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The House meets this day at 9.30am

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NOTICE OF MOTION

(Notice given 5 December 1996)

1 MR HOBBS to move—

(1) That this House agrees that the Proposal by the Governor in Council to revoke the setting apart and declaration as State forest under the Forestry Act of the area specified in the documents previously tabled this day, be carried out.

(2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to Her Excellency the Governor in Council.
GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (INTERIM) REGULATIONS (NOS. 2 AND 3) 1996 – Resumption of adjourned cognate debate on the motions of Mr Welford—

   (1) That the Environmental Protection (Interim) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1996 (Subordinate Legislation No. 38 of 1996) tabled in the Parliament on 2 April 1996, be disallowed.

   (2) That the Environmental Protection (Interim) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1996 (Subordinate Legislation No. 43 of 1996) tabled in the Parliament on 2 April 1996, be disallowed. (2 May 1996, Mr Rowell)

NOTICES OF MOTION

(Notice given 2 April 1996)

1 MR BEATTIE to move – That this House be given a full explanation and list of reasons why Under Treasurer Gerard Bradley, a man who has worked for Coalition and National Party Governments, was removed from his job, and that the same details be given for each and every senior public servant dismissed by this Government.

(Notice given 16 April 1996)

2 MR BEATTIE to move – That this House—

   (a) believes the Cape York Land Use Agreement between pastoralists, conservationists, aborigines and other stakeholders represents a valuable and worthwhile step in solving complex land use problems;

   (b) agrees with the Federal Government that it should be supported;

   (c) agrees with Queensland Country Life that Mr Borbidge’s unwillingness to endorse the agreement could force the whole issue back into a protracted and expensive Mabo–type court battle; and

   (d) recommends the formation of a high level working party to consult with the signatories and develop the agreement to the point where it can take effect.

(Notice given 18 April 1996)

3 MR BEATTIE to move – That this House—

   (a) is deeply concerned that the Treasurer’s capital works freeze and a lack of positive initiatives by the Government is causing economic stagnation, loss of business confidence and loss of jobs and

   (b) believes that the Treasurer should make public all those parts of the major treasury briefing she received on becoming Treasurer which could be considered positive by the business community.

(Notice given 2 May 1996)

4 MR BEATTIE to move – That the Queensland Parliament—

   (a) condemns the Health Minister for—

      (i) removing hundreds of millions of dollars from the hospital rebuilding program to fund unfunded National and Liberal Party election commitments;
(ii) showing contempt of the Parliament by providing a so-called Health Audit
Report to The Courier-Mail before providing it to Members of this Parliament;
(iii) an attack on the competence of the Labor Government-appointed
Director-General of Health, Dr Robert Stable, over alleged problems with
claims for meal allowances and other expenses;
(iv) inferring misconduct on Dr Stable’s part for failure to refer what The
Courier-Mail reports as departmental allegations of misconduct to the CJC;
(v) allowing this apparent breach of the Criminal Justice Act to continue; and
(vi) political interference in the Audit Section of Queensland Health where he has
ordered 3 separate audits into the department’s Capital Works Branch after
the first 2 audits showed a clean bill of health; and
(b) calls on Mr Horan to explain to the Parliament, if he was aware of any allegations of
impropriety or misconduct, how he could allow a departmental officer to be fully paid
out all of his entitlements, including being given a VER, if the officer concerned was
implicated in or under investigation for any impropriety or misconduct.

5 MR BEATTIE to move – That this Parliament—
   (a) condemns the incompetent minority Coalition Government for becoming a
       policy-free zone and instituting reviews at the rate of one a day since the change of
       Government on February 19 – a total of 74 reviews in 74 days;
   (b) notes growing criticism which has led to Queensland becoming known as the ‘State
       of Indecision’; and
   (c) calls on the Government to govern by making the hard decisions instead of
       prevaricating while the economy goes down the drain.
   (Notice given 15 May 1996)

6 MR BEATTIE to move – That the Parliament—
   (a) expresses its deep concern about the Borbidge/Sheldon minority Government’s
       inability to govern and its decision to review everything that is not frozen, earning
       Queensland the title of the ‘State of indecision’; and
   (b) expresses its concern about the inability of Ministers in the Dad’s Army Cabinet to
       not only demonstrate their inability to answer parliamentary questions but also to
       effectively work on behalf of the people of Queensland.

7 MR BARTON to move – That the Parliament—
   (a) expresses the strongest possible concern at the actions of the National Party during
       the Mundingburra by-election campaign; and
   (b) notes those actions include direct activity in the Concerned Citizens for
       Mundingburra campaign and inappropriate links to the campaign conducted by the
       Independent Green and the campaign conducted by the Queensland Police Union.

8 MR FOLEY to move – That the Parliament—
   (a) affirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and
       non-Aboriginal Australians; and
   (b) urges Queenslanders to support Reconciliation Week between 27 May, the
       anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and 3 June, the anniversary of the delivery
       date of the Mabo judgment.
(Notice given 16 May 1996)

9 MS BLIGH to move – That this House—
(a) calls on the Minister for Health to apologise to the Governor for blatant political abuse of her office in the May edition of Health Matters, the official publication of the Queensland Health, in which it is falsely claimed that a set of public service protocols developed and promulgated by the coalition transition to Government team were set out by the Governor; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Health to clarify the status of these so-called protocols in the next edition of Health Matters.

10 MR T SULLIVAN to move – That this Parliament—
(a) condemns the Member for Clayfield and the Minister for Transport for their failure to carry out Coalition promises given to northside residents concerning transport corridors near Junction Road and the construction of the cut and cover solution to the Nundah bottleneck; and
(b) further condemns their inability to convince 16 fellow Cabinet Ministers that the residents of Brisbane’s inner northern suburbs should receive the same treatment as the residents who live near Mrs Sheldon’s motorway and not just be given empty promises.

11 MR PEARCE to move – That this Parliament calls on the Borbidge minority Government not to implement Treasurer Sheldon’s plan to cut funding to the ‘60’s and better’ program which provides many health and recreational activities for thousands of Queensland’s senior citizens, including more than 400 Rockhampton residents.

(Notice given 9 July 1996)

12 MR CAMPBELL to move – That this Parliament—
(a) supports an official tartan for the State of Queensland and
(b) considers the design proposed by Jack Allan of Bundaberg as the official tartan for the State of Queensland.

(Notice given 11 July 1996)

13 MR WELFORD to move – That this House—
(1) notes—
(a) that the Minister for the Environment has previously allowed 10ha of Mahogany Glider habitat to be destroyed despite clear warnings from the landowner that bulldozers were about to go into the area;
(b) that the Minister has not acted to remove the offending landowner from the Mahogany Glider Consultative Committee despite the violation;
(c) a further 100 football fields of Mahogany Glider habitat were this week demolished while the Minister procrastinates over the implementation of the Mahogany Glider Conservation Plan finalised by the former Labor Government in January this year; and
(2) condemns the Minister and the State Government for continuing to breach their responsibility under the Nature Conservation Act to protect the habitat of the Mahogany Glider which is threatened with extinction.

(Notice given 23 July 1996)

14 MR BEATTIE to move – That the Queensland Parliament—
(a) condemns the Treasurer for instituting what she herself has identified as a freeze on Government spending at a Cabinet meeting on 23 February, exactly five months ago today;
(b) deplores the fact that despite all departments supplying their lists of projects to be frozen by 16 March and the Budget Review Committee making a final decision by 10 June, communities have never been given a full list of projects which have been cancelled;

(c) condemns the Government for the enormous damage this freeze has inflicted on construction companies, suppliers and communities in regional Queensland; and

(d) expresses its concern at the fact that many cities and towns have been betrayed by a directionless Government which is not up to the task of running this State.

(Notice given 25 July 1996)

15 MR BEATTIE to move – That this Parliament condemns the minority State Government for its failure and inability to bring forward major projects such as Century Zinc and the Comalco refinery, which were well advanced under the Labor Government and calls on the Government, after five months of inactivity, freeze and review, to stop talking down the economy, provide economic leadership and get this State moving again.

16 MR PALASZCZUK to move – That this House establish an all–party Parliamentary Committee consisting of six (6) members, three (3) from the Government and three (3) from the Opposition with the chairperson having a deliberative vote, to investigate the proposal to grow cotton in the Windorah area and report to the Parliament as soon as possible.

17 MR ROBERTSON to move—
(1) That this House notes that the Minister for Transport and Main Roads has, for the third sitting day running, failed to ensure the delivery of departmental newsletters to the residents of Underwood regarding the proposed widening of the South East Freeway to eight lanes, some two weeks after he announced that this had already been done; and

(2) That this House condemns the Minister for his lack of commitment to ensuring that affected residents are informed about the Government’s plans and that the Minister has completely failed to keep his promise that all residents will be properly consulted about the Government’s proposed “Super Highway” that will have such a devastating impact on the suburbs of Underwood, Springwood and Rochedale.

(Notice given 6 August 1996)

18 MR BEATTIE to move—
That this Parliament expresses concern that the Government is now in its sixth month and the Premier is still unable to produce an economic development strategy statement following the Treasurer’s inability to produce an economic statement in May, and calls on the minority Coalition Government to provide – as a matter of extreme urgency – strong economic leadership and let the business world know if it has an economic plan and an economic development strategy – and, if so, what they are.

19 MR CAMPBELL to move—
That this House notes with regret the reported racist comments of Australian Sports Administrator, Arthur Tunstall and further, that Arthur Tunstall has repeatedly brought shame to Australia by his unacceptable racist remarks and that this House should reconsider Government funding to sports which continue to be associated with Arthur Tunstall as a Sports Administrator.

(Notice given 7 August 1996)

20 MR BEATTIE to move – That this Parliament condemns the broken promises of the minority Coalition Government and its betrayal of the people of Queensland in breaking its election promises, including—
(1) promising not to remove common law rights under the Workers’ Compensation scheme which it has now done;
(2) promising not to privatise school cleaning – now more than 5,000 people will be jobless by Christmas;
(3) promising not to cut the budget of the Department of the Environment where 100 people have already lost their jobs;
(4) promising to immediately increase police numbers – but July’s intake of 40 recruits at the Police Academy was cancelled;
(5) promising 80 new police would emerge from a new academy in Townsville in the first year of Government – but not one new officer will emerge to pound the beat;
(6) promising not to introduce new or increased taxes and charges – but compulsory third party insurance rose by a whopping $66;
(7) promising to save the extremely rare mahogany glider as part of a $16m Federal/State plan to protect its dwindling patch of rainforest home which, in fact, has come crashing down;
(8) promising not to sell off the family silver – but Suncorp and QIDC are being sold;
(9) promising that the public service could ‘relax’ because there would be no purge – but a $300m purge is taking place;
(10) promising freedom of information would be made easier – but this Government has put up new barriers to hide the truth of what it is conspiring to do; and

Calls on Premier Borbidge and Treasurer Sheldon to ensure that promises be kept in line with the Contract with Queensland made by the Premier on 3 July 1995.

21 **MS EDMOND** to move—

(1) That this House condemns the Health Minister for—

(a) failing to adequately answer a question in this House about the deep concerns raised by health workers that hundreds of sick people, including children, were denied proper treatment at the Yarrabah Hospital over the weekend in the face of a severe flu epidemic;

(b) subsequently dismissing concerns of local people who had been turned away from Yarrabah Hospital without proper medications because the Cairns Base Hospital had run out of panadol supplies, describing the situation as a beat–up despite confirmation of the crisis by the Cairns District Health Service reported in *The Cairns Post* on 6 August 1996;

(c) failing to deliver the very basic of health services to local communities in regional Queensland as a result of decisions taken by the Minister to reduce funding to community health designed to provide health care close to where people actually live;

(d) failing to instruct the Cairns District Health Service to immediately resolve the shortfall by purchasing emergency supplies of panadol from local suppliers or pharmacists; and

(2) calls on Mr Horan to explain to the Parliament why he allowed this health crisis at Yarrabah to continue for over three days; and ask him to apologise to health workers, doctors and patients caught in the middle of this disgraceful example of bureaucratic red tape.

22 **MR BREDHAUER** to move—

That this House notes today’s national day of action by the higher education sector, including students, staff and lecturers from all Queensland Universities to protest against funding cuts by the Federal Government and

That this Parliament supports the campaign and calls on the Federal Government to honour its election promise not to cut funding for higher education.
MR CAMPBELL to move—

That this House congratulates our Australian Olympic athletes on their magnificent performances at the Atlanta Olympic Games and on winning the most medals ever in the history of our nation’s participation in the Olympics and that we congratulate all of our Queensland-based athletes on their sportsmanship and achievements, especially our medal winners—

Kieren Perkins, Susie O’Neill, Cathy Freeman, Samantha Riley, Daniel Kowalski, Katrin Borchert, Anna Wood, Baeden Choppy, Tanya Harding, Joyce Lester, Carolyn Crudington, Frankie McRae, Haylea Petrie, Jenny Whittle, Nicole Stevenson, Renita Farrell, Clover Maitland, Jennifer Morris, Kim Cooper, Sandy Brondello and Clint Robinson

And that this House urges all patriotic Queenslanders to attend the ‘welcome home’ parades planned in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast.

(Notice given 8 August 1996)

MR ROBERTSON to move—

That this House notes that of the 16 major capital works projects in Queensland schools, listed by the Premier in this House on 5 August—

2 of the projects were listed twice;
12 of the 14 or 86% of the remaining projects are located in National and Liberal Party electorates; and
only 2 of the projects are located in Labor Electorates.

That this House condemns the Premier and the Minister for Education for the blatant porkbarrelling of coalition electorates at the expense of students in Labor areas and agrees that the capital works freeze for major education projects for over 90% of Queenslanders is very real, as proven by the figures quoted by the Premier.

(Notice given 4 September 1996)

MR CAMPBELL to move—

(1) That this House views with grave concern the national salmonella food poisoning outbreak traced to the Kingaroy based peanut processor and notes the paper presented to the Australian Institute of Environmental Health State Conference stating there is a substantial under-reporting and inadequate investigation of food-borne illnesses and that the food inspection system was outdated and needed an overhaul; and

(2) That this House places the utmost importance on a high standard of hygiene to ensure the public health and to protect the export market ‘clean food’ image of Queensland.

(3) Therefore, this House will establish an all-party select committee to inquire into and make recommendations concerning the hygiene of food processing, including prepared and take-away foods, food handling, adequacy of inspection and testing procedures, reporting of food poisoning cases, public warning procedures and any other matter concerning food hygiene; and

(4) That the select committee report to the House by the end of February 1997.

(Notice given 10 September 1996)

MR BEATTIE to move— That this Parliament condemns the Premier for his clear and unequivocal breach of commitment to Queensland tobacco growers in September 1992 when he said, “I’m on the side of the Queensland tobacco growers. There will be no increase in the State’s tobacco tax in the first time of a National Party led Coalition Government.”
MR FOLEY to move – That this House congratulates the organisers of the Brisbane Festival for achieving an outstanding success in the inaugural festival.

MR CAMPBELL to move – That this House congratulates our Australian Para–Olympic athletes on their magnificent performance at the Atlanta Para–Olympic Games and on winning the most medals ever in the history of our nation’s participation in the Para–Olympics and that we congratulate all of our Queensland–based athletes on their sportsmanship and achievements and I would personally like to congratulate Bundaberg Para–Olympian Tracy Oliver on her silver medal and all other Queensland Para–Olympians on their great performances.

MR NUTTALL to move – That this House censure the Minister for Public Works and Housing in relation to the manner in which he handled the increase in rent for pensioners living in Senior Units in the Sandgate electorate.

Further, that the House notes that the Minister has failed in his duty by instructing his department to ignore its own policy guidelines in relation to rent increases calculated using the market rate system.

The Parliament calls on the Minister to overturn his original decision and do the right and just thing by the pensioners living in Senior Units in the Sandgate Electorate and phase in the rental increases.

(Notice given 11 September 1996)

MR ROBERTSON to move—
(1) That this Parliament condemns the disgraceful and racist comments by the Member for Oxley, Mrs Pauline Hansen, during her maiden speech to the Federal Parliament.

(2) Of the many offensive and untrue assertions made by the Member for Oxley, this Parliament in particular rejects the statement that “Australia is in danger of being swamped by Asians and that they form ghettos and do not assimilate”.

(3) This Parliament views with grave concern the continuing racist campaign by Mrs Hansen and the potential for her comments to hurt and offend many thousands of Australians with Asian backgrounds and damage relations with our major trading partners in the Asian region which are so important to this State’s continuing economic growth, prosperity and ability to generate employment.

(Notice given 12 September 1996)

MR BEATTIE to move – That this Parliament condemns the decision by the Government to censure the operations of the Estimates Committees by excluding television cameras and stations from reporting the deliberations of these Committees in the same way that Parliament is covered on a daily basis.

Parliament notes that this is being done to hide the Treasurer from being accountable to the people of Queensland for her Budget.

MR WELFORD to move – That this Parliament—
(1) expresses its deepest regret and disappointment at the Coalition Government’s sudden decision to sell off Fleay’s Wildlife Park at Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast and in doing so, betraying the trust of one of our State’s greatest wildlife naturalists, Dr David Fleay;

(2) apologises to the Fleay family, the shocked and loyal staff of the sanctuary and the thousands of Queensland mums, dads and their children who can no longer rely on this Government to hold such solemn bequests in safe custody for the people of Queensland; and

(3) calls on the Minister for Environment and the Premier, himself a Gold Coast representative, to reconsider this tragic proposal, respect the bequest of Dr David Fleay who made a gift of this sanctuary to our State for the benefit of all
Queenslanders, not a private entrepreneur, and fulfil their responsibility to protect and hold this icon of Queensland wildlife parks in public hands in trust for our children now and in the future.

(Notice given 8 October 1996)

33 MR DOLLIN to move – That this House—

(a) takes note of the deceptive statements by the Minister for Primary Industries in relation to the Minister’s position on the lock-up of 15 per cent of all native forests existing in Queensland prior to the year 1750; and

(b) condemns the Minister for misleading the timber industry and being untruthful in stating that the Goss Labor Government had signed the agreement.

(Notice given 11 October 1996)

34 MR FOLEY to move – That this House—

Notes that the Heiner Inquiry was so poorly constituted that it led to Crown Law advice that people giving evidence to it could be sued for defamation, a problem which led to the forced closure of the inquiry;

Condemns the Government for having excluded from the terms of reference of its inquiry an examination of this gross error by the National Party Government in 1989;

Calls on the Government not to waste any more of the public’s money on further inquiries into the issue;

But instructs that, if more money is wasted on yet another inquiry into this farce, the Government do the job properly by including in the terms of reference an examination of the National Party Government’s role in causing the ensuing problems;

Further, that this House—

Notes that page 208 of the Morris Report lists all the eminent lawyers who had already examined the allegations of Mr Harris and Mr Reynolds, saying that, “If there is any substance at all in the allegations made by Mr Harris and Mr Reynolds, that can only be on the basis that there is a widespread web of corruption which not only exists within the Queensland Police Service, but which extended or extends to the Fitzgerald Inquiry, the Office of the Director of Prosecutions, the Criminal Justice Commission, the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee and at least two officers of the New South Wales Police.”; and

Deplores the fact that this Government was so blinded by its desire to embarrass the former Labor Government that it, too, believed there was substance in the allegations; and

Calls on the Government to reveal how much public money was spent on this ridiculous goose chase.

(Notice given 29 October 1996)

35 MR ROBERTSON to move—

That this House notes the denial of the right to free speech and expression by the organisers of the Pro–Hansen rally on the Gold Coast last night, by refusing entry to fellow Australians who hold contrary views to those espoused by the Member for Oxley and her supporters; and that given the ongoing and increasingly irrational and damaging anti–immigration debate, this House calls on Prime Minister Howard to demonstrate leadership in defending a tolerant, cohesive and multi–cultural Australia and take a strong stand against those who actively discriminate against Australians of Aboriginal and Asian descent.
36 **MR ROBERTSON** to move – That, in light of evidence of increasing racial intolerance and acts of racial vilification and violence, this Parliament calls on the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premiers and chief Ministers of all Australian States to use tomorrow's Council of Australian Governments meeting in Brisbane to provide leadership and use this unique opportunity to make a unanimous and unequivocal statement calling on all Australians to stand as one against those who intentionally or otherwise seek to divide our nation by their ongoing insensitive and offensive attacks on fellow Australians of Aboriginal and Asian descent.

(Notice given 14 November 1996)

37 **MR WELFORD** to move – That this House notes—

(1) that the Federal Minister for Environment told a Townsville meeting of the Dugong Review Group on 4 October 1996 that he "would like the Commonwealth and Queensland Ministers for Environment to be able to consider a package of emergency measures ... at the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Council" to be held at the end of this week;

(2) that the State Government has not given any undertaking to support such measures;

(3) that the Federal Minister, emphasising the need for “urgent contributions to dugong protection”, stated that if the parties “cannot voluntarily and co-operatively take the necessary action to protect dugong then the Commonwealth will be left with no option” but to "take further action itself"; and

calls on the Minister for Environment, Mr Littleproud, and the Government to support the immediate implementation of a package of emergency measures, including at the minimum the immediate termination of gill-netting operations throughout the dugong’s habitat and range within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

(Notice given 28 November 1996)

38 **MR WELFORD** to move – That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for misleading this House, agricultural, grazing and other rural industries and the people of Queensland, with his repeated false claims that the revenue from the new oil and tyre levies will be allocated to the management and recycling of oil and waste tyres when the truth is that the anticipated $25m revenue will go into consolidated revenue or subsidies to industry with no direct benefit to recycling or waste reduction.

(Notice given 4 December 1996)

39 **MS BLIGH** to move – That this House—

(1) Expresses grave concern about the Government’s secret agenda for the Queensland public sector, including—

• the introduction of Competitive Service Delivery requirements for all Budget sector agencies;

• the introduction of a purchaser/provider split in the delivery of public services;

• the introduction of radical new models of service delivery, including contractual franchising, voucher payments and direct social payments; and

(2) Further, notes that the Government has no mandate for the implementation of this agenda and calls on the Government to put an immediate halt to the development and implementation of these proposals until a comprehensive Government discussion paper has been prepared and released for public consultation.

40 **MR CAMPBELL** to move—

That this House notes with concern the suspected food related viral infection outbreak of passengers travelling on a Brisbane to Townsville Ansett flight last week, and that during the month of November—
• the confirmed 500–plus passengers contracting salmonella poisoning on 14 Qantas flights out of Cairns;

• the 80 students and 9 teachers at Park Ridge High School who suffered food poisoning at a Brisbane Hotel;

• the 84 Townsville people who suffered food poisoning from eating chicken at seven different functions;

• the food poisoning outbreak in Toowoomba;

and acknowledges the growing loss of public confidence in the food hygiene, food inspection systems in Queensland, the concern for the ‘clean image’ of our food exporting industries and the damage being done to our tourism industry;

and condemns the State Government for its inaction and refusal to debate and establish an all–party select committee to inquire into this matter as I proposed to the House on 4 September 1996.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on Wednesday, 29 January 1997. Answers are required by Sessional Orders to be hand delivered to the Bills and Papers Office, Room A.18.1, Parliament House by 5pm on Friday, 28 February 1997.

39 MS ROSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to a contract between Queensland Health and the Gold Coast Surgicentre which was entered into in late 1995 to utilise Commonwealth Government funding under the waiting list backlog program—

(1) What is the status of this contract?

(2) Is Queensland Health engaged in any legal action in this matter; if so, will he advise who is acting for the Crown in any legal action pending?

(3) Does Queensland Health still have the funding set aside to effect this contract according to terms agreed in 1995; if so, how much funding remains unspent?

40 MR LUCAS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

(1) What are the figures, by district, of the incidence of preventable childhood diseases such as whooping cough, measles and chicken pox?

(2) Will he provide more details of Queensland’s immunisation rates referred to in the media and some information to summarise his department’s analysis of the reasons behind the low rate of vaccination?

(3) What specific action has Queensland Health taken to ensure that those children going back to school after the summer holiday break have been properly immunised?

41 MRS WOODGATE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

(1) How many new nursing positions have been advertised by Queensland Health in 1996–97?

(2) How many of those nursing positions have been filled and at what level were these appointments made?

(3) How many new medical positions have been advertised by Queensland Health in 1996–97?

(4) How many of those medical positions have been filled and of those, how many new positions are visiting medical officer or medical specialist positions?

42 MR BRISKEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to Christmas holiday closures of beds, wards, theatres and other health services in public hospitals—

(1) How many beds, wards, theatres or other health services were reduced or shut-down during this period?

(2) Have any permanent closures been implemented and will he give details of the closures and the hospitals concerned?

(3) How long will these closures remain in place?

(4) How many temporary and casual hospital staff are no longer employed by Queensland Health as a result of these efficiency changes?

43 MR MULHERIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to his answers to previous questions in Parliament on budget estimates for individual hospitals giving lengthy explanations as to the unavailability of these base budget figures for 1996–97—
(1) Now that he has provided *The Courier-Mail* with the details of certain hospitals in the south–east corner of Queensland, will he also provide indicative budgets for individual public hospitals across Queensland to the Parliament as requested on several prior occasions; if not, will he explain why he has been able to work out a way to determine the base budgets of a small number of key hospitals in the metropolitan area but won’t do the same favour for regional and rural Queensland hospitals?

(2) Will he give an assurance that all senior hospital management, medical and nursing staff who have responsibilities to come in on budget have been provided with the details of the base budget they are working within?

44 **MR NUTTALL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to reports that he has obtained additional funds from Treasury to assist the Nambour Hospital to cope with a significant budget over–run—

(1) Has he approved extra funds for the Nambour Hospital from Treasury; if so, how much extra will this hospital be receiving in 1996–97?

(2) Will he advise what the hospital’s original base budget allocation was for 1996–97?

(3) Are there any special terms attached to the additional funding as part of the rescue–package referred to in the Sunshine Coast media either with Treasury or Queensland Health in relation to service delivery or activity level targets; if so, what are they?

45 **MR HOLLIS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the redevelopment of the Redcliffe Hospital—

(1) Has Queensland Health given any consideration to closing down maternity services at Redcliffe and redirecting expectant mothers to Caboolture Hospital; if so, on what basis has this proposal been floated?

(2) Has any consideration or decision been made regarding the transfer of surgical activity planned for Caboolture Hospital to the Redcliffe Hospital; if so, what is the rationale behind this change; if not, why has Caboolture stopped taking bookings for most elective surgery procedures?

46 **MR NUNN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to medical specialist shortages in Queensland—

(1) How many new full–time medical specialist positions were funded in the 1996–97 State Budget?

(2) How many vacancies are there for medical specialists at present for full–time and part–time placements and what districts are these vacancies attached to?

(3) How many additional medical specialist positions would be necessary based on current advice from his department to resolve the shortage of medical specialists in Queensland and how much would this cost the State Government to implement, assuming the recommended increases could be filled by suitably qualified medical practitioners?

(4) How many medical specialist positions (part–time/full–time) are filled by overseas locums?

47 **MR McELLIGOTT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to an article in the *Townsville Bulletin* of 15 January, in which the Townsville District Health Service’s District Manager, Dr Chris Kennedy, said that the addition of oncology and other tertiary services had caused an increase in the waiting list for public non–urgent, elective ENT surgical cases of up to two years—

Is there another ENT specialist available to do public theatre sessions at Townsville General Hospital; if so, why has the Government failed to provide funds for these much needed services?
MR BARTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to media reports that Queensland’s gun buy-back centres have no armed security guards or police presence for security reasons, and that police have advised that no funding is available for such security—

(1) Will he provide armed security or a police presence for security for staff at the buy-back centres and the members of the public attending these centres?

(2) Did the request by him for funding to the Federal Government for implementation of the weapons legislation include the funding of security at the guns buy-back centres?

MR PEARCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR GILMORE)—

(1) Is he aware that the Booval Mines Rescue Service currently has, as part of its emergency response fleet, the following vehicles (a) a Ford Trader twin cab truck which is 14 years old, has a high fuel consumption to carry load, which also contributes to handling instability and a braking system which is inadequate and (b) a Toyota bus which is 16 years old, is used for the purpose of carrying Mines Rescue Service members, has low mileage but, because of the age of its components and the condition of its sub-frame, is considered to be a safety risk?

(2) Under Duty of Care principles, who accepts responsibility for damage, injury and or the loss of life where the inadequacies of these vehicles are the cause of an accident?

(3) What other emergency response service would be expected to continue using vehicles which are inadequate for the needs of the service?

(4) Would he, Department of Mines’ senior officers and/or the Chief Inspector of Mines be prepared to travel in outdated and potentially accident prone vehicles?

MR SMITH ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

With reference to the interim copy of the second draft of the Rowes Bay – Pallarenda Foreshore Management Study—

(1) It is clear that the principal cause of erosion is related to Government-sponsored, man-made structures, particularly in the harbour area, and is it equally clear that the relatively expensive beach nourishment option is the only viable solution?

(2) Will he commit his Government to the major funding of this now urgently required work?

(3) In view of the proximity of the local government elections and the fact that this will be a major issue, will he as Premier and Minister responsible for the central agencies of Government, state the Government’s position in unequivocal terms immediately and not seek to have the issue blurred by referring this question to various line Ministers with responsibilities in this area?

MR J SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR HOBBS)—

With reference to the review his department is conducting of the use of Crown land on Bribie Island—

(1) Is the freehold land purchased by the previous Labor Government on the island for conservation purposes now to be included in this review; if so, why, bearing in mind it was purchased by a Government Department out of its acquisition budget for a specific departmental purpose and is therefore not Crown land?

(2) Will he rule out the possibility of any of this freehold land being sold by the Government as a result of this review; if not, why not?

(3) Will he rule out the possibility of any of this land being developed for residential purposes; if not, why not?
(4) Is he aware of the studies that have been conducted into the environmental quality of Pumicestone Passage and the alarming results achieved; if so, does he support the recommendations flowing from that study to limit population levels adjacent to the passage in an attempt to arrest and improve water quality in the passage?

52 MR DOLLIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (MR CONNOR)—
As Maryborough has no public housing capital works program in place, is Maryborough going to get its share of the Spot Purchase Plan; if so, when?

53 MR McGRADY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
(1) In view of the increased traffic on the Townsville to Mt Isa railway line, what will the Queensland Rail proposed gang strength be?
(2) In view of the shortage of housing in Cloncurry, will he confirm that his policy is to provide railway housing to all employees of Queensland Rail who desire accommodation and will he outline what proposals he has in place to address this problem?

54 MR BEATTIE ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—
With reference to an article in the Sunday Mail on 19 January which states that serious talks are occurring between State Government officials and the Royal National Association over plans to site a super–stadium on the showground site—
(1) Is this true; if so, will he now rule out any possibility of this stadium being sited at Roma Street or Suncorp Stadium?
(2) Does the RNA support the State Government’s move for a super–stadium on the RNA site?
(3) What sort of money is being discussed at these talks to fund his super–stadium and where does he see these funds coming from?
(4) Were any State Government officials or members of the new South Bank Board in attendance at the recent Superbowl in New Orleans to study the operation of that super–stadium; if so, who funded the costs of their travel and accommodation?
(5) What capacity is being looked at for the stadium and how often is it projected it will fill in any one year?
(6) Will he rule out any involvement of the heritage listed old Museum Building in these plans for a super–stadium?
(7) How does he envisage the RNA being able to co–exist with a super–stadium and its attendant car–parking needs?
(8) Will he rule out the possibility of Victoria Park being converted to car park to service the super–stadium?
(9) Will the local residents and community groups be consulted about any such plans?

55 MS BLIGH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE (MR LINGARD)—
With reference to the tragic drowning of a resident at the Basil Stafford Centre in December 1996 and the public statements in The Courier–Mail on 21 December of the Reverend Alan Male that “internal and external investigations are being held”—
(1) Who is conducting each of these investigations?
(2) When did each investigation commence?
(3) Have either of these investigations resulted in any outcomes; if not, when will these investigations be finalised?
(4) Will he give an undertaking to fully inform the Parliament when these investigations are completed?

56 **MR WELLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR VEIVERS)—**

With reference to the Staib Report recommendation of May 1996 that the funding of the Emergency Services Department be boosted by $30m—

When is that recommendation going to be acted upon?

57 **MR FOLEY ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—**

With reference to the Commonwealth Government’s plan to slash $5m from funding to legal aid in Queensland—

(1) Does he condemn the actions of the Commonwealth Attorney–General in planning to cut legal aid funding?

(2) What action is he taking to ensure that Queensland receives at least the level of funding it received under the Federal Labor Government?

(3) Will he give an unequivocal assurance that legal aid services to Queenslanders will not be cut?

58 **MR FOURAS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—**

With reference to his announcement to open a new cardiac unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital—

(1) What range of medical treatments has he included in the 2,200 procedures referred to in his press statements on the new facility planned in its first year of operation?

(2) Will the PA Hospital require any additional intensive care or high dependency beds to support this facility; if so, what arrangements have been made in this regard?

59 **MR BREDHAUER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—**

Will he provide details of action being taken by the State Government to resolve concerns of the Kuranda State High School Parents and Citizens and the Mareeba Shire Council over access and headworks costs for the new high school at Kuranda?

60 **MS EDMOND ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—**

(1) How much did it cost to advertise in the media the State Government’s enterprise bargaining offer for health workers and nurses?

(2) In what media did this advertising appear?

(3) Which unit of his department is responsible for this expenditure?

61 **MR ARDILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—**

(1) Will he give consideration to initiating negotiations with the New South Wales State Government aimed at improving the interstate passenger rail service between Brisbane and Sydney, to eliminate the present totally unsympathetic schedule which brings travellers into Brisbane at 5am and into Sydney at approximately 10pm, after most connections have departed, and to introduce a modern catering service to replace the appalling food service now suffered by travellers?

(2) Will he also consider promoting the restoration of the Brisbane Limited sleeping car train, now sitting idle at Junee, New South Wales to supplement the XPT services?
62 MR PALASZCZUK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
(1) Has the dental unit which previously operated out of the Goondiwindi Hospital closed; if so, will he explain why and advise where Goondiwindi residents can access dental health care?
(2) When did the service officially close?

63 MR HAYWARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (MR CONNOR)—
With reference to the priority wait system to be introduced in March for persons applying for public rental accommodation—
Will those persons currently on the wait list be notified of the new system, and what steps will be taken to ensure those persons are not disadvantaged?

64 MR DE LACY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
With reference to the media release of August 1996 reprinted in Walk and Talk, the official newsletter of the QGBOTA, which states that he has announced approval of “more than $250,000 from the RDF” and goes on to detail grants of $110,800—
Has the balance of more than $139,200 been distributed, and will he provide details of such distribution?

65 MR CAMPBELL ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—
With reference to the Native Title and pastoral leases—
(1) What is his definition of (a) title, (b) aboriginal title, (c) pastoral lease, (d) lease and (e) aboriginal rights on pastoral leases?
(2) Did the High Court Wik judgement confirm pastoralists rights on pastoral leases to (a) raise livestock and (b) establish fences, yards, bores, mills and accommodation?
(3) Do pastoralists retain the same legal interest as was their legal entitlement before the decision?
(4) Does the Wik decision not have a legal impact on (a) the value of the pastoral lease and (b) the value of the security which the pastoral lease may provide for borrowing money?

66 MR ROBERTSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—
With reference to dredging applications presently being assessed by the Department of Environment for sand and gravel extraction from Moreton Bay—
(1) Which companies have made application for which areas, in what volumes and over what time frame?
(2) What are the current extraction levels by these companies or others from Moreton Bay and for what areas?
(3) Does he intend to grant these applications; if so, does he intend to alter the Moreton Bay Marine Park zoning plan from what it was in February 1996 to accommodate these applications?
(4) Is the consideration of these applications the reason this zoning plan has still not been finalised some 12 months later?
(5) Does he believe that the applied for levels of extraction are consistent with the principles embodied in the declaration of a marine park?
(6) Does he agree that his much heralded cessation of dredging in the Brisbane River has simply shifted the problem into Moreton Bay?
67 Mr Schwarzten asked the minister for transport and main roads (Mr Johnson)—

With reference to the ongoing restructure of Queensland Rail, in particular as it applies to the signalmen’s position—

(1) What guarantees will he give to the signalmen employed in Rockhampton that (a) their jobs are secure and (b) that there will be no abolition of their positions?

(2) What other assurances will he give to these workers and their families that they will continue to retain the employment and conditions they currently enjoy with Queensland Rail?

68 Mr Purcell asked the minister for public works and housing (Mr Connor)—

(1) What is the number and classification of blue collar employees currently employed by his department?

(2) What is the number and classification of white collar employees currently employed by his department?

(3) What district and area are they employed in?

(4) Will he give these employees and the House assurances that their jobs are safe in the light of the Government’s privatisation policies?

69 Mr T Sullivan asked the minister for education (Mr Quinn)—

With reference to electronic security systems which have dramatically reduced the loss of property and the disruption of classes in Queensland schools, thus saving the Education Department millions of dollars that would otherwise have been expended in replacement costs, yet his department’s policy of charging schools for certain call–outs by the Queensland Protective Services is transferring the above savings as additional costs to local schools—

Will he therefore rescind the policy of charging local schools for security call–outs?

70 Mr Hamill asked the deputy premier, treasurer and minister for the arts (Mrs Sheldon)—

With reference to her answer to Question on Notice No. 1233, wherein the Member for Gladstone was seeking confirmation that the megabank will not result in forced redundancies or reduction in services, the Minister stated “The government would not be in a position to provide the confirmations sought in respect of Suncorp and QIDC had they continued in their corporatised form ... (and that it) is certainly not in a position to provide such confirmations for the private sector merged group” and to sections 123 and 124 of the Government Owned Corporations Act 1993 which provide the Government with general reserve powers to notify corporatised boards of public sector policies and to issue directions in the public interest, sections under which confirmations of no forced retrenchments and maintenance of services could readily have been provided—

(1) Why did she once again mislead this House and, in particular, the Member for Gladstone?

(2) If she had no intention of protecting Suncorp and QIDC jobs and services after she privatised them why did she and her Coalition colleagues uniformly support the motion passed by this House, that there should be no forced retrenchments arising from the privatisation of Suncorp and QIDC?
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