NOTICE PAPER

for

FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 1997

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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NOTICE OF MOTION – REVOCATION

(Notice given 19 August 1997)

1 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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT – HOUSE TO TAKE NOTE OF COMMITTEE REPORT

(Notice given 28 August 1997)

NOTICES OF MOTION

(Notice given 20 August 1997)

1 MRS CUNNINGHAM to move – That this Parliament objects to the actions of the Attorney General for failing to take note of concerns expressed about the selection of suitable Commissioners to undertake a review of the efficiency of the Criminal Justice Commission which has resulted in this Commission of Inquiry being brought into disrepute.

2 MR ROBERTSON to move – That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and Main Roads for ignoring the legitimate concerns of southside residents by, on 19 August 1997, failing to rule out the construction of a freight rail line through southern suburbs to the Port of Brisbane and for delaying the study into this freight rail line until after the next State election, thereby avoiding public scrutiny and accountability to the community in a blatant attempt to prop up members of the Government who show such contempt for concerned residents that they describe them as ‘rat bags’ and ‘stirrers’.

(Notice given 26 August 1997)

3 MR BEATTIE to move – That this House—
   (a) notes the arrogant refusal of the Premier to comply with the resolution of this House of 20 August 1997 calling upon the Premier to dismiss the Attorney–General and Minister for Justice, and
   (b) further notes the damage to the institution of Parliament by the Premier's high–handed action.

4 MR ROBERTSON to move – That this Parliament—
   (a) again condemns the Federal Member for Oxley, Ms Pauline Hanson, for her recent ignorant and offensive proposal to discriminate against people of varying religions by suggesting that preference should be given to people of the Christian faith in considering applications to migrate to Australia; and
   (b) reaffirms the right of all people to religious freedom and rejects any notion that a person's religion, confirmed by either birth or choice, should ever be used by any Government to discriminate against the exercise of fundamental individual rights outlined in the laws and constitutions of Australia and its component States.

(Notice given 27 August 1997)

5 MR BEATTIE to move – That this House notes the embarrassing spectacle of the Attorney–General clinging to office in contempt of the resolution of this House on 20 August and further notes the damage to the rule of law in Queensland inflicted by Mr Beanland’s refusal to do the honourable thing and resign.

(Notice given 28 August 1997)

*6 MR CAMPBELL to move – That this House That this House views with concern the actions of the Minister for Health in his handling of the food safety report.

Due to the increasing food poisoning outbreaks, the public is losing confidence in food safety standards.

The Food Safety Report has been prepared behind closed doors and is being considered behind the walls of cabinet secrecy.

The Minister should be reprimanded for his non–inclusion of the public in this process and that there needs to be an open inquiry into food hygiene standards to ensure public confidence in our food supply.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on THURSDAY, 28 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 MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1997.

991 MR BEATTIE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to reports that the introduction of speed cameras is resulting in Queenslanders paying up to $1.2m per week in speeding fines—

(1) Is all of this $1.2m attributable just to the 8 speed cameras currently in use?
(2) To what will this unexpected cash bonanza be diverted?
(3) How much are the extra shifts and additional temporary staff that have had to be put on to clear the backlog of speed camera fines costing the Police Service per week?
(4) Does he still maintain that the introduction of speed cameras to Queensland is not just a revenue raising exercise, or can he point to an equally impressive drop in road fatalities or accident incidence as a result of this introduction?
(5) Doesn't this enormous cash windfall prove that speed cameras are not acting as a deterrent to speeding drivers?
(6) Are senior police astonished by this cash windfall?
(7) Does he stand by his praise of speed cameras when they showed less than 2 per cent of drivers exceeded speed limits?

992 MR HOLLIS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—

(1) What is the total number of units of public housing in the Redcliffe Electorate?
(2) How many units of public housing have been commenced and completed in the Redcliffe Electorate since 1 March 1996?
(3) How many units of housing in the Redcliffe Electorate have been purchased by the department since 1 March 1996?

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

With reference to plans to establish a Rail Heritage and Technology Museum on the site of the North Ipswich Railway Workshops—

(1) When will the last of the workshop operations be moved to Redbank?
(2) How many Queensland Rail employees are to remain at North Ipswich in order to maintain the site for the museum project?
(3) What funds and other resources are being made available by QR for the museum project?
(4) What is the estimated cost of the project?
(5) What other financial support will be made available through the Queensland Government to establish this important heritage project?

994 MR PURCELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—

With reference to redundancies being offered to TAFE staff—

(1) Who is being targeted by the department to receive redundancies under the Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme (VERS)?
(2) What criteria is being used to determine who is eligible to receive VERS?
MR ARDILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to press reports that key medical staff have resigned from QEII Hospital—

Will he reassure Parliament and the residents of the region that all possible steps will be taken to replace staff who leave as a matter of urgency to keep up patient care, and that enquiries will be made to ensure that dissatisfaction does not play a part in staff leaving QEII Hospital?

MR DOLLIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—

With reference to the plan to build 16 new pensioner units to replace the 54 units and cottages at Wahroonga—

(1) Will the residents have their new units cleaned and have three meals a day provided, as is currently the case?

(2) Will he confirm that the new accommodation will be free to residents as he stated in the Maryborough Chronicle on 13 August, and I quote, “You will have bigger, better accommodation and it will not cost you anything”?

(3) Will he confirm that additional units to the 16 new units will also have services and conditions as currently provided to elderly residents such as meals, cleaning and emergency alarm?

MRS SPENCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

(1) What are the numbers of surgical operations and, separately, day surgery procedures performed at the QEII Hospital on a monthly basis for the year ending June 1997 and for July 1997?

(2) What are the relevant categories of surgery for the total procedures ie. orthopaedic, ENT, gynaecological and so on?

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

With reference to the Mt Archer National and Environmental Parks and general Berserker Mountains area—

(1) What portion of Mt Archer is currently gazetted as national park?

(2) What portion is gazetted as environmental park?

(3) What areas are reserved as forestry leases?

(4) Are there any plans to have these relinquished?

(5) Does he intend to have the entire Mt Archer area gazetted as a national park; if so, when?

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

With reference to master–servant personal injuries claims and their administration by WorkCover —

(1) Where a Court judgment is obtained by a plaintiff in excess of the amount of the plaintiff’s offer to settle (and where WorkCovers’ lawyers have previously recommended acceptance and the insured employer recommended rejection) is the additional contribution being recovered from the insured employer; if not, why not?

(2) Without the necessity of providing identifying information, for each master–servant common law claim that went to trial in the District Court in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Ipswich and Rockhampton in the last year (a) what was the amount of damages ordered to be paid by the defendant to the plaintiff exclusive of costs, (b) what was the final offer to settle by the plaintiff, (c) was this offer recommended for acceptance or rejection by the legal representatives of WorkCover and (d) what was the final offer to settle made by WorkCover on behalf of the defendant?
(3) What methods has WorkCover employed to insure that (a) its retained legal
representatives and (b) insured employers in cases where they are allowed to decide
on the acceptance or rejection of any offer are held responsible to WorkCover for
any increased charges/payouts that WorkCover incurs as a result of inappropriate
recommendations on the making, acceptance, or rejection of settlement offers?

1000 MRS LAVARCH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES
AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to community safety in Kurwongbah—

Will he explain why the offer by Westfield to provide shop space rent free for the
establishment of a Police Beat Shopfront at Strathpine has been rejected?

1001 MR ROBERTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
(MR SANTORO)—

With reference to all Government departments and Statutory Authorities (including
Government owned corporations and Government business enterprises) respectively—

(1) How many new apprentices were engaged or commenced during 1995–96 and
1996–97?

(2) How many new apprentices are to be engaged or commenced for 1997–98?

1002 MR CAMPBELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES
AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

(1) What are the staffing levels for the Bundaberg Police District for commissioned and
positions and vacant positions as at those dates?

(2) How many police staff members were on sick leave as at those dates?

1003 MR SMITH 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 of existing cane field,
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?

1004 MR BREDHAUER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

(1) Will he provide class size statistics (State–wide and by region) for 1996 and 1997 as
follows (a) pupil/teacher ratio and number of oversized classes for years 1–3, (b)
pupil/teacher ratio and number of oversized classes for years 4–7, (c) pupil/teacher
ratio and number of oversized classes for years 8–10 and (d) pupil/teacher ratio and
number of oversized classes for years 11–12?
(2) Will he provide these statistics for (a) primary single teacher, single level classes, (b) primary single teacher, composite classes, (c) primary multiple teacher, single level classes, (d) primary multiple teacher, composite classes, (e) secondary English classes and (f) all single teacher, single subject secondary classes?

1005 MR DE LACY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE (MR LINGARD)—

With reference to his assurances early in 1996 that he would clean up the streets of Cairns, and to his announcement in June 1996 that $200,000 would be made available for the establishment of a night shelter, and to his statement in November 1996 that the shelter was to open soon, and the subsequent claim by his Parliamentary Secretary that there was now a “light at the end of the tunnel”, and as the only tangible change in the situation in relation to homeless persons in Cairns in the 20 months of this Government has been the closure of the Bama Diversionary Centre—

Will he advise when the light will become a reality?

1006 MR WELLS ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—

As at the date that this question is answered, and since the motion of no confidence in him, how many times has he exercised the functions of First Law Officer in respect of (a) granting indemnities, (b) being consulted by the DPP regarding the commencement of prosecutions or the granting of a nolle prosequi, (c) applications for a fiat, (d) making a determination in respect of a charitable trust and (e) any other First Law Officer function in respect of which he cannot by convention be directed by Cabinet?

1007 MR PEARCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR GILMORE)—

With reference to the coal–loading terminal at Dalrymple Bay—

(1) Is he aware of dust and noise nuisance caused by the terminal to neighbouring Hay Point residents?

(2) How much has the Ports Corporation of Queensland spent on (a) dust and noise monitoring, (b) purchasing land and houses at Louisa Creek and (c) building unsightly bund walls?

(3) Does he consider that the Parliamentary Public Works Committee made any relevant recommendations in this regard in its inquiry into the stage 3 expansion of the coal terminal; if so, which of the recommendations does he intend to act upon?

(4) What benefits will this have for the residents of Hay Point and Louisa Creek, in particular?

(5) Instead of spending money on efforts to “prove” that the nuisance does not exist, would it not be better to spend money on enclosing all conveyor belts, surge bins and other operational areas and wetting down coal stockpiles?

(6) What technology now exists to reduce motor noise on conveyor motors and idlers?

(7) What sensible reason is there for not insisting that the state of the art noise reducing technologies be applied?

1008 MR J SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—

With reference to moves by Mr George Quaid to have his infamous Quaid Road opened for public use—

(1) What contact has he, his office or his department had with Mr Quaid over this road and what was the nature of Mr Quaid’s representations?

(2) What undertakings have been given to Mr Quaid by him, his office, or his department with regard to this road?
(3) Does he believe Mr Quaid is correct in his belief that, because of the wording in his original agreement with the National Party, he can claim the $25m costs involved in the road’s original construction and maintenance since; if not, why not?

(4) Does he believe that opening the Quaid Road would put a major traffic load on the section of the Cook Highway between Wangetti and Buchan Point, with implications for road safety and access to Douglas Shire to the north; if not, why not?

(5) Does he personally support the opening of this road to the public; if so, why?

1009 MRS ROSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to proposed dredging of the Noosa River estuary—

(1) Has any application been received by the Government for dredging of the Noosa River; if so, what is the nature of the application, and what is the purpose of the dredging?

(2) How much and how often is it proposed that sand be dredged?

(3) What studies have been carried out by the Government, or any other person, regarding the likely effects or environmental impacts of proposed dredging?

(4) What options has the Government considered to minimise estuarine damage, should dredging occur?

(5) Has the option of pumping from Laguna Bay been considered; if not, why not?

(6) Has the Government approved any application for dredging; if not, does it intend to?

(7) What are his answers to questions 1 and 4 above, in respect of any similar situation affecting the Maroochy River estuary?

1010 MR BRISKEY ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—

With reference to an article in The Bulletin magazine on 2 September by Laurie Oakes in which the $5b excise tax problem was discussed—

(1) Was there only ever one plan put in place in anticipation of the High Court decision and was this plan put in place in Federal/State discussions well in advance of the High Court decision?

(2) Was this plan not changed in even the slightest detail after the Premier’s discussion with the Prime Minister?

(3) Is it also true that as Mr Oakes claims “the Premier misunderstood the scheme—.”?

(4) Is it also true that, as Mr Oakes claims, all the Prime Minister did in the phone conversation “was explain to an apparently slow–on–the–uptake Borbidge how the scheme worked—”?

1011 MR NUNN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to the water supply for the township of Gayndah—

(1) Is a new water purification plant being installed to serve the water supply needs of Gayndah?

(2) What is the cost of this plant and what proportion of the cost is being paid by the Government (Queensland taxpayers)?

(3) Is this plant being installed because of threats to the town water supply from pesticide runoff from surrounding farm lands?

(4) What water quality inspection has been undertaken on the town water supply and what are the results of such testing?

(5) Are tests being undertaken specifically to assess the extent of pesticide contamination of the town water supply; if not, why not and when will such tests be undertaken?
What capacity does the Burnett River have to support any additional fruit farming expansion in the region?

Have environmental flows of the river already been seriously depleted, and does he concede the environmental integrity of the river will be destroyed within five years unless there is a dramatic change in the current water use practices in this area?

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

With reference to his comments on the ABC's Anna Reynolds program on 26 August, where he said, "just as I did with the police powers, the public will be very heavily involved in discussion as far as the State Crime Commission is concerned" —

(1) Do his comments mean that he will be holding a series of public forums in major Queensland centres throughout Queensland in the same format as those which he held in relation to the police powers legislation?

(2) Where will public forums be held?

(3) On what dates will he be holding public forums?

(4) Will Bob Bottom be accompanying him?

(5) Will the Opposition be invited to participate in public consultation?

MR FOLEY ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON) —

With reference to the pre–election promise of the then Opposition Leader Rob Borbidge of an extra $5m for Queensland regional libraries —

(1) Why has she failed to honour this promise?

(2) What steps has she taken to ameliorate the damage to regional library services caused by the cuts in the 1996–97 budget?

(3) Does she intend to honour this pre–election promise during the term of this Government; if so, when and in what way?

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

With reference to the requirement of the Federal Government that mariners purchase software from private companies before purchasing CD–Roms for marine charts —

What action is his department taking with the Federal Government to ensure that software is user–friendly and able to be used by Queensland mariners in the interest of sea safety?

MR HAYWARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON) —

(1) Did his department recently award a public relations contract to consultants, Turnbull Fox Phillips?

(2) Is this the same consultancy which was also recently awarded a public relations contract by the Government's communications division, CITEC, which also falls under his control?

(3) Were these contracts awarded following public tenders?

(4) What were the winning tender prices?

(5) What are the activities being undertaken?

(6) Is this the same consultancy which was sacked by the Treasurer in 1996 for non–performance in relation to the Suncorp–Metway merger at a time when he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer?
MR T SULLIVAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—

With reference to his support, on the night of 27 August, for an amendment which acknowledged the extreme unrest amongst TAFE staff caused by his incompetent handling of the portfolio and his support for immediate action to “address the uncertainty in TAFE Colleges across the State (caused) by the direct funding cutbacks and re–allocations” as he imposed the cutbacks and re–allocations on TAFE—

What immediate action will he be taking to solve the problems that he has now admitted to creating?

MR D'ARCY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

With reference to the leading schools proposal in which there is likely to be an increase in the number of teachers on contract, and as schools will no doubt maintain those teachers in short supply, e.g. maths and science, on their permanent staffs—

(1) How then can he guarantee that the teaching profession will maintain (a) their professional standing in the community and (b) the security to conduct normal financial transactions, e.g. borrowing for home loans?

(2) How can he guarantee this contract class will not be predominantly made up of women?

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

With reference to his recent decision to fulfil the pre–election guarantee ‘that the Coalition will not be constructing any prison buildings closer to our suburbs than currently exist’ and to resite SEQ1 and SEQW approximately two kilometres from residents' homes, and to his promise to residents some months ago that land at the rear of the affected River Hills premises would be landscaped and a bike track and shrubbery provided, and given that the new siting of SEQ1 and SEQW will also be visible from some residences in the River Hills area—

(1) Will he give a commitment that this landscaping will proceed?

(2) What form will landscaping take?

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

With reference to the presence in Beenleigh on the night of 27 August of more than 30 police equipped with riot equipment to protect a meeting of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party at which Mrs Hanson was not present nor were any protesters—

(1) On what basis of threat were so many police allocated to protect this meeting?

(2) What was the cost of police overtime for this operation?

(3) What is the Government's policy on allocation of police protection to branch meetings of political parties?

(4) How many residents of Logan/Beenleigh were waiting for police assistance while police were protecting the One Nation branch meeting?

MR ROBERTSON ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

With reference to an article in The Bulletin of 2 September by Laurie Oakes which quotes a letter from his media adviser, Frank Jackson, referring to a dishonest briefing from the Prime Minister's Office—

(1) How are Queensland's interests being served by describing the Prime Minister's office as being dishonest?
(2) Did Mr Jackson have his approval to send this letter to Laurie Oakes; if not, will he sack Mr Jackson for unnecessarily damaging relationships between Queensland and the Federal Government?

(3) Is it permissible for his adviser to use abusive and four letter language in correspondence to journalists?

1021 MR WELFORD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

(1) What is the nature and cost of (a) maintenance projects and (b) capital works projects carried out or planned at each school in the Everton Electorate?

(2) What are the starting dates and projected completion dates of each of these maintenance and capital works projects?
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 Individuals’ 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)
• Report on matters pertaining to 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—
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• Review of Parliamentary Privilege
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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)

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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)

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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)
• Issues Paper – Review of Financial Reporting Requirements for Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils (Tabled 28 January 1997)
• Report No. 39 – Health Assessments – Department of Public Works and Housing (Tabled 8 May 1997)
• Report No. 41 – Fire Levies (Tabled 28 August 1997)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—
Members—
Mr Stephan (Chairman), Messrs D’Arcy, Healy, Purcell, Radke and Smith
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• 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
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• The South East Transit Project
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/Dimbula Irrigation Area Project (Tabled 19 August 1997)
• Report No. 41 – The Development of 75 William Street (Tabled 19 August 1997)

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—
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• 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)
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