

NOTICE PAPER

for

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **LAND AND RESOURCES TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*19 July 2000, Mr Borbidge*)
- 2 **CHILD CARE AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*12 April 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 3 **ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*13 April 2000, Mr Seeney*)
- 4 **SUCCESSION AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*1 June 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 5 **TRANSPORT (BUSWAY AND LIGHT RAIL) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*15 March 2000, Mr Johnson*)
- 6 **EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*12 April 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 7 **PUBLIC RECORDS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*26 October 1999, Dr Watson*)
- 8 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*10 November 1999, Mr Borbidge*)
- 9 **EVIDENCE (WITNESS ANONYMITY) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*18 May 2000, Mr Springborg*)
- 10 **FOOD PRODUCTION (SAFETY) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*18 May 2000, Mr Rowell*)
- 11 **PENALTIES AND SENTENCES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*1 June 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 12 **WITNESS PROTECTION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*22 June 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 13 **JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*22 June 2000, Mr Springborg*)
- 14 **CHILDREN SERVICES TRIBUNAL BILL and COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*22 June 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 15 **NATURE CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*22 June 2000, Mr Lester*)
- 16 **DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY MANAGEMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*22 June 2000, Mr Malone*)
- 17 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*19 July 2000, Mr Beanland*)
- 18 **STATUS OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (*19 July 2000, Mr Beanland*)

- 19 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Beanland)
- 20 **CORRECTIVE SERVICES BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Horan)
- 21 **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (24 August 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 22 **WINE INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (24 August 2000, Mr Healy)
- 23 **TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION (QUEENSLAND) AUTHORISATION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Mr Borbidge)
- 24 **NATIVE TITLE RESOLUTION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Mr Borbidge)
- 25 **ELECTORAL AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 26 **CHIROPRACTORS REGISTRATION BILL, DENTAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL, DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DENTAL PROSTHETISTS REGISTRATION BILL, HEALTH PRACTITIONERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL, MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS REGISTRATION BILL, OPTOMETRISTS REGISTRATION BILL, OSTEOPATHS REGISTRATION BILL, PHARMACISTS REGISTRATION BILL, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION BILL, PODIATRISTS REGISTRATION BILL, PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL AND SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Miss Simpson)
- 27 **PENALTIES AND SENTENCES (NON-CONTACT ORDERS) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 September 2000, Mr Springborg)
- *28 **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (7 September 2000, Mr Springborg)
- *29 **PROPERTY AGENTS AND MOTOR DEALERS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (7 September 2000, Mr Goss)

NOTICE OF MOTION – REVOCATION OF STATE FOREST

(Notice given 18 May 2000)

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 1959* of—
 - (a) All that part of State forest 98 described as Lot 3 on SP106733 shown hachured on plan FTY 1777 prepared under the authority of the Primary Industries Corporation and containing an area of 17.29 hectares;
 - (b) All that part of State forest 249 described within stations (5–4–3–5) on plan SP116483 shown hachured on plan FTY 1829 prepared under the authority of

the Primary Industries Corporation and containing an area of 1199 square metres;

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 **MINERAL RESOURCES AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (23 August 2000, Mr Seeney)
- 2 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 August 1999, Mr Mackenroth)
- 3 **DEFAMATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (26 August 1999, Mr Foley)
- 4 **WEAPONS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (15 September 1999, Mr Barton)
- 5 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)** – Resumption of second reading debate (27 October 1999, Mr Foley)
- 6 **TIMBER PLANTATIONS (HARVEST GUARANTEE) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (27 October 1999, Mr Palaszczuk)
- 7 **TEMPORARY COASTAL DWELLINGS PROTECTION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (9 November 1999, Mr Welford)
- 8 **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (9 December 1999, Mr Foley)
- 9 **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT REPEAL BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (2 March 2000, Mr Welford)
- 10 **GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY CONTROL BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (15 March 2000, Mr Hamill)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*The following questions were asked on **Thursday, 7 September 2000**. Answers are required by Sessional Orders to be hand delivered to the Bills and Papers Office, Room A.18.1, Parliament House by 5pm on Monday, 9 October 2000.*

- 1017 **MR PAFF** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to an application made by Boral Resources Sand and Gravel Extraction for extraction on Buaraba Creek Pocket View, Coominya—

- (1) Has his department issued any licences for the go-ahead of this business?

- (2) What impact study has been made of the area?
- (3) What will be the impact on the farmers and irrigators from Buaraba Creek, Lockyer Creek and the Brisbane River?

1018 MR DALGLEISH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to bus safety—

- (1) As the driver authority that all Queensland bus drivers must have includes a medical check and a police check for their suitability to drive these vehicles, why can backpacker hostel owners (accommodation or tourist transfer category) now issue temporary driver authorities, costing local jobs and creating an unsafe environment for the travelling public?
- (2) Recently two events, one at Childers and one at Home Hill resulted once again in calls for seat belts in school buses, if their respective hostels issued the driver accreditation, was the seating arrangements as set down for buses or did the vehicles involved have longitudinal seating?
- (3) If seat belts are to be fitted, will the Department of Transport reimburse the operators for their fitment at invoice cost?
- (4) Will his department exonerate any operator from liability for any injuries sustained should a child not be wearing their seat belt?
- (5) Will his department explain to the public that in a vehicle that has had seat belts retro fitted that the roof may collapse in a rollover resulting in restrained passengers receiving crush injuries?
- (6) Will his department raise operators pay rates to at least equal with New South Wales rates, so they can update to vehicles that do comply with rollover standards?
- (7) Will his department raise pay rates to cover the increased maintenance costs?

1019 MR FELDMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the promise that he made at the Community Cabinet Meeting at Caboolture in February 1999 concerning the northern by-pass of Caboolture—

- (1) When is the actual work to be started on the by-pass?
- (2) As the end of the year 2000 is looming large on the horizon, will the dangerous Moodlu bridge be removed and replaced before December 2000 as promised?
- (3) When will the resumption process be completed thus taking the fear and the uncertainty away for the many affected land and home owners in the Caboolture town?

1020 DR PRENZLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to the current severe drought conditions in south-east Queensland and if individual properties or whole shires are declared drought stricken—

- (1) What current grants or low interest loans are available from his department to assist these farmers in time of need?
- (2) What other assistance can be provided by the State Government?
- (3) What grants, low interest loans or other assistance are available from the Federal Government?
- (4) In regard to the current bushfires and the havoc they are causing to grazing country, is there any assistance that his department can provide to help these farmers replace lost fences, other farming infrastructure and what assistance can be provided for fodder replacement?

1021 **MR LITTLEPROUD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

With reference to funding from the Child Protection Agency and as the child counselling services at Dalby have missed out on funding in the latest allocation and as this service has one paid counsellor and had enjoyed the honorary services of a qualified counsellor for the last two years, yet this could not fully service the local demand and, in addition, it has been revealed the local counsellor has been underpaid at \$27,000 pa while counsellors at the Toowoomba service are paid \$39,000 per annum—

Will he, as a matter of urgency, review the funding for the Dalby Crisis Centre and investigate and, if necessary, compensate the local counsellor for any improper salary losses she may have suffered?

1022 **MR KNUTH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the region around Townsville where a number of bush fires have raged out of control, some as a result of Queensland Rail employees burning back stretches of rail corridors and while landowners adjacent to these QR corridors have no objection to burning off, landowners are concerned with the degree of training and knowledge QR employees have in dealing with escaping fires. A further issue is the seemingly lack of communication between land owners, Main Roads and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. A further issue was raised regarding the lack of notification between land owners and QR to indicate a burn-off was to be commenced that day. Many land owners and residents have been absent during burn back hours or days and were unaware QR were burning off and were not present at their properties to safeguard their homes when the fires escaped from the QR corridors. Further, at a recent meeting a combined concerned group of landowners, local government, residents, QR representatives, rural fire services and all concerned stake holders the following resolutions were made – (a) That QR give greater forewarning to adjacent communities and land owners of their intentions to burn, (b) QR choose earlier or later times of the day when less wind could fan fires, (c) that QR commit employees to further overtime so that fires can be watched to reduce out of control burns and (d) QR pick earlier times of the year when grass and ground contain more moisture so fires have less chance of escaping out of control—

- (1) Will he investigate these resolutions?
- (2) Will he ensure these recommendations are carried through?

1023 **MR BLACK** 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 an article in the *Torres Strait News* about a corporation known as Ibis Bamaga, a corporation which, it would appear, trades as a food and general department store supplying the general public in and around Bamaga at the top of Cape York Peninsular with branches or outlets on various Torres Strait islands trading with the residents thereto and from the story contained in the paper it appears this department store has experienced or is in serious financial difficulties and has continually sought and been given monetary assistance from this Government—

- (1) Does she know of these problems?
- (2) Will she name the directors of this corporation?
- (3) Is she aware of the amount of deficits incurred by Ibis Bamaga to date?
- (4) For how long have these amounts been allowed to continue to grow at the Queensland taxpayers' expense?
- (5) What efforts have been commenced by her to seek recovery of the amounts so far expended by the Government in propping up this corporation?

- (6) Is she aware if there was a substantial amount of money "borrowed" by the chairman of this corporation for the purpose of funding a funeral for his father on a Torres Strait island?
- (7) What efforts have been implemented to recover this amount?
- (8) Would requests for funding for similar or indeed any worthwhile aboriginal enterprises of any magnitude in the electorate of Hervey Bay receive the same sympathetic Government responses and opening of the purse strings as has been freely given to Ibis Bamaga, as well as the indicated financial assistance the directors have been afforded?
- (9) Would the financial assistance the directors of Ibis Bamaga have been afforded be available for directors of any aboriginal enterprise in the electorate of Hervey Bay and the electorate of Whitsunday?

1024 **MR BAUMANN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Queen Elizabeth II Hospital and District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1025 **MR BORBIDGE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Princess Alexandra Hospital and District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1026 **MR CONNOR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Mater District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1027 **MR COOPER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Northern Downs District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1028 **MRS GAMIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Gold Coast District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1029 **MR STEPHAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Gympie District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1030 **MR ELLIOTT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Southern Downs District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1031 **MR SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all North Burnett District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1032 **MR QUINN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Royal Children's Hospital and District Health Service's facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1033 **MISS SIMPSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What are the full time equivalent staffing levels for the Nambour Hospital Emergency Department at 10 September 1999 and 10 September 2000?

1034 **MR SPRINGBORG** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

- (1) Will he provide an individual breakdown in each of the police areas within the Warwick Police District (Clifton, Goondiwindi, Inglewood, Killarney, Stanthorpe, Texas, Talwood and Warwick) of all offences reported (including a breakdown of what those offences categories are) in each area for each year since 1995–96?
- (2) Will he also provide a breakdown for each of the above areas on all reported offences for each month so far for 2000–01?
- (3) Will he provide similar figures for each area within the Toowoomba and Dalby Police Districts for the same periods?

1035 **MR SLACK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What was the valuation of the assets base of all Bundaberg Health District facilities and equipment for the purposes of calculating equity return payments for 1999–2000?

1036 **MR HOBBS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

In light of a Health Department spokesperson's statement that the health service had developed "an overall strategic risk analysis and management plan to ensure that all assets were maintained in a way which reflected health facility needs"—

Given that 81 patients in North Queensland and 32 patients on the Gold Coast had to be called back for blood tests after sterilisation failures of surgical equipment, does she still have full confidence in this "risk management" approach to equipment maintenance?

1037 **MR VEIVERS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

- (1) What was the total value of the asset base upon which the Health Department's equity return was calculated for 1999–2000?
- (2) What is this year's estimated total value of the asset base for equity return purposes?

1038 **MR GOSS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

What is the waiting time for radiotherapy services and how many patients are waiting at (a) Royal Brisbane Hospital, (b) Townsville Hospital and (c) Mater Hospital?

1039 **MR LAMING** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

What is the latest police to population ratios for Australia, and all districts and regions in Queensland in the same format as provided in previous Questions on Notice?

1040 **MR LESTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

- (1) Is she aware of the desperate need for a respite centre ie a four unit centre and access for emergency care to be located at Wood Street, Emu Park, based on the Kalkeah centre in Rockhampton?
- (2) As the Capricorn Coast is part of the eighth fastest growing area in Australia and third fastest growing area in Queensland, will she make available the establishment funds and recurrent funds to establish this urgently required facility which would be such a help to give parents of children with disabilities just a little time out from the great job they do in continuously caring for their children?

1041 **MRS PRATT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—

With reference to the schools of the Barambah Electorate?

- (1) What schools will definitely receive money alluded to the Treasurer's Press Release 'Barambah a big winner'?
- (2) What is each specific amount for each school?
- (3) What is the specific purpose of each amount of funding?
- (4) Are there any plans for the closure of any schools in the electorate; if so, which schools?
- (5) What are the enrolment numbers of students for each school in the electorate for 1999 and 2000?
- (6) What are the staffing numbers (teachers) for each school for 1999 and 2000?
- (7) What are the project staffing (teacher) levels for each school in 1999 and 2000?
- (8) Will he assure the people of the Barambah Electorate that the entire \$700,000 will be spent in the Barambah Electorate?

1042 **MR LINGARD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the allocation of \$350,000 under the "Better Parks Program" for new and upgraded walking tracks in Lamington National Park—

Is this allocation over and above the normal budget?

1043 **MR DAVIDSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND RACING (MRS ROSE)—

- (1) What is Tourism Queensland's budget allocations for the marketing campaigns dedicated to the five major regions (tropical North Queensland, Whitsundays, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast) for the years 1998–99 and 1999–2000?
- (2) How were these budgets allocated eg electronic media, print media etc?

1044 **MRS E CUNNINGHAM** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

With reference to the Central Queensland Police District during the 1998–99 and 1999–2000 years—

- (1) How many strip searches were conducted?
- (2) How many people after being so searched were charged?
- (3) How many were males?
- (4) How many were females?

1045 **DR WATSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to his decision to prohibit postgraduate students (of Queensland Universities) from obtaining concessional fares on public buses, trains and ferries—

- (1) When was this decision made?
- (2) What was the basis of this decision?
- (3) Who was consulted in making this decision?
- (4) When was this new policy enacted?
- (5) How can he reconcile this policy decision against the statements on the Queensland Transport website which state and I quote " (1) We will make decisions that are consistent across all groups and regions; and (2) We will consult with you, and take into account the possible effects of our decisions"?

1046 **MR JOHNSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

- (1) Has Queensland Transport withdrawn travel concessions to post graduate students from Griffith University and the QUT?
- (2) Does the department propose to withdraw travel subsidies from all post graduate students in 2001; if so, what is the reason for withdrawing these concessions?

1047 **MR BEANLAND** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

What are the full details of each death in custody that has occurred within facilities operated or administered by her department in 1999–2000 and from 1 July to date?

1048 **MR HEALY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR MACKENROTH)—

With reference to his answer to Estimates Debate Question on Notice No 1 and, in particular, to the ambiguity regarding allocation of funds under the National Standard Sport Facilities Program (NSSFP)—

- (1) What financial year budgets provided funding for the (approx) \$20m worth of projects listed as 1999–2001 but referred to as 1999–2000?
- (2) What financial year budgets will provide funding under the NSSFP for projects that were due to be announced on 31 August 2000?

1049 **MRS SHELDON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR BRADDY)—

What was the unemployment rate in each State electorate for each month of 1999–2000 (listed by electorate) and for each month of 2000–01 to date (listed by electorate)?

1050 **MR HEGARTY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR MACKENROTH)—

With reference to the \$2m allocated in the Redland Shire Council for a multi-purpose indoor court under the National Standard Sport Facilities Program 1999–2001—

- (1) What stage has this project reached?
- (2) What is the total estimated cost of this project?
- (3) When were detailed plans for the project completed and approved under the terms of funding agreement?
- (4) Where is the facility being constructed?
- (5) When was the application for funding received, did the application contain full details of the project and, according to the application, what is the projected completion date for construction of the facility?

1051 **MR MALONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

With reference to claims in August that urgent requests for an air reconnaissance flight to survey the path of a massive fire which was threatening the Wild Pig Creek area were refused by senior officers of the Rural Fire Brigade and that local rural fire brigades had to pay for the flight themselves —

- (1) Has he ordered an investigation into these claims?
- (2) Has he received, or been made aware of, any written or verbal complaints from rural fire brigades about a lack of departmental support for rural fire brigades during the recent spate of serious fires?

- (3) Has he made any attempt to provide additional resources to rural fire brigades whose resources have been severely stretched in recent weeks?

1052 **MR MITCHELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the increasing problem over the last couple of years I have witnessed with the expanding growth of bellyache bush across North Queensland and research showing that this weed has the potential to have more devastating effect on pasture degradation and grazing stock than most currently listed noxious weeds—

- (1) When will this noxious weed be listed as a menace as it has been on the program to be listed for many years?
- (2) Is there any funding available to maintain any further spread of this weed?

1053 **MR TURNER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING (MR SCHWARTEN)—

With reference to the First Home Buyer Grant of \$7,500 from the Office of State Revenue—

Does this grant also apply to purchasers of Housing Queensland homes within the Urban Renewal Scheme?

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Mr Kaiser, Mr Mickel, Ms Nelson–Carr, Mr Reeves

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Members—

Mr Fenlon (Chairman), Mr Beanland, Ms Boyle, Mrs Gamin, Dr Prenzler, Mr Pitt

Current Inquiries—

- Review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's February 2000 Report
- Review of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (Qld)
- Minimisation of Electoral Fraud

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. 13 – Consolidation of the Queensland Constitution: Final Report (*Tabled 28 April 1999*)
- Report No. 14 – A review of the Report of the strategic review of the Queensland Ombudsman (*Tabled 15 July 1999*)
- 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. 17 – Annual Report for 1998–99 (*Tabled 26 August 1999*)
- Report No. 18 – Issues of electoral reform raised in the Mansfield decision: Regulating how-to-vote cards and providing for appeals from the Court of Disputed Returns (*Tabled 17 September 1999*)
- Report No. 19 – Implications of the new Commonwealth enrolment requirements (*Tabled 2 March 2000*)
- Report No. 20, April 2000 – The Electoral Amendment Bill 1999 (*Tabled 11 April 2000*)
- Report No. 21 – Meeting with the Queensland Ombudsman (Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations) regarding the Ombudsman's *Annual Report to Parliament 1998–99* (*Tabled 19 April 2000*)
- Report No. 22 – The role of the Queensland Parliament in Treaty Making (*Tabled 19 April 2000*)
- Report No. 23 – Issues of Queensland electoral reform arising from the 1998 State election and amendments to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (*Tabled 31 May 2000*)
- Report No. 24 – Review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's recommendations relating to a consolidation of the Queensland Constitution (*Tabled 18 July 2000*)
- Report No. 25 – Annual Report 1999–2000 (*Tabled 19 July 2000*)
- Report No. 26 – The report of the Strategic Management Review of the Offices of the Queensland Ombudsman and the Information Commissioner (*Tabled 19 July 2000*)
- Report No. 27 – Review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's recommendation for four year parliamentary terms (*Tabled 28 July 2000*)

Papers—

- Issues Paper – Inquiry into issues of Queensland electoral reform (*Tabled 25 November 1999*)
- Position Paper – The role of the Queensland Parliament in treaty making (*Tabled 25 November 1999*)
- Discussion Paper No. 1 – Freedom of Information in Queensland (*Tabled 8 February 2000*)
- Background Paper – Four year parliamentary terms (*Tabled 11 April 2000*)
- Position Paper – Review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's recommendations relating to a consolidation of the Queensland Constitution (*Tabled 27 April 2000*)

MEMBERS' ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Members—

Mr Mickel (Chairman), Ms Attwood, Dr Kingston, Mr Reeves, Mrs Sheldon, Mr Springborg

Current Inquiries—

- Parliamentary privilege in Queensland

Reports—

- Annual Report for 1997–98 (*Tabled 18 September 1998*)
- Report No. 23 – Report on a Citizen's Right of Reply Number 8 (*Tabled 21 October 1998*)
- Report No. 24 – Report on a matter of privilege – The alleged misleading of the House by a Minister on 30 July 1998 (*Tabled 23 November 1998*)
- Report No. 25 – Report on a matter of privilege referred to the committee on 25 August 1998 (Use of the Legislative Assembly crest) (*Tabled 23 November 1998*)
- Report No. 26 – First report on the powers, rights and immunities of the Legislative Assembly, its committees and members (*Tabled 8 January 1999*)
- Report No. 27 – Report on a matter of privilege – The alleged misleading of the House by a Minister on 20 October 1998 (*Tabled 17 March 1999*)
- Report No. 28 – Report on a matter of privilege – Matter referred to the committee on 21 April 1998 (*Tabled 25 March 1999*)
- Report No. 29 – Report on a matter of privilege – Matter arising from Public Accounts Committee Report No. 43 (*Tabled 25 March 1999*)
- Report No. 30 – Report on a Matter of Privilege referred to the committee on 24 March 1999 – Request to access records of the Parliamentary Travelsafe Committee of the 48th Parliament (*Tabled 26 May 1999*)
- Report No. 31 – Report on a matter of privilege – Matter referred to the committee on 25 March 1999 (*Tabled 27 May 1999*)
- Report No. 32 – Report on a Citizen's Right of Reply No. 9 (*Tabled 29 June 1999*)
- Report No. 33 – Annual Report for 1998–99 (*Tabled 2 September 1999*)
- Report No. 34 – Report on relevance of House of Commons / House of Lords Joint Committee's report on parliamentary privilege (*Tabled 2 September 1999*)
- Report No. 35 – Report on a matter of privilege – A Member making a deliberately misleading statement in a "Dissenting Report" (*Tabled 15 September 1999*)
- Report No. 36 – Report on procedures for raising and considering matters of privilege or contempt and the definition of contempt (*Tabled 16 September 1999*)
- Report No. 37 – Report on a Citizen's Right of Reply No. 10 (*Tabled 12 November 1999*)
- Report No. 38 – Wording of Questions Relating to Children (*Tabled 9 December 1999*)
- Report No. 39 – Report on a matter of privilege – Alleged obstruction of a parliamentary committee's inquiry by officers of a Government Owned Corporation (*Tabled 17 December 1999*)
- Report No. 40 – Report on a matter of privilege – Matter referred to the committee on 3 December 1999 (*Tabled 16 March 2000*)

- Report No. 41 – Report on a matter of privilege – Matter concerning disorderly conduct of members of Parliament within the parliamentary precinct (*Tabled 31 May 2000*)
- Report No. 42 – Report on a matter of privilege – Unauthorised release of correspondence between a committee and ministers (*Tabled 7 June 2000*)
- Report No. 43 – Report on certain issues relating to the registration and disclosure of Members' interests – Response to matters raised by the Auditor-General in Audit Report No. 1 of 1999–2000 (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)
- Report No. 44 – Report on a Code of Ethical Standards for Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)
- Report No. 45 – Annual Report 1999–2000 (*Tabled 7 September 2000*)

Paper—

- Proposed Code of Ethical Standards for Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)

PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**Members—**

Mr Lucas (Chairman), Mr Hegarty, Hon. V Lester, Mr Quinn, Ms Struthers, Mr Wilson

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 Paff 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 CJC in respect of Mr Norman Alford (*Tabled 28 October 1999*)
- Report No. 50 – A report on the introduction of the Telecommunications Interception Power in Queensland – balancing investigative powers with safeguards (*Tabled 9 December 1999*)
- Report No. 51 – A report on an investigation by the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Commissioner into the alleged unauthorised disclosure of confidential information concerning an investigation of allegations made by Jack Kelvin Paff MLA (*Tabled 13 December 1999*)
- Report No. 52 – Annual Report 1998–99 (*Tabled 21 January 2000*)
- Report No. 53 – Examination of the Criminal Justice Commission's Annual Report 1998–99 (*Tabled 28 April 2000*)

Issues Paper—

- Issues Paper – Dealing with Complaints Against Police (*Tabled 24 August 2000*)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**Members—**

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

Current Inquiries—

- Inquiry into the Administration of Grants and Subsidies by Queensland Government Departments
- Annual Reporting in the Queensland Public Sector
- Island Industries Board – 1998–99 Audit Findings

Reports—

- Report No. 45 – Annual Report 1997–98 (*Tabled 15 September 1998*)
- Report No. 46 – Review of the Auditor-General's Reports – First Quarter 1998–99 (*Tabled 19 November 1998*)
- Report No. 47 – "Review of the Auditor-General's Reports – Second Quarter 1998–99" (*Tabled 27 May 1999*)
- Report No. 48 – "Interim Report – Queensland Rail Travel Claims" (*Tabled 27 May 1999*)
- 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*)
- Report No. 52 – Review of the Auditor-General's Reports – Third and Fourth Quarters 1998–99 (*Tabled 12 November 1999*)
- Report No. 54 – Government Funding to Motorsport Queensland (*Tabled 24 August 2000*)
- Report No. 53 – Annual Report 1999–2000 (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**Members—**

Mr Roberts (Chairman), Hon. K Lingard, Mr Laming, Mr Musgrove, Mr Purcell, Mr Rowell

Current Inquiries—

- QIMR Cancer Research Centre
- The \$8.6m Queensland Police Service upgrade of the police district headquarters and replacement of regional headquarters at Rockhampton
- The \$24m Queensland Rail Rockhampton workshops redevelopment
- The \$9m upgrade of Rockhampton TAFE incorporating the construction of an engineering technology facility and consolidation refurbishment work

Reports—

- Report No. 48 – A review of the construction of the Queensland Cultural Centre Stage V (*Tabled 16 September 1998*)
- Annual Report 1997–98 (*Tabled 24 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*)
- Report No. 61 – Public Sector Backflow Prevention Programs (*Tabled 30 November 1999*)
- Report No. 62 – The Construction of Additional Female and Male Correctional Centres in South East Queensland (*Tabled 3 December 1999*)
- Report No. 63 – Capital Maintenance Program for the Queensland Cultural Centre (*Tabled 3 December 1999*)
- Report No. 64 – Maintenance of the State-controlled Road Network (*Tabled 23 March 2000*)
- Report No. 65 – Building Refurbishment at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (Southport Campus) (*Tabled 30 May 2000*)
- Report No. 66 – The Norman River Bridge (*Tabled 30 May 2000*)
- Report No. 67 – Cairns Seaport Development Marlin Marina Wave Barrier Protection System (*Tabled 20 June 2000*)
- Report No. 68 – The Bentley Park College (*Tabled 4 July 2000*)
- Report No. 69 – The Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project (*Tabled 25 July 2000*)

- Annual Report for 1999–2000 (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)
- Report No. 70 – 3rd Interim Report on the Princess Alexandra Hospital Redevelopment (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Members—

Mrs Lavarch (Chairman), Mrs E Cunningham, Mr Elliott, Mr Feldman, Mrs Miller, Mr Wellington

Reports—

- Annual Report for 1997–98 (*Tabled 21 October 1998*)
- Report on Commissions of Inquiry (Forde Inquiry – Evidence) Regulation 1998 – Subordinate Legislation No. 278 (*Tabled 17 November 1998*)
- Report on the Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 3) (Subordinate Legislation No. 58 of 1999) (*Tabled 20 July 1999*)
- Annual Report for 1998–99 (*Tabled 27 October 1999*)
- Report No. 14 – University Statutes (*Tabled 9 November 1999*)
- Report No. 15 – The Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999 SL No. 289 of 1999 (*Tabled 8 December 1999*)
- Report No. 16 – Fire and Rescue Authority Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000 (*Tabled 18 July 2000*)

Alert Digests—

- Alert Digest No. 6 of 1998 (*Tabled 25 August 1998*)
- 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*)
- Alert Digest No. 1 of 1999 (*Tabled 2 March 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 2 of 1999 (*Tabled 9 March 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 3 of 1999 (*Tabled 23 March 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 4 of 1999 (*Tabled 13 April 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 5 of 1999 (*Tabled 28 April 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 6 of 1999 (*Tabled 25 May 1999*)
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- Alert Digest No. 12 of 1999 (*Tabled 26 October 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 13 of 1999 (*Tabled 9 November 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 14 of 1999 (*Tabled 23 November 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 15 of 1999 (*Tabled 1 December 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 16 of 1999 (*Tabled 8 December 1999*)
- Alert Digest No. 1 of 2000 (*Tabled 29 February 2000*)
- Alert Digest No. 2 of 2000 (*Tabled 14 March 2000*)
- Alert Digest No. 3 of 2000 (*Tabled 15 March 2000*)
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- Alert Digest No. 11 of 2000 (*Tabled 5 September 2000*)

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY ENTITLEMENTS

Members—

Hon. T Mackenroth (Chairman), Mr Speaker, Hon. P Beattie, Hon. R Borbidge, Mrs E Cunningham, Hon. J Elder, Mr Feldman, Dr Watson, Mr Wellington (*Select Committee which reported on terms of reference*)

Report—

- Report No. 1 – A Report on Parliamentary Entitlements (*Tabled 29 October 1998*)

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELSAFE

Members—

Mrs J Cunningham (Chairman), Mr Healy, Mr Hobbs, Ms Nelson–Carr, Mr Stephan, Mr Sullivan

Current Inquiries—

- Rural road safety in Queensland
- Public transport in South East Queensland

Reports—

- Report No. 26 – Annual Report 1997–1998 (*Tabled 15 September 1998*)
- Report No. 27 – Unlicensed, Unregistered and on the Road (*Tabled 22 July 1999*)
- Report No. 28 – Annual Report for 1998–99 (*Tabled 16 September 1999*)
- Report No. 29 – Drug Driving in Queensland (*Tabled 9 November 1999*)
- Report No. 30 – Meeting of Australasian Parliamentary Road Safety Committees and Ministerial Advisors, Brisbane, 13 May 1999 (*Tabled 10 December 1999*)
- Report No. 31 – Report on the Symposium on International Visitors and Road Safety in Australia (*Tabled 21 January 2000*)
- Report No. 32 – Report on Queensland Transport's Road Safety Statistical Methodologies (*Tabled 14 July 2000*)

Papers—

- 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*)
- Information Paper No. 1 Inquiry into Public Transport in South East Queensland (*Tabled 12 November 1999*)

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Members—

Mr Speaker (*ex officio* Chairman), Hon. R Borbidge, Mr Feldman, Hon. J Fouras, Hon. T Mackenroth, Dr Watson

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