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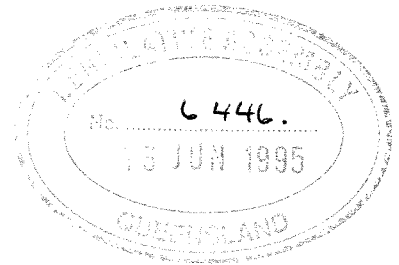
## **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND**

**Department of Transport  
Administrative Services Department  
Department of Lands**

**Estimates Committee F  
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<b>DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Mr D Livingstone MLA (Member for Ipswich West)
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Mr R Dollin MLA (Member for Maryborough)
	Mr H Hobbs MLA (Member for Warrego)
	Mr V Johnson MLA (Member for Gregory)
	Mr K Lingard MLA (Member for Beaudesert)
	Mr J Szczerbanik MLA (Member for Albert)
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## REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### Introduction

- 1 On 31 March 1995, the Legislative Assembly appointed Estimates Committee F to examine and report upon proposed expenditures stated in the *Appropriation Bill 1995* 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 24 May 1995, the Legislative Assembly appointed Mr J Szczurbanik MLA to replace Mr S Robertson MLA as a member of the Committee.
- 3 The Committee conducted a public hearing on 7 June 1995 to receive evidence from the Minister for Lands, the Honourable G Smith MLA, the Minister for Administrative Services, the Honourable G Milliner MLA and the Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Economic and Trade Development, the Honourable K Hayward 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.

### Department of Lands

#### Office of the Referee for Building Units and Group Titles

- 5 Inquiries were made regarding the outcomes of the estimated actual expenditure by the Referee's Office of \$320,000 in the 1994-95 financial year and potential outcomes given a similar allocation for the 1995-96 financial year.
- 6 The Minister advised that there had been approximately 500 disputes between proprietors and bodies corporate which resulted in the issuing of a formal order. The Committee was informed that an avenue of appeal lay with the Magistrates Court for dissatisfied complainants. Given that 10 per cent of decisions in 1994-95 were appealed, the Minister concluded that the remaining 90 per cent were satisfied with the outcome of the Referee's decision.
- 7 It was brought to the Minister's attention that in one case the orders of a Referee were not complied with and the Minister was asked whether the legislation could be strengthened to ensure that orders were carried out. The Minister advised that

proposed amendments to the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1994* will in fact strengthen the provisions relating to the Referee.

### **Accelerated Control of Critical Weeds and Control of Other Significant Weeds**

- 8 An allocation of \$1.5m has been made in the 1995-96 budget for the accelerated control of critical weeds and other significant weeds. Advice was sought from the Minister as to whether this funding was in addition to the normal allocation. It was explained to the Committee that this funding was additional to recurrent expenditure and represented the first instalment of a total of \$4.5m. The funds will be used to control weed pests such as rubber vine in areas adjacent to the Northern Territory border as well as coastal Queensland south of Rockhampton, prickly acacia in areas such as Richmond, Hughenden, Julia Creek, Cloncurry and McKinlay and mesquite in the Georgina River, Diamantina, Thompson and Cloncurry River catchments.

### **Spur-throated Locusts**

- 9 Concerns were expressed in relation to the spur-throated locusts which are causing problems in the Central Highlands and northern Queensland and an inquiry was made as to what funding would be allocated to address these pests.
- 10 Regarding the containment of locusts generally, the Minister advised that a contingency fund of \$250,000 is available which is to be matched on a dollar for dollar basis by local government. The Minister pointed out that at present, spur-throated locusts are spread over a number of shires, but only 5 per cent of the land area of affected shires is crop area and the Minister emphasised that, for the moment, the crisis has passed.
- 11 The Minister acknowledged that more money may be needed than the present allocation. This would, however, be determined in the first instance by a special representative task force including people from the Plague Locust Commission, rural industry representatives such as Ian Macfarlane, representatives from the Department of Primary Industries and local land-holders. The Minister advised that the number of Lands Department staff involved in conducting surveys to assess the build-up of locusts, amounts to 5.3 full-time equivalent employees.

### **Dingo Fence**

- 12 With regard to the upkeep of the dingo fence, the Minister advised that the budget for 1994-95 was \$1.18m. During 1995-96 it will be \$1.22m resulting in an increase of \$135,000. The increase will enable materials to be stockpiled to a greater extent. Twenty-one staff have been maintained on the dingo barrier fence. Considerable damage to the fence existed along the Bulloo River channels, the Blackwater Creek channels and the Cooper Creek channels. Repairs and reconstruction to 40 kilometres were carried out in those particular areas costing almost \$88,000.

### **Siam Weed**

- 13 The Committee notes the Minister's comment that siam weed is probably the worst new weed threat that the country faces. The Department's eradication program has received recognition by the National Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management. The Minister indicated that approximately \$800,000 per annum will be available over a period of five years to address the problem. Of this funding the Queensland Government will contribute 25 per cent.

### **Stock Route Facilities**

- 14 Inquiries were made of the Minister with respect to new initiative funding of \$1m to carry out urgently needed capital works and improvements to stock route facilities in particular the benefits that will accrue to users. The committee was advised that stock routes are divided into primary and secondary categories and these have to be re-evaluated to establish whether such items as water facilities, bores or dams are needed. The assessment and work will be done in consultation with, and in the event of an upgrade, in conjunction with local governments. The amount of money being spent in 1994-95 is \$130,000. Emphasis will be on stock routes in the north west, the central west, the south west and on the Darling Downs.

### **Broad-Scale Tree Clearing**

- 15 A question was raised regarding the level of funding allocated for departmental staff involved in monitoring broad-scale tree clearing and was advised by the Minister that 6 officers will be engaged on this project in 1995-96. The budget for the coming year is estimated at \$4.2m, with a total cost over three years of \$7.7m.

### **Automatic Titling System**

- 16 The committee notes the achievements of the Titles Office in providing a better service to clients following the implementation of the Automatic Titling System (ATS). The Minister advised the committee the budget for the Titles Office for 1994-95 was \$8.2m and the estimate for 1995-96 is \$5.8m. It was pointed out that the processing time for standard documents is down to less than five calendar days, as compared with six in April 1994 with the more complex documents for clients such as developers now down to 10 days.

### **Departmental Project Unit**

- 17 Clarification was sought on a "Disposed Persons Unit" which was said to exist as a result of the amalgamation of a number of departments four years ago, together with the impact of regionalisation. The committee was advised that initially there were approximately 115 staff in the Departmental Project Unit (DPU) of which 109 people were surplus to requirements. To date, the department has placed all but 27 of those people in permanent jobs. It is expected that during 1995-96 there



will be a further reduction of 15 people. Most of those people who have stayed with the DPU have stayed at their current classification. With the exception of one or two, most have been in the lower levels of AO2 or AO3 and, to the knowledge of the Director-General, they have all remained at that level.

## **Administrative Services Department**

### **Q-Clean**

- 18 It was observed that within the Maintenance and Operations Services Program there are 3,968 additional positions over and above the 1994-95 level of 1,880. This situation results from the transfer of cleaners from the Education Department. However, the Education Minister indicated that 4,960 full-time equivalent positions were removed from the Education Department as a result of this transfer.
- 19 The discrepancy is accounted for through the Education Department figure including permanent staff as well as casuals whereas the Administrative Services figure was converted to full time equivalent figures.
- 20 The committee was advised that no cleaners were being dismissed. However, 400 voluntary early retirement packages will be offered to some people as the department identifies savings within the group and areas in which efficiencies can be made. Funding of \$6m is available in 1995-96. The Minister indicated that the downsizing of the organisation will not be achieved through people being sacked.
- 21 The Committee notes that the Administrative Services payment of \$113m for cleaners will be recouped from its client the Education Department and further notes some ambiguity exists with respect to who has control of cleaning staff, be it the School Principal or Q-Clean.

## **Government Employee Housing Scheme**

- 22 With respect to the Government Employee Housing Scheme which is administered through the Government Services Program it was stated at page 16 of the Portfolio Program Statements that the number of houses sold during 1994-95 was 190. The Minister indicated that as at 31 May 1995, the department had offered 190 houses for sale and the actual number sold was 113. Targets had not been met this financial year because the houses did not become available as quickly as had been anticipated and an increase in interest rates had also had an impact on the market.

## **Removal of Ozone-Depleting Substances from Government Buildings**

- 23 Clarification was sought regarding the removal of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) from Government buildings and also what the time frame might be for this initiative. The Committee received evidence that the department intends to eliminate the use of ODS in Government buildings in response to the Montreal Protocol, which is an international agreement that sets in place measures to phase out the use of ODS. Subsequent Commonwealth and State legislation has an

obligation to control the use of ODS by providing for an orderly phasing out within set time frames. All building service equipment is to be converted or replaced with equipment that uses ozone-friendly alternatives that have little or no effect on the ozone layer. It is proposed to address the matter of all affected equipment over the next three years at an estimated cost of approximately \$11.3m. In the 1995-96 budget, an allocation of \$3.7m has been allocated to deal with this very serious environmental issue.

## **Department of Transport**

### **Citytrain Security**

- 24 Information was from the Minister in relation to the measures being taken by Queensland Rail to protect train commuters both at stations and on trains. The Committee was advised that a major security enhancement program is being implemented across Queensland Rail with this program to provide improved security measures at stations, car parks and through on-train security personnel. Closed-circuit television cameras are being installed initially at 15 stations throughout the Citytrain network, with these cameras capable of transmitting back to a main control which will provide security surveillance. The Committee heard that recent remodelling and upgrading of Citytrain stations has provided improved lighting and more security conscious stations that have also been provided with self-help phones.
- 25 With respect to "on-train" security the Committee was informed that Queensland Rail had invested in excess of \$1m in 1994-95 to pro-actively protect commuters on trains through the Queensland Police Rail Squad (which is composed of 23 officers dedicated to the rail system), additional police resources for specific tasks or locations, the contracting of private security personnel and the creation of a new role for ticket inspectors who are to be specifically trained and authorised to assist with the enforcement of passenger behaviour. Furthermore, current rolling stock is being upgraded to allow passengers to communicate more easily with the driver or guard.

### **Wheelchair Access on Buses**

- 26 The Minister was questioned about the one year initiative aimed at encouraging urban scheduled bus operators to participate in a program to operate wheelchair accessible low floor buses in different areas of the State. The Minister advised the Committee that \$2m has been made available in the form of assistance to urban bus operators who are willing to purchase up to two wheelchair accessible buses for use in the 12-month pilot program. Financial assistance to urban bus operators will be 25 per cent of the cost of each purchase and operators will be made to operate these buses in all urban bus service contract areas.

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**South Coast Motorway - Daisy Hill State Forest**

- 27 A question was asked in relation to the cost of constructing the cut and cover tunnel under the koala habitat in the Daisy Hill State Forest. The Minister advised that the estimated cost is \$135m, which is \$53m over the alternative which was originally to be a bridge-based construction. The Minister stressed that the figure of \$135m was at this stage an estimate, and that the project will go out to tender and on the basis of these tenders the actual cost will be ascertained. The Minister also pointed out that taxpayers would not have to fund the tunnel as "in broad terms, it is funded by the people who use the motorway, that is, it is a user-pays system".

**South Coast Motorway - Land Acquisition**

- 28 In relation to the funding to be allocated for land acquisition with respect to the building of the South Coast Motorway, the Committee was advised that the estimated overall land acquisition cost would be \$80m. In addition, the Minister gave an assurance to the Committee that people whose property was affected by the Motorway would be fairly dealt with in respect of compensation payments. Moreover, the Minister advised that the Government had agreed to go much further than would normally be the case in compensating people whose properties are required for road construction. Rather than resuming and paying compensation for the portion of the property required, the Government will purchase the whole property if it is the owner's desire to sell the whole of the property and leave the area.

**Pacific Highway Duplication - Reedy Creek to Tugan**

- 29 The Minister was asked to outline plans to accelerate duplication of the Reedy Creek to Tugan section of the Pacific Highway. The Minister advised that additional funds had been secured from its roads allocation in future years to enable the project to be accelerated, with reductions to be made from the Department's forward estimates from 1997-98. The Committee notes the Minister's point that by accelerating funding, the project will be completed by March 1997, some three years earlier than the original schedule.
- 30 The Minister pointed out that another benefit of accelerating the program was that the estimated cost of the project would be reduced from \$41.7m to \$33m. The Minister advised that these savings will be able to be put into other projects on this section of the Pacific Highway, such as various noise abatement works at Elanora and Palm Beach and some new highway interchanges in the suburb of Andrews and near the Boral quarry.

**Road Vehicle Fleet - Queensland Rail**

- 31 The Minister was asked to outline the number of vehicles to be purchased in the \$33.4m allocation to acquire and replace a road vehicle fleet to facilitate the provision of freight services and to maintain the rail network. The Committee was

informed that in 1994 Queensland Rail had 2,048 vehicles and that the figure for 1995-96 would be 2,084. The reason for increases in the number of vehicles owned by Queensland Rail over recent years was attributed to a changed track maintenance strategy. In the past, track gangs had moved around the State in outmoded rail trolleys whereas this movement is now facilitated by modern road vehicles.

- 32 In relation to freight services, the Committee was advised that Queensland Rail's road business Q-Link, operates 70 trucks of varying sizes. The Committee notes the turnaround which Q-Link has achieved during the time in which Queensland Rail has been involved in intermodal transport. In 1989-90 it was costing Queensland Rail \$112m to earn \$15m whilst in 1994-95 the revenue for Q-Link will be approximately \$33m with costs of approximately \$69m.

### Road Speed Limits

- 33 The Committee notes that the trial of the 110km/h speed limits on the Bruce Highway and the Landsborough Highway has not created any problems and that other research projects have identified evidence for lowering speed limits in urban areas. The Minister was asked whether there was provision within the 1995-96 Budget for the Department of Transport's speed limits review to be completed. The Minister advised that he was keen to see the review completed, as there is a need to improve the consistency and the credibility of speed limits in order to encourage voluntary compliance wherever possible. To achieve this, the Minister pointed out that it is necessary to have a hierarchy of speed limits appropriate for a range of road and traffic situations.

### General

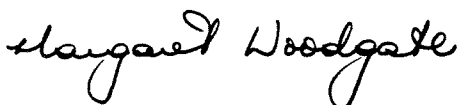
- 34 The Committee appreciates the cooperation and contribution by Ministers and departmental officers with respect to the Estimates Committee process.

### Recommendation

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

### Acknowledgment

- 36 The Committee wishes to acknowledge the valuable support and assistance of Committee Office staff 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, I feel it is important to note our reservations with respect to some aspects of the budget estimates.

### Administrative Services Department

#### Brisbane Convention Centre

- 2      The Public Sector Management Commission (PSMC) and the Public Works Committee (PWC) recommended that the design and construct method utilised in the construction of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) should be used in situations where it is justified in terms of delivery time and cost. The PSMC Report on the Review of the Administrative Services Department further expressed concerns that "non-traditional procurement procedures lack clear accountability requirements".
- 3      The Opposition is therefore critical of the use of this method on this project given the Minister's statement that there were no time imperatives on the project - apart from a request from the Premier's Department.
- 4      The Opposition further disputes the assertion by the Minister that this method has proved to be cost efficient for the taxpayer in light of multi-million dollar overruns.
- 5      The fact that neither the Minister nor the Department is able to furnish costings for the raft of major variations to the BCEC on behalf of the steering committee points to a glaring lack of accountability.
- 6      Opposition members of Committee F understand that some price variations to materials occurred over the life of the project, however, there is some dissatisfaction with this explanation in terms of the total overrun. The Opposition considers the lions share of the overruns are attributable to the major mid-construction structural alterations to the building.
- 7      Furthermore, the Opposition firmly dissents from the Government's decision to proceed with the building before appointing an operator/manager for the following reasons: a) late appointment of the operator/manager goes against established practice in the private sector; and b) consultation with the operator/manager is an essential element in project planning and development.
- 8      The Opposition does not consider the Government's apportioning of responsibility for variations/cost overruns to requests from the operator/manager appropriate, given the Government's failure to appoint the same during the critical project planning and development phase.
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- 9 Lastly, the Opposition is critical of deficiencies in the Government's feasibility planning for the centre given various key convention and incentive tourism bodies have criticised the ability to attract large scale international conventions because of acute shortages in hotel beds - despite two new hotels that will come on stream this year.

### **Government Employee Housing Scheme**

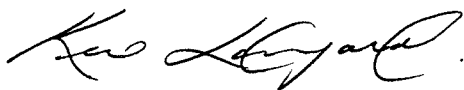
- 10 In regard to the Government Employee Housing Scheme the Opposition notes that some 190 houses were identified by the Department during 1994-95 for sale, with only 113 being sold as of 31 May 1995.
- 11 The Minister for Administrative Services has made claims of returning some \$20.4m of the proceeds of the sales of these properties back into rural and regional Queensland and the Opposition notes that to date a total of \$3.81m has been returned.
- 12 The Opposition further notes in relation to the Government Employee Housing Scheme that obvious problems are being experienced in the identification of housing surplus to departmental needs and the subsequent availability of such housing to be sold.

### **Q-Clean**

- 13 There exists some considerable discrepancies in the reported number of cleaning staff transferred from the Education Department to Q-Clean of the Administrative Services Department.
- 14 Education Department figures state 4,960 positions have been lost from the Department, whilst Administrative Services figures rely upon the figure of 3,968 additional positions being acquired as a result of the transfer of cleaning staff.

### **Consultants Fees - Queensland Health Program**

- 15 The Opposition notes that \$17.9m is to be allocated during 1995-96 to external consultants fees as a result of the Queensland Health program.



**Mr K Lingard MLA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Private Meeting held 24 May 1995

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B27 of Parliament House at 1.40pm.

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 Dollin and seconded by Mr Robertson.

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.

The Chair offered nomination to Mr Hobbs who declined the invitation.

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

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

4. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Lingard and Mr Johnson.

5. **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR TABLING OF REPORT:** The Committee discussed the time frame in which it would need to operate to enable a report to be finalised and tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, 13 June 1995.

Agreed, that subsequent to the Committee's public hearing on Wednesday 7 June, the Committee shall, on Friday 9 June, meet during the morning to discuss the draft report and at a subsequent time on that day to adopt the report. Exact meeting times yet to be determined.

6. **ORDER OF HEARING PORTFOLIOS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Resolved, that portfolios be heard in the following order during the 7 June public hearing:-

- (1) Minister for Lands;
- (2) Minister for Administrative Services; and
- (3) Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Economic and Trade Development.

Moved by Mr Hobbs, seconded by Mr Livingstone.

7. **ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR THE HEARING OF PORTFOLIOS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING:** The Committee discussed the allocation of time for the consideration of each portfolio.

Resolved, that the following parameters apply to the 7 June public hearing:-

- (1) that the public hearing shall commence at 11.30am and conclude at 11.00pm; and
- (2) that lunch and dinner shall extend for 45 and 60 minutes respectively.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Livingstone.

Agreed, that within the resolved parameters, the Committee at its next meeting would determine the length of time to be allocated for the consideration of each portfolio during the public hearing.

8. **TIME LIMIT FOR MINISTER TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:**

Resolved, that in accordance with Sessional Order 18(3), answers to Questions taken on notice by a Minister, are to be provided in a written format to the Committee within 12 hours after the question was placed on notice, or at the latest 11.00am Thursday 8 June.

Moved by Mr Livingstone, seconded by Mr Hobbs.

9. **MEMBERS, OTHER THAN COMMITTEE F MEMBERS ASKING QUESTIONS:** Resolved, that leave be granted to non Committee F Members to ask questions during the public hearing.

Moved by Mr Hobbs, seconded by Mrs Woodgate.

10. **DELIBERATION ON RULINGS BY THE CHAIRPERSON:**

Agreed, that should the need arise at the public hearing, the Committee would conduct any deliberation of a ruling by the Chair in private.

11. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Agreed, that the next private meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday 31 May at 11.05am in room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2.05pm.

13. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate and Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Livingstone and Robertson. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

**CONFIRMED:**



Margaret Woodgate

**Chairperson**

**31 May 1995**

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Private Meeting held 31 May 1995

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe at 11.09pm.
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 May 1995 (No.1) were confirmed subject to an alteration to minute No.6 which had been moved by Mr Hobbs, not Mrs Woodgate.

Moved by Mr Hobbs, seconded by Mr Szczerbanik.

3. **ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR THE HEARING OF PORTFOLIOS:**  
The Committee considered the length of time to be allocated for each portfolio at the 7 June public hearing.

Resolved, that the following time parameters apply to the 7 June public hearing:-

#### Minister for Lands

11:30am - 3:35pm (3 hours 20 minutes)

11:30am	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government

1:30pm Lunch

2:15pm Minister for Lands continued

20 mins	Opposition
20 mins	Government
20 mins	Opposition
20 mins	Government

#### Minister for Administrative Services

3:40pm - 6:00pm (2 hours 20 minutes)

3:40pm	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government

10 mins	Opposition
10 mins	Government

6:00pm - 7:00pm      Dinner

**Minister for Transport and Minister Assisting  
the Premier on Economic and Trade Development**

7:00pm - 11:00pm (3 hours 50 minutes)

7:00pm	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government
	20 mins	Opposition
	20 mins	Government

9:00pm      Supper

9:10pm      Minister for Transport continued

20 mins	Opposition
20 mins	Government
20 mins	Opposition
20 mins	Government
15 mins	Opposition
15 mins	Government

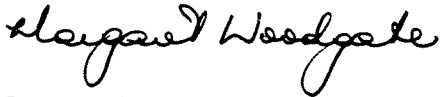
11:00pm      Close

Moved by Mr Hobbs, Seconded by Mr Livingstone.

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. **CORPORATISATION OF QUEENSLAND RAIL:** Mr Johnson raised the matter of the extent of questioning of Government Owned Corporations, in particular Queensland Rail, which could be undertaken at the public hearing. The Research Director advised the Committee that advice would be sought from the appropriate Minister to determine the extent of funding provided to Queensland Rail in the 1995-96 budget.  
  
Agreed, that the Research Director seek briefings with appropriate departmental officers and report the nature of these briefings to Committee Members as soon as possible.
6. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Agreed, that the next private meeting of the Committee be held on Friday 9 June at 11.30am in room B27 of Parliament House.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11.34am.
8. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate and Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Johnson, Lingard, Livingstone and Szczerbanik. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

**CONFIRMED:**



Margaret Woodgate  
**Chairperson**  
**9 June 1995**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Public Hearing held 7 June 1995

#### 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 1995 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 MLA  
Mr V Johnson MLA  
Mr K Lingard MLA  
Mr D Livingstone MLA  
Mr J Szczerbanik MLA

#### 4. EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE

##### 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 Smith	Director-General
Mr B Meredith	Executive Director, Corporate Services
Mr R Freeman	Executive Director, Business
Mr P Philipson	Director, Finance
Mr B Lack	Program Director, Land Use Program
Mr P Tooley	Program Director, Land Valuation Program
Dr R Hynes	Director, Research
Mr L Leader	Program Director, Land Titles Program
Mr B Ahern	Acting Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interest Program

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.

### **Suspension of Hearing**

The hearing was suspended at 1.36 p.m.

### **Resumption of Hearing**

The hearing resumed at 2.15 p.m.

At 3.35 p.m. the Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

### **Suspension of Hearing**

The hearing was suspended at 3.35 p.m.

### **Resumption of Hearing**

The hearing resumed at 3.40 p.m.

### **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 B Wilson

Mr M Grierson

Mr R Pitt

Mr T Woodward

Mr W Pashen

Director-General

Deputy Director-General, Government Services

Deputy Director-General, Commercialised Services

Director, Finance and Information Technology

Management Accountant

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.

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

Mr R Quinn MLA  
Mr M Rowell MLA

At 6.00 p.m. the Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

### **Suspension of Hearing**

The hearing was suspended at 6.00 p.m.

### **Resumption of Hearing**

The hearing resumed at 7.00 p.m.

### **Department of Transport**

In attendance was the Minister for Transport, the Honourable K Hayward MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

#### At the Table

Mr G Stevenson	Director-General
Mr G Uhlmann	Deputy Director-General (Organisational Performance)
Mr N Doyle	Acting Deputy Director-General (Policy)
Mr W Turner	Director (Finance), Department of Transport
Mr V O'Rourke	Chief Executive, Queensland Rail
Mr B Scheuber	Group General Manager Finance and Information Services, Queensland Rail
Mr G Goebel	Executive Director (Passenger Transport)
Mr R Hunter	Manager, Projects and Contracts
Mr P Blake	Director, Road Transport and Safety Division
Mr J Gralton	Regional Director, Metropolitan-South Coast

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 J Goss MLA  
Mr G Healy MLA  
Miss F Simpson MLA

**Suspension of Hearing**

The hearing was suspended at 9.05 p.m.

**Resumption of Hearing**

The hearing resumed at 9.19 p.m.

At 11.00 p.m. the Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

**Confirmed**

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Margaret Woodgate MLA  
Chairperson  
9 June 1995

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Private Meeting held 9 June 1995

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room B27 of Parliament House at 11.37am.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Johnson.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 May 1995 (No.2) were confirmed.  
  
Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Szczerbanik.
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:** The minutes of the public hearing held on 7 June 1995 were confirmed.  
  
Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Lingard.
5. **DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REPORT:** The Committee discussed various aspects of the draft report.
6. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Agreed, that the next private meeting of the Committee be held on Friday 9 June at 3.00pm with meeting room to be advised.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11.53am.
8. **ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate and Messrs Dollin, Hobbs, Lingard, Livingstone and Szczerbanik. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

#### CONFIRMED:



Margaret Woodgate  
Chairperson  
9 June 1995

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Private Meeting held 9 June 1995

1. **PRIVATE MEETING:** The Committee met in a private session in room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe at 3.08pm.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Messrs Hobbs, Johnson and Szczurbanik.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 June 1995 (No.3) were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Livingstone.

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

Resolved, that the report, as adopted by the Committee be tabled on 13 June 1995.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Lingard.

5. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Resolved, that the Additional Information Booklet be tabled on 13 June 1995.

Moved by Mr Lingard, seconded by Mr Livingstone.

6. **TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolved, that the transcript of the Committee's Public Hearing be tabled on 13 June 1995.

Moved by Mr Dollin, seconded by Mr Livingstone.

7. **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.

Moved by Mr Livingstone, seconded by Mr Lingard.

8. **MINUTES OF THIS MEETING:** Agreed, that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of this meeting after consultation with Mr Lingard.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3.20pm.



- 10. ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Woodgate and Messrs Dollin, Lingard and Livingstone. Also present were Mr Klein (Research Director) and Mr Timperley (Research Officer).

**CONFIRMED:**

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Margaret Woodgate  
**Chairperson**  
**9 June 1995**