

NOTICE PAPER

for

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 1998

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (26 August 1998, Mr Malone)
- 2 **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)
- 3 **TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION (QUEENSLAND) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Borbidge)
- 4 **STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Borbidge)
- 5 **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Santoro)
- 6 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Springborg)
- 7 **POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Grice)
- 8 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Johnson)
- 9 **JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 August 1998, Mr Beanland)

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.

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 **Wednesday, 26 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 Friday, 25 September 1998.***

- 532 **MRS GAMIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR McGRADY)—

With reference to safety switches on power circuit switchboards in new domestic dwellings which have been compulsory since 1992 and as a scheme to allow a \$50 rebate on the installation of electrical safety switches in domestic dwellings built before 1992 has been in operation for some time, with the offer available to the first 18,000 eligible applicants and as this offer will close soon and there are still many owners of older residences who would like to take advantage of the offer—

Will he extend the scheme for additional residences and for a further period of time?

- 533 **MR JOHNSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the diesel fuel excise for heavy transport which will be reduced by some 25 cents a litre under the Federal Government's tax package—

What measures will he take to ensure that these savings are passed on to users of public transport in Queensland?

- 534 **MR STEPHAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the proposal to construct a weir on the Mary River for that city's water supply—

(1) When is it planned for this project to commence?

(2) How long is the construction period?

- 535 **MR LITTLEPROUD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the Federal Government which has already allocated funding for design work on the Yaralla Road – a proposed re-routing of the Warrego Highway immediately west of Dalby and as this new alignment will take this national highway away from the flood prone Rangers Gully and overcome frequent traffic dislocation to western central and north western Queensland and as this particular project has been identified of strategic importance by both the Federal and State Government—

Will he give an assurance that it will be funded and constructed within the next three years?

536 **DR WATSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

Will he provide a list of all unallocated State land sites within the boundaries of the Brisbane City Council together with a notation on which sites, if any, will be handed over to the Brisbane City Council, the value placed on each site and the price the Brisbane City Council will pay for the acquisition of each site?

537 **MR LESTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)

With reference to advice I have received by leading health professionals that the birthing area at the Yeppoon Hospital is out of date, there is not sufficient room for the dentistry complex and X-ray facilities are of a by-gone era and as the hospital is 22 years old and not compatible to modern day medicine—

- (1) What moves are in hand to build a new hospital at Yeppoon located in a different position to the present hospital?
- (2) Will she commit to commence initial planning for the project and, when the new hospital is completed, can the old location be used as an extension for the Gertrude Moore Nursing Home which is absolutely over-taxed with huge and increasing daily waiting lists?

538 **MR BAUMANN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to sugar cane smut now found in the Ord River which is a devastating fungal disease that could place in jeopardy Queensland's \$2 billion industry—

- (1) Is he satisfied that all quarantine measures have been adopted to prevent this disease reaching Queensland?
- (2) What collaborative arrangements have been made with the Western Australian Government for a range of transportation that has a Queensland destination to circumvent the likelihood of the disease reaching the State sugar industry?

539 **MR SANTORO** ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BEATTIE)—

With reference to his pre-election policy statement to public servants where in relation to TAFE he stated "Nor does it need the chaos associated with the introduction of competition into the TAFE sector at 3 to 4 times the speed of any other State or Territory"—

- (1) Will he table (a) the statistics and calculations upon which this statement was based and (b) the source upon which he relied for those statistics mentioned above?
- (2) What was the corresponding rate of implementation of user choice and competitive tendering policies by the Goss Labor Government in 1992–93, 1993–94, 1994–95 and 1995–96?

540 **MR LINGARD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

What does he intend to do to reassure people living adjacent to the TAFE Campus at Oxford Park that the property contains no toxic residues from agricultural chemicals used at the site over the years?

541 **MR HEGARTY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR BRADY)—

Has the Honourable Member for Everton sought an assurance from him that the TAFE facility at Oxford Park will be maintained for rural training activities; if so, will he table the relevant communication from the Member for Everton and his response?

542 **MR GRICE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

With reference to the appointment of management consultant Mr Peter Forster to advise the Government on issues relating to the Queensland Police Service disciplinary system—

How much is Mr Forster being paid, what is the term of his consultancy, what is Mr Forster's experience in police matters and was this consultancy advertised appropriately and awarded in accordance with correct procedure?

543 **MR SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to recognition by the Coalition in Government of the value of the timber industry in Queensland for import replacement and carbon credits in the future and with jobs and these factors in mind, a forecast additional expenditure of \$20m for the next four years was envisaged to benefit the State—

- (1) Will the new Government at least match this commitment for the long term planning of this important industry?
- (2) What will Labor do to improve on this initiative?

544 **MR ROWELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

If land suited for primary industry use is to be retained for food and fibre production, what criteria is used by him to support the retention of land that has limited environmental value as against the acquisition of land that is being locked up for conservation purposes?

545 **MR SLACK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR BRADDY)—

Has the Honourable Member for Greenslopes sought an assurance from him that the TAFE Campus at Coorparoo, together with the Queen Alexandra Home will be maintained by TAFE for full student and community use; if so, will he table the communications from the Member for Greenslopes and his response to him?

546 **MR MALONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR BRADDY)—

How will he support the Member for Mackay in his avowed efforts to have TAFE provide an off-street parking facility for students of the Mackay College of TAFE?

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

With reference to the review of the Primary Producers Organisation and Marketing Act and the Fruit Marketing Organisation Act—

- (1) Will he provide an update on the progress of this review?
- (2) When does he expect this review to be completed?
- (3) If the major review cannot be completed in the short term, will he pursue a review of the Fruit Marketing Organisation Act?
- (4) Does he and the Government have a policy position on this issue or a preferred outcome?

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

- (1) How many departmental staff are employed as liaison, or liaison like, officers between her department and the office of the Minister?
- (2) How many other departmental staff are employed to work in her 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?

549 MR MITCHELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)

With reference to the proposed upgrade and restructure of Mosman Hall Institution in Charters Towers—

- (1) Is the money allocated in the 1998–99 Budget to remain for this project?
- (2) At what stage are current plans for this project?
- (3) When will this project commence?

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

With reference to the capital works projects listed for his department in the 1997–98 and 1998–99 Budgets introduced into the Parliament by the former Coalition Government—

- (1) In the order and format listed in Budget Paper 3, what is the expenditure to date for each project (including sub-totals for each sub-program)?
- (2) In the order and format listed in Budget Paper 3, what is the amount that has been expended on planning for each project (including sub-totals for each sub-program)?
- (3) In the order and format listed in Budget Paper 3, what is the scheduled completion date for each project?
- (4) Are all projects listed expected to be completed on schedule; if not, what specific projects are not expected to be completed on schedule and why?
- (5) Will he guarantee that all of the schools scheduled to open in 1999 will be completed, as per contractual arrangements, by the commencement of the new school year and that no students enrolled in any of these schools will be accommodated in temporary or alternative accommodation?
- (6) Will he provide a commitment that all capital works projects for Education Queensland, approved by the previous Government and funded in its 1998–99 Budget, will proceed as planned; if not, which specific projects are likely to lose funding and on what basis?
- (7) If he cannot answer the above questions in full, does that mean the capital works program of Education Queensland for 1998–99 is in disarray as a result of the budget revision process; if not, what is his explanation?

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

With reference to his claim that he had a preliminary study from Queensland Treasury in relation to the impact of the Federal Government's tax reform package on the racing industry—

- (1) On what date was the study completed?
- (2) What were the terms of reference for the study, who was responsible for issuing them and when were they issued?
- (3) On what basis did the report arrive at a preliminary conclusion that punters could be forced to pay up to \$25m to subsidise the impact of a GST?
- (4) In its calculations, what did Treasury estimate would be the total turnover and total profits from the TAB and over what time frame were these calculated?
- (5) Was it also Treasury's advice that GST would apply to feed for animals, new harnesses and saddles for racing animals, horseshoes and training fees as claimed by him in Parliament?
- (6) Will he make available a copy of Treasury's preliminary advice?

552 MR CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING (MR SCHWARTEN)—

With reference to the Sales and Distribution Services Business Unit within the Public Works portfolio—

- (1) What was the total revenue derived from sales (accrual based) in July?
- (2) What was the value of the inventory on hand as at 31 July?
- (3) What was the nett profit/loss achieved by SDS for July?

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

With reference to public housing at 31 July 1998—

- (1) How many applicants were on the public housing waitlist in total and by area office?
- (2) What is the composition of the public housing waitlist by the family types (a) couple (without children), (b) couple (with children), (c) single (with children), (d) single (without children), (e) pensioner (couple), (f) pensioner (single) and (g) domestic violence (single) in total and percentage terms by area office?
- (3) What is the number of applicants on the public housing waitlist by wait time months (a) up to 11 months, (b) 1 to 2 years, (c) 2 to 3 years, (d) 3 to 4 years and (e) greater than 4 years in total and by area office?
- (4) How many applicants were allocated housing between 1 August 1997 and 31 July 1998 in total and by area office?

554 MRS SHELDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING (MR SCHWARTEN)—

With reference to public housing at 31 July 1998—

- (1) How many public housing rental accounts were in arrears in total and percentage terms of the total number of rental accounts by area office?
- (2) How many of these accounts were in arrears (a) for less than 4 weeks, (b) for 4 to less than 8 weeks, (c) for 8 to less than 12 weeks and (d) for 12 weeks and greater in total and by area office and what is the total monetary value of each of the above categories?
- (3) How many and what percentage of public households are paying full market rent?

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Dr Clark, Mr Mickel, Ms Nelson–Carr and Mr Reeves

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mr Fenlon (Chairman), Mr Beanland, Ms Boyle, Mrs Gamin, Messrs Rappolt and Wilson

Current Inquiries—

- The consolidation of the Queensland Constitution
- A review of the report on the strategic review of the Queensland Ombudsman
- The preservation and enhancement of individuals' rights and freedoms

Report—

- Annual Report for 1997–98 (*Tabled 26 August 1998*)

MEMBERS' ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mr Mickel (Chairman), Ms Attwood, Messrs Nelson and Reeves, Mrs Sheldon and Mr Springborg

Current Inquiries—

- Matter of privilege raised by the Member for Merrimac
- Parliamentary privilege in Queensland

PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mr Lucas (Chairman), Dr Clark, Mr Hegarty, Hon. V Lester, Mr Paff and Ms Struthers

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—

Members—

Hon. K Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Connor, Grice, Mulherin, Pearce and Slack

Current Inquiries—

- Inquiry into the Administration of Grants and Subsidies by Queensland Government Departments
- Review of the Second Report of the Auditor–General on Audits Performed for 1996–1997 (including Universities and Grammar Schools) and the Report of the Auditor–General on Audits of Aboriginal Councils and Island Councils Performed for 1996–1997
- Year 2000 Compliance in the Queensland Public Sector

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mr Roberts (Chairman), Messrs Knuth, Laming, Musgrove, Purcell and Rowell

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—

Members—

Mrs Lavarch (Chairman), Mrs E Cunningham, Mr Elliott, Hon. D Fouras, Dr Kingston and Mr Wellington

Report—

- Alert Digest No. 6 of 1998 (*Tabled 25 August 1998*)

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS—

Members—

Hon. T Mackenroth (Chairman), Hon. P Beattie, Mr Borbidge, Mrs E Cunningham, Hon. J Elder, Mr Feldman, Dr Watson and Mr Wellington

Current Inquiry—

- Members' entitlements

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES (CONTD.)**SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELSAFE—*****Members—***

Ms J Cunningham (Chairman), Messrs Healy and Hobbs, Ms Nelson-Carr, Messrs Stephan and Sullivan

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—***Members—***

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