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The House meets this day at 9.30am

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32 EDUCATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (23 November 1999, Mr Quinn)

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34 NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL – Resumption of second reading debate (23 November 1999, Mr Hobbs)
GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL** – Further consideration in Committee of the Whole House (Clause 2) (24 November 1999)

2. **ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (23 March 1999, Mr Foley)

3. **ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (25 March 1999, Mr Palaszczuk)

4. **FINES BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (14 April 1999, Mr Foley)

5. **COMPETITION POLICY REFORM (QUEENSLAND) REPEAL BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (15 April 1999, Mr Hamill)

6. **DEFAMATION (MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (29 April 1999, Mr Foley)

7. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (25 May 1999, Mr Foley)

8. **MINERAL RESOURCES AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (20 July 1999, Mr Beattie)

9. **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 August 1999, Mr Mackenroth)

10. **DEFAMATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (26 August 1999, Mr Foley)

11. **WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (15 September 1999, Mr Barton)

12. **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)** – Resumption of second reading debate (27 October 1999, Mr Foley)

13. **TIMBER PLANTATIONS (HARVEST GUARANTEE) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (27 October 1999, Mr Palaszczuk)

14. **TEMPORARY COASTAL DWELLINGS PROTECTION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (9 November 1999, Mr Welford)

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Notice given 28 October 1999)

1. **MR NELSON** to move – That this House—
   
   (a) censures the Minister for the Environment and Heritage and Minister for Natural Resources over his handling of the lease renewal at Shelburne Station, Cape York; and
   
   (b) calls on the Minister to now renew the same lease to maintain environmental integrity of the entire Shelburne area and guarantee that indigenous heritage in this area is not lost.
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on Wednesday, 24 November 1999. 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, 24 December 1999.

1754 MR FELDMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the recent correspondence from Queensland Rail, with respect to the sale of the designated Queensland Rail Crown land at the intersection of the D’Aguilar Highway and Atwell Street, Wamuran to the Caboolture Shire Council for the purpose of proclaiming it a National Serviceman’s Association of Australia Memorial Park—

(1) When will the sale of the land to the Caboolture Shire Council proceed?

(2) Will the shire council still be designated to upkeep the portion of the park on the northern side of the Wamuran railway line, the portion still retained as Queensland Rail land as a corridor?

(3) Are there any plans in process by Queensland Rail to terminate Atwell Street, an allegedly non–gazetted road that exists, at the crossing of the Wamuran railway line?

1755 MR BLACK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to the Townsville General Hospital’s superseded computers—

(1) Were these computers destroyed at the Townsville rubbish tip; if so, why were they destroyed?

(2) If the hard drives were the problem, why weren’t they removed and destroyed?

(3) Why were the hard drives replaced and distributed to schools or other charitable organisations or sold at public auction?

1756 MR PAFF ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to the understaffing at country hospitals—

(1) What incentives is her department offering Australian educated doctors to practise in country Queensland?

(2) What is the number of hospitals that are currently understaffed with doctors?

1757 MR DALGLEISH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MS ROSE)—

With reference to the Ford ambulances used in Queensland, specifically the turbo diesel V8 models—

(1) How many new ambulances were put on the road in Queensland in 1997–98 and 1998–99 and 1999 until the present date?

(2) Are the Fords currently in use, converted from left hand drive in Victoria?

(3) Do these vehicles have any problems with the headlights eg adjustment?

(4) Where does the cab chassis used for these new vehicles come from?

(5) If not from Queensland, would she consider a Queensland based supplier and is she aware of the large number of jobs that would be created by buying locally?

1758 DR PRENZLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION AND MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING, REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (MR MACKENROTH)—

With reference to newspaper reports of a new super Scrooge–like virus called W97M/PRILISSA which is timed to infect Microsoft Outlook Email programs and then to spread to other users via Email from Christmas Day—
(1) Are any Queensland Government computers at risk; if so, how many systems and what will his department do to protect these systems?

(2) Is the department actively informing public users of this new risk to Email use?

(3) What investigations is his department undertaking to protect Australian users against viral infiltration of the Internet and Email systems?

1759 MRS PRATT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MS ROSE)—
With reference to public service appointments in the ambulance service in the south west region—
(1) Was a person from Tasmania and another from the Northern Territory appointed to positions within the last three months?
(2) Did these two persons go through the selection process or were they given direct entry; if not, why not?
(3) Does this not go against the industry standards; if so, why were they given direct entry?
(4) Were these persons known to the appointer prior to being appointed to their current positions?
(5) Were these positions advertised and on what dates?
(6) To what stations were these two persons appointed?
(7) How many applicants were received for these two positions?

1760 MR NELSON ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BEATTIE)—
Will he outline the full details as to why funding was not made available for aboriginal representatives from many areas in the Cape, including Injinoo, Coen and towns in the western alliance to meet in Weipa on Monday 22 November?

1761 MR TURNER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—
With reference to the tilt train and Sunlander time tables—
(1) What are the total hours travelling time by tilt train from Brisbane to Cairns, including advising where the train will stop along the route?
(2) What are the total hours travelling by Sunlander from Brisbane to Cairns including where the train stops along route?
(3) What is the total cost of infrastructure in commissioning the tilt train and bringing it into full operation to service Brisbane to Cairns?
(4) How long will the stop over be in Townsville for the tilt train?

1762 MRS E CUNNINGHAM ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POLICY AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN'S POLICY AND MINISTER FOR FAIR TRADING (MS SPENCE)—
With reference to the increase in oil prices announced in the last 24 hours—
What protection is there for consumers in Queensland against immediate application of this price rise to previously purchased fuel?

1763 MRS GAMIN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—
With reference to the Hardes and Associates report into the Gold Coast Hospital which indicates that funding for 1999–2000 was increased to a level of $5m more than could have been anticipated on the basis of the case mix and in response to constituency queries as to the disbursement of this funding—
What additional funding has been allocated to improving conditions in the emergency assessment section of the hospital?
1764 MISS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to her statement about a year ago that she was developing a specialist access plan and collating data on the number of people waiting to see specialists for outpatient appointments—

Based on this, what are the wait times for outpatient specialist appointments in the Torres Health District for the various specialties available in that district and how many people are waiting in each of these specialty areas?

1765 DR WATSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to the Townsville Health District—

(1) What were the total staff numbers by type at 30 June 1998 and what are those same staff levels by type at 30 June 1999?

(2) Have the patient bed numbers been reduced; if so, from what to what?

(3) Will she advise all changes which have been made at the hospitals as a result of the recent review which to date has not been made public?

1766 MR SANTORO ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR BRADDY)—

For 1998–99, will he provide full details of the costs of domestic air travel (both interstate and intra–state) and any associated accommodation, taxi or hire car costs, conference registration fees etc, officially incurred by officers of (a) TAFE and (b) other divisions of his department?

1767 MR JOHNSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

(1) When does the department propose to conduct the annual client satisfaction survey?

(2) Does the survey include customer response to the Queensland Transport automated telephone system?

(3) Is the department confident that its aim of 90 per cent customer satisfaction by year 2000 can be met?

1768 MR BEANLAND ASKED THE ATTORNEY–GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR FOLEY)—

With reference to the Queensland Biennial Festival—

(1) How much money was contributed by the Queensland Government to the festival out of (a) consolidated revenue and (b) other sources (listed by name of source)?

(2) How much money was raised for the biennial from (a) ticket sales/box office and (b) corporate sponsorship?

(3) What was the total budget for the biennial and will he provide the financial reports for the festival?

(4) Where possible, will he provide attendance details for each event undertaken by the festival?

1769 MR MITCHELL ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ELDER)—

With reference to the 1995 agreement between the State and Korea Zinc Limited which required the Government to nominate a supplier of approximately 100 MW for the production phase of Stage One of the smelter—

(1) From which power station is the supply sourced?

(2) Does the agreement provide for a subsidised power price?
(3) Is this subsidy met by the generator or by the Government?
(4) What plans are in place, if any, to meet the power requirements of Stage Two of the smelter?

1770 MR SLACK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—
With reference to difficulties being experienced by the Martell family of Walla Road, Gin Gin, caused by the inundation of the Walla Weir and associated backwater flows which flood the causeway on Eddington's Road—
(1) (a) Are there any plans to raise the height of the Perry River causeway on Eddington's Road, (b) what would this project cost and (c) when would the department anticipate work could begin?
(2) Has funding been included in the 1999–2000 year?
(3) Will this work eliminate, or greatly reduce the regularity or inconvenience to the Martell family whose daughter is unable to attend school while the Eddington's Road causeway is flooded?
(4) How many other families would benefit from this work?
(5) What, if any, are the major hindrances to a start on this project and is it budget–related or are there other factors being considered?
(6) Are there other causeways that need to be raised or relocated, or associated major road works that became necessary as a result of the inundation of Walla Weir?
(7) What is the progress of these plans and when are all associated works anticipated to be finalised?

1771 MR LAMING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING (MR SCHWARTEN)—
With reference to Q–Fleet within the Public Works portfolio—
(1) What was the total revenue derived (accrual based) for October?
(2) What was the breakdown and total expenditure (accrual based) for October by (a) operational expenses and (b) administration expenses?
(3) What was the value of the inventory for October?
(4) What was the total value of vehicle assets for October?
(5) What was the nett profit/loss achieved by Q–Fleet for October?

1772 MR HORAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—
Will he detail the crime statistics for each police district for the past three years including also, clear–up rates?

1773 MR HEALY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND RACING (MR GIBBS)—
What was the total departmental cost in 1998–99 in providing support to the Minister (including duties such as replies to ministerial correspondence, briefings, answers to Questions on Notice, Cabinet briefings etc) and where are these costs identified in Budget papers?

1774 MR HEGARTY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—
With reference to the indication by the Deputy Premier on 15 December 1998 that Queensland had endorsed the National Greenhouse Response Strategy which provided a “comprehensive nationwide framework for action to tackle greenhouse issues” and that Queensland was required to develop an implementation plan to be called the Queensland
Greenhouse Response Strategy, which was to be finalised by June and as the Deputy
Premier indicated in his answer that the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Natural
Resources was the responsible Minister—
(1) Why was the Queensland Greenhouse Response Strategy not finalised by June?
(2) When will it be finalised?
(3) When will it be released?

1775 MR QUINN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—
With reference to the management of State schools—
(1) What schools are being considered for closure and what are the reasons for this
consideration?
(2) What schools has he approved for closure since becoming Minister and what were
the reasons for his approval?
(3) What recommendations for closure has he rejected and what were the reasons for this
rejection?
(4) What is the present enrolment in each of the schools listed above and, where
applicable, what are the projected enrolments at these schools for the next five
years?

1776 MR DAVIDSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—
With reference to the Energex Strategic Plan at page 7 of its Statement of Corporate
Intent for 1998–99 which identified as a strategic imperative for the year achievement of
60 per cent of tranche one and two contestable customers and 75 per cent of tranche 3
customers—
What were the rates achieved for each tranche?

1777 MR HOBBS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—
With reference to the CS Energy Annual Report for 1998–99 which at page 14 indicates
the corporation has signed a contract for supply with ABB for a new 385 MW combined
cycle gas turbine power generator at its Swanbank site—
(1) What is the target date for commissioning of this unit?
(2) What is the source of fuel for its operation?

1778 MR BORBIDGE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—
With reference to the Powerlink Queensland Statement of Corporate Intent for 1998–99
which at page 27 indicated a reduced workforce of 500 employees by the end of the
financial year resulting from the cessation of QSO activities—
(!) Was this targeted reduction achieved; if not, is it still intended that Powerlink achieve
this reduction in 1999–2000?
(2) If it was achieved, what was the fate of those workers?

1779 MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—
Given that gas contracts signed by Energex and Ergon with Chevron for up to 180
petajoules per year for 20 years are on a take or pay basis and given that gas as a power
generating fuel is at least 30 per cent more expensive than high quality black coal, under
what criteria does the Government anticipate there will be any market whatsoever for gas
fired baseload power?

1780 MR LINGARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

(1) Why did the Queensland Transmission and Supply Corporation (QTSC) enter into
Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Tarong Energy for seven months of
1998–99?

(2) What amount of power was involved in the PPA?

(3) Why was this transaction not recorded in the QTSC Annual Report, despite an
otherwise apparently detailed account of PPA activity?

1781 MRS SHELDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

What level of dividend, as a percentage of after tax profit, has the Government set for
each element of the Queensland Electricity Supply Industry for 1998–99?

1782 MR ELLIOTT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

(1) Given that the Premier has identified the Oakey Power Station as one that will convert
to gas and given that this will require a looping of the Roma gas pipeline, when will
this looping be undertaken and will the cost be borne by the State or by the Oakey
Power Venturers?

(2) What is the cost of operating this power station on liquid fuel against gas?

1783 MR GRICE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

Has the Government ruled out engaging in any further Power Purchase Agreements given
that the inherent price premium makes it difficult to trade the power on the NEM at a
profit?

1784 MR VEIVERS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

With reference to the Energex Statement of Corporate Intent for 1998–99 which indicated
that Energex intended to engage in business ventures during the year which included
telecommunications, credit cards and the provision of home loans—

(1) Will he advise which, if any, of these ventures were engaged in in 1998–99?

(2) Will he advise which, if any, of these proposed ventures not entered into during
1998–99 may be entered into in 1999–2000?

1785 MR STEPHAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER
ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR
MCGRADY)—

With reference to the Tarong Energy Annual Report which at page 51 indicates that
Tarong Energy and Entergy Power Group signed a conditional agreement with an
engineering firm to construct the Tarong Power Station extension and that the contract
included financial penalty clauses for cancellation or increases to the contracted price,
with a maximum financial penalty of $6m and given that the Government recently
announced that it had rejected Tarong Energy's proposal for a 900 MW coal fired expansion of the Tarong Power Station—

Have these penalty clauses been invoked?

1786 MR LITTLEPROUD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR MCGRADY)—

(1) What reinforcements to the Queensland transmission grid will be required in order for the Millmerran Power Project and the Kogan Creek Power Project to trade effectively in Queensland and interstate?

(2) What arrangements have been made with those private generators regarding the cost of accessing the grid?

1787 MR BAUMANN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR MCGRADY)—

With reference to the Ergon Annual Report which indicates that the Government has placed a limit in 1999–2000 on the extent of its commitment to both Ergon and Energex in relation to Community Service Obligation (CSO) payments for maintenance of uniform tariffs—

What is the price set as the limit on the Government's commitment to directly fund uniform tariff CSO's for 1999–2000?

1788 MR LESTER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR MCGRADY)—

With reference to the former Queensland Electricity Commission which determined that on the commissioning of the third potline at the Boyne Island Smelter, only approximately 500 MW of the 1680 MW output of the station would be available to the grid, as opposed to approximately 1000 MW prior to the commissioning; the remainder would be required by owners Comalco and as the Queensland Power Trading Corporation Annual Report indicates at page 17 that the QPTC is required to bid the entire output of Gladstone Power Station into the electricity market under NEM ring–fencing rules which "effectively preserves the position of the private owners and operators of the Power Station as it isolates them from the substantial financial risks of trading whilst QPTC receives all of the revenues and meets all of the costs of trading."—

Under these circumstances (a) what number of generating units are typically available for the grid, as opposed to servicing Comalco's needs at Boyne Island and (b) under what form of contract, and from whom, is power purchased by the Boyne Island Smelter?

1789 MR CONNOR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR MCGRADY)—

With reference to the Powerlink Queensland Statement of Corporate Intent for 1998–99 which at page 12 refers to the fact the entity was considering a cross border lease in relation to Powerlink's network assets in Queensland and that if a feasible structure and acceptable terms could be agreed, the transaction was expected to proceed in November 1998—

(1) Did the transaction proceed; if so, what were the terms and to whom were the assets leased?

(2) If it did not proceed on the schedule discussed in the statement, is the issue still under consideration?
MR ROWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR McGrady)—

(1) When does he anticipate the regulator will be in receipt of an application from Tarong Energy in relation to both the Government approved 450 MW coal fired expansion of Tarong Power Station and the 700 MW gas fired power station at Wivenhoe?

(2) How many permanent jobs will be created and what number of part-time jobs will be available?

(3) Does the Government have a target date for the commissioning of this coal fired generator and when will the 700 MW gas fired power station come on line?

(4) What value of the total cost of the project will be spent in the South Burnett?

MR COOPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR McGrady)—

With reference to the Energex Strategic Plan which at page 7 of it's Statement of Corporate Intent for 1998–99, listed as a strategic imperative for the year a number of reported electrical accidents less than 410—

What was the number of reported electrical accidents?

MR SPRINGBORG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE DEPUTY PREMIER ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (MR McGrady)—

With reference to the CS Energy Annual Report which at page 47 indicates the corporation was "required to enter into a number of vesting contracts which provide a cap to retailers for the price of electricity per megawatt per hour"—

Who required CS Energy to enter into these vesting contracts?
TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES
Dr Clark, Mr Mickel, Ms Nelson--Carr, Mr Reeves

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Fenton (Chairman), Mr Beanland, Ms Boyle, Mrs Gamin, Dr Prentzler, Mr Wilson

Current Inquiries—
• Inquiry into the Review of the Freedom of Information Act 1992 (Qld)
• Issues of Queensland electoral reform
• The role of the Queensland Parliament in treaty making

Reports—
• Annual Report for 1997–98 (Tabled 26 August 1998)
• Report No. 12 — The preservation and enhancement of individuals’ rights and freedoms in Queensland: Should Queensland adopt a bill of rights? (Tabled 18 November 1998)
• Report No 15 — Report on a study tour of New Zealand regarding freedom of information and other matters (Tabled 20 July 1999)
• Report No. 16 — Review of the Transplantation and Anatomy Amendment Bill 1998 (Tabled 29 July 1999)
• Report No. 18 — A report of the establishment of the Regional Conferences (Tabled 15 September 1999)
• Report No. 19 — A report of the establishment of the Northern Queensland Conferences (Tabled 15 September 1999)
• Report No. 20 — A report of the establishment of the South East Queensland Conferences (Tabled 15 September 1999)

REPORTS—

MEMBERS’ ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Mickel (Chairman), Ms Atwood, Mr Nelson, Mr Reeves, Mrs Sheldon, Miss Simpson, Mr Springborg, Mr Wilson

Current Inquiries—
• Parliamentary privilege in Queensland
• Code of Conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly

Reports—
• Annual Report for 1997–98 (Tabled 18 September 1998)
• Report No. 26 — First report on the powers, rights and immunities of the Legislative Assembly, its committees and members (Tabled 8 January 1999)

PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—

Members—
Mr Lucas (Chairman), Dr Clark, Mr Hegarty, Hon. V Lester, Mr Santoro, Ms Struthers

Reports—
• Annual Report 1997–98 (Tabled 6 October 1998)
• A report in relation to statements allegedly made by a member of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee, Mr Jack Paik MLA (Tabled 4 March 1999)
• Report No. 48 – A report on protocols for dealing with misconduct complaints against personnel of the Criminal Justice Commission (Tabled 17 September 1999)
• Report No. 49 – A report on an investigation by the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Commissioner into the alleged unauthorised disclosure of confidential information concerning an investigation by the OJC in respect of Mr Norman Alford (Tabled 28 October 1999)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—

Members—
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Current Inquiries—
• Inquiry into the Administration of Grants and Subsidies by Queensland Government Departments

Reports—
• Report No. 49 – Year 2000 Compliance (Tabled 22 July 1999)
• Report No. 50 – Queensland Rail Travel Claims (Tabled 22 July 1999)
• Report No. 51 – Annual Report for 1998–99 (Tabled 17 September 1999)

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Current Inquiries—
• Maintenance of the state-controlled road network
• Public sector backflow prevention programs
• The capital maintenance program for the Queensland Cultural Centre
• The construction of additional female and male correction centres in South East Queensland

Reports—
• Report No. 48 – A review of the construction of the Queenland Cultural Centre Stage V (Tabled 16 September 1998)
• Report No. 49 – The upgrading of the Townsville Correctional Centre (Tabled 22 October 1998)
• Report No. 50 – Construction of a hot fire training facility by the Queensland Fire And Rescue Authority (Tabled 22 October 1998)
• Report No. 51 – Heritage Train project (Tabled 12 November 1998)
• Report No. 52 – Townsville Hospital redevelopment (Tabled 12 November 1998)
• Report No. 53 – Construction of 30 Citytrain carriages (Tabled 17 December 1998)
• Report No. 54 – Construction of a new school and secondary department at Tin Can Bay (Tabled 17 December 1998)
• Report No. 55 – Redevelopment of the Maryborough Hospital (Tabled 17 December 1998)
• Report No. 56 – Construction of public housing for seniors in the Brisbane statistical division (Tabled 29 April 1999)
• Report No. 57 – Construction of the Ron Camm Bridge and Port infrastructure development by the Mackay Port Authority (Tabled 8 June 1999)
• Report No. 58 – Construction of the Tarong–Blackwall power transmission line (Tabled 8 June 1999)
• Report No. 59 – Robina and Noosa Hospital Projects (Tabled 27 August 1999)
• Report No. 60 – St George Irrigation Area Project (Tabled 27 August 1999)
• Annual Report for 1998–99 (Tabled 28 October 1999)

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—

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Reports—
• Alert Digest No. 6 of 1998 (Tabled 25 August 1999)
• Alert Digest No. 7 of 1998 (Tabled 15 September 1998)
• Alert Digest No. 8 of 1998 (Tabled 20 October 1998)
• Alert Digest No. 9 of 1998 (Tabled 10 November 1998)
• Alert Digest No. 10 of 1998 (Tabled 17 November 1998)
• Alert Digest No. 11 of 1998 (Tabled 16 December 1998)

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Current Inquiries—
• Rural road safety in Queensland

Public transport in South East Queensland

Reports—
• Issues Paper No. 2 – The Road safety Implications of Unlicensed Driving and the Driving of Unregistered Vehicles in Queensland (Tabled 15 September 1998)
• Issues Paper No. 3 – Drug Driving in Queensland (Tabled 12 November 1998)
• Issues Paper No. 4 – Rural Road Safety in Queensland (Tabled 13 April 1999)
• Report No. 27 – Unlicensed, Unregistered and on the Road (Tabled 22 July 1999)
• Report No. 28 – Annual Report 1998–99 (Tabled 16 September 1999)
• Report No. 29 – Drug Driving in Queensland (Tabled 9 November 1999)

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