NOTICE PAPER

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The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ESTIMATES COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENT OF – Resumption of adjourned debate.

Appointment of Committees
1. The following Estimates Committees are appointed—
   • Estimates Committee A
   • Estimates Committee B
   • Estimates Committee C
   • Estimates Committee D
   • Estimates Committee E
   • Estimates Committee F
   • Estimates Committee G

Role of Committees
2.(1) The proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill are referred to the estimates committees immediately after each of the Bills has been read a second time.
(2) Each Committee is to examine and report by no later than 8 July 1997 on the proposed expenditures for the organisational units allocated to it.

Estimates Committee A
3. The following organisational units are allocated to Estimates Committee A—
   • Office of the Governor
   • Legislative Assembly
   • Queensland Audit Office
   • Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations
   • Department of the Premier and Cabinet
   • Department of Economic Development and Trade
   • Treasury Department
   • Any other organisational units within the portfolios of the Premier and the Treasurer

Estimates Committee B
4. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee B—
   • Attorney–General and Minister for Justice
   • Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing
   • Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Sport.

Estimates Committee C
5. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee C—
   • Minister for Transport and Main Roads
   • Minister for Public Works and Housing.

Estimates Committee D
6. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee D—
   • Minister for Environment
   • Minister for Tourism, Small Business and Industry
   • Minister for Local Government and Planning
Estimates Committee E
7. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee E—
   • Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Forestry
   • Minister for Mines and Energy
   • Minister for Natural Resources.

Estimates Committee F
8. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee F—
   • Minister for Education
   • Minister for Training and Industrial Relations.

Estimates Committee G
9. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee G—
   • Minister for Health
   • Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care

Government Owned Corporations
10. (1) A reference to the organisational units within the portfolio of a Minister is deemed to include Government Owned Corporations reporting to the Minister.
    (2) In respect of Government Owned Corporations, a member of a committee may ask any question which the committee determines will assist it in its examination of the relevant Appropriation Bill or otherwise assist the committee determine whether public funds are being efficiently spent or appropriate public guarantees are being provided.

Membership of Committees
11. (1) Each estimates committee consists of six Members of whom three are to be nominated by the Leader of Government Business and three by the Leader of the Opposition. For the purpose of these Sessional Orders, those Members nominated by the Leader of Government Business are called Government Members and those Members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition are called Non–Government Members.
    (2) The Chairman of each committee is to be a Government Member nominated by the Leader of Government Business.
    (3) The committee is to elect a deputy chairman, who is a Non–Government Member.

Dates for Hearings
12. The estimates committees are to meet to hear evidence in accordance with the following schedule—
   • Estimates Committee A — Tuesday 10 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee B — Wednesday 11 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee C — Thursday 12 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee D — Friday 13 and Friday 20 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee E — Tuesday 17 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee F — Wednesday 18 June 1997
   • Estimates Committee G — Thursday 19 June 1997

Committee Membership
13. Members be appointed to estimates committees as follows—
   • Estimates Committee A—
     Mr Woolmer (Chairman), Messrs Beattie, Grice, Hamill and Healy and Ms Spence
• Estimates Committee B—
  Mr Stephan (Chairman), Messrs Barton and Carroll, Mrs Cunningham and
  Messrs Foley and Wells
• Estimates Committee C—
  Mr J Goss (Chairman), Mr Baumann, Mrs Bird and Messrs Elder, Healy and
  Mackenroth
• Estimates Committee D—
  Mrs Warwick (Chairman), Messrs Gibbs, Mackenroth, Mitchell, Rowell and
  Welford
• Estimates Committee E—
  Mr Elliott (Chairman), Messrs McGrady, Malone, Palaszczuk, Radke and
  Schwarten
• Estimates Committee F—
  Mr Lester (Chairman), Messrs Braddy, Bredhauer, Hegarty, Roberts and Tanti
• Estimates Committee G—
  Mrs Gamin (Chairman), Ms Bligh, Mr Carroll, Ms Edmond, Ms Spence and
  Miss Simpson

Illness or inability to attend
14.(1) In the case of illness or inability to attend by a member of an estimates committee,
where the member is a Government Member, the Leader of Government Business
may appoint another Member to attend that committee and where the member is
a Non–Government Member, the Leader of the Opposition may appoint another
Member to attend that committee.

(2) Where a Member is approached in accordance with (1) above, that Member has all
the rights of the Member replaced.

(3) Where the member of the committee who is replaced is the chairman, the Leader
of Government Business may appoint another Member to be chairman.

When Committees may sit
15.(1) Estimates committees may sit whether the House is sitting or adjourned.

(2) Where a committee meets whilst the House is sitting, the meeting of the committee
must take place within the parliamentary precinct.

Open hearings
16. Hearings of an estimates committee are open to the public unless the committee
otherwise orders.

Presiding Member
17.(1) The chairman of an estimates committee presides at all committee proceedings at
which the chairman is present.

(2) If the chairman is not present at a committee proceeding and the Leader of
Government Business has not appointed another person to be chairman, the
committee’s deputy chairman presides.

(3) If both the chairman and deputy chairman of a committee are not present at a
committee proceeding, the committee member chosen by the committee
members present at the proceeding presides.

Quorum and voting at proceedings
18. At a proceeding of an estimates committee—
  (a) four committee members form a quorum;
  (b) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the committee members
      present and voting; and
  (c) each committee member present has a vote on each question to be decided
      and, if the votes are equal, the presiding member also has a casting vote.
Sub–Committees

19. Estimates committees may not delegate any of their powers to sub–committees.

Opening hearing procedure

20.(1) In an estimates committee hearing about proposed expenditure—
(a) the presiding member is to call over the estimates about the proposed expenditure and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination; and
(b) the presiding member is to put the question ‘That the proposed expenditure be agreed to’.

(2) Unless the committee determines otherwise, the Minister or Mr Speaker may make an opening statement lasting up to five minutes. This may be extended with the committee’s leave.

General hearing procedure – organisational unit other than Legislative Assembly

21. In an estimates committee hearing about proposed expenditure for an organisational unit other than the Legislative Assembly—
(a) the responsible Minister is to be present at all times and may have advisers present to assist;
(b) a committee member may ask the Minister questions;
(c) a Member who is not a member of the estimates committee may, with the committee’s leave, ask the Minister questions;
(d) advisers may answer questions referred to them by the Minister; and
(e) subject to the above provisions, a Member may ask any question which the committee determines will assist it in its examination of the Appropriation Bill.

General hearing procedure – Legislative Assembly

22. In an estimates committee hearing about proposed expenditure for the Legislative Assembly—
(a) Mr Speaker is to be present at all times and may have advisers present to assist him; and
(b) a committee member may ask Mr Speaker questions; and
(c) a Member who is not a committee member may, with the committee’s leave, ask Mr Speaker questions; and
(d) advisers may answer questions referred to them by Mr Speaker; and
(e) subject to the above provisions, a Member may ask any question which the committee determines will assist it in its examination of the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill.

Notice of examination in detail

23.(1) A committee may advise a Minister or Mr Speaker prior to the hearing of its intention to examine a proposed expenditure in detail.

(2) In response to notice of the type expressed in (1) above, the Minister or Mr Speaker should ensure that appropriate advisers are available to assist the Minister or Mr Speaker to answer committee questions.

(3) It is a matter for the Minister or Mr Speaker as to which advisers attend the hearing.

Time for questions and answers in a hearing

24. In an estimates committee hearing—
(a) questions must be no longer than one minute;
(b) unless the member asking the question otherwise agrees, answers must be no longer than three minutes;
(c) where a member agrees to an extension of time for an answer in accordance with (b) above, further extensions of time must be agreed to by the presiding member after every interval of two minutes has elapsed;

(d) the presiding member is to ensure the fair allocation of time available for questions and answers and ensure that at least half the time available for questions and answers in respect of each organisational unit is allocated to Non–Government members; and

(e) any time expended when committees deliberate in private is to be equally apportioned between Government and Non–Government Members.

Questions on notice prior to the hearings

25.(1) Members of an estimates committee may, at a reasonable time prior to public hearings, put a combined total of twenty questions on notice to each Minister and to Mr Speaker; and

(2) Of the questions referred to in (1) above, at least ten questions are to be allocated to non–Government members.

(3) The Minister or Mr Speaker shall provide answers to the questions referred to in (1) above, at least twenty–four hours prior to the hearing.

(4) The chairman shall ensure that the questions referred to in (1) above, do not place unreasonably onerous research requirements on an organisational unit and are not unnecessarily complex.

(5) Each question referred to in (1) above, is not to contain sub–parts or to in effect ask more than one question.

(6) The Minister or Mr Speaker may refuse to answer questions which place unreasonable research requirements on their portfolios or are unnecessarily complex.

(7) All answers to questions on notice shall be in writing unless the committee otherwise allows.

Questions taken on notice at the hearing and additional information

26.(1) A Minister or Mr Speaker may, at his/her discretion, tell an estimates committee at the hearing that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of them will be provided later to the committee.

(2) A Minister or Mr Speaker, at his/her discretion, may also give the committee additional information about an answer given by them or on their behalf.

(3) The answer or additional information—

(a) is to be written;

(b) is to be given by a time decided by the committee;

(c) is taken to be part of the proceedings of the Parliament;

(d) may be included in a volume of additional information to be laid on the Table of the House by the committee; and

(e) may be authorised for publication by the committee prior to the material being tabled in the House.

(4) A Minister or Mr Speaker may decline to answer a question in which case the committee may report that fact in its report.

Availability of Hansard and tabled documents

27.(1) The Chief Hansard Reporter is authorised to release the Hansard of a committee hearing as it becomes available, subject to any other express direction of the committee.

(2) Any document tabled at the hearing, by the leave of the committee, is deemed to be authorised for release by the committee unless the committee expressly orders otherwise.
**Power of the chairman to order withdrawal of a disorderly Member**

28.(1) At an estimates committee hearing, the chairman may, after a warning, order any Member whose conduct in his/her opinion continues to be grossly disorderly or disruptive to withdraw for a stated period.

(2) A Member ordered to withdraw in accordance with (1) above shall immediately withdraw for the stated period.

**Committee Hearing – sitting times**

29. Estimates committee hearings are to be held within the times 8.30 am and 7.30 pm on the day or days allocated. However, a Committee shall hold no more than a total of nine hours of hearings.

**Estimates Committee must report**

30.(1) An estimates committee must make a report at the end of its deliberations.

(2) However, Estimates Committee A must make two reports, that is, one for the Legislative Assembly and another for the other organisational units allocated to it.

(3) Reports by all estimates committees may be bound and published as one volume.

**Content of report**

31.(1) An estimates committee’s report must state whether the proposed expenditures referred to it are agreed to.

(2) A reservation or dissenting report by a committee member may be added to the committee’s report after it is adopted by the committee.

**Effect of failure to report**

32. If an estimates committee does not report on all of the proposed expenditures referred to it, the committee is taken to have made a report agreeing to the proposed expenditures that it does not report on.

**Tabling and consideration of reports – Appropriation Bill**

33.(1) The chairman of each estimates committee must lay his/her committee’s report on the proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill 1997 on the Table of the House together with the minutes of their committee’s meetings and any other additional information which the committee agrees to table.

(2) The reports are to be received by the Legislative Assembly without debate and their consideration deferred until the consideration of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole House.

(3) One whole sitting day must elapse between the committee’s report being tabled and its consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

(4) The Committee of the Whole House must complete the consideration of the reports by no later than 11 July 1997.

**Tabling and consideration of report – Appropriation (Parliament) Bill**

34.(1) The Chairman of Estimates Committee A must lay the Committee’s report on the proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill on the Table of the House.

(2) The report is to be received by the Legislative Assembly without debate and its consideration deferred until the consideration of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole House.

(3) One whole sitting day must elapse between the Committee’s report being tabled and its consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

(4) The Committee of the Whole House must complete the consideration of the report by no later than 11 July 1997.
Effect of consideration in Committee of the Whole House

35. Consideration of an estimates committee's report in the Committee of the Whole House is taken to be consideration of the provisions of the Appropriation Bill or Appropriation (Parliament) Bill so far as the provisions authorise the proposed expenditures referred to the estimates committee.

Procedure in Committee of the Whole House

36. In the Committee of the Whole House, for each Estimates Committee—
   (a) the Chairman of Committees must put the question 'That the report of <name of committee> be adopted';
   (b) a Member may speak for no longer than five minutes on the question;
   (c) in reply to the debate each responsible Minister may speak for no longer than five minutes; and
   (d) the debate is to continue for no longer than sixty minutes.

Receipt of material by nominated officers of the Leader of Government Business and Leader of the Opposition

37. Unless a committee otherwise expressly orders, or a Minister or Mr Speaker has requested confidentiality, its research director is authorised to release copies of the following documents as they become available to an officer from the offices of the Leader of Government Business and Leader of the Opposition:
   • the committee’s pre-hearing questions on notice;
   • questions taken on notice by Ministers or Mr Speaker during its hearing;
   • responses from Ministers or Mr Speaker to the committee’s pre-hearing questions on notice and questions taken on notice during its hearing; and
   • additional information provided by Ministers or Mr Speaker to supplement answers given by them, or on their behalf, at the committee’s hearing.

Application of Standing Rules and Orders and practice

38. (1) The Standing Rules and Orders, Sessional Orders, and practice of the Legislative Assembly also apply to estimates committees and to the Committee of the Whole House acting under these orders.
   (2) However, if there is an inconsistency on some matter, these orders prevail. (3 June 1997, Mr Mackenroth)

2 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL AND APPROPRIATION BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (3 June 1997, Mr Radke)
3 POLICE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (27 May 1997, Mr Foley)
4 COOPERATIVES BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (1 May 1997, Ms Spence)
5 LAND SALES AND LAND TITLE AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (30 April 1997, Mr Foley)
6 FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (QUEENSLAND) BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (8 May 1997, Mr Hamill)
7 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (8 May 1997, Mr Hamill)
8 COURTS REFORM AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (30 April 1997, Mr Foley)
9 SPORTS DRUG TESTING BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (7 August 1996, Mr Elder)
*10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SPRINGFIELD ZONING) BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (3 June 1997, Mr Mackenroth)
NOTICES OF MOTION – REVOCATIONS

(Notice given 29 April 1997)

1 MR LITTLEPROUD to move—
   (1) That this House request the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the dedication as protected areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 of those areas specified in the documents tabled on 29 April 1997; and
   (2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to Her Excellency the Governor in Council.

2 MR LITTLEPROUD to move—
   (1) That this House request the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the setting apart and declaration as Marine Park under the Marine Parks Act 1982 of those areas specified in the documents tabled on 29 April 1997; and
   (2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to Her Excellency the Governor in Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT – HOUSE TO TAKE NOTE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Notice given 9 May 1997)

1 MR LESTER to move – That this House take note of Criminal Justice Committee Report No. 38 – Report on the Accountability of the CJC to the PCJC

(Notice given 27 May 1997)


NOTICE OF MOTION – DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

(Notice given 7 May 1997)


NOTICES OF MOTION

(Notice given 9 May 1997)

1 MR FOLEY to move – That this House—
   (1) notes the recommendation of the All–Party Scrutiny of Legislation Committee that Parliament delay consideration of the Courts Reform Amendment Bill 1997 to allow public discussion and a further report based on the Committee’s considered views; and
(2) refers the Bill to that Committee for public submissions, public hearings and a report to the Parliament by 8 July 1997.

(Notice given 3 June 1997)

*2 MRS CUNNINGHAM to move – That this House acknowledges the important role teachers play in our education system and, to reinforce this role—

(1) re-affirms that existing commitments with relation to class sizes will be retained and honoured; and

(2) confirms that future teacher number allocations for each school in this State will be made in accordance with the current allocative model unless a more beneficial model is agreed upon; and

(3) confirms the current transfer system will continue to ensure staffing of remote areas and difficult-to-staff schools as per the teacher transfer policy guidelines; and

(4) these matters to be excised from the enterprise bargaining process but referred to the IRC for separate consideration.

*3 MR BREDHAUER to move – That in view of the determination of the Government to proceed with its trial of “Leading Schools”, despite widespread criticism from many teachers and parents, that this Parliament insists that the Minister ensure that the following conditions apply to all schools participating in “Leading Schools”—

(1) that the determination of staffing levels, especially teacher numbers, be undertaken by the Education Department on a Statewide basis, guaranteeing access to specialist staff, a commitment to the Government’s class sizes maximums of 25 in years 1, 2, 3, 11 and 12 and 30 in years 4 to 10, and the integrity of the teacher transfer system;

(2) that the notion that school councils can trade off teaching staff for non-teaching resources be expressly prohibited;

(3) that the responsibility for the implementation of the Capital Works program in schools remains a core function of the Education Department where schools continue to implement minor capital works but other works are administered by the Department;

(4) That a ballot of parents and a ballot of staff be conducted to assess support for entering the “Leading Schools” trial, the terms of such ballots to be agreed by the Department and key stakeholders, including the QTU and the QCPCA, with a majority of parents participating in the ballot and a majority of staff participating in the ballot being required before the trial can proceed;

And that if these conditions are not agreed, a moratorium be placed on the implementation of “Leading Schools” to allow negotiations with stakeholders over the changes.

*4 MR BARTON to move – That this Parliament condemns the failure of the Minister for Police and Corrective Services to provide leadership to his Department and his failure to take responsibility for the ongoing series of crises in his portfolio.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on Tuesday, 3 June 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 Thursday, 3 July, 1997.

585 MR BEATTIE ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—
With reference to the Bligh Lobb report on a possible superstadium for Brisbane and his reply to Question on Notice No. 396 which was tabled on 2 June—

(1) Accepting that the terms of reference given to Bligh Lobb specifically excluded Roma Street as a possible site for a superstadium, did the report nevertheless contain reference to Roma Street as a suitable site; if so, what did it say in this regard and why did Bligh Lobb ignore the specific instruction to exclude Roma Street from their report?

(2) Which properties in south–east Queensland did the Bligh Lobb report set a footprint outline for a superstadium development and, if the RNA was one such site, where on this site is the 'footprint' located?

(3) Does he intend to table the Bligh Lobb report or release it publicly; if not, why not?

(4) At what stage of planning is the "user friendly parkland and commercial development" he states he intends for the Roma Street site and when is the public to be informed of his precise plans for this important city site?

586 MR HAMILL ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—
With reference to her responsibility for overall budget management for each department and agency—

(1) What proportion of their current (1996–97) budget was expended as at 31 May?

(2) What proportion of their capital (1996–97) budget was expended as at 31 May?

(3) What proportion of their total (1996–97) budget was expended as at 31 May?

587 MR SMITH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
With reference to his answer to Question on Notice No. 966 regarding the expansion of police beat services in Townsville—

Now that the 1997–98 Budget has been announced with no mention being made of the proposed police beats for North Ward, Garbutt or Aitkenvale, does this mean that no more police beats are to be established in the Townsville/Thuringowa area in 1997–98?

588 MR ROBERTSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
With reference to concerns expressed by the Underwood Neighbourhood Watch that there has been a significant increase in crime such as break and enter, stealing and motor vehicle theft in their area over the past two months—

(1) How many police patrols are assigned to the Underwood area on a daily basis?

(2) How many police patrols are assigned to the Underwood area on a nightly basis?

(3) Will Underwood residents receive any benefit from the increased police numbers announced in the State Budget; if so, how and when?

(4) What is the break and enter rate for the Underwood area for each month over the past year?

(5) How does that rate compare with 1995–96 and 1994–95?

(6) What is the average police response time for responding to property crimes in Underwood?
589 MR McGrady asked the Minister for Education (Mr Quinn)—
(1) What is the number of students in each of the State schools in the electorate of Crows Nest?
(2) How many teachers are there in each of these schools?
(3) How many teacher's aids are there in each of these schools?

590 Mr McElligott asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson)—
With reference to the fact that Commissioner Grimshaw ordered McCafferty's Management Pty Ltd to pay employees as per their Federal award as from 2 November 1994 and as the Commonwealth Department of Industrial Relations has issued two letters of demand, dated 29 November 1993 and 12 February 1996, detailing the award clauses that are not being applied correctly—
Is he able and willing to intervene to persuade this Queensland company to ensure that its employees receive their just entitlements?

591 MR D'Arcy asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper)—
With reference to the apparent reluctance of police in my area to deal with juvenile problems which is apparently more accentuated when ethnics are involved and as this is the opinion of the public in my area, and as the perception has been conveyed to the youthful offenders, it has compounded a difficult problem as these youthful offenders are so blatant in their crimes and as the public are outraged as in most cases eye witnesses can identify the culprits and as the police are full of excuses and little action is being taken and there is certainly no follow up to crimes such as break and entering and stealing—
What is he doing to make police more accountable to such high–risk areas as mine?

592 MR Briskey asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper)—
With reference to the matter of pornographic videos being available in Brisbane from unmarked delivery vans accessible by phone order—
(1) Since the matter was first brought to his attention, what action has he taken to address it?
(2) What arrests, charges or convictions have so far occurred over the matter and against whom?
(3) Have police allowed this practice to flourish while cracking down on the Canberra based pornography lobby, the Eros Foundation; if so, why, and has this bias been corrected?
(4) Are advertisements for these mobile pornography vendors in the print media in Brisbane still appearing; if so, why isn't action being taken against the people placing the ads?
(5) Which other Queensland cities are being targeted by this type of pornography distribution?
(6) Has any involvement by police in the protection of these operators been detected; if so, has it been referred to the CJC?

593 MR Hayward asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson)—
With reference to the recent Kurwongbah by–election in which the Liberal candidate made reference to the long–awaited Pine Rivers Area Transport Study—
Will he advise what the time frame is for the release of the final report of this study?
MR HOLLIS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to claims that night clubs on the Sunshine Coast are being used by members of notorious bikie gangs to launder money and trade in drugs—

(1) Is he aware of these claims; if so, which night clubs and bikie clubs are involved?
(2) Has the Member for Nicklin ever had discussions with him about this matter; if so, what action has he taken to address it?
(3) How could night club owners on the Sunshine Coast become aware of the timing of licensing inspections of their premises?
(4) Are security staff of these nightclubs aware of the nights on which police intend to visit the clubs in search of under-age drinkers and exclude such persons from the club on those nights?

MR NUTTALL ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

With reference to his plans to stage an Expo in 2002 on a site at Coomera—

(1) As his original submission for the 2005 Expo was based on a strong environmental theme, why is the theme for the 2002 Expo based on "Communication technology in a global village" and what prompted this change?
(2) Is the Queensland Government negotiating with the approximately 20 owners of the 350 hectare site to purchase it entirely prior to Expo as it did for the Southbank site prior to Expo 88; if not, why not?
(3) Will the Queensland Government use its compulsory acquisition powers to acquire land from unwilling vendors at Coomera as it did on the Expo 88 site?
(4) In the event the entire site is purchased, what percentage of it will be kept in its natural state post Expo and what percentage will be developed for residential use?

MR NUNN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to his latest round of public consultation on his draft conservation plan for whales which closed only last Friday, 30 May and which hasn't yet been tabled in this House to enable permits to be issued to Moreton Bay whale watching operators—

Why then is Kerry McTaggart of AKARMA cruises reported in this week's Redcliffe paper as saying that she intends to commence a full scale commercial whale watch operation in Moreton Bay Marine Park in a fortnight's time and has a new 150 seat boat called the 'Satrya Express' arriving from Perth this Saturday, 7 June for the venture?

MR DOLLIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—

Has there been any funds from the 1997–98 State Budget allocated to the realignment of the Bruce Highway at the Gunalda Range; if so, will he outline the details of the funding?

MR PEARCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the concerns of Mount Morgan residents about the future of their local hospital—

(1) What are the ongoing functions of Mount Morgan Hospital, in particular, the continuity of current services and care available at the hospital?
(2) What consideration has been given in the current budget to the refurbishment of Mount Morgan General Hospital?

MR FOURAS ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—

With reference to an article on page 6 of The Courier-Mail on 31 May, in relation to the training of ATSI Justices of the Peace—
(1) How many JP (Mag Ct) have been trained since 31 May 1996 in the ATSI communities, and could he name which communities and the numbers of JP's trained in each individual community?

(2) What are the names of the training officers who undertook this training in ATSI communities and what accreditation did these persons have?

(3) Will he confirm that the ATSI training had been mothballed since May 1996 for various spurious reasons, including cutbacks in funding?

(4) What were the dates that Michael Vagg, Michael Meehan, Gary Wessling and Nev Bawden, all ATSI Justice of the Peace Training Officers, were removed from the ATSI training program for Justices of the Peace and put back into Magistrates Court office duties?

(5) What was the total cost of the ATSI training program in 1996–97, not including any funding for Magistrates Court staff but specific to ATSI communities?

(6) Why did the Government fail to complete training in 1996–97 at Doomadgee and Mornington Island when all other ATSI communities had already been trained?

(7) What were the reasons that refresher training courses were not implemented in the other ATSI communities in 1996–97?

(8) What officers within the Department of Justice have briefed him or his staff in relation to the ATSI training program since February 1996 and what efforts did he or his staff make to ascertain the veracity of any such advice?

600 MRS LAVARCH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—

With reference to the promise made during the recent Kurwongbah by-election to construct the Petrie by-pass—

(1) When will the optimal route for the by-pass be made public?

(2) When will community consultation commence?

(3) What is the timeframe for the construction of the by-pass?

(4) When will construction commence?

(5) When will the by-pass open?

(6) What is the total cost of construction of the by-pass?

(7) Has provision been made in the 1997–98 Budget for the construction of this by-pass; if so, how much; if not, when will moneys be allocated for the Petrie by-pass?

601 MRS ROSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to the mangrove boardwalk at Fleay’s Wildlife Park on the Gold Coast—

(1) Is this boardwalk still not connected with the Burleigh Heads Information Centre via the northern bank of Tallebudgera Creek as was intended under the original plan; if not, why not?

(2) Was any advice received from his Coopers Lybrand review team regarding the proper completion of this boardwalk; if so, what was the advice?

(3) Does he believe that the completion of this boardwalk as planned would assist with making Fleays a viable operation?

(4) What costs would be involved in completing this project?

(5) Has he considered making this project a Green Corps or Youth Conservation Corps project?

(6) Has the local Member's and Gold Coast City Councillors' opposition to the completion of this project changed in recent times; if so, do they now support this completion?
MR ROBERTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—
With reference to the introduction of water meters in Brisbane—
(1) What water charges, if any, will be the responsibility of public housing tenants?
(2) What policy will be implemented to cater for different categories of public housing (e.g. detached, duplexes, townhouses, units, seniors etc)?
(3) What changes will be made to the tenancy agreement to address this issue?
(4) What advice, and when, will be given to tenants about this issue?

MR SCHWARTEN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
With reference to the proposed new tilt train service between Brisbane and Rockhampton—
(1) Where will this train be serviced?
(2) Will specialised facilities be required to service this train?
(3) What crewing levels will be required to run this train and where will these be stationed?
(4) What timetable is proposed for this train?

MR ARDILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
With reference to the proposals for a railway yard at Parkinson and Larapinta which are being vigorously opposed by residents in adjacent suburbs despite a lack of relevant information being available—
(1) Will he please advise what is the status of the proposed rail yard?
(2) What is the time frame for planning and construction?
(3) Is it proposed that the facility will include freight receival and despatch, or only a marshalling yard, or a transhipping or bogie exchange, or all of the above?

MR PURCELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
(1) When land and property owned by the Queensland Police Service is sold, are the proceeds from the sale returned to the Police Service or do they go to the Treasury Department?
(2) If the proceeds are returned to the Queensland Police Service are they kept within the division where the sale occurred e.g. Metro South, to financially assist with the upgrade of the police facilities in that division?

MR WELLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR VEIVERS)—
With reference to the budget allocations for operational firefighters, and to the savage cuts to the number of operational firefighters projected for 1997–98—
Which fire stations will be stripped of operational staff during 1997–98?

MR BREADHAUER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—
With reference to media reports that the Education Department is considering the closure of five schools in the Metropolitan West region, including Laidley North, Laidley Central, Mulgowie, Blenheim and Thornton schools—
(1) Will he guarantee that these schools will not be closed and merged under his "Leading Schools" program?
(2) Which other small schools throughout Queensland are being considered for closure and/or merging with other schools?

(3) Will he guarantee that the notion of clustering of small schools for certain administrative purposes under “Leading Schools” will not lead to job losses at any school?

608 MR LUCAS ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—

With reference to the ever-increasing problem of graffiti and similar vandalism—

(1) What steps (legislative or otherwise) does he propose to deal with the ready availability of spray cans to graffitists?

(2) Will he agree to immediately take steps to introduce a Code of Practice amongst retailers covering such areas as removing spray cans from public access/placing whistles in the spray nozzle of cans, etc so as to minimise availability of spray cans to those who seek to use them for an improper purpose?

(3) Will he undertake to introduce mandatory legislative action to compel retailers to comply with the Code of Conduct if voluntary measures prove ineffective?

609 MR BARTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to media reports of irregularities in the administration of the gun buy-back scheme—

(1) Did he personally instruct police that Bill Nioa should be appointed head of the valuation committee for the buy-back scheme; if so, why did he select Mr Nioa?

(2) Did Mr Nioa’s links with the National Party or the Minister’s personal friendship with his son Tony Nioa, the failed National Party candidate for Hervey Bay, in any way influence this decision?

(3) Did Bob Katter’s links to the Nioa family or Tony Nioa’s wife’s links to the Bielke–Petersen family and Luke Shaw in any way influence his decision?

(4) Did the fact Bill Nioa was one of the largest importers of semi–automatic and automatic weapons into this State in any way influence his decision?

(5) What was the nature of the objections the Police Service raised at his support for Bill Nioa to head the gun valuation committee and why didn’t he heed them?

(6) Are substantial quantities of semi–automatic and automatic gun parts entering Queensland from Papua New Guinea and then being cashed in at the buy-back centres at highly inflated values set by the valuation committee headed by Bill Nioa?

(7) What numbers of these parts have been surrendered to Queensland buy back centres by gun dealers in any way linked to the Nioa gun empire on a dealer by dealer basis?

610 MR MULHERIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)——

With reference to an improvement notice served on Thomas Borthwick’s Bakers Creek plant by the Division of Workplace Health and Safety under general obligation provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety Act—

(1) When was this notice served?

(2) What length of time was the company given to comply with this notice?

(3) How much will it cost the company to comply with this notice?

(4) Has the company completed all work associated with this notice; if not, why not?

(5) Has the company requested an extension of time to enable it to comply with this notice; if so, what period of time have they requested?
(6) Has the Division of Workplace Health and Safety agreed to any extension of time?

(7) What work practices have been changed to minimise worker exposure to muscular skeletal injury; if none, what is the reason?

(8) How many workers’ compensation claims have been made against the company in 1994, 1995 and 1996?

(9) What is the total value of these claims?

611 MR T SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR VEIVERS)—

With reference to the 1997–98 Budget Papers which show no financial allocation for rebuilding or relocating the Chermside Fire Station, thus making the local community even more concerned about the future fire cover in the Chermside area and because residents living close to previously identified possible sites are even more anxious about the future amenity of this area—

Why was no money allocated in the 1997–98 Budget for the rebuilding/relocation of the Chermside Fire Station, and how will the imminent expansion of the Westfield Shopping Centre affect the operations of the Chermside Fire Station?

612 MR CAMPBELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—

With reference to the Government’s decision in November 1996 to exit Government ownership of public abattoirs and the calling of expressions of interest—

(1) As there are no expressions of interest received for the Townsville abattoir, does this mean that the Government will close this abattoir?

(2) Does he have complete confidence in the members of the steering committee; if so, do any of the departmental personnel on this committee have any interests in the companies which have been recommended for the second round?

(3) Has the QAC been at arms length with all the groups making expressions of interest?

(4) Have plans of new abattoirs been provided by the QAC to some groups and not others?

(5) As the Bundaberg Abattoir under a local board was able to make a profit every year, and in its last year made a net surplus of $19,952 after allowing for depreciation of $31,712 and $144,000 for provisions, whereas under QAC management the Bundaberg abattoir is supposedly making a loss of approximately $10,000 per week, does this loss include excessive QAC overheads and excessive meat inspection charges?

(6) Why has the QAC allowed such a turnaround from a profitable to a loss making enterprise in only a few years?

613 MR WELFORD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to a decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions to appeal a decision of the Mt Isa Magistrates Court to exonerate Aboriginal activist Murando Yanner of violating the provisions of the Fauna Conservation Act by spearing two crocodiles in a remote area north of Mr Isa about three years ago—

(1) Has he or any member of his staff had discussions with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions regarding this matter; if so, what was the nature of these discussions?

(2) Have department officers tendered any advice to the Office of the DPP in regard to this matter; if so, what was the nature of the advice and why was it tendered?

(3) Does he support the decision of the DPP in taking this action?
(4) Does he believe Mr Yanner was acting within his rights in taking these crocodiles and does he support the traditional hunting rights enshrined in the Federal Native Title Act?

614 MRS BIRD ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—
With reference to reports that the Pacific Film and Television Commission failed to promote western Queensland locations for the filming of the Australian literary classic Kings in Grass Castles —

(1) Is this true and why were only two Darling Downs locations put forward by the commission for this production?
(2) Why wouldn't Longreach be able to accommodate the crew of such a production and then use one of the historic homesteads in the area as the setting for the original Durack Station, Thylungra?
(3) Does this move mean no major film production will ever be set in western Queensland thereby depriving all western centres of benefiting from Government investment in a Queensland film industry; if not, which western Queensland centres can accommodate a film crew of the proportions of this production?
(4) What accommodation facilities does Bourke in western New South Wales have that Longreach doesn't?
(5) Is he personally satisfied that the Pacific Film and Television Commission has done the right thing by the people of western Queensland over this matter at a time when the people of the west are screaming out for new investment or alternative industry?

615 MR PALASZCZUK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—
With reference to the lengthy wait times being experienced by children with speech defects in being allocated appointments with school speech pathologists—

(1) How many speech pathologists were employed in Queensland primary schools in 1995–96, are employed in 1996–97 and will be employed in 1997–98?
(2) What is the average wait time for primary school children placed in a speech therapy program?
(3) How many children are currently involved in speech pathology programs in primary schools?

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

(1) Will he take steps to allow Queenslanders to have free Internet access to Queensland legislation and case law via the Australian Legal Information Institute?
(2) Is he aware of public concern that there is free Internet access to the legislation and case law of other ates, but not Queensland?

617 MR ELDER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
With reference to the livestock block trains running on the Charleville line—

(1) Will he outline how regularly these trains run and how running times are determined?
(2) What changes in arrangements and policy have occurred during the last 12 months?
(3) Has new rolling–stock been added in the last 12 months?
(4) Are these trains regularly running at less than 50 percent capacity and sometimes less than 20 percent capacity?
(5) What are the final destinations for such trains?
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