

NOTICE PAPER

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THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1997

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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- 3 **EDUCATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*29 October 1997, Mr Bredhauer*)
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- 8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3)** – Resumption of second reading debate (*30 October 1997, Mr Livingstone*)
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- 25 **QUEENSLAND BUILDING SERVICES AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 November 1997, Mr Mackenroth)
- *26 **EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 November 1997, Mr Barton)
- *27 **OFFSHORE MINERALS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 November 1997, Mr Barton)

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

- 1 **CRIMINAL LAW (SEX OFFENDERS REPORTING) BILL** – Referred to Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee (18 November 1997)

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Notice given 28 October 1997)

- 1 **MS BLIGH** to move – That this Parliament recognises the right of students of East Brisbane State School to be educated in an environment which facilitates and encourages their physical, social, cultural and emotional development.

The Parliament—

- calls on the Minister for Education to guarantee that no approvals are given for the Brisbane Cricket Ground Trust to resume more East Brisbane State School land for Trust development until an independent mediator is appointed and a mutually agreeable outcome achieved for all parties; and
- calls on the Treasurer to ensure the Brisbane Cricket Ground Trust considers all possible redevelopment options, including—
 - (1) the relocation of the 800 seat function room;
 - (2) the redevelopment of other parts of the cricket ground, including the old police station site and the Brisbane City Council park, to deliver greater seating capacity without such a major impact on the school;
 - (3) an appropriate package for the redevelopment of the school's facilities, including classrooms, the library and playing space, to compensate for the imposition of the redevelopment on the school community; and
 - (4) a focus on the safety issues of children, both during and after construction.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*The following questions were asked on **Wednesday, 19 November 1997**. Answers are required by Sessional Orders to be hand delivered to the Bills and Papers Office, Room A.18.1, Parliament House by 5pm on Friday, 19 December 1997.*

- 1304 **MR McGRADY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING (MRS MCCAULEY)—

With reference to the numerous discussions between my office and her office regarding the service levy and community levy that Mornington Shire Council is proposing to introduce on the residents of Mornington Island and despite numerous calls, I am unable to secure information from her—

- (1) Will she confirm that her office received advice that the service levy as proposed by the Mornington Shire Council is inconsistent with the Residential Tenancy Act?
- (2) Will she also confirm that her office received advice that Crown Law advised the Education Department that it is their view that the community levy as proposed by the Mornington Shire Council is inconsistent with the Local Government Act?
- (3) What further advice has her office received on these levies?
- (4) Is it common practise for staff of her office to not act on requests made by Members of Parliament?

- 1305 **MR HAMILL** ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—

With reference to the \$155.965m allocated to the Treasurer's Advance Account for 1997–98—

- (1) What funds have been outlayed from this account so far in 1997–98?
- (2) To which departments and programs have these funds been outlayed?

- (3) In respect of each of these outlays, what was the specific purpose to which these funds were applied?

1306 **MR BEATTIE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

With reference to the 1996–97 Budget for the Department of Education which shows that the Queensland School Curriculum Council was to be funded to the amount of \$11.564m and as the 1996–97 annual report for that body shows (on p.28) that the Government actually only provided \$1.446m—

- (1) Will he explain this massive under-funding by the Government of curriculum development and how can the people of Queensland believe that this Government is serious about high quality education?
- (2) Has the Department of Education held over more than \$7.3m (noted on p.27) into 1997–98 and that money has not in fact actually been provided to the QSCO?

1307 **MR McELLAGOTT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—

With reference to the morning of 1 October at Saunders Beach, north of Townsville, which was littered with thousands of dead fish washed up by the previous night's high tide and as this is not the first time this has occurred—

Was an investigation of this latest incident carried out by his department; if so, what were the results and what can be done to prevent a re-occurrence?

1308 **MR FOURAS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR QUINN)—

With reference to the March 1997 Education Queensland Enterprise Bargaining Agreement draft which stated that four boards (TEPA, Board of Teacher Registration, QSCO and Board of Senior Secondary School Studies (BSSSS)) which were previously included were now to be excluded on the basis that it was now established Government policy that these boards must negotiate their own EBA—

- (1) How does he justify a later decision (September 1997) to reinclude TEPA, Board of Teacher Registration and QSCO but continue the exclusion of the BSSSS?
- (2) Does he accept that this decision meant that the three reincluded boards had an EBA effective date of 1 March and that the BSSSS a 1 July or later effective EBA date?
- (3) How does he justify this inequitable treatment of the staff of the BSSSS?

1309 **MR BRADDY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—

With reference to his claims in the taxpayer funded political advertisement in the Sunday Mail of 16 November that his changes to the unfair dismissal laws will "—provide employers with—the confidence to hire new employees—"

- (1) How many jobs have been created as a direct result of his exemption of small business from unfair dismissal laws which came into effect on 1 July 1997?
- (2) What evidence can he produce to prove that any new jobs have been created by this policy?
- (3) How many jobs have been created as a direct result of the more general changes to the unfair dismissal laws imposed by him at the end of last year?

1310 **MR PALASZCZUK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—

With reference to the development of a Glass Eel export industry from Queensland—

- (1) Have 38 licences been issued in Queensland to operators to collect eels from the wild to service this export trade?

- (2) On what knowledge of the resource has this apparently large number of licences been issued and how many extra licences does he intend to issue?
- (3) From what water bodies is collection being allowed and what checks are being maintained by how many DPI staff on this collection?
- (4) What numbers of eels, at what size, have been removed from Queensland waterways since the advent of this industry?
- (5) How many eels have been exported during this same time?
- (6) What restrictions apply to the taking of these eels from the wild?
- (7) Is he satisfied that this natural resource is not being over exploited and that there isn't a need to scale back the current number of licences?

1311 **MR ROBERTSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to staffing levels at the Acacia Ridge Police Station—

- (1) What are the police units that are currently located at this station and what are their current staffing levels?
- (2) What is the current uniformed police establishment at Acacia Ridge and what has been the establishment for each year between 1990 and 1997?
- (3) What is the current uniformed police strength for each shift at the Acacia Ridge Police Station and how does it compare with each year between 1990 and 1996?
- (4) What is the current police to population ratio for the area serviced by the Acacia Ridge Police Station and how does it compare with the ratios for each year between 1990 and 1996?
- (5) Since January 1997, how many shifts at the Acacia Ridge Police Station were under recommended strength and what are the details?

1312 **MR DOLLIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR SANTORO)—

With reference to Maryborough TAFE which started last year with a major hiccup in that no courses had been set or confirmed until half way through the year which led to confusion among both teachers and prospective students—

- (1) Will he reassure the people of Maryborough and, in particular, those who wish to access specific courses at the Maryborough TAFE College that there will not be a repeat performance of the fiasco which happened last year?
- (2) Will he give an assurance that the Maryborough TAFE course curriculum has already been set in place, as it should be, to allow those who wish to access the courses adequate time to make up their minds and enrol?

1313 **MR MILLINER** ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BORBIDGE)—

With reference to damage incurred by the Marlin Marina in Cairns during a cyclone in March—

- (1) Did he give a commitment at that time to berth holders that he would provide, or secure, funds to rebuild this facility regarded by him as the 'symbol of Cairns'?
- (2) What discussions has he held with the Cairns Port Authority and Treasury regarding this funding and what amount is required for the rebuilding?
- (3) Is it true that with insurance covering almost 70 per cent of rebuilding costs, only \$1.5m is required from State Government sources to deliver on this commitment?
- (4) At what stage is the design and construction of a new groyne for the facility and what costs are envisaged for this work?

- (5) Are berth holders at the marina correct in local media comments when they say the Premier's commitments were 'just political grandstanding' and that the issue of relief funding had 'dropped off the agenda'?

1314 **MR HAYWARD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to his recent announcement that Willawong would close in the middle of next year and that 31 different private waste treatment plants across Queensland would replace it—

Where are these 31 plants, who owns and operates them, what waste streams does each handle and in what volumes, what environmental assessment has been undertaken of each and where are each disposing of the end product of their treatment process?

1315 **MR CAMPBELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING (MRS MCCAULEY)—

With reference to the Burnett Shire Council and financial dealings of the council and to a \$500,000 roadworks loan No. 058.002.002 and allegations that the loan was subsequently transferred to a building loan account for the construction of the shire chambers—

- (1) On what date was this \$500,000 roadworks loan raised?
- (2) On what date was this loan transferred to the building account?
- (3) When did the council resolve for the transfer of this loan?
- (4) When did the council advise her department or Treasury of this loan transfer?
- (5) When did she and her department or Treasury approve of this loan transfer?
- (6) If the council did not follow the guidelines regarding this matter, what action has been taken to ensure all proper financial requirements have been fulfilled?

1316 **MR ELDER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—

With reference to the television advertisement featuring work on the main road between Brisbane and the Gold Coast—

- (1) How much of taxpayers' money was spent on having the advertisement made?
- (2) How much has been spent so far on putting it to air?
- (3) How much more has been budgeted on putting it to air?

1317 **MR BARTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to a letter he received from prominent National Party identity and good friend, Mr Bill Nioa, regarding Mr Nioa's difficulties at the time surrendering successfully to Queensland's gun buy-back scheme some 5,000 Owen machine gun magazines—

- (1) When did he receive his letter, what was in it, what did he do with it and will he table it in the Parliament or provide a copy with the reply to this Question; if not, why not?
- (2) Did Mr Nioa indicate in that letter that he had bought the magazines from Mr Warwick, a Victorian gun dealer, or did it state that he was merely acting as an agent for Mr Warwick?
- (3) Has he made this letter available to police investigating Mr Nioa's dealings in this matter; if not, why not?
- (4) When does he expect this police investigation to be completed and does he intend to table their report?

1318 **MR HOLLIS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

- (1) How many drug raids have been carried out this year on Queensland prison inmates, including the privately operated prisons, Borallon and Arthur Gorrie?
- (2) What quantity of drugs have been confiscated and the type of drug from each prison?
- (3) What efforts are in place to eliminate the importation of drugs in Queensland prisons?

1319 **MR LAVARCH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR GILMORE)—

- (1) What is the total cost of the public relations program for the name change to Energex?
- (2) What is the breakdown of each item of the campaign including production of brochures, mail out of brochures, newspaper ads, television ads and radio ads?
- (3) What percentage of this campaign is that for the department as a whole?
- (4) What is the name of the advertising firm who won the contract and who are the directors of the company?
- (5) How many firms tendered for the contract?

1320 **MR PEARCE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the issue of a new health facility for the people of Woorabinda, I draw his attention to his response to Question on Notice No. 620, dated 8 July, in which he advised that — "Both the Functional Plan and Master Plan relating to the Woorabinda Health Service have been completed to enable progression to the next phase involving the development of a Project Definition Plan. Engagement of consultants is imminent. Completion of the new facility is expected by the end of June 1998 ... The new Woorabinda Primary Health Care Centre will be operating as a fully functional public health facility from July 1998."—

- (1) When will work begin on the Woorabinda Health Facility and when will it be fully operational?
- (2) Can the Woorabinda community have faith in his commitment or will there continue to be delays because of the Government's inability to deliver?

1321 **MRS EDMOND** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to repeated assertions by him in the media that his lack of commitment to meeting breast screening targets does not put Commonwealth funding for those programs at risk—

How then does he explain point 8 — 3rd dotpoint on Cabinet Decision No. 01508 (Submission No. 01355) 28 July 1997 where it states — "The Commonwealth's funding offer for 1997–98 includes a 'clawback' of funding for the Breast Screen and Cervical Cancer Screening Programs as these have not been able to meet service targets in 1996–97 ... due to the 'clawback' they could find themselves underfunded by between one and two million dollars"?

1322 **MR SCHWARTEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR HOBBS)—

With reference to a meeting he had on Friday 31 October with Dr Ian McPhail, Head of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park—

- (1) What was the subject of this meeting and who else attended other than himself and Dr McPhail?

- (2) Was the subject of waiving environmental impact studies for the dams on the Comet and Dawson Rivers raised at this meeting; if so, was a decision to waive or modify these studies or parts thereof made; if so, what justification was there for these waivers?
- (3) Was Dr McPhail involved because of his responsibility for the ongoing protection of the Great Barrier Reef, or in another capacity?

1323 **MR GIBBS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SMALL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (MR DAVIDSON)—

With reference to the 180 scholarships the Queensland Government is funding at \$10,000 per student to be trained at the Silicon Studio Training Centre in the Norwich Union Building on Coronation Drive—

- (1) Are the costs to paying students (as opposed to Queensland Government Scholarship holders) to attend the identical course in the case of 2D students approximately \$4,800 and the 3D students \$6,400 as advertised by the company on the Internet; if so, why is there such a discrepancy?
- (2) Do the fees quoted on the Internet for these two courses already contain a profit margin for the company; if so, what is the margin?
- (3) On what basis was the \$10,000 fee for these Government scholarships negotiated and by whom, and will he table documentation pertaining to this justification?
- (4) Will he outline the number of students that have attended these courses so far on scholarships from rural and regional Queensland and what amounts have been paid to each of these students to assist with transport and accommodation?

1324 **MR BRISKEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—

With reference to reports from Canberra that the Federal Environment Minister is considering changes to management responsibility for the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef and North Queensland's Wet Tropical Rainforests—

- (1) What has been the nature of his discussions with the Federal Environment Minister and his Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Ministerial Council colleagues on the issue of either amalgamating Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef Authorities and/or handing their management control to the Queensland Government?
- (2) Does he support these moves; if so, how does he see such changes being made, when, at what cost and why?
- (3) Does he believe the Queensland Government has the resources, commitment and capacity to handle such responsibility?
- (4) Does he also see the Fraser Island World Heritage Area management structure being absorbed into this new entity?
- (5) Is this amalgamation and devolution idea an outcome of the recent COAG meeting attended by Premier Borbidge?

1325 **MR DE LACY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the loss on disposal of assets on page 54 of his department's Annual Report—

- (1) On what items was the loss recorded?
- (2) What was the loss on the three biggest items and the amount of each?
- (3) What efforts are being made to limit the loss on disposal of assets?

- 1326 **MR NUNN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—
With reference to the item bad and doubtful debts on page 54 of his department's Annual Report—
- (1) What hospitals are responsible for the biggest debts and what is the bad debt for each hospital?
 - (2) What efforts is he making to limit the debts in each hospital?
- 1327 **MR PURCELL** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—
- (1) How many Consumer Affairs officers are employed in the Cairns office?
 - (2) Are these officers allocated different activities to investigate, e.g., motor vehicles, toys, correct weight or volumes, etc., or do they do all investigations, whatever they come across?
 - (3) If they are allocated different portfolios, what officers are allocated to what areas and who decides this?
 - (4) How many prosecutions have been taken by the Cairns office on licensed motor traders in Cairns in 1997, 1996, 1995 and 1994?
 - (5) Has he had personal contact with the owner or principal of Broadley Auto Group in regards to matters raised by myself in Parliament or has his office on his behalf?
- 1328 **MR NUTTALL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR HOBBS)—
With reference to plans by the State Government to urgently carry out a \$250,000 feasibility study into a \$300m scheme to pump Brisbane's treated sewage effluent across the Minden Range for use as irrigation in the Lockyer Valley—
- (1) Has this study commenced; if not, when will it commence, how long is it expected to take to complete and who will undertake it?
 - (2) Who is funding it and what role is the National Party's Waste Management Committee now playing in this project?
 - (3) What has caused the Lockyer Valley's current irrigational water shortage?
 - (4) Will the additional irrigation worsen salinity problems presently affecting significant parts of the valley?
- 1329 **MR MULHERIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
With reference to the Mackay Area Integrated Transportation Study—
- (1) What is the current status of this study?
 - (2) When will this study be completed?
- 1330 **MRS CUNNINGHAM** ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MRS SHELDON)—
With reference to expenditure from her budget—
- (1) Was a new cultural centre for Brisbane funded during 1997-98; if so, from which budget area was the allocation made and how much was committed?
 - (2) Was the allocation made after the 1997-98 budget had been formulated?
- 1331 **MR ARDILL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the new accelerated timetable for the Queenslander and the Sunlander now brings those trains into Proserpine at a totally unsuitable 4am in one of Queensland's four major tourism regions?

- (2) Will he have the timetable for those trains put back by at least two hours to encourage rather than discourage the use of those trains by tourists who now provide considerable revenue on those trains?
- (3) Has he considered my suggestion to use the Queenslander consist for an additional weekly trip to the Whitsundays and Townsville on Wednesday nights?

1332 **MR LUCAS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (MR PERRETT)—

With reference to the Queensland Fisheries' Management Authority Moreton Bay Discussion Paper No. 6, which was closed for public consultation on 30 June 1997—

- (1) When will the draft Fisheries' Management Plan be released for public consultation?
- (2) What will be the nature of the public consultation?
- (3) When will the final Fisheries' Management Plan be proclaimed?

1333 **MR J SULLIVAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR VEIVERS)—

With reference to the termination of a number of staff from the Nambour office of the Queensland Ambulance Service—

Will he detail how many staff have been terminated this year and from what positions, and how many more it is proposed to terminate in Nambour, and will he give a guarantee that the Nambour office and communications centre will not be closed?

1334 **MR ROBERTS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR RACING (MR COOPER)—

With reference to the suburbs of Banyo, Nudgee, Nudgee Beach and Virginia which are situated within the boundaries of the Boondall Police Division—

Will he provide whatever information is available on (a) for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, how many offences were reported respectively for each of the following offences (i) assaults (excluding sexual), (ii) sexual offences, (iii) robbery, (iv) breaking and entering, (v) other property damage, (vi) motor vehicle theft, (vii) stealing (excluding motor vehicles) and (viii) drug offences and (b) for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 October 1997, how many offences were reported respectively for each of the offence categories outlined above?

1335 **MRS BIRD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING (DR WATSON)—

With reference to my two previous requests that an audit be made of cyclone evacuation centres in Cannonvale and Airlie Beach and with the cyclone season now imminent—

- (1) Will he instruct this audit to take place as a matter of urgency?
- (2) When will this audit be completed?
- (3) When will he announce safe locations for the residents and tourists of Whitsunday?

1336 **MR LIVINGSTONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the television advertisement featuring public hospitals—

- (1) How much of taxpayers' money was spent on having the advertisement made?
- (2) How much has been spent so far on putting it to air?
- (3) How much more has been budgeted on putting it to air?

1337 **MR WELLS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR VEIVERS)—

- (1) Will he confirm that the Ayr Fire Station has recently been closed during night times?
- (2) Will he advise as to whether the fire station will be opened at night times in the near future?
- (3) What are the reasons for the night time closure of the Ayr Fire Station?
- (4) Is he aware that if the bridge between Ayr and Home Hill should be blocked or damaged, due to flood or catastrophe, that there would be no way that a fire could be attended by urban firefighters during the night?
- (5) Will he undertake to address this matter?

1338 **MR WELFORD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT (MR LITTLEPROUD)—
With reference to the Sun Metals Zinc Refinery at Stuart—

- (1) What environmental guidelines have not been complied with by this operator?
- (2) What licences are held by this operator under the Environmental Protection Act 1994?
- (3) Why has he allowed these environmental guidelines to be ignored?
- (4) What action is being taken to monitor and enforce the environmental guidelines?
- (5) What enforcement proceedings have been instituted in respect of this breach; if none, why not?
- (6) Is this typical of his continuing failure to enforce the EPA and proper environmental standards?

1339 **MRS ROSE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (MR JOHNSON)—

With reference to his response to my calls for the construction of the Tugun By-pass during the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill debate on 18 November—

- (1) Has he formally requested Federal road funding for the Tugun By-pass?
- (2) Has he corresponded with his Federal counterpart and the Federal Airports Corporation indicating the possibility that Coolangatta Airport land may be required to construct a Tugun by-pass; if so, was this prior to the issuing of tenders for the sale of the airport?

1340 **MR T SULLIVAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR HORAN)—

With reference to the operating lease rental in note 8, page 54 of his department's Annual Report—

- (1) In which places is the department paying for leases on buildings vacated by the department?
- (2) What is the cost of payment of leases in each building above?
- (3) Specifically, is the former regional office at the corner of Gympie and Rode Roads, Cherside being used by Queensland Health; if so, in what way?

1341 **MR FOLEY** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—

With reference to the Annual Report of Chief District Court Judge Shanahan criticising increased delays in court waiting times and observing that – "Until resources are provided to the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions and the Legal Aid Office to fully brief counsel at least six weeks before the trial listing, it is unlikely that the unsatisfactory situation will improve."—

- (1) What action has he taken in response to this criticism?
- (2) Will he provide extra resources to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Legal Aid Office; if so, how much and when?

1342 **MS SPENCE** ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (MR BEANLAND)—

With reference to the Consumer Credit Fund—

- (1) Which consumer groups have been given grants from the fund since 30 June 1997?
- (2) What was the total amount of each grant?
- (3) How many applicants were not successful in receiving grants and who were they?
- (4) Who are the members of the committee that processes grant applications?

1343 **MS BLIGH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE (MR LINGARD)—

With reference to the significant grants programs administered by his department—

- (1) What quantum and what proportion of funds in each program had been spent or allocated at the end of the September quarter and at the end of October 1997?
- (2) In which regions have each expenditure and allocation been made from each program?

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)
- Review of the Criminal Law (Sex Offenders Reporting) Bill

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 3 December 1996*)
- Report No. 5 – Report on the Electoral Amendment Bill 1996 (*Tabled 20 March 1997*)
- Issues Paper No. 2 – Privacy in Queensland (*Tabled 4 June 1997*)
- Report No. 6 – Report on a study tour relating to the preservation and enhancement of individuals' rights and freedoms and to privacy (31 March 1997 – 14 April 1997) (*Tabled 1 October 1997*)
- Issues Paper No. 3 – The Preservation and Enhancement of Individuals' Rights and Freedoms: Should Queensland Adopt a Bill of Rights? (*Tabled 1 October 1997*)
- Report No 7: Annual Report 1996–97 (*Tabled 30 October 1997*)

MEMBERS' ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—

Members—

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

Current Inquiries—

- Code of Conduct for Members
- Review of Parliamentary Privilege
- Matters raised by Mr Foley on 21 August and 27 August concerning the Attorney-General
- A matter raised by Mr Jon Sullivan on 28 August concerning the Life Education Foundation Qld Inc
- A matter raised by the Honourable the Premier on 18 September concerning an ALP rail journey
- A matter raised by the Member for Fitzroy
- A matter raised by the Member for Ipswich

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*)
- Report on a Matter of Privilege – The Alleged Misleading of the House by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts on 12 November 1996 (*Tabled 29 January 1997*)
- Report on a Matter of Privilege – The Alleged Misleading of the House by a Minister on 14 November 1996 (*Tabled 29 January 1997*)
- 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*)
- Report No. 8 – Annual Report for 1996–97 (*Tabled 22 September 1997*)
- Report No. 9 – Report on a citizen's right of reply numbers 5 and 6 (*Tabled 30 October 1997*)
- Report No. 10 – Report on a matter of privilege : Alleged contempt by the Criminal Justice Commission – Matter referred to the committee on 3 December 1996 (*Tabled 30 October 1997*)

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PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—**Members—**

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

Reports—

- 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. 37 – A Review of the Criminal Justice Commission's Report on Cannabis and the Law in Queensland (*Tabled 14 November 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*)
- Report No. 40 – Annual Report for 1996–97 (*Tabled 28 October 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
- Tendering Processes
- Review of the Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office
- Inquiry into the Administration of Grants and Subsidies by Queensland Government Departments

Reports—

- Annual Report 1995–1996 (*Tabled 6 August 1996*)
- Report No. 36 – State Government Credit Cards – Striking the Balance Between Accountability and Efficiency? (*Tabled 5 December 1996*)
- Report No. 37 – Review of the Tabling of Annual Reports 1995–96 (*Tabled 5 December 1996*)
- Report No. 38 – Interim Report – Review of Financial Accountability Requirements for Aboriginal Councils and Island Councils (*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. 40 – Annual Report 1996–97 (*Tabled 28 August 1997*)
- Report No. 41 – Fire Levies (*Tabled 28 August 1997*)
- Issues Paper No. 2 – Review of Financial Reporting Requirements for Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils — The Way Forward (*Tabled 8 September 1997*)

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 replacement watchhouse and arrest courts in Brisbane
- Infrastructure projects in the Mt Isa/Cloncurry region

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. 37 – Redevelopment of the Princess Alexandra Hospital – Interim Report (*Tabled 27 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*)
- Annual Report for 1996–97 (*Tabled 24 September 1997*)
- Report No 42 – A re-evaluation of the South East Transit Project (*Tabled 9 October 1997*)
- Report No. 43 – The construction of a joint Emergency Services head office at Kedron Park (*Tabled 28 October 1997*)

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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*)
- Annual Report for 1995–96 (*Tabled 30 October 1996*)
- Alert Digest No. 11 of 1996 (*Tabled 12 November 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*)
- Alert Digest No. 13 of 1996 (*Tabled 3 December 1996*)
- Alert Digest No. 1 of 1997 (*Tabled 28 January 1997*)
- The Use of “Henry VIII Clauses” in Queensland Legislation (*Tabled 28 January 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 2 of 1997 (*Tabled 18 March 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 3 of 1997 (*Tabled 25 March 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 4 of 1997 (*Tabled 29 April 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 5 of 1997 (*Tabled 7 May 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 5 of 1997 – Supplement dealing with the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill (*Tabled 8 May 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 6 of 1997 (*Tabled 3 June 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 7 of 1997 (*Tabled 8 July 1997*)
- Report on Government Owned Corporations (QGC1–3 and AEC) Regulation 1997 (*Tabled 8 July 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 8 of 1997 (*Tabled 19 August 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 9 of 1997 (*Tabled 26 August 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 10 of 1997 (*Tabled 7 October 1997*)
- Annual Report for 1996–97 (*Tabled 28 October 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 11 of 1997 (*Tabled 28 October 1997*)
- Alert Digest No. 12 of 1997 (*Tabled 18 November 1997*)

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURAL REVIEW—

Members—

Mr Speaker (ex officio Chairman), Messrs Bredhauer and FitzGerald, Hon. D Fouras, Mr Laming and Hon. T Mackenroth

Report—

- Review of the Estimates Committee Process (*Tabled 9 July 1996*)

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELSAFE—

Members—

Mr J Goss (Chairman), Messrs Dollin, Hegarty, Mitchell, Nunn and T Sullivan

Current Inquiries—

- Queensland’s Increasing Road Toll
- Passenger Safety and Security on the Brisbane Citytrain Network
- Compulsory BAC Testing in Hospitals

Reports—

- Driver Training and Licensing (*Tabled 3 April 1996*)
- Annual Report for 1995–96 (*Tabled 4 September 1996*)
- Report No. 18 – Queensland’s Road Toll : An Overview (*Tabled 28 January 1997*)
- Report No. 19 – Queensland’s Road Toll : Drink Driving (Part 1) (*Tabled 28 January 1997*)
- Report No. 20 – Unsecured Vehicle Loads (*Tabled 16 May 1997*)
- Report No. 21 – Annual Report for 1996–97 (*Tabled 18 November 1997*)

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mr Speaker (ex officio Chairman), Mr Beattie, Hon. J Elder, Messrs FitzGerald and Laming and Hon. T Mackenroth

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