
 Ethnic Affairs
 Protective Services and Juvenile Justice
 Intellectual Disability Services
 Corporate Services

Department of Environment and Heritage

Conservation
 Environment
 Corporate Services

5. **Other matters relating to public hearing on 2 June:**

The Committee discussed arrangements for the public hearing to be held on 2 June 1995.

It was agreed that the time allocation for Departments be as set out hereunder -

Tourism, Sport and Racing	3 hours
Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs	3 hours
Environment and Heritage	3 hours

and that the starting times for questioning of Ministers do not change regardless of the finishing time of the previous portfolio.

The Committee also agreed, after discussion, that -

Where Members anticipate one of their questions is likely to go on notice they may give the question to the Research Director by 12.00 p.m., Thursday 1 June, who will forward it to the relevant Minister. This will enable the question to be answered at the hearing, rather than the next day.

Answers to questions taken on notice be required to be forwarded to the Committee by 5 p.m. on Monday 5 June, unless otherwise ordered.

In accordance with Sessional Orders, leave be given to non-Committee Members to ask questions during the hearing.

6. **Amendments to Sessional Orders:**

After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend that the following changes to the Sessional Orders be adopted for next year's Estimates process:

that Sessional Order 17 (Time for questions and answers in a hearing) be amended to allow only two, rather than three minutes for answers, unless otherwise ordered, and

that Sessional Order 25 (Procedure in Committee of the Whole House) be amended:

- to allow a Member to speak for a maximum of 15, rather than five minutes, on the question that a report of an Estimates Committee be adopted, and
- to allow each responsible Minister to speak for a maximum of 15, rather than five minutes, in reply to the debate.

7. Future Meetings

The Committee agreed to meet on the following times and dates -

Friday 2 June at 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 6 June at 1.30 p.m.

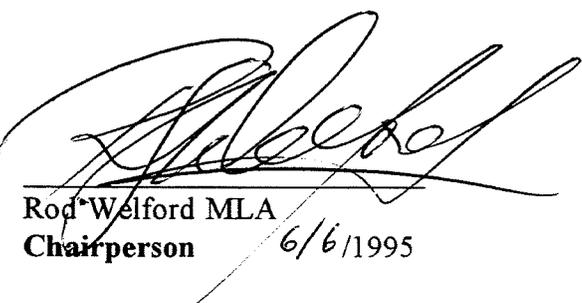
Wednesday 7 June at 1 p.m.

Public hearing
To discuss the draft report
To adopt the report

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

Confirmed



Rod Welford MLA

Chairperson

6/6/1995

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D**

Minutes of Public Hearing held on 2 June 1995
at 11.30 a.m. in the Conference Room, Parliamentary Annexe

1. Meeting

The Committee met in public session at 11.30 a.m. The Chairman, Mr Rod Welford MLA, took the Chair.

2. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman made an introductory statement concerning the Committee's consideration of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill 1995 for the areas set out in the Sessional Orders.

3. Attendance

The following Members were present: Dr Clark, Mr Littleproud, Mrs Rose, Messrs Slack, Robertson, Veivers and Welford.

Also present: Ms K Sampford and Ms H Angelos

4. Examination of Estimates

Tourism, Sport and Racing

The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$143, 497, 000 for organisational units in the Tourism, Sport and Racing portfolio. In attendance was the Honourable R. Gibbs, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Mr David Williams	Director-General
Mr Steve Thornton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Qld Events Corporation
Mr Garry Draffin	Chief Executive Officer, QTTC
Mr Mark Peters	Executive Director, Policy and Programs
Mr Peter Richardson	Manager, Finance and Administration Unit
Mr Laurie Longland	Executive Director, Liquor Licensing and Regional Services
Mr Bob Mason	Director, Racing

Ms Melissa McMullen Acting Senior Project Officer

Others Present

Office of the Minister

Mr Bruce Houston Senior Ministerial Policy Advisor

Mr Justin Murphy Assistant Ministerial Policy Advisor

Senior Officers

Mr Rodney Metcalfe Senior Executive Officer, Olympic 2000 Taskforce Unit

Mr Greg Morse Manager, Performance Evaluation & Review Unit

Mr David Ronai Director of Corporate Services, QTTC

Ms Wilma Shakespear Director, Queensland Academy of Sport

Policy and Programs

Mr Andre Moten Executive Officer

Mr Peter Jones Manager, Tourism Policy Bureau

Ms Sharon Burke Principal Tourism Policy Officer, Tourism Policy Bureau

Ms Rhonda Bushby Manager, Equity Unit

Mr Oliver Simon Manager, Recreation and Facilities Development Unit

Mr Jeff Wood Manager, Aussie Sport

Mr Grazia Catalano Manager, Youth Bureau

Corporate and Executive Services

Mr Peter Phair Executive Director, Corporate and Executive Services

Mr Barry Adams Acting Manager, Executive Coordination Unit

Mr Neal Muller Manager, Human Resource Management Unit

Mr Des Hall Manager, Corporate Marketing Unit

Mr Pat Holohan Manager, Information and Technology Services Unit

Mr Paul Rees Acting Cabinet Legislation & Liaison Officer

Liquor Licencing and Regional Services

Ms Jill Hutson Acting Executive Officer

Mr Brian Bauer	Acting Manager, Regional Services Unit
Ms Kaye Pulsford	Manager, Licensing Administration Unit
Mr Ed Scott	Acting Manager, Industry Development Unit
Ms Di Beckey	Acting Manager, Investigations and Complaints Unit

Racing

Mr Kevin Hasemann	Principal Advisor
Mr David Auer	Manager, Racing Science Centre

The Committee examined the witnesses.

Suspension of hearing

The hearing was suspended at 1.03 p.m.

Resumption of hearing

The hearing resumed at 2:00 p.m.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of hearing

The hearing was suspended at 3:32 p.m.

Resumption of hearing

The hearing was resumed at 3:36 p.m. with an examination of the proposed expenditure of the Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs portfolio.

Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs

The Committee examined the proposed expenditure of \$500,918,000 for organisational units in the Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs portfolio. In attendance was the Honourable A. Warner, Minister for Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Mrs Ruth Matchett	Director-General
Mr Jim Wauchope	Director, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Ms Jan Williams	Divisional Head, Community Services Development

Mr Tim Gleeson	Assistant Divisional Head, Planning and Policy Co-ordination Branch, Community Services Development
Ms Helen Twohill	Divisional Head, Protective Services and Juvenile Justice
Mr Arthur O'Brien	Acting Manager, Budget Section, Finance and Organisational Services

Others Present

Office of the Director-General

Ms Glenda Alexander Office of the Director-General

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Ms Monica McDonald Assistant Director, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Community Services Development

Mr Russel Loos Financial Co-ordinator, Community Services Development

Ethnic Affairs

Mr Uri Themal Director, Bureau of Ethnic Affairs

Intellectual Disability Services

Mr Julian Foley Divisional Head, Intellectual Disability Services

Mr Michael Lewis Manager, Planning and Co-ordination, Intellectual Disability Services

Protective Services & Juvenile Justice

Ms Majella Ryan Acting Assistant Divisional Head, Juvenile Justice, Protective Services and Juvenile Justice

Ms Carol Peltola Assistant Divisional Head, Protective Services and Juvenile Justice

Finance & Organisational Services

Mr Gary Clarke Director, Finance and Organisational Services

Information Services

Ms Carmel Finn Director, Information Services

The Committee examined the witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of Hearing

The hearing was suspended at 6.25 p.m.

Resumption of Hearing

The hearing resumed at 7:30 p.m. with an examination of the proposed expenditure of the Environment and Heritage portfolio.

Environment and Heritage

The Committee examined the proposed expenditure of \$160,927,000 for organisational units in the Environment and Heritage portfolio. In attendance was the Honourable M. Robson, Minister for Environment and Heritage, accompanied by the following officers:

At the Table

Dr Craig Emerson	Director-General
Mr Rod Arnott	Director, Corporate Services
Mr John Gilmour	Executive Director (Environment)
Mr Ross Rolfe	Executive Director (Conservation)
Mr Jon Womersley	Director, Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service
Mr Bob Speirs	Regional Director

Others Present

Office of the Minister

Ms Liz Bourne	Ministerial Policy Advisor
Mr Damian McGreevy	Senior Ministerial Policy Advisor
Ms Anita Neville	Ministerial Media Adviser

Office of Director-General

Mr Tom Tolhurst	Deputy Director-General
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Division of Corporate Services

Mr David Robertson	Management Accountant
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Division of Environment

Dr Ian Wilson	Director, Environment Planning Branch
Mr David Miles	Director, Waste Management Branch
Mr Les Barkla	Manager (Administration)

Dr Peter Nimmo Director, Pollution Management Branch

Division of Conservation

Mr Greg Wellard Director, Cultural Heritage Branch

Mr Chris Patearson Director, Coastal Management Branch

Mr Des Boyland Director, Conservation Strategy Branch

Mr Clive Hughes Manager (Administration)

Departmental Co-ordinators

Mr Graham Inglis Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officer

Mr Milani Chaloupka Executive Manager, Corporate Planning and Evaluation.

The Committee examined the witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

5. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

Confirmed



Rod Welford MLA
Chairperson

6/6 /1995

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D**

Minutes of Private Meeting held on 6 June 1995
at 1.00 p.m. in Room 16.11 of the Parliamentary Annexe

1. **Members present:**

Dr Clark, Messrs Littleproud, Robertson, Slack, Veivers and Welford

Apologies:

Mrs Rose

In Attendance:

Ms K Sampford, Research Director

Ms H Angelos, Research Officer

2. **Change of Membership**

The Chairman noted the motion agreed to in the House on 24 May 1995 whereby Mr Szczerbanik was discharged from Estimates Committee D and Mr Robertson was appointed.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings**

On the motion of Mr Littleproud, seconded by Dr Clark, the minutes of the private meeting held on 24 May 1995 were confirmed.

On the motion of Mr Robertson, seconded by Mr Veivers, the minutes of the public hearing held on 2 June 1995 were confirmed.

4. **Correspondence**

Outwards correspondence was endorsed by the Chairman.

5. **Discussion of Draft Report**

The Committee discussed the public hearing of 2 June 1995 and the draft report for Estimates Committee D.

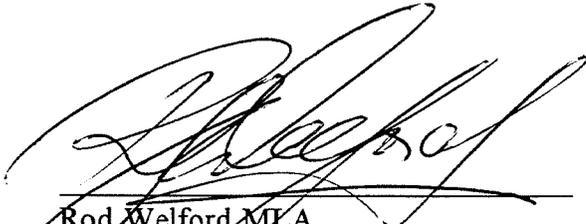
6. **Next Meeting**

The Committee agreed that it would next meet on Wednesday 7 June 1995 at 1.00 p.m. in Room 9.13 of the Parliamentary Annexe.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Confirmed



Rod Welford MLA
Chairperson

7/6 /1995

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D**

Minutes of Private Meeting held on 7 June 1995
at 1.00 pm in Room 9.13 of the Parliamentary Annexe

1. **Members present:**

Dr Clark, Mr Littleproud, Mrs Rose, Messrs Slack, Robertson, Veivers and Welford

In Attendance:

Ms K Sampford, Research Director
Ms H Angelos, Research Officer

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting**

On the motion of Mr Littleproud, seconded by Mr Robertson, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 1995 were confirmed.

3. **Adoption of Estimates Committee D Report No.2**

The Committee considered the draft report and amendments were made. The Chairman then read the revised draft report, paragraph by paragraph, putting the question that each paragraph stand as part of the report. Resolved in the affirmative.

4. **Statement of Reservations**

Mr Slack indicated that he may wish to make a statement of reservations. On the motion of Dr Clark, seconded by Mr Littleproud, it was resolved that any Member of the Committee who has reservations submit a statement of reservations to the Research Director by 5 p.m. on Thursday 8 June 1995.

5. **Resolution to approve Departmental Estimates**

On the motion of Mr Slack, seconded by Mr Veivers, it was resolved that the proposed expenditures in the Appropriation Bill 1995 for the organisational units referred to the Committee under the Sessional Orders of 31 March 1995 be agreed to.

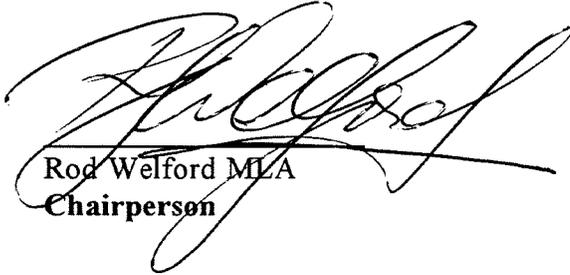
6. **Approval of Report and Authorisation of Publication**

On the motion of Mr Slack, seconded by Mrs Rose, it was resolved that the report be approved for tabling and that the Committee authorise the publication of all documents presented to it in the course of its hearings, and authorise the publication of written replies and other documents forwarded to the Committee.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

Certified Correct



Rod Welford MLA
Chairperson

8/6 /1995

APPENDIX - RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Reported in accordance with Standing Order 198 of the *Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly*.

Meeting Date	Clark	Littleproud	Rose	Slack	Szczerbanik*	Veivers	Welford
24 May 1995	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Meeting Date	Clark	Littleproud	Robertson	Rose	Slack	Veivers	Welford
2 June 1995	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 June 1995	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
7 June 1995	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* On 24 May 1995, the Leader of the House moved that Mr Szczerbanik be discharged from Estimates Committee D and Mr Robertson be appointed. The motion was agreed to.