NOTICE PAPER

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The House meets this day at 9.30am

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1 REVENUE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (19 August 1997, Mr Hamill)

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*4 RACING AND BETTING AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (19 August 1997, Mr Gibbs)

*5 CORRECTIVE SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (19 August 1997, Mr Barton)

*6 FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (19 August 1997, Mr Wells)

*7 PRISONERS INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER (QUEENSLAND) BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (19 August 1997, Mr Foley)

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 His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(Notice given 19 August 1997)

*2 MR LITTLEPROUD to move—

(1) That this House requests the Governor in Council to revoke by a regulation the dedication as protected area under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 of the area specified in the documents tabled on 19 August 1997, be carried out; and

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

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

(Notice given 11 July 1997)

(Notice given 19 August 1997)


GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION – DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

(Notice given 11 July 1997)

1 MR BRADDY to move – That the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, tabled in the House on 27 May 1997, be disallowed.

NOTICE OF MOTION – DISSENT FROM SPEAKER’S RULING

(Notice given 19 August 1997)

*1 MR BEATTIE to move – That Mr Speaker's Ruling on Tuesday, 19 August be dissented from.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on Tuesday, 19 August, 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, 18 September, 1997.

833 MR PURCELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—
(1) How many PAYE employees are now covered by the new WorkCover Act; the answer to be in actual numbers of employees?
(2) How many employees were covered at this time last year by the Workers’ Compensation Act; the answer to be in actual numbers of employees?

834 MR HOLLIS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to the growing open use of tobacco products by young people, many who are still attending primary school—
(1) What is the law in regard to the sale of cigarettes to underage children?
(2) Is this law being enforced; if not, why not?
(3) Whose responsibility is it to ensure that cigarettes are not being sold to underage children?
(4) How many shop owners are prosecuted for selling cigarettes to minors?
(5) If there are not prosecutions for selling cigarettes to minors, why not?

835 MR DOLLIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—
Will the current 54 cottages and units at Wahroonga be demolished; if so, when?

836 MR HAMILL ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—
With reference to her promise that there would be no price rises resulting from the Commonwealth’s action in imposing additional excise on fuel, tobacco and liquor to replace State licensing and franchise fees—
(1) What mechanism has been put in place to ensure that the price of (a) fuel, (b) tobacco products and (c) liquor products, does not rise in Queensland?
(2) As the imposition of the additional Commonwealth excise occurred on 6 August and was payable immediately, will the State Government immediately advance the compensation of the taxation differential to affected wholesalers, so that they do not have to pass on additional costs to retailers and consumers?
(3) What is the cost of the advancing of compensation payments to wholesalers, as outlined in (2) above?
(4) Is this cost to be recouped from the Commonwealth, or is it to be recouped from the difference between the revenue raised from the former State licensing fees and the new, but higher, Federal excise charges?

837 MR BEATTIE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER (MR SLACK)—
(1) Why was a decision made to establish the Shanghai Trade Office as a $2 company?
(2) What is the potential risk value of the $2 company decision as, according to sacked employee Eve Sun, millions of dollars have been placed at risk to date?
(3) Did the department receive a proposal for a $3m investment in a dairy farm; if so, on what date?
(4) Was this proposal dismissed by the department as being "too small"; if not, why was the project rejected?

(5) Who was the officer who rejected the proposal and was this matter brought to his attention?

(6) Why was Ms Sun only paid once in six months?

(7) Why were insufficient funds made available for office expenditure and was Ms Sun reimbursed for her office expenditure?

(8) Who in Treasury directed that staff be paid by cheque which caused difficulty in China?

(9) Why were staff not paid in cash?

(10) Why was Ms Sun sacked in clear defiance of her contract without formal notification of complaints against her and without allowing her a response within seven days?

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

With reference to the disturbing results of Operation Moonstone and Gazit which resulted in almost 100 illegal weapons being seized—

(1) Were all of the weapons seized from the one property or several properties, and which were the properties involved?

(2) Does he find it alarming that amongst these weapons were a 12 gauge yabbie pump shotgun and a 22 calibre fountain pen gun?

(3) What other exotic firearms were seized during this raid?

(4) Were the yabbie pump and fountain pen weapons locally made or imported and were they one-offs or production lines?

(5) How many people have been charged in connection with the manufacture and/or possession of these firearms, were they local residents or visitors, and what were their names?

(6) What was the connection between the possession of these firearms and the current gun buy-back scheme?

(7) Did the persons found in possession of these weapons intend to surrender them to the gun buy-back scheme in return for compensation?

(8) Have any of the persons charged in connection with these firearms surrendered weapons to the buy-back scheme previously; if so, what are their names and what amount of compensation was paid to each person involved?

(9) Were any semi-automatic gun parts seized during these two raids; if so, how many and were these destined for the gun buy-back scheme?

839 MR D'ARCY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—

(1) What forestry projects and consultancies are being undertaken by the department outside Australia?

(2) What Australian species of timber are being grown in other countries?

(3) What input does the Forestry Department have in monitoring these forests?

(4) What commercial projections have been undertaken by the department into these projects?

(5) What reports are available on the department's involvement in research and development of offshore timber-forestry projects?
MRS LAVARCH ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

(1) What action, if any, is the Government taking with regards to the so called “millennium bug”?

(2) Will the Government give a commitment that appropriate resources have been made available to ensure State Government computers will not suffer problems associated with the bug?

(3) Is the Government confident that any such problems will not impact on the provision of services at the beginning of next century?

(4) What resources is the Government planning to make available to the business community to assist them in eliminating the bug from their software, or in the transition to new business software?

(5) Will the Government assure the people of Queensland that emergency services will not be affected?

MR LUCAS ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

With reference to the Queensland Rail refuelling facility situated at Whyte Island within Moreton Bay Marine Park—

(1) Does he acknowledge the accuracy of the article on the front page of the Wynnum Herald of 11 September 1996 when it reported, “When Mr Borbidge was asked why he had not removed the Depot after promising to do so before the last State Election, he announced that ‘an urgent inquiry’ to be conducted. ‘If it comes out that it shouldn't have been put there, then it will have to go,’ he said”?

(2) With respect to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1145/96 from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson) in response to a question 4(a), “What inquiry process was established as a result of the Premier's Policy Statement to the people of Lytton”, to which the Transport Minister answered “The Premier would have been referring to the Quality Assurance process mentioned in (3) above. This is an independent audit currently being conducted with the results of this audit to be available in early 1997” – can he confirm the accuracy of this statement and the nature of the inquiry process including whether it was a formally conducted inquiry?

(3) With respect to the letter dated 9 May from the Director–General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (Mr Ellis) to local residents Mel and Maureen Holz, in which Mr Ellis states: “You expressed concern about the lack of public consultation during the assessment of the application. In view of the minor nature of the works within the park and the environmental management arrangement proposed by Queensland Rail it was not considered necessary to subject the proposal to a formal environmental impact assessment process or to seek public comment.” and “In conclusion, I assure you that it is considered the operations of the provisioning shed pose a relatively insignificant threat to the marine park which would not justify the cost of relocation”, do these statements of Mr Ellis’ represent Government policy?

(4) If they do not represent Government policy, then at what stage did he alter Government policy, particularly in light of the undertakings given to the people of Queensland: (a) by the then Shadow Transport Minister Vaughan Johnson at a protest rally held at Whyte Island on the 10 June 1995, (b) in the clear context of the Premier's question (in his then capacity as Leader of the Opposition) without notice in the Parliament to the then Premier Mr Goss on the 15 June 1995, (c) in relation to the statements made at the Liberal candidate’s campaign launch for the Lytton By–Election referred to in the Wynnum Herald article at (1) above, and (d) in the light of the reply of the Transport Minister (Mr Johnson) to then Member for Lytton Mr Burns' Question on Notice No. 27/96, in which he stated “the present Government can give no timetable on when works will be undertaken at Whyte Island”?

(5) Given that he stated to the people of Queensland in The Courier–Mail of 7 May 1995 and reported as ”Opposition leader Rob Borbidge said yesterday that he would quit politics if the Coalition broke any election promises”, why will he not immediately
resign in the light of this clear breach of an election commitment made (particularly in the light of the letter from the Premier’s Department Director–General dated 9 May) and after having shown he has no intention of complying with his Whyte Island undertakings?

842 MR ROBERTSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER (MR SLACK)—

With reference to his announcement in 1996 that the Queensland Government is investigating establishing a ‘free trade zone’ adjoining the Brisbane Airport—

(1) What progress has been made in achieving this objective to date?
(2) What are the details of the project to date?
(3) Is the Federal Government supportive of this project and what assistance has been provided by the Federal Government to date?
(4) In light of the announcement by the Federal Government that a free trade zone is contemplated for the Newcastle area, what impact will this have on the Queensland Government's attempts to establish a free trade zone at the Brisbane Airport?
(5) Apart from DHL, what other companies are involved in the free trade zone project and what is the nature of their involvement?

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

With reference to the agreement between Mount Isa Mines and NORQEB regarding the provision of a number of megawatts of power made available to the Mount Isa community and in view of the changed ownership of the Mica Creek Power Station—

(1) Is this agreement still in place; if not, what agreement has been put in place?
(2) What effect will this have on the Mount Isa community?

844 MR McELLIGOTT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

With reference to community concerns at the spate of vandalism to schools in the Townsville/Thuringowa area especially following a series of incidents at Aitkenvale State School—

(1) Will he intervene in the contract with B & M Technical Services for the upgrade of security systems at Kirwan State School, Kirwan State High School, Heatley State High School, William Ross State High School, Bohleqale State School, Currajong State School and Townsville State High School to ensure that all schools are electrically secured, all major defects rectified, all manuals are received by all schools and all registrars trained as a matter of urgency?
(2) If B & M Technical Services are unable or unwilling to comply, will he terminate the contract and have the work completed by others?

845 MR DE LACY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—

(1) How many staff were employed at the Far North Queensland Institute of TAFE at the beginning of the 1997 school year and what is the expected number to be employed at the end of the 1997 school year under the following categories (a) permanent, (b) contract and (c) casual?
(2) Will he allocate the numbers to the various campuses – Cairns, Johnstone, Mareeba and Thursday Island?
MR CAMPBELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR HOBBS)—
With reference to the Water Task Force Implementation Plan and the recommendation that private enterprise, including water users, provide approximately 50 percent of the capital for future water storage projects—
What capital funding from private sources does the Government expect for the implementation of (a) the Underground Rescue project for Bundaberg and (b) the Paradise Dam project on the Burnett River?

MR LIVINGSTONE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
With reference to reports of a racially motivated vigilante group in Ipswich calling itself the “White Knights”—
(1) Is he aware of the existence of this group and complaints to Ipswich Police about their actions?
(2) How many complaints have been received over what time frame?
(3) How many of these complaints featured firearms?
(4) What arrests and charges have been laid by police with regard to this group’s activities; if none, why not?

MRS ROSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to the proposed Palm Beach Community Health Centre—
(1) Why has work still to commence on the site?
(2) Why did he give an assurance some 12 months ago that the health centre and dental clinic would be open and operational by August 1997?
(3) Why should southern Gold Coasters believe the project will go ahead under this Government?

MR ROBERTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
With reference to the Gateway Port area—
(1) Is consideration being given to linking this area by rail to the north coast line by an additional route using, in part, the existing Gateway Arterial Road corridor?
(2) What discussions have taken place between Queensland Rail and the Department of Main Roads in relation to this matter?
(3) What outcomes have arisen from these discussions?
(4) What other areas or corridors are being considered for this connection?
(5) When will a decision be made on this matter?
(6) What processes will be undertaken before any decision is made?

MR ARDILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
As he would be aware that Mr Everald Compton is attempting to obtain finance for the Davidson Scheme for an inland railway system to link all the major industrial areas of eastern Australia and regional and country centres to Darwin, which could revitalise Australian industry and trade, will he give a guarantee that he and the Government will give all practical and moral support to the group organising an attempt to make a reality of the Davidson Scheme for a high speed railway to link Melbourne, Sydney/Wollongong, Newcastle, Brisbane, Gladstone, Townsville, Mt Isa and Darwin, as a new great Australian trade route?
851 MR FOLEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—
With reference to current deliberations concerning the future of the Department of Primary Industries farm at Rocklea—
(1) Is he aware of community concern over the future of this site and, in particular, of community groups' desire to see a city farm providing educational opportunities for school children and TAFE students?
(2) Will he give an assurance that there will be further community consultation before a decision is made on the future of the site?

852 MR T SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to complaints in recent months by a number of elderly constituents that their allocated hours of assistance under the HACC program have been cut back and at the same time, the Government was wasting $14m on the politically biased Connolly–Ryan Inquiry—
(1) Why were elderly Queenslanders who have contributed to this State and paid their taxes over many decades being denied basic home help?
(2) What steps will he take to restore basic home help to older citizens who need assistance in their basic daily activities?

853 MR PEARCE ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—
With reference to his commitment to review a motor vehicle registration anomaly for those people in receipt of the Seniors Card—
(1) On what date was the review begun and by whom?
(2) What date did the review report to Government?
(3) What action has the Government undertaken to honour its commitment on motor vehicle registration?
(4) How many seniors will be affected by the decision?
(5) What is the cost for (a) 1997–98, (b) 1998–99 and (c) 1999–2000?

854 MR SCHWARTEN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—
(1) What is the status of the Queensland scallop fishery, i.e. is it a fact that the scallop returns for this year are significantly reduced from those taken in recent years?
(2) Is he concerned at the apparent reduction in the scallop catch?
(3) What steps is he taking to ensure that the scallop fishery continues to be sustainable?
(4) Has he considered the possibility of introducing commercially reared scallops into the fishery?
(5) What research is currently being undertaken at either the Bribie Island or Deception Bay research stations into the viability of the scallop fishery and the possibility of introducing commercially reared scallops into the fishery?
(6) What results has either of these research stations achieved in the propagation of scallops and the restocking of these into the fishery?

855 MR HAYWARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—
Will the Pine Rivers area be the beneficiary of a Home Assist/Secure scheme since his announcement of a $5.23m boost to the program in the local press during the week ending 16 August?
856 MS SPENCE ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—
With reference to her media release and the 150 women she recently surveyed—
(1) What was the socio-economic and cultural composition of the women surveyed state-wide?
(2) What were the key domains of the research?
(3) Who and what informed the survey design?
(4) When will the preliminary data be published?
(5) Will she please define gender-based social engineering on men and boys and was this language used in the survey instrument?

857 MR BREDHAUER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—
With reference to the fact that Aitkenvale State School has been broken into or vandalised at least 17 times this year and over 60 times in the last two years and to his repeated refusal to fund a comprehensive upgrade of security at the school—
(1) Will he provide a list of all schools which have been vandalised and/or broken and entered in 1997 and in each school, on how many occasions and will he provide a breakdown of money spent in schools in 1997 on security upgrades?
(2) How many and which schools in Queensland have been broken into or vandalised more often than Aitkenvale State School in the last two years?
(3) How much money has been allocated for security at Aitkenvale State School in 1997 and how has this money been spent?
(4) Given the embarrassing situation where two private Townsville businesses have now stepped in to help fill the void created by the unwillingness of the Government to fund a comprehensive upgrade of security at Aitkenvale State School will he now reconsider and provide sufficient funds for the comprehensive upgrade the school deserves?

858 MR MULHERIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to claims by Israeli Doctor Andre Waismann’s that his "accelerated neuro-regulation technique" will cure heroin addiction—
(1) Has Queensland Health investigated this technique; if not, will Queensland Health establish a team to evaluate this technique?
(2) If the claims are correct, will Queensland Health establish a trial treatment program?

859 MR NUTTALL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—
With reference to the recent introduction in Queensland of speed cameras—
(1) How many infringement notices have been issued since the cameras come into effect?
(2) Will he identify which centres or regions throughout the State where the cameras have been implemented?
(3) How much money has been collected from fines to date?

860 MR WELLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to the comments of the Minister for Emergency Services in the Weekend Bulletin on 28 June in relation to syringe exchange—
Is it the policy of his department to promote needle bins for the safe disposal of syringes?
MR WELFORD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR HOBBS)—

With reference to the wholesale clearing of lowland forest habitat and flood plains around Euramo, south of Tully —

(1) How much land clearing, and at what rate is clearing occurring in the delta of the Hull, Tully and Murray Rivers?

(2) Is this part of the so-called Riversdale–Murray Valley Water Management Scheme?

(3) Will this involve lowering the water table on some 3,400 hectares of existing cane fields and allowing for a further expansion of 3,600 hectares?

(4) Is the cane industry, state-wide, devouring 20,000 hectares a year for expansion; if not, at what rate is expansion occurring?

(5) Why is expansion being allowed in the lowlands south of Tully which include remaining patches of mahogany glider habitat and habitat for endangered cassowary?

(6) Does he acknowledge that even Barretts Lagoon area, the site of the rediscovery of the mahogany glider in 1989, will become part of the drainage network provided by the scheme?

(7) Is it not the case that mapping projects have shown that only 25 percent of this area's natural vegetation remains intact; if not, what amount of natural vegetation does remain?

(8) What environmental impact assessment of this scheme has been undertaken and what impacts have been identified?

(9) Will these impacts include a heightened risk of pesticide and nutrient run-off, erosion and siltation of river estuaries?

(10) Is he aware of a study revealing the presence of potential acid sulphate soils up to 20 kilometres inland; if so, what will be the impacts on fish habitat and populations resulting from the leaching of acid sulphate soils when soil substrates are disturbed by drainage earthworks?

(11) What consultations have been held with commercial and recreational fishing organisations in relation to these impacts and what are the attitudes of such organisations?

(12) Did any environmental impact assessment include an economic cost benefit analysis; if so, did such cost benefit analysis include an assessment of downstream impacts?

(13) What is the total amount of taxpayer subsidy being contributed to this scheme and other projects associated with sugar cane farming expansion in this region?

(14) What advice has the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority provided in relation to the potential impacts of this land clearing and drainage program on the ecological sustainability of the Great Barrier Reef?

(15) Is he aware of the environmental audit of the Queensland Cane Growing Industry commissioned by the Cane Growers' Association; if so, does he acknowledge that report argues that draining of wet lands and affecting the natural course of creeks should be banned in cane growing areas?

(16) Is he aware that 36 percent of farms in the region have modified natural water courses?

(17) How are the current proposals for clearing and drainage consistent with the advice of the environmental audit and what features of these proposals are consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development?
TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES
Mr J Goss, Miss Simpson and Mr Stephan

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mrs Gamin (Chairman), Messrs Briskey, Carroll, McElligott and Hon. G Milliner and Miss Simpson

Current Inquiries—
• Consolidation of the Queensland Constitution
• Protection of Privacy in Queensland
• Preservation and Enhancement of Individual’s Rights & Freedoms (Bill of Rights)

Reports—
• Issues Paper No. 1 – Truth in Political Advertising (Tabled 11 July 1996)
• Annual Report for 1995–96 (Tabled 8 August 1996)
• Report on matters pertaining to the Electoral Commission of Queensland (Tabled 8 August 1996)
• Review of the Referendums Bill 1996 (Tabled 14 November 1996)
• Truth in Political Advertising (Tabled 2 December 1996)
• Issues Paper No. 2 – Privacy in Queensland (Tabled 4 June 1997)

MEMBERS’ ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—

Members—
Ms Warwick (Chairman), Mr Campbell and Hon. D Fouras, Mrs Rose, Messrs Rowell and Springborg

Current Inquiries—
• Code of Conduct for Members
• The Sub Judice Convention
• Review of Parliamentary Privilege
• A matter of privilege raised on 3 December 1996

Reports—
• Annual Report for 1995–96 (Tabled 8 August 1996)
• Issues Paper No. 1 – A Code of Conduct for Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (Tabled 8 August 1996)
• Review of Register of Members’ Interests of the Legislative Assembly (Tabled 30 October 1996)
• Information Paper No. 1 – Citizen’s Right of Reply in the Queensland Legislative Assembly (Tabled 3 December 1996)
• Issues Paper No. 2 – The Sub Judice Convention (Tabled 18 March 1997)
• Report No. 5 – A Citizens’ Right-of-Reply No. 1 – A response to matters raised in the Legislative Assembly on 31 October 1996 (Tabled 20 March 1997)
• Report No. 6 – A Citizen’s Right-of-Reply Nos. 2, 3 and 4 – A Response to matters raised in the Legislative Assembly on 18 March 1997 and 19 March 1997 (Tabled 10 July 1997)
• Report No. 7 – The Sub Judice Convention (Tabled 11 July 1997)
• Issues Paper No. 3 – Parliamentary Privilege in Queensland (Tabled 19 August 1997)

PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—

Members—
Hon. V Lester (Chairman), Messrs Baumann, Carroll, Hollis, Nuttall and Robertson

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• The Criminal Justice Commission’s response to an article appearing in The Sunday Mail newspaper on 28 April 1996 (Tabled 2 May 1996)
• Report on Operation Melody (Tabled 15 May 1996)
• Report on section 23(c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1989 (Tabled 16 May 1996)
• Report on OutStanding Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee Recommendations (Tabled 23 July 1996)
• Annual Report for 1995–96 (Tabled 8 August 1996)
• Report on Operation Melody – No. 2 (Tabled 12 September 1996)
• Report No. 38 – The Accountability of the CJC to the PCJC (Tabled 9 May 1997)
• Report No. 39 – The CJC’s Jurisdiction over Elected Officials (Tabled 11 July 1997)
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Woolmer (Chairman), Mr Grice, Hon. K Hayward, Messrs Malone, Mulherin and Pearce

Current Inquiries—
• Joint Inquiry with the Commonwealth Joint Committee of Public Accounts – Review of Financial Accountability Requirements for Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils
• Fire Levies
• Tendering Processes
• Statutory Role in the Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office

Reports—
• Report No. 36 – State Government Credit Cards – Striking the Balance Between Accountability and Efficiency? (Tabled 5 December 1996)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Stephan (Chairman), Messrs D’Arcy, Healy, Purcell, Radke and Smith

Current Inquiries—
• Redevelopment of the Princess Alexandra Hospital
• Construction of a standard gauge rail line to Fisherman Islands
• Operations of Q-Build
• Construction of a joint Emergency Services head office facility at Kedron Park
• Construction of a replacement watchhouse and arrest courts in Brisbane

Reports—
• Report No. 32 – Redevelopment of the Cairns Base Hospital (Tabled 23 July 1996)
• Report No. 33 – Expansion of the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre Farm (Tabled 23 July 1996)
• Annual Report for 1995–96 (Tabled 8 October 1996)
• Report No. 34 – Construction of the New Woodford Correctional Centre (Tabled 29 October 1996)
• Report No. 35 – Tilt Train Project (Tabled 26 March 1997)
• Report No. 36 – Expansion of the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (Tabled 8 May 1997)
• Report No. 38 – The provision of infrastructure in Cape York (Tabled 27 June 1997)
• Report No. 39 – The South East Transit Project (Tabled 22 July 1997)
• Report No. 40 – The Mareeba/Dimbulah Irrigation Area Project (Tabled 19 August 1997)
• Report No. 41 – The Development of 75 William Street (Tabled 19 August 1997)

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Elliott (Chairman), Mrs Cunningham, Messrs Lucas, Roberts, J Sullivan and Tanti

Reports—
• Alert Digest No. 1 of 1996 (Tabled 16 April 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 2 of 1996 (Tabled 30 April 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 3 of 1996 (Tabled 14 May 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 4 of 1996 (Tabled 9 July 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 5 of 1996 (Tabled 23 July 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 6 of 1996 (Tabled 6 August 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 7 of 1996 (Tabled 3 September 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 8 of 1996 (Tabled 10 September 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 9 of 1996 (Tabled 8 October 1996)
• Workplace Health and Safety Amendment Regulation (1) 1996 (Tabled 10 October 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 10 of 1996 (Tabled 29 October 1996)
• Scrutiny of National Schemes of Legislation – Position Paper (Tabled 29 October 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 11 of 1996 – Supplement dealing with the Carruthers Inquiry Enabling Bill 1996 (Tabled 13 November 1996)
• Alert Digest No. 12 of 1996 (Tabled 26 November 1996)
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