



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR CONDAMINE

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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Release of Committee Documents

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Today, in accordance with standing order 20, the Legislative Assembly will release to the public previously unpublished minutes of its committees from 1995 that have been in the custody of the Clerk of the Parliament for over 30 years. This is the eighth proactive annual release of committee documents. The 64 sets of minutes from 1995 being released today detail the work of: the Committee of Subordinate Legislation; the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee; the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review; the Public Accounts Committee; the Public Works Committee; and the Travelsafe Committee. The minutes cover both the 47th and 48th parliaments given the 1995 state election, which I am sure members will recall as it was one of the narrowest election results in our history.

Also in 1995, the House passed the Parliamentary Committees Bill which established six permanent statutory committees including: the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee; the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee; the Public Accounts Committee; the Public Works Committee; the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee; and the Standing Orders Committee. The Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee took carriage of oversight of the Criminal Justice Commission; however, the standing Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee was re-established a short time later. Minutes relating to this oversight function are not subject to release until 100 years have passed and they are therefore not included in the current release.

A few items of interest referenced in these minutes and from the work of committees during 1995 include: the appointment of now Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, as research director to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee—the Clerk assures me that he had a full head of hair at that stage; a report on the use of fuel cards in the public sector and a report on the standard of preparation and timeliness of departmental financial statements; requests to the minister to resolve inconsistencies in transport operations regulations to ensure taxi and limousine drivers were required to have a zero alcohol concentration, amongst other matters; and the commencement of an inquiry into unsecured loads, to improve the safety of all road users, and discussions on a proposed inquiry into the increasing road death toll in Queensland. The committee minutes released today and information about the publication scheme are available on the parliament's website.