

NOTICE PAPER

for

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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- 2 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Beanland)
- 3 **FUEL SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Dr Watson)
- 4 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Beanland)
- 5 **REVENUE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Dr Watson)
- 6 **JUPITERS CASINO AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Dr Watson)
- 7 **SUCCESSION AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (1 June 2000, Mr Beanland)
- 8 **EVIDENCE (WITNESS ANONYMITY) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (18 May 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 9 **WITNESS PROTECTION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (22 June 2000, Mr Beanland)
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- 13 **PUBLIC RECORDS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (26 October 1999, Dr Watson)
- 14 **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (10 November 1999, Mr Borbidge)
- 15 **STATUS OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Beanland)
- 16 **CORRECTIVE SERVICES BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (19 July 2000, Mr Horan)
- 17 **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (24 August 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 18 **WINE INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (24 August 2000, Mr Healy)

- 19 **TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION (QUEENSLAND) AUTHORISATION BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Mr Borbidge)
- 20 **ELECTORAL AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (5 September 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 21 **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)
- 22 **PENALTIES AND SENTENCES (NON-CONTACT ORDERS) AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (6 September 2000, Mr Springborg)
- 23 **PROPERTY AGENTS AND MOTOR DEALERS BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (7 September 2000, Mr Goss)
- 24 **FINANCIAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Dr Watson)
- 25 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Mr Lester)
- 26 **VALUERS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (4 October 2000, Mr Lester)
- 27 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)** – Resumption of second reading debate (17 October 2000, Mr Borbidge)
- 28 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2)** – Resumption of second reading debate (17 October 2000, Dr Watson)
- 29 **WORKCOVER QUEENSLAND AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (17 October 2000, Mrs Sheldon)
- 30 **CRIMES AT SEA BILL** – Resumption of second reading debate (17 October 2000, Mr Springborg)

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

- 1 **DEFAMATION AMENDMENT BILL** – Referred to Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee for consideration and report (*18 October 2000*)

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Notice given 5 October 2000)

- 1 **MR JOHNSON** to move – That the ALP immediately end its opposition to the extension of the Commonwealth diesel fuel rebate scheme's 100% excise and GST rebates to all off-road diesel users, including civil contractors, so they can achieve Commonwealth benefits denied them by the joint opposition of the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Democrats.

NOTICE OF MOTION – DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING

(Notice given 18 October 2000)

- *1 **MR BEANLAND** to move – That Mr Speaker's ruling, that Mr Beanland's question without notice to the Premier was sub judice, be dissented from.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The following questions were asked on **Wednesday, 18 October 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 Friday, 17 November 2000**.

1213 **DR PRENZLER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

With reference to the lengthening waiting list for surgery at regional hospitals—

- (1) What, if any, communication systems exist between the regional hospitals and major city hospitals regarding their respective waiting lists?
- (2) If no communications exist between the hospitals, is her department investigating ways to establish such communications so that waiting lists at some regional hospitals can be reduced?
- (3) Why has a patient with severe osteoarthritis of the knee been told he won't receive replacement knee surgery for at least 18 months to two years at the Toowoomba General Hospital but on approaching a major hospital in Brisbane, will now be operated on in less than two months?
- (4) Are the longer waiting lists at regional hospitals due to a lack of funding at these hospitals compared with the major city hospitals?

1214 **MR DALGLEISH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND RACING (MS ROSE)—

With reference to the written reply from her dated 4 April 2000 answering a letter dated 20 March 2000 from George Falconer, President of the Whale Watch Industry Association of Hervey Bay, relating to concerns about the manner in which tourism in Queensland is developing—

- (1) As Sunlover Holidays, the sale and marketing arm of Tourism Queensland, actively promotes products on behalf of 760 operators throughout the State, the reply stating that this was approximately 75 per cent of the operators in the State, although precise numbers are unknown, the industry estimates it to be in excess of 4,000 operators, will she provide details of the actual amount of operators (accommodation, attractions, fun parks, cruises, car hire, coach transfers, day tours etc) in Queensland?
- (2) As Sunlover has refused products into their program because they already carry a number of similar products and Queensland Government Travel Centres now only carry Sunlover products and refuse to accept and distribute brochures outside that product range, will she explain whose decision it is to be included in the Sunlover product range and why such a large number of operators should be excluded from any exposure through the Queensland Government Travel Centres, which also promote themselves as the Queensland holiday experts?
- (3) As Sunlover cannot earn sufficient net commission to cover the cost of generating a \$400 booking, yet commission paid for a whale watch booking is a minimum of 25 per cent or \$100 for a \$400 booking, is she aware that by demanding such a high commission, the retail price has to be increased by 33-1/3 per cent and that these artificially inflated prices are severely damaging the affordability of whale watching, as well as all other tourism products?

1215 **DR KINGSTON** ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BEATTIE)—

- (1) Does he realise that with the sudden introduction of the welcome fuel subsidy, the following consequences are occurring (a) farmers, civil engineers, and certain contractors, such as those involved in earth moving and mining, with trucks or registered tractors which spend time on-road and off-road, who wish to abide by the rules will be forced to have two bulk fuel tanks, or to keep detailed log books; the use of log books will be very difficult as for some farmers and contractors one short trip can involve travel on and off road, (b) fuel depots will have to run two accounts for each such customer who has off-road and on-road tractors and vehicles, (c) fuel distributors now have to wait until their primary producing, and contracting customers, pay for their on road fuel before they can claim; this additional delay will increase the distributors' need for working capital substantially and (d) the limiting of purchasing to 2,000 litres within any 24 hours is inconvenient to large pleasure craft and certain long distance water taxis, as their on board tanks usually hold well over 2,000 litres?
- (2) Does he have constructive suggestions and actions concerning how to overcome these problems and thus facilitate the correct use of his Government's well intentioned subsidy?

1216 **MR PAFF** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to a garbage disposal dump at Coominya in the Esk Shire—

- (1) Is this rubbish dump being considered as a Hazchem dumping facility; if so, what environmental impact study has been carried out on the area impacted upon by this garbage dump?
- (2) Is there any proposal to have hazardous material conveyed from Willawong to this facility at Coominya?

1217 **MR LITTLEPROUD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to the Government's \$57.7m raid on the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority's (QRAA) reserves in the last budget, leaving it only \$2.3m to operate on—

- (1) Has the QRAA sought any additional funding from Treasury; if so, has the funding been provided?
- (2) What amount was provided to the end of September?
- (3) Will he provide a comparison of loans and support offered so far this financial year to the previous five years?
- (4) Is there any intention by the QRAA to increase interest rates on loans offered?
- (5) What changes have been made to restructure the QRAA with the transition to the Primary Industries portfolio?

1218 **MRS PRATT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to drought declarations and the requirements that an individual property be declared drought stricken and thus eligible for certain benefits and that the local drought committee must meet regularly in times of low rainfall such as at present and instruct the local Queensland Department of Primary Industries stock inspector to investigate, however, the procedure for whole shires to be declared "droughted" needs clarification and streamlining and as the drought committees for shires in the Burnett and South Burnett regions have met twice recently and subsequently moved to have their shires declared "drought stricken" but were then told that not enough individual farmers had applied for IDPs—

- (1) Are the local drought committees carefully chosen for their local knowledge?

- (2) Are the local stock inspectors able to read the signals being sent by nature, ie, intensive and extensive leaf drop from drought resistant trees such as Eucalyptus?
- (3) Why must the affected farmers go without the benefits whilst certain rigid bureaucratic requirements are fulfilled?
- (4) Why aren't the genuine concerns of experienced locals and environmentally sensitive stock inspectors being heeded?
- (5) Does he have any substantive plans to streamline this process?
- (6) Will he share those plans and thus requirements with the farming and grazing communities?

1219 **MR FELDMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

With reference to the recommendations of the Forde Inquiry into Child Abuse in Queensland—

- (1) Is she aware that at least four victims of institutional child abuse in Queensland who provided evidence to the Forde Inquiry have, since the first anniversary of the release of that report on the inquiry, either attempted or committed suicide?
- (2) Does she agree that this state of affairs is directly related to the delay in implementing the Forde Inquiry recommendations to their full extent and in a prompt and effective manner bearing in mind the psychological condition of those awaiting the implementation?
- (3) What action does she propose to take to ensure that this level of attempted suicide by child abuse victims mentioned in the inquiry is greatly reduced if not completely eliminated?

1220 **MR BLACK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

- (1) How many Queensland residents currently hold drivers licences for the following categories (a) national heavy vehicle licences, (b) taxi, (c) limousine, (d) bus and (e) tow trucks?
- (2) What is the total number of current licences of all categories including car and motor cycles?

1221 **MR KNUTH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the decision of Burdekin River Irrigation Area (BRIA) irrigators to withhold part of their water payments to Sunwater in protest over his department's newly gazetted water charges—

- (1) Given water charges for these farmers remain well above and beyond the cost of recovery, does he still believe National Competition Policy is beneficial to farmers?
- (2) Is he prepared to reduce the water fees for BRIA irrigators who are sick and tired of their hard earned gains in on-farm efficiencies being undermined by such Government endorsed cash grabs?

1222 **MR NELSON** ASKED THE TREASURER (MR HAMILL)—

With reference to the diesel fuel rebate in the current crisis of petrol in Queensland—

- (1) Is he aware of the current confusion and frustration caused by the rebate being applied in what some consider an ad hoc manner?
- (2) Why is it that small business operators are being disadvantaged in some instances because they do road repair with heavy machinery like backhoes and road rollers yet they are considered as off-road vehicles?
- (3) What is his Government doing to help rural and regional people through the current crisis of high fuel prices in Queensland?

1223 **MR SANTORO** ASKED THE PREMIER (MR BEATTIE)—

With reference to the Queensland Government Gazette No. 15 of Friday, 15 September 2000—

- (1) Why was the following directive issued

"DIRECTIVE: Section 5.2 of Directive No. 29/99—*Senior Executives and Senior Officers—Employment Conditions* does not apply to the senior executive service role of Director (Policy) Department of the Premier and Cabinet."?

- (2) (a) Is this position of Director (Policy) a contract position, (b) when was the contract due to expire, (c) why is this contract being varied (according to Schedule 1 on the same page of the Gazette) by being increased for a term of two years and (d) is this increase in remuneration in addition to any performance bonus paid to the incumbent?

1224 **MR LESTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

What is the latest progress in providing adequate counselling services to the Capricorn Coast in view of the chronic shortage of such people for this fast growing area, eighth fastest in Australia and third fastest in Queensland?

1225 **MR BEANLAND** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CARE AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES (MS BLIGH)—

With reference to the location criterion, "Percentage of Community Grants allocated to the lowest 20% of socio-economically disadvantaged areas" appearing in the Output Statement on p.1–17 of this financial year's Ministerial Portfolio Statements—

- (1) Will she provide details of the areas of Queensland she has designated as "the lowest 20% of socio-economically disadvantaged areas" and the amount of funding allocated to each of these areas compared to other parts of the State?
- (2) On what basis were these areas chosen as being socio-economically disadvantaged?"?

1226 **MR VEIVERS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (MR PALASZCZUK)—

With reference to the sale of milk within Queensland—

- (1) Will he provide a total figure and a breakdown on a processor by processor basis of market milk sales within Queensland for 1998–1999 and 1999–2000?
- (2) Will he provide a total figure and a breakdown on a processor by processor basis of total milk sales within Queensland for 1998–1999 and 1999–2000?
- (3) How much milk was imported to Queensland from other States for 1998–1999 and 1999–2000 and will he provide a breakdown on a processor by processor basis?

1227 **MR SPRINGBORG** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—

How much money was spent by schools and district offices on media training in 1999–2000?

1228 **MR QUINN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (MR WELLS)—

What were the estimated FTE staffing levels for all teachers by education output (eg. pre-school, primary, secondary, special, distance, others) and district, at 30 September 2000 (*please include TRS numbers, teachers being paid from both State and Commonwealth funding sources and long service leave numbers*)?

1229 **MISS SIMPSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MRS EDMOND)—

- (1) What State Government funding was allocated for Drug and Alcohol in the Sunshine Coast Health District in 1999–2000 for the (a) Government sector and (b) non-Government sector?

- (2) What performance indicators are there for these programs?
- (3) How are these programs performing against those performance indicators?

1230 **MR HEALY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION AND MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING, AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR MACKENROTH)—

With reference to the release of the 2001 State Sport and Recreation Development Program, applications for which closed on 13 October 2000—

- (1) When is the assessment process scheduled to be completed and when will he publicly announce the recipients of funding under this program?
- (2) When will funding be made available to each successful applicant?
- (3) Who will be assessing the applications and who will be making recommendations to him of funding allocations?
- (4) Have any of the officers concerned with the assessment of applications declared a pecuniary or personal interest in any of the organisations applying for funds?
- (5) On what criteria will the applications be assessed and rated for funding?

1231 **MR SLACK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (MR WELFORD)—

With reference to the shedding of temporary and contract staff from the Department of Natural Resources Burnett District—

- (1) Since 30 June 2000 how many Bundaberg District Department of Natural Resources (DNR) temporary, contract or full-time positions have been discontinued?
- (2) How many such positions (full-time equivalents) are expected to be discontinued between 30 June 2000 and 30 January 2001?
- (3) Will he outline the nature and duties of each of the positions lost between 30 June and 30 January and give rationale for their conclusion?
- (4) Will or have any of these positions be centralised to Brisbane; if so, which ones and why?
- (5) How many of these employees have been given the opportunity to transfer into existing DNR positions/contracts in other regions?
- (6) How many have so far succeeded in obtaining alternative employment within DNR?
- (7) How many new positions have been contracted or will be contracted at the Bundaberg District DNR between the period 1 July 2000 and 30 January 2001?
- (8) Will he guarantee that the work of DNR will not be diminished by the loss of staff?
- (9) With specific reference to the transfer of the groundwater billing project to Brisbane, will he guarantee that growers will receive the same level of service?
- (10) Will any and all complaints be dealt with at a district level or through a Brisbane office?

1232 **MR COOPER** ASKED THE DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ELDER)—

With reference to the Government's intention to employ 16 regional development officers throughout Queensland—

- (1) How many of these positions were advertised in which regions and when?
- (2) How many of these positions have been filled in which regions and when?
- (3) Does the department intend to pursue placements in the remaining regions; if so, in which regions?
- (4) Why has the department abandoned recruitment of officers in some regions?

- (5) Bearing in mind his intention to appoint 32 additional staff, (refer to reply to Question No. 8 of Estimates Committee "E" Questions on Notice), how does this alter the number of additional employees expected to be employed in this financial year?

1233 **MR JOHNSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the Statement of Unforeseen Expenditure tabled by the Treasurer on 17 October 2000 which included an equity adjustment of \$132m in relation to the Department of Main Roads—

What does this adjustment refer to and why was an adjustment of this size unforeseen in relation to the preparation of the 1999–2000 budget?

1234 **MR ROWELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to information regarding the tilt train that has been proposed to run between Brisbane and Cairns—

- (1) What is the cost of the project and could a dissection be provided for the track improvements and safety measures at level crossings as well as the cost of the train itself and what level of funds have been expended to date on each of the sections?
- (2) What level of support has been indicated by people of north Queensland that the service is required?
- (3) Can a report be provided with statistical information and benefits for the implementation of the tilt train service?
- (4) What will be the cost of a single fare and a return fare from Brisbane to Cairns?
- (5) How long will the journey from Brisbane to Cairns take and will there be sleeping accommodation made available for long distances or will there be only sitting facilities?
- (6) Is it likely that either the Sunlander or Queenslander services will be reduced as a result of the tilt train service?
- (7) Will any persons holding Queensland Rail passes be excluded from using the tilt train?
- (8) When is it proposed for the service to commence?
- (9) What number of passengers will each journey cater for between Cairns and Brisbane and how many services will there be each week?

1235 **MR BAUMANN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS (MR BREDHAUER)—

With reference to the concerns expressed by the Gold Coast City Council for the funding required to repair, maintain or rebuild local roads damaged by heavy vehicle usage during the construction phase of the M1 motorway—

Will he now make available the required funds to complete this urgent work in the interest of safety and fairness?

1236 **MR HORAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

- (1) What is the estimated increase in the fuel bill for the Queensland Police Service for 2000–2001?
- (2) Will this additional amount be funded by Treasury or will it come from existing regional and headquarters budgets?

1237 **MR LAMING** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

With reference to the new Rockhampton Correctional Centre—

- (1) When was the design tender let?
- (2) When was the design completed?
- (3) When was the Guaranteed Construction Sum (GCS) submitted?
- (4) What was the amount of the GCS?
- (5) When was a GCS agreed to?
- (6) What was that price?
- (7) How does this compare with benchmark costs per cell?
- (8) What is the anticipated completion date?
- (9) What is the anticipated total cost including design?

1238 **MR DAVIDSON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES (MR BARTON)—

With reference to his Ministerial Statement in the House on 18 October 2000 when he made comment on the police to population ratio figures and to his latest figures which indicate that the Sunshine Coast has a ratio of one officer to 766 residents in 1998 and on the latest figures the ratio is one officer to 760 residents—

When can we expect the Sunshine Coast ratio to improve in comparable terms to other regions in Queensland?

1239 **MR MITCHELL** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

With reference to the Queensland Ambulance Rural Incentives Scheme, which has been reviewed recently and a further 42 stations now being eligible for incentive bonuses due to their remoteness and to also hopefully attract officers to these centres—

- (1) What criteria was used to determine a station's eligibility?
- (2) Why was Charters Towers not considered to be incorporated in this scheme when other centres of less remoteness and serviceability were included?
- (3) Will Charters Towers' station be given the opportunity to appeal this decision of being omitted?

1240 **MR MALONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

- (1) How many casual/temporary hours per week were budgeted to each Firecom Centre in 1999–2000?
- (2) What was the actual such hours worked in each centre?
- (3) What is the budgeted casual/temporary hours per week for each centre for 2000–2001?

1241 **MR CONNOR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

- (1) What was the actual number of emergency calls received at each regional Firecom Centre in Queensland in 1999–2000?
- (2) What is the anticipated number of such calls at each centre for 2000–2001?

1242 **MRS GAMIN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

- (1) What was the budgeted amount for casual/temporary staff for each Firecom Centre in 1999–2000?
- (2) What was the actual expenditure in 1999–2000?

- (3) What is the amount budgeted for casual/temporary staff for each Firecom Centre for 2000–2001?

1243 **MR SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTSON)—

- (1) How many permanent staff were allocated to full-time duties receiving emergency calls at each Firecom Centre in Queensland in 1999–2000?
- (2) How many such staff have been allocated to this task in each region in 2000–2001?
- (3) Have Firecom Centre supervisors been allocated any hours on this task in any region in 1999–2000 or 2000–2001; if so, where, when, how many hours and why?

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*)
- Issues Paper – Inquiry into the prevention of electoral fraud – September 2000 (*Tabled 8 September 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
- Defamation Amendment Bill

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
- Port of Brisbane Corporation - construction of a dredge

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. 13 of 2000 (*Tabled 3 October 2000*)
- Alert Digest No. 14 of 2000 (*Tabled 17 October 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*)
- Report No. 33 – Annual Report 1999–2000 (*Tabled 5 October 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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