

NOTICE PAPER

for

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 1998

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **NATIVE TITLE (QUEENSLAND) STATE PROVISIONS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*25 August 1998, Mr Hobbs*)
- 2 **INTEGRATED PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Hobbs*)
- 3 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Santoro*)
- 4 **ADDRESS IN REPLY** – Resumption of debate on the motion of Ms J Cunningham—
That the following address be presented to the Governor in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency in opening this, the First Session of the Forty-Ninth Parliament of Queensland—
"We, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, wish to assure your Excellency of our continued respect for the Crown, and loyalty to the system of government in this State, and to tender our thanks for the speech with which you opened the First Session. The various measures to which your Excellency referred and all other matters that may be brought before us will receive our careful consideration, and we shall strive to deal with them so that our endeavours may contribute to the advancement and the prosperity of the people of this State."
(*6 August 1998, Mr Pearce*)
- 5 **TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION (QUEENSLAND) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Borbidge*)
- 6 **STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Borbidge*)
- 7 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Santoro*)
- 8 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Springborg*)
- 9 **POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Grice*)
- 10 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Johnson*)
- 11 **JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*6 August 1998, Mr Beanland*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Notice given 30 July 1998)

1 **MR MACKENROTH** to move—

That, if a Bill introduced by a Member, who is not a Minister of the Crown, has laid upon the table of the House for a period exceeding ninety days and has not passed all stages, that Bill will be brought on for debate on the following sitting Wednesday evening. The House will continue to debate that Bill on each following sitting Wednesday evening until consideration of that Bill has been finalised. On those Wednesdays the House will break for dinner between 7pm and 8.30pm with the adjournment being moved at 11pm followed by a 30-minute adjournment debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION – REVOCATION OF STATE FOREST

(Notice given 6 August 1998)

1 **MR WELFORD** to move —

- (1) That this House agrees that the Proposal by the Governor in Council to revoke the setting apart and declaration as State Forest under the *Forestry Act* of the area specified in the documents previously tabled, be carried out.
- (2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate
(6 August 1998, Mr Beattie)
- *2 **CITIZENS' INITIATED REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT) BILL** –
Resumption of second reading debate (25 August 1998, Mr Beattie)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*The following questions were asked on **Tuesday, 25 August 1998**. 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, 24 September 1998.*

517 **MR LAMING** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING (MR SCHWARTEN)—

- (1) How many departmental staff are employed as liaison, or liaison like, officers between his department and the office of the Minister?
- (2) How many other departmental staff are employed to work in his office?
- (3) What is the remuneration level, as well as the type and cost of other remunerative benefits, of each of these officers?
- (4) What is the job description of each of these officers?
- (5) When were each of these job descriptions prepared and approved and by whom?
- (6) What are the full details of the criteria used for appointment of each of these officers?
- (7) To whom in the office of the Minister, or the department, do these officers report?
- (8) Were these positions advertised in accordance with established public service recruitment and selection procedures; if not, why not?
- (9) If these positions were advertised, what is the date and place of publication?
- (10) If any of these positions have been filled in an acting capacity, when is it expected that the appointment of full-time officers will be finalised?
- (11) What arrangements, budgetary and otherwise, have been put in place to fund these officers, and/or their replacements within the positions they previously held within the department?

518 **MR COOPER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to the Labor Party's policy document entitled "Labor's Commitment to Primary Industries" and specifically to references that the Beattie Labor Government will establish a Rural Science Organisation—

- (1) When does he plan to establish this body?
- (2) What role will the Rural Science Organisation have?
- (3) How will this body relate to the industry institutes?
- (4) Will he give an assurance that this body will not duplicate the role of the industry institutes?
- (5) Will he give an assurance that this body will not dilute the role of the institutes and their boards?
- (6) What role and powers will the Chief State Scientist have?
- (7) Will the Rural Science Organisation and/or the Chief State Scientist have the power to over-ride decisions made by an institute board?
- (8) Will the Rural Science Organisation set budgets for each of the institutes or will he and/or the Director-General have this role?
- (9) What will be the structure and membership of the advisory councils to the Rural Science Organisation?
- (10) What will be the relationship between the institute boards and the advisory councils?

519 **MR ROWELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to Wharps Holding near Ingham and the adjoining Mt Poverty block which are currently being investigated to have sections resumed as mahogany glider habitat and for other reasons and as fair compensation is being requested by each of the landholders involved in recognition of the asset—

- (1) Has there been any change in assessing the value of the property, from the time freeholding of Wharps Holding was first requested, that would now disadvantage the lessees?
- (2) If natural justice is to prevail, has fair and equitable compensation been offered to the lessee and will a comparable area of mahogany glider free habitat to that provided for a Lands Department sub-division of mahogany glider habitat on part of the Wharps Holding lease in 1994 be made available to lessees for freehold title?

520 **MR LESTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the development called Bayview Country Club Estate at Mt Cotton in the Redland Shire which has been progressing for the past couple of decades in one form or another and in recent times was identified as threatening some environmentally significant land and that steps should be taken to minimise that impact and in 1995 the Goss Labor Government committed to purchasing just under 200 hectares of land, predominantly east of German Church Road, as part of the South East Tollway proposal, which commitment was continued under the Borbidge Government, and following valuations conducted by the Department of Natural Resources and other private valuers a commitment of \$2.4m was allocated for the land acquisition by his department as its contribution based on a \$2 for \$1 share in conjunction with the Redland Shire Council—

- (1) As it is understood the Department of Natural Resources, acting on behalf of the Redland Shire Council, issued an intention to resume notice following the refusal by the Bayview developer of the purchase price offered based on the valuations undertaken, what is the present situation regarding the notice and has a hearing date been set down in the Land Court to determine the land valuation?
- (2) What control and reporting measures has his department put in place to ensure the State Government's contribution ensures that the whole area identified for purchase will be achieved and be consistent with the valuations obtained?
- (3) Following the initial breakdown of negotiation for acquisition, is it true that the Redland Shire Council has acted separately by offering to pay approximately \$2m for part of the total area identified for purchase and will the remaining State Government contribution ensure the purchase of the remaining 160–200 hectares; if not, is the portion proposed to be purchased by RSC consistent with the valuation determined by DNR and other valuers?
- (4) If the area originally designated for purchase cannot be acquired at the recommended valuation, is his department supportive of the purchase price being determined by the land court as a consequence of the intention to resume notice?

521 **MR HEALY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING (MR GIBBS)—

With reference to the previous Coalition Government which gained Cabinet approval to grant freehold ownership of racecourses to clubs at Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundamba and Toowoomba and to the ability for the Sunshine Coast Turf Club to purchase Corbould Park from Caloundra City Council—

Will he outline what steps have now been taken to proceed with the process?

522 **MRS GAMIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to concessions for pensioners and holders of Seniors Cards in respect of registration concessions for motor vehicles and recreational boats—

- (1) Will the Government continue with the Coalition commitment to fund the reintroduction of the motor vehicle registration concession for Seniors Card holders and thereby remove the anomaly whereby people who were in receipt of this concession prior to its removal in July 1994 retained their right to receive concession, while new card holders after July 1994 were not eligible?
- (2) As holders of a Seniors Card are entitled to discount off the registration fee for one recreational boat, will he consider extending this to caravan owners (pensioners and Seniors Card holders) as more older people enjoy the use of caravans than of boats?

523 **MR DAVIDSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

- (1) At 1 August 1998, how many police officers were assigned to (a) Noosa Heads, (b) Coolumb, (c) Eumundi and (d) Cooroy police stations?
- (2) How many civilian staff were assigned to the above police stations at 1 August 1998?
- (3) How many vehicles were allocated to the above police stations at 1 August 1998?

524 **MISS SIMPSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the State Government's continued delay in finalising the CAMCOS public transit corridor on the Sunshine Coast which is causing financial hardship to affected property owners—

When is the Government going to finalise this study?

525 **MR BEANLAND** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

What are the full details and costings of every written and verbal commitment, relating to her portfolio, given by members of the Beattie Government, its representatives and the Labor Party, prior to coming to Government?

526 **MR GRICE** ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BEATTIE)—

With reference to the Appeals Court which has recently refused an appeal by the Criminal Justice Commission against a Supreme Court decision in favour of the Queensland Police Credit Union—

- (1) When can the Credit Union expect payment of the \$25,000?
- (2) What were the total legal costs that the Criminal Justice Commission has incurred and also must pay to other parties?

527 **MR MICKEL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MS ROSE)—

With reference to the fire service team based at Logan West in my electorate—

- (1) How many house fires was the unit called out to attend in 1997–98?
- (2) How many grass fires was the unit called out to attend in 1997–98?
- (3) How many motor vehicle accidents was the unit called out to attend in 1997–98?
- (4) Is the incidence of fire service teams attending motor vehicle accidents on the increase in Queensland and what recompense does the fire service receive for attending such accidents?

528 **MR LITTLEPROUD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to a \$2.9m payment to the Brisbane City Council the Department of Environment had negotiated prior to the recent General Election, in accordance with the *Gurulmundi Secure Landfill Act* and the proposal that this payment be made to the Brisbane City Council on 1 July and thereafter the Gurulmundi facility would be managed by the department and assisted by a taskforce made up of the Department of Environment, the

Murilla Shire Council and some other members with special expertise or community interest—

Has he, the new responsible Minister (a) complied with the agreement struck between the department and the Brisbane City Council and made the agreed payment and (b) continued with the taskforce to advise him on continuing monitoring of the Gurulmundi facility and its eventual rehabilitation of the site?

529 MR MALONE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to recent media reports in the Mackay *Daily Mercury* of 14 August which indicate that she has made changes to the planned development of Mackay Base Hospital, in particular, in the areas of aged care and mental health—

- (1) What is the type of structure that will be used for aged care at Mackay Base Hospital?
- (2) What will be the cost of the new building?
- (3) How can the cost be included in the budgeted rebuilding costs without taking from other major initiatives?
- (4) Will the budgeted amount be increased to cover this cost?
- (5) What changes have been made to the mental health block and what are the costs involved?
- (6) Do these changes meet all the demands of the user group?
- (7) Will the changes to the aged care unit cause the downgrading of Sarina Hospital?
- (8) Will the rehabilitation unit at Sarina Hospital continue and will she guarantee continued funding for the staffing needs of the hospital?

530 MR HEGARTY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—

With reference to his view, in Opposition, that the imposition of a fee to performances by the Queensland Arts Council made some children feel marginalised and humiliated and that the education system should be free—

- (1) Does he still hold these views; if not, why not?
- (2) What arrangements has he made to provide full funding to the Queensland Arts Council for its performances in State schools and on what date were these arrangements made?
- (3) If he has made no arrangements to date, has he decided that this issue is not as important as he previously believed?
- (4) If he has made no arrangements to date and he still believes this issue is important, why have no arrangements been made to date and when does he expect to make an announcement on his position?
- (5) How much does Education Queensland estimate it would cost to fully fund Queensland Arts Council performances in State schools?
- (6) What is his definition of a free education system?
- (7) Will he guarantee that throughout his term as Minister for Education that Queensland will have a free education system?

531 MR QUINN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—

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