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**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS**

**FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT**

**JULY 1991 - SEPTEMBER 1992**

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held on Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.05pm on Tuesday 16 July 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos, Ms McLoughlin.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 28 May 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Bird, seconded Perrett.

### Inward correspondence

1. Ms R L Matchett (Director-General, Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs (28 May)  
- response to follow-up on Auditor-General's report
2. Hon R J Gibbs MLA (29 May)  
- response to follow-up on Auditor-General's report
3. Hon Edmund Casey MLA (31 May)  
- response to follow-up on Auditor-General's report
4. Mr John Mickel (Premier's private secretary) (3 June)  
- Government companies report
5. Mr A R Woodward (5 June) (2 letters)  
- secondment of officers
6. Mr Rob Borbidge MLA (5 June)  
- Indy Grand Prix
7. Professor Roger Scott (Director-General, Department of Education) (6 June)  
- response to follow-up on Auditor-General's report
8. Mr Vince O'Rourke (Commissioner for Railways) (20 June)  
- use of Government vehicles
9. Mr Neil Robson MHA (Chairman, Tasmania's Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts) (25 June)  
- request for information on Queensland Government's redundancy scheme

10. Mr Tom Sherman (Chairman EARC)(28 June)  
- seeking view on Auditor-General's reports
11. Mr John Hill (Dalby) (28 June)  
- withdrawing request for investigation of primary producer's vehicle registration
12. Mr R Ahern (EARC) (1 July)  
- copy of Treasury's comments on EARC's review of information and resource needs of non-Government members.
13. Mr Jim Langley MP (Chairman, NSW Public Accounts Committee) (3 July)  
- changes to Committee membership
14. Mr Peter Short (President, Queensland Law Society) (10 July)  
- comment on Government companies report

Resolved (moved Davies, seconded Perrett) that inward correspondence be received.

#### **Matters arising-**

6. Mr Borbidge - resolved (moved Perrett, seconded Davies) that the matter be discussed in General Business.
10. Mr Sherman - agreed that the Chairman in his response to Mr Sherman note the Committee's decision that it would be the responsibility of individual members to respond to Mr Sherman's request.

#### **Outward correspondence**

1. Mr Mick Palmer MLA (NT Public Accounts Committee) (31 May)  
- letter of appreciation re conference
2. Ms Bridget Sordo (NSW Law Society) (6 June)  
- PAC reports
3. Mr Rob Borbidge MLA (6 June)  
- Indy Grand Prix
4. Mr Vince O'Rourke (Commissioner for Railways) (6 June)  
- use of Government vehicle

5. Mr Henry Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (25 June)  
- action on QTC audit
6. Mr Neil Robson MHA (Tasmania - Committee of Public Accounts)  
(2 July)  
- government redundancy scheme
7. Mr Peter Coaldrake (PSMC) (2 July)  
- referring Mr Robson's letter
8. President, Council of Queensland Law Society (3 July)  
- advice of inquiry
9. Mr Brian Stewart (Director-General, Department of Attorney-General) (8 July)  
- access to information for Maria Cominos
10. Legal Aid Commission  
Australian Council of Social Services  
Department of Justice and Corrective Services  
Australian Consumers' Association  
Law Faculty, U of Q and QUT  
Australian Bankers' Association  
Bar Association of Queensland  
Auditor-General  
Department of the Attorney-General  
Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services (QAILS)  
(9 July)  
- advising inquiry into QLS funds management

Resolved (moved Flynn, seconded Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Authority of seconded officers**

The Committee resolved (moved Perrett, seconded Davies) to appoint Debra McLoughlin (seconded from Parliamentary Library) and Maria Cominos (seconded from the Department of the Attorney General) to assist the Committee in the conduct of its business and to act under the Committee's authority and direction, pursuant to Sections 19,20,33,42 and 44 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988.

#### **Annual report**

The Chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph. There being no amendments, it was resolved (moved Davies, seconded Perrett) that this draft be adopted by the Committee as its annual report for the period 1 July

1990 to 30 June 1991.

#### **Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry**

The Chairman and Ms Cominos reported on the progress of this inquiry.

#### **Inquiry into matters raised in Auditor-General's second report**

Research Director and Ms McLoughlin reported on progress on the five matters being examined. Agreed that the Committee report to parliament on the individual matters as they are finalized.

#### **Committee budget - June statement**

Noted.

#### **Gold Coast Indy style grand prix - unsolicited submission from Mr Borbidge MLA**

Agreed that further information be sought from Mr Borbidge and from Treasurer De Lacy on the issues raised by Mr Borbidge.

#### **QIDC**

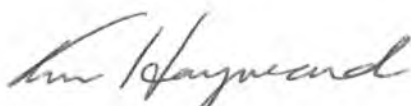
Mr Davies raised an issue concerning QIDC for discussion.

#### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 20 August 1991 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 5.23pm.

Confirmed *20TH AUGUST* 1991

  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room B.27 of Parliament House commencing at 3.02pm on Tuesday 20 August 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos, Ms McLoughlin.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 16 July 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Bird, seconded Flynn.

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr Rob Borbidge MLA (22 July )
  - Indy Grand Prix
2. Mr Graham Carpenter (Queensland Treasury) (30 July)
  - Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
3. Ms Ruth Matchett (Director-General, Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (12 August)
  - matters raised in Auditor-General's second report
4. Submissions re inquiry into Solicitors' Trust Accounts funds
  - David Jordan (11 July)
  - John Little (15 July)
  - W D Duncan (Director, Centre for Commercial and Property Law, QUT) (16 July)
  - Keith Witney (ANZ) (27 July)
  - R F O'Brien (National Operations Committee, Australian Bankers Association) (31 July)
  - P A Rasey (CPA) (5 August)
  - Ken Rose (8 August)
  - Prof David Gardiner (Dean, Faculty of Law, QUT) (2 August)
  - P D Channell (Chair, Grants Committee) (8 August)
  - Ray Rinaudo (President, Queensland Law Society) (9 August)
  - Pamela Jabs (6 August)
  - A C Cullen (Executive Director, Australian Bankers Association) (9 August)
  - Hon Mr Justice P de Jersey (Chairman, Supreme Court Library Committee) (8 August)
  - Chris Mara (Manager, Industry Policy and Government Relations, NAB) (12 August)
  - Mr Keith Williams (QAILS) (14 August)

5. Prof Roger Scott (Director-General of Education) (31 July)  
- information on No. 3 expenditure account

Resolved (moved Davies, seconded Bird) that inward correspondence be received.

#### **Outward correspondence**

1. Mr Rob Borbidge MLA (22 July)  
- Indy Grand Prix
2. Mr Tom Sherman (Chairman, EARC) (22 July)  
- EARC review of needs of non-government members
3. Mr Henry Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (8 August)  
- work to be performed by the internal audit unit.
4. Professor Roger Scott (Director-General of Education) (15 July)  
- provision of copy of minute detailing measures taken in relation to No 3 account problems

Resolved (moved Perrett, seconded Flynn) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry**

The Chairman and Ms Cominos reported on the progress of the inquiry and presented three options of action. **Resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Perrett) that option one involving the payment of interest to clients be further researched.

#### **Inquiry into matters raised in Auditor-General's second report**

Dr Lambkin and Ms McLoughlin reported on progress on the five matters being examined. The Chairman's draft report on two matters (Dept of Education No. 3 Expenditure Account, Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade committees) was considered and certain minor amendments agreed to. Report to be adopted tomorrow.

#### **Committee budget - July statement**

Noted.

## Public Finance Standards

Chairman informed members that Treasury officers would address the Committee on the Public Finance Standards at the next meeting.

### Next meeting

Wednesday 21 August 1991 at 2.15pm.

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.

Confirmed 3RD SEPTEMBER 1991

  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.15pm on Tuesday 3 September 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Flynn (from 4.08pm), Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Public Finance Standards

Treasury officers Mr G Carpenter and Mr R Shead addressed the Committee on the subject of the Public Finance Standards. Discussion ensued.

### Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the meetings of 20 and 21 August 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Bird, seconded Davies.

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr B Smith (Toowong) (12 Aug.)  
Mr G Schmidt (Downs and South West Law Association) (16 Aug.)  
Mr S Keim (Legal Aid Commission of Queensland) (20 Aug.)  
Mr W Rosen (Sunshine Coast Law Association) (26 Aug.)  
- submissions solicitor's trust accounts inquiry
2. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer ) (received 29 Aug.)  
- Treasury's internal audit function

Resolved (moved Watson, seconded Bird) that inward correspondence be received.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry

The Chairman and Ms Cominos reported on the progress of this inquiry.

### **Inquiry into matters raised in Auditor-General's second report**

Research Director reported on matters concerning the Dept of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs. The Chairman's draft report to be distributed prior to the next meeting.

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 1 October at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 5.06pm.

Confirmed *12th September* 1991

*Ken Hayman*  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held on Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 1.34pm on Wednesday 18 September 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 3 September 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Flynn, seconded Bird.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry

The options for Committee findings were discussed at length. It was agreed that public hearings be held on 7 and 11 October with witnesses from the Queensland Law Society, major and minor banks with trust account business, and the Dept of the Attorney-General.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 1 October 1991 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

Confirmed 1 October 1991.

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Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 4.00pm on Tuesday 1 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos, Ms McLoughlin.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Flynn, seconded Bird.

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr V Raeburn (Australian Bankers' Assoc.) (28 Aug.)  
- ABA's submission re solicitors' trust accounts
2. Mr E Deeral (Legislation Review Committee) (2 Sept.)  
- discussion paper on Aboriginal and Islander self-government
3. Mr S Hoffman (Legislation Review Committee) (10 Sept.)  
- confirmation of meeting on 3 October
4. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of Parliament) (9 Sept.)  
- secondment of Ms McLoughlin
5. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (16 Sept.)  
- public sector auditing
6. Hon E Casey MLA (18 Sept.)  
- East Deeral Drainage Board, Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust
7. Mr A Woodward (19 Sept.)  
- Committee budget for 1991-92
8. Hon D Fouras MLA (27 Sept.)  
- use of Room 5.04
9. Mr M Foley MLA (Chairman EAR Committee) (30 Sept.)  
- EARC's public sector auditing report

Resolved (moved Perrett, seconded Bird) that inward correspondence be received.

**Matters arising -**

9. Mr Foley - **agreed** to meet with EAR Committee as requested at 3.00pm 8 October 1991.

**Outward correspondence**

1. Hon D Fouras (4 Sept.)  
- use of Room 5.04
2. Mr A Woodward (5 Sept.)  
- secondment of Ms McLoughlin
3. Hon E Casey MLA (5 Sept.)  
- East Deeral Drainage Board, Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust
4. Mr G Carpenter (Treasury Dept.)  
- public sector auditing
5. Hon K De Lacy MLA (Treasurer) (19 Sept.)  
- request for expert assistance re solicitors trust accounts inquiry

**Resolved** (moved Flynn, seconded Elliott) that outward correspondence be adopted

**Report: Review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990: Matters concerning the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs**

The chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph. There being no amendments, it was **resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Flynn) that this draft be adopted by the Committee as the report of the second part of its review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990.

**Report: Review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990: Matters concerning the Queensland Treasury Corporation**

The chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph. There being no amendments, it was **resolved** (moved Flynn, seconded Perrett) that this draft

be adopted by the Committee as the report of the third part of its review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990.

**Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry**

The Chairman and Ms Cominos reported on the progress of this inquiry.

**Committee budget - August statement**

Noted.

**Next meeting**

Monday 7 October 1991 at 8.00am.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Confirmed 7 October 1991



Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 8.25am on Monday 7 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Elliott, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 1 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Elliott, seconded Perrett.

### Approval for absence of member from Committee meetings

The Committee **resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Perrett) to approve the absence of Committee member Mr K H Davies from the meetings of 18 September 1991, 1 October 1991 and 7 October 1991.

### Hearing: Solicitors' trust accounts funds

The procedures and questions for today's public hearing were discussed.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 8 October 1991 at 2.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42am.

Confirmed *9TH OCTOBER* 1991

  
CHAIRMAN

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held on Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 2.18pm on Wednesday 21 August 1991. Members present: Watson (temporary Chairman), Bird, Davies, Flynn, Perrett. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos, Ms McLoughlin.

### Appointment of temporary chairman

In the absence of the chairman and deputy-chairman the members in attendance appointed Dr Watson as temporary chairman.

**Report: Review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1991: 1 Department of Education No. 3 expenditure account 2 Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade committees**

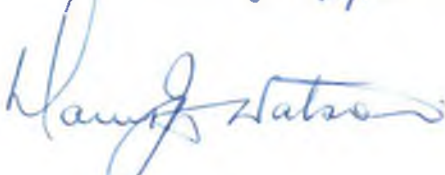
The temporary chairman read the chairman's draft report paragraph by paragraph. There being no amendments, it was **resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Bird) that this draft be adopted by the Committee as the report of the first part of its review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990

### Next meeting

Tuesday 3 September 1991 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 2.21pm.

Confirmed 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1991



Temp  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 2.10 pm on Tuesday 8 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos, Mr B Rollason (Department of the Auditor-General).

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 7 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Elliott, seconded Bird.

### EARC report on public sector auditing

Mr Rollason addressed the meeting re the content and recommendations of the EARC report. Discussion ensued.

### Next meeting

Friday 11 October 1991 at 8.00 am.

The meeting closed at 3.02 pm.

Confirmed *11TH OCTOBER* 1991



Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 8.10 am on Friday 11 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Perrett, Flynn. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 8 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Davies, seconded Perrett.

### Hearing: Solicitors' trust account funds

The procedures and questions for today's public hearing were discussed.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 22 October 1991 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.22 am.

Confirmed *21 ST OCTOBER* 1991

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Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the meeting room on Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 12.05 pm on Monday 21 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Perrett (until 1.15pm), Watson (from 12.55pm). Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 11 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett.

### Solicitors' trust accounts funds inquiry

A proposed report outline prepared by Ms Cominos was discussed. **Resolved** (moved Bird, seconded Perrett) that the Queensland Law Society no longer administer the funds earned on solicitors' trust accounts.

**Resolved** (moved Bird, seconded Davies) that the Trust Accounts Act be reformed to permit paperless accounting systems.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 29 October 1991 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Confirmed 29TH OCTOBER 1991



Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.06pm on Tuesday 29 October 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 21 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Davies, seconded Bird.

### Solicitors' trust accounts funds inquiry

Two further matters from the proposed report outline prepared by Ms Cominos were discussed.

**Resolved** (moved Flynn, seconded Watson) that the Queensland Law Society continue to manage the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Guarantee Fund, but without contributions from solicitors' trust accounts funds.

**Resolved** (moved Bird, seconded Davies) that a new system involving splitting income earned on solicitors' trust accounts funds between clients and public purposes be recommended.

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr R Rinaudo (Queensland Law Society)
  - Public hearings of Committee (30 Sept )
  - Evidence given at public hearing of Committee (8 Oct )
  - Information requested of Law Society at Public Hearing (9 Oct)
  - Response to our request for correspondence between the Society and the Auditor-General (17 Oct)
  - Annual report and accounts (18 Oct)
  - Insurance to cover fidelity fund (25 Oct)
  - Final submission from Society re inquiry (28 Oct)
2. Mr D H Jeffries (Bank of Queensland) (17 Oct)
  - Answer to question of negotiations between the Bank and the Law Society on interest paid on 'Westpac Money'
3. Hon Edmund Casey MLA (18 Sept, 23 Oct)
  - Matters concerning Water Boards raised by Auditor-General

4. Mr L W Stephan MLA (23 Oct)
  - Unsolicited submission re use of letterhead paper by MLA's
5. Mr G Swanson (Yaraka) (27 Sept)
  - Unsolicited submission re Public Service redundancies

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Perrett) that inward correspondence be received.

**Matters arising-**

4. Mr Stephan - **agreed** that the matter is not an appropriate one for the Committee to investigate.
5. Mr Swanson - **agreed** that the Chairman gather information on an inquiry undertaken in Tasmania on redundancies.

**Outward correspondence**

1. Mr R Rinaudo (Queensland Law Society)
  - Request for copies of Law Society's correspondence with Auditor-General (10 Oct)
  - Schedule of Committees inquiry (18 Oct)
  - Insurance to cover claims against Fidelity Fund (23 Oct)
2. Hon Dean Wells MLA (16 Oct)
  - Request for legal opinion re trust account deposits
3. Hon Edmund Casey MLA (14 Oct)
  - Matters concerning Water Boards raised by Auditor-General
4. Mr R Fisher (Wambo Shire River Improvement Trust) (25 Oct)
  - Matter raised by Auditor-General re Trust

**Resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Elliott) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 12 November 1991 at 3.00pm

The meeting closed at 4.24pm.

Confirmed *12TH NOVEMBER* 1991

*Kim Hayward*  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held on Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 4.07pm on Tuesday 12 November 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 29 October 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Perrett, seconded Flynn.

### Inward correspondence

1. Hon Dean Wells MLA (29 October 1991) - legal opinion from Crown Solicitor re solicitors' trust accounts

Resolved (moved Bird, seconded Flynn) that inward correspondence be received.

### Outward correspondence

1. Mr L Stephan MLA (30 October 1991) - submission re use of Assembly letterhead paper

Resolved (moved Perrett, seconded Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry

Ms Cominos reported progress in the drafting of the Committee's report on this matter.

### Government companies report - Government response

Research Director summarised this response. Most of the Committee's recommendations were adopted.

## Meeting with Public Sector Accounting Standards Board

Dr Watson, who with the Research Director represented the Committee at this meeting, reported on the discussions held. The two organisations exchanged information on their respective activities.

## River Improvement Trusts matter

Agreed that the Committee hold discussions with the Bremer, Jondaryan Shire, and Wambo Shire River Improvement Trusts on Thursday 21 November.

## Next meeting

Tuesday 26 November 1991 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 4.28pm.

Confirmed *26 TH NOVEMBER* 1991

*Kim Hayward*  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.17pm on Tuesday 26 November 1991. The meeting adjourned at 3.24pm, recommenced at 3.32pm, adjourned at 3.45pm and recommenced at 3.53pm. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Davies, Elliott (from 3.32pm until 4.38pm), Flynn, Perrett, Watson (from 3.53pm). Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 12 November 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Davies, seconded Perrett.

### River Improvement Trusts matter

The Chairman reported on discussions with the secretaries of the Bremer and Wambo Shire River Improvement Trusts. Agreed that the Committee explore further the need for the existence of all River Improvement Trusts.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry - Chairman's draft report

The Committee considered the Chairman's draft report and agreed to several amendments - the amended draft report to be considered at the next meeting.

### Next meeting

Wednesday 27 November 1991 at 6.00pm.

The meeting closed at 5.04pm.

Confirmed 30 DECEMBER 1991

  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 6.04pm on Wednesday 27 November 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Flynn, Perrett, Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry - Chairman's second draft report

The Committee considered the Chairman's second draft report and agreed to four minor amendments - the amended draft report to be adopted at the next meeting.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 3 December 1991 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.

Confirmed 3 RD DECEMBER 1991

  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 6.37 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.02pm on Tuesday 3 December 1991. The meeting adjourned at 4.15pm, recommenced at 4.52pm, adjourned at 5.30pm and recommenced at 5.48pm. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott (from 3.18pm), Flynn, Perrett, Watson (from 3.53pm). Also present: Dr Lambkin, Ms Cominos.

### Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the meeting of 26 November 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Flynn, seconded Perrett.

Minutes of the meeting of 27 November 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Flynn, seconded Davies.

### Solicitors' trust account funds inquiry - Chairman's final draft report

The Chairman read his final draft report paragraph by paragraph.

**Resolved** (moved Elliott, seconded Watson) that the following words be inserted at the commencement of the final paragraph on p.24 of the Chairman's final draft - 'The Committee has been presented with evidence that the total cost of administering trust accounts by solicitors can be lowered. The Committee understands this can be achieved through a combination of lower bank charges, reform of the Trust Accounts Act, lower telegraphic transfer costs and lower labour costs associated with solicitors' administering their clients' trust accounts. There may be additional costs for solicitors of entering information into the chosen electronic transfer system if that system cannot be fully integrated into their current computerised accounting system. The Committee does not envisage and would not countenance a system being implemented which would raise the costs to individual solicitors of running their trust accounts.'

There being no further amendments, it was **resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Elliott) that this amended draft be adopted by the Committee as its report on the management of funds earned on solicitors' trust accounts.

### Ms Maria Cominos

The Committee expressed its appreciation of the contribution of Ms Cominos to the inquiry concerning solicitors' trust accounts.

**Next meeting**

First sitting Tuesday of 1992 at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.03pm.

**Confirmed**

 10/3 1992

**Chairman**



## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.02pm on Tuesday 10 March 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Pearce (until 4.54pm), Perrett, Watson, Davies (from 3.43pm), Elliott (from 4.35pm). Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Election of Chairman

Dr Flynn was called to the chair by the general voice of the members present.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 3 December 1991 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Watson, seconded Bird.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Secondment of Mr J P Beh to Committee
  - Mr P B Nolan, Auditor-General (6 Dec)
  - Mr R D Doyle, The Clerk of the Parliament (20 Dec)
2. Public Finance Standards Implementation Project
  - Mr K Hamburger, Director-General: Queensland Corrective Services Commission (29 Jan)
  - Hon R T McLean MLA (3 Feb)
  - Mr H R Smerdon, Under Treasurer (4 Feb)
  - Hon A G Eaton MLA (4 Feb)
  - Hon G R Milliner MLA (4 Feb)
  - Hon G N Smith MLA (5 Feb)
  - Hon N G Warburton MLA (5 Feb)
  - Ms S Moriarty, Senior Ministerial Policy Adviser - Office of Attorney-General of Queensland (5 Feb)
  - Hon A M Warner MLA (5 Feb)
  - Mr R Whiddon, Senior Ministerial Adviser - Office of Minister for Transport ... (28 Jan)
  - Hon D J Hamill MLA (5 Feb)
  - Hon R J Gibbs MLA (6 Feb)
  - Hon K W Hayward MLA (7 Feb)
  - Mr P Barry, Senior Budget Officer - Dept of Housing and Local Government (10 Feb)
  - Hon E D Casey MLA (10 Feb)
  - Ms S Johnston, Senior Ministerial Policy Adviser - Office of Minister for Resource Industries (28 Jan)

- Hon T McGrady MLA (11 Feb)
  - Hon W K Goss MLA (12 Feb)
  - Hon K H Vaughan MLA (13 Feb)
  - Hon P Comben MLA (18 Feb)
  - Hon P J Braddy MLA (21 Feb)
  - re - response to information requested from Ministers
3. Hon P Smiles MP, Assistant Treasurer of NSW (25 Nov)
    - Comparative analysis of Public Accounts Committees
  4. Mr K H Davies MLA (10 Feb)
    - Possible misuse of government motor vehicle (QGP-994)

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Pearce) that inward correspondence be received.

#### Outward Correspondence

1. Hon K E De Lacy MLA (20 Nov)
  - Referral of Committee's report on matters concerning Queensland Treasury Corporation raised in the Auditor-General's report
2. Secondment of Mr J P Beh to Committee
  - Mr P Nolan, Auditor-General (6 Dec)
  - Mr R D Doyle, The Clerk of the Parliament (10 Dec)
  - Clerk Assistant Committees (6 Jan)
3. Mr B Stewart, Director-General: Department of the Attorney-General
  - Completion of Secondment: Maria Cominos
4. Hon E Casey MLA (23 Jan)
  - River Improvement Trusts
5. Hon P Smiles MP, Assistant Under Treasurer of NSW (4 Feb)
  - Response to request for information regarding Queensland Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts

#### 6. Public Finance Standards Implementation Project

- Hon K E De Lacy MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon K W Hayward MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon W K Goss MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon T J Burns MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon N G Warburton MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon R J Gibbs MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon P J Braddy MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon D J Hamill MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon K H Vaughan MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon T McGrady MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon E D Casey MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon P Comben MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon D McM Wells MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon G R Milliner MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon R T McLean MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon G N Smith MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon A G Eaton MLA (21 Jan)
- Hon A M Warner MLA (21 Jan)

Re - requests for information sent to all Ministers

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Pearce) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Draft Report:** "Review of Auditor-General's Second Report on Audits for the year ended 30 June 1990 - Matters concerning Water and Drainage Boards, etc".

**Agreed** that this report be considered for adoption at the Committee's next meeting.

#### Implementation of the Public Finance Standards

Dr Lambkin and Mr Beh informed the Committee that major issues raised by the Auditor-General in his first report to the Legislative Assembly on audits performed for the financial year ended 30 June 1991 relate to matters concerning implementation of the Public Finance Standards. Specific problem areas were briefly discussed.

**Resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Watson) that the Committee examine and inquire into issues associated with the implementation of the Public Finance Standards.

### **Discussions with Q-Fleet General Manager**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on discussions he and Dr Lambkin recently had with the general manager of Q-Fleet concerning current administrative arrangements that apply with respect to Q-Fleet and government motor vehicles.

### **Possible Misuse of Government Motor Vehicle (Registration Number QGP-994)**

**Resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Perrett) that a letter be sent to the responsible Department requesting details of the vehicle's log records.

### **Committee Budget**

Noted budget report for the period to 29 February 1992

### **Authority of Officer on Secondment (Mr J P Beh)**

**Resolved** (moved Davies, seconded Watson) to appoint James Philip Beh, seconded from the Department of the Auditor-General to the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts, to assist the Committee in the conduct of its business and to act under the Committee's authority and direction, in terms of Sections 19 and 20 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988.

### **General Business**

#### **1. Retirement of Auditor-General**

**Agreed** that a letter of appreciation be sent to the recently retired Auditor-General (Mr P B Nolan).

#### **2. Redundant government employees re-hired as consultants.**

Mr Perrett referred to an article published in the Sunday Mail on 2 February 1992 (page 1).

**Agreed** that the Committee seek further advice as to the provisions applicable to redundant government employees re-hired as consultants and to determine the position with respect to any refunds payable by such former employees.

**Next meeting**

3.00pm Tuesday 17 March 1992.

The meeting closed at 4.57pm

**Confirmed**

17/3 1992

**Chairman**



## **MINUTES**

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.07pm on Tuesday 17 March 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Watson, Perrett, Sullivan, Pearce (from 3.14pm). Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 10 March 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Watson, seconded Perrett.

### **Outward Correspondence**

1. Mr P B Nolan (17 Mar)  
- Appreciation to former Auditor-General
2. Hon K E DeLacy MLA (17 Mar)  
- Program management workshop

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Sullivan) that outward correspondence be adopted.

### **Public Finance Standards Implementation Project**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on the status of the project.

**Review of the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990: Matters concerning "Water and Drainage Boards, etc" - Chairman's draft report.**

The Chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph.

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Watson) that this draft be adopted by the Committee as its report on matters concerning "Water and Drainage Boards, etc" referred to in the Auditor-General's second report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990.

### **Redundant Government Employees re-hired as Consultants**

**Agreed** that a copy of the guidelines covering government employee redundancy arrangements be obtained from the Public Sector Management Commission.

**Next Meeting**

8.30am Thursday 2 April 1992.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

**Confirmed** 2 APRIL 1992

*Acting* Chairman

*J. Elliott*

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 8.38am on Thursday 2 April 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman) (from 8.50am), Elliott, Perrett, Pearce, Sullivan. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 17 March 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Sullivan, seconded Perrett.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Mr H R Smerdon, Under Treasurer (6 Mar)
  - request for information about the Committee for publication in "Guide to Public Financial Administration in Queensland".
2. Ms J McLennan, Ministerial Policy Adviser - Office of the Treasurer of Queensland (16 Mar)
  - approval for Treasury Program Management Branch to present seminar/workshop for Committee.
3. Mr J Alvey (16 Mar)
  - expression of interest to undertake research work for Committee.

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Sullivan) that inward correspondence be received.

### Outward Correspondence

1. Dr P Coaldrake, Chair - Public Sector Management Commission (18 Mar)
  - Public service redundancy guidelines.
2. Public Finance Standards Implementation Project. Letters (26 Mar) sent to:
  - all Department Heads
  - Chief Executives of:
    - Queensland Electricity Commission
    - Queensland Corrective Services Commission
    - Bureau of Emergency Services
    - Parliamentary Service Commission
    - Public Trust Office
    - Workers' Compensation Board of Queensland
    - Suncorp Insurance & Finance

## SEQEB

Cairns Port Authority  
 Port of Brisbane Authority  
 Totalisator Administration Board of Queensland  
 Greyhound Racing Control Board of Queensland  
 Queensland Institute of Medical Research  
 Royal Brisbane Hospital Foundation  
 Peanut Marketing Board  
 Egg Marketing Board  
 Brisbane Market Trust  
 Townsville/Thuringowa Water Supply Board  
 South East Queensland Water Board  
 Griffith University  
 University of Queensland  
 Queensland University of Technology  
 James Cook University of North Queensland  
 University of Southern Queensland  
 University of Central Queensland  
 Brisbane Girls' Grammar School  
 Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation  
 Queensland Cultural Centre Trust  
 Queensland Art Gallery

re Public Finance Standards Implementation Questionnaire

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Pearce) that outward correspondence be adopted.

### Public Finance Standards Implementation Project

**Agreed** that hearings be held on Monday 25 May 1992 and Tuesday 26 May 1992.

### General Business

Committee Staff Attendance at Conferences.

**Resolved** (moved Sullivan, seconded Elliott) that:

Dr Lambkin attend the "Accountability, Ethics and Fraud in the Public Sector" conference in Sydney on 6-7 May 1992, and

Mr Beh attend the "Financial Control in the Public Sector" conference in Sydney on 20-21 May 1992.

**Next Meeting**

3.00pm Tuesday 28 April 1992

The meeting closed at 9.00am

**Confirmed**

28/4

1992

**Chairman**

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## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.01pm on Tuesday 28 April 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Pearce, Sullivan (from 3.08pm), Elliott, Perrett and Watson (from 3.56pm). The meeting was adjourned at 3.58pm and resumed at 4.10pm with Members Flynn (Chairman), Perrett, Pearce, Sullivan and Bird (from 4.50pm) present. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 2 April 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Perrett, seconded Elliott.

### Inward Correspondence

1. McDonald Partners, Solicitors (31 Mar)
  - Queensland Law Society
2. Ms D Girle, Manager HRM Practices, PSMC (1 Apr)
  - Public sector redundancy policy
3. Mr R D Doyle, Clerk of the Parliament (1 Apr)
  - Committee budget for 1992/93
4. Mr N Catania MLA, Chairman: Public Accounts and Expenditure Review Committee of Western Australia (8 Apr)
  - reporting of Parliament
5. Public Finance Standards Implementation Project
  - Mr H R Smerdon, Under Treasurer (16 and 21 Apr)
  - Mr E F F Finger, Director-General: Dept of the Premier ... (14 Apr)
  - Mr R W Dunning, Director-General: Administrative Services Dept (10 Apr)
  - Mr B A Stewart, Director-General: Dept Attorney-General (undated, rec'd 22 Apr)
  - Mr B M Rollason, Acting Auditor-General (14 Apr)
  - Mr R K Boyle, Director-General, Dept of Business, Industry ... (16 Apr)
  - Prof R Scott, Director-General of Education (3 and 15 Apr)
  - Ms R A Pashen, Acting Manager Directorate and Support Services Branch: Workers' Compensation Board of Qld (9 Apr)
  - Mr B J Nutter, Acting Director-General: Dept of Employment, Vocational Education ... (14 Apr)
  - Mr C Emerson, Director-General: Dept of Environment and Heritage (13 Apr)
  - Ms R L Matchett, Director-General: Dept of Family Services ... (21 Apr)

- Dr P H Stanley, Director-General: Dept of Health (undated, rec'd 14 Apr)
- Mr R Persson, Director-General: Dept of Housing and Local Government (13 Apr)
- Mr W R Meredith for Director-General: Dept of Justice (15 Apr)
- Mr K Hamburger, Director-General: Qld Corrective Services Commission (1 Apr)
- Mr K J Martin, Public Trustee (14 Apr)
- Mr B G Wilson, Director-General: Dept of Lands (15 Apr)
- Mr R D Doyle, Clerk of the Parliament: Parliamentary Service Commission (13 Apr)
- Mr D L Blizzard, Acting Police Commissioner (13 Apr)
- Mr H Baker, Director: Bureau of Emergency Services (14 Apr)
- Mr J G Miller, Director-General: Dept Primary Industries (21 Apr)
- Ms R Brunckhorst, Director, Corporate Services Division: Dept of Resource Industries (23 Apr)
- Mr K G Hilless, Acting Commissioner: QEC (16 Apr)
- Mr A C Pettigrew, Director-General: Dept of Tourism ... (14 Apr)
- Mr D G Stevenson, Director-General: Dept of Transport (16 Apr)
- Mr V O'Rourke, Chief Executive: Queensland Railways (15 Apr)
- Mr B C Rowley, Chief Executive: Suncorp Insurance and Finance (13 Apr)
- Mr K Hoffman, General Manager: SEQEB (13 Apr)
- Mr G J Martin, Chief General Manager: Port of Brisbane Authority (13 Apr)
- Mr R C Manning, Chief Executive Officer: Cairns Port Authority (8 Apr)
- Mr B Fletton, Manager Finance: TAB (31 Mar)
- Mr R Ellwood, Manager and CEO: Qld Cultural Centre Trust (13 Apr)
- Mr D Hall, Director: Qld Art Gallery (14 Apr)
- Mr J G Watson, Secretary/Manager: South East Qld Water Board (15 Apr)
- Mr B S Guthrie, Board Manager: Townsville/Thuringowa Water Supply Board (13 Apr)
- Mr K R Sheather, General Manager: Sunny Queen Egg Farms (Egg Marketing Board) (22 Apr)
- Mr R J Bennett, Accountant/Secretary: Brisbane Market Trust (6 Apr)
- Prof L W Powell, Director: QIMR (14 Apr)
- Mr D Rose, Executive Director: Royal Brisbane Hospital Foundation (7 Apr)
- Mr J Pietzner, Business Manager: Brisbane Girls' Grammar School (23 Apr)
- Mr K Rosebery, General Manager: QTTC (31 Mar)
- Mr D Ronai, Financial Manager: QTTC (22 Apr)
- Mr M Boyd, Bursar: UCQ (16 Apr)

- Prof R B Leal, Vice-Chancellor: USQ (9 Apr)
- Prof R D Gibson, Vice-Chancellor: QUT (10 Apr)
- Prof R M Golding, Vice-Chancellor: JCUNQ (7 Apr)
- Mr A Ramsey, Director Financial Services: JCUNQ (23 Apr)
- Prof L R Webb, Vice-Chancellor: Griffith University (13 Apr)
- Prof B G Wilson, Vice-Chancellor: U of Q (14 Apr)

Re: Responses to Committee requests concerning implementation of the Public Finance Standards

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Bird) that inward correspondence be received.

#### Outward Correspondence

1. Mr R Doyle, Clerk of the Parliament (3 Apr)
  - Committee Budget for 1992/93
2. Mr N Catania MLA, Chairman: Public Accounts and Expenditure Review Committee of Western Australia (15 Apr)
  - reporting of the Queensland Parliament
3. Hon D Wells MLA, Attorney-General (15 Apr)
  - referral of letter received from McDonald Partners, Solicitors (re Queensland Law Society)
4. Mr D R McDonald, McDonald Partners (15 Apr)
  - response to letter re Queensland Law Society
5. Public Finance Standards Implementation Project
  1. Mr H R Smerdon, Under Treasurer (2 Apr)
    - request for details re Treasury Department's role in the implementation of the Public Finance Standards by public sector bodies.
  2. Letters (15 Apr) sent to Chief Executives acknowledging receipt of their responses (Public Finance Standards implementation questionnaire) at the Committee's office by the due date (14 Apr)
 

Chief Executive:    Administrative Services Dept  
                           Dept of the Auditor-General  
                           Dept of Health  
                           Police Dept  
                           Dept of Employment ...

Dept of Housing & Local Government  
 Queensland Corrective Services Commission  
 Bureau of Emergency Services  
 Public Trust Office  
 Cairns Port Authority  
 Port of Brisbane Authority  
 Totalisator Administration Board of Qld  
 QIMR  
 Royal Brisbane Hospital Foundation  
 Brisbane Market Trust  
 Townsville/Thuringowa Water Supply Board  
 Griffith University  
 Queensland Cultural Centre Trust

3. Letters (15 Apr) sent to Chief Executives whose responses (Public Finance Standards implementation questionnaire) were not received at the Committee's office by the due date (14 Apr) and who also failed to request an extension.

Chief Executive:    Dept of Environment and Heritage  
                           Dept of Justice  
                           Dept of Attorney-General  
                           Dept of Lands  
                           Dept of Tourism ...  
                           Dept of Resource Industries  
                           Dept of Transport  
                           Suncorp Insurance and Finance  
                           SEQEB  
                           Greyhound Racing Control Board of Qld  
                           Egg Marketing Board  
                           QUT  
                           USQ  
                           UCQ  
                           Brisbane Girls' Grammar School  
                           QTTC  
                           Queensland Art Gallery

**Resolved** (moved Sullivan, seconded Elliott) that outward correspondence be adopted.

### **Committee Budget for 1992/93**

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Sullivan) that the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Parliament a proposed budget of \$207,550 for 1992/93.

### **Public Sector Redundancy Arrangements**

**Agreed** that a letter be sent to the Public Sector Management Commission seeking further details about public sector redundancy arrangements.

### **Committee's Strategic Plan**

A "draft" of the Committee's strategic plan was submitted for consideration by Committee Members.

### **Seminars**

Members were informed of the forthcoming free seminars which are of interest to the Committee.

1. EARC - "Parliamentary Committees: Their Role in Responsible Government"

Friday 1 May 1992 (9.00am - 5.00pm), Brisbane

2. Arthur Andersen/RIPAA - "Corporatisation: Responding to the White Paper"

Friday 8 May 1992 (8.30am - 12.00noon), Brisbane

### **Allowances Payable to Parliamentary Committee Members**

The current guidelines concerning allowances payable to members of parliamentary committees were discussed.

**Agreed** that the Chairman write to the Acting Clerk Assistant (Committees) and prepare a draft letter to the Premier for the Committee's consideration concerning deficiencies in the current guidelines.

**Public Finance Standards Implementation Project**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on the status of the project.

Agreed that the following dates be set aside for public hearings:

- 25 - 27 May 1992
- 15 June 1992
- 16 June 1992 (if Parliament is not sitting)
- 28-30 July 1992

Agreed that the Chairman contact the Greyhound Racing Control Board of Queensland regarding their failure to respond to the Committee's questionnaire.

**Next Meeting**

2.30pm Tuesday 5 May 1992

The meeting closed at 4.59pm.

Confirmed

5/5

1992

Chairman



## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 2.35pm on Tuesday 5 May 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Pearce, Perrett, Sullivan (from 4.26pm) and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 28 April 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Pearce, seconded Bird.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Mr L Scanlan (State President, Australian Society of CPAs) (27 April)
  - copies of Society's submissions to EARC reviews of public sector auditing and parliamentary committees
2. Mr A J Day (Accountant, Greyhound Racing Control Board) (29 April)
  - response to request for information on implementation of PFS
3. Hon E Casey MLA (30 April)
  - River Improvement Trusts report response

**Resolved** (moved Pearce, seconded Perrett) that inward correspondence be received.

### Matters arising-

1. Hon E Casey (3.) - agreed (i) to request more information on DPI's review of River Improvement Trusts, (ii) to request that the Committee be kept informed of the progress of the review, and (iii) to inform Minister of his obligation to respond to Parliament under s. 36 of the Public Accounts Committee Act.

### Outward Correspondence

1. Prof R Golding (Vice-Chancellor James Cook University) (28 April)  
Mr D Hall (Queensland Art Gallery)  
Mr K V Rosebery (Queensland Tourist & Travel Corporation)  
Mr J Pietzner (Brisbane Girls Grammar School)  
Prof G Wilson (University of Central Queensland)

Prof R B Leal (Vice-Chancellor University of Southern Queensland)  
 Prof D Gibson (Vice-Chancellor Queensland University of Technology)  
 Prof B G Wilson (Vice-Chancellor University of Queensland)  
 Mr J G Watson (South East Queensland Water Board)  
 Mr K Sheather (Egg Marketing Board)  
 Mr K Hoffman (SEQEB)  
 Mr B C E Rowley (Suncorp Insurance & Finance)  
 Mr H Smerdon (Treasury Department)  
 Mr V O'Rourke (Railway Department)  
 Mr G Stevenson (Department of Transport)  
 Mr A Pettigrew (Department of Tourism...)  
 Mr P Breslin (Department of Resource Industries)  
 Mr J G Miller (Department of Primary Industries)  
 Mr E Finger (Department of the Premier, Economic & Trade Development)  
 Mr B Wilson (Department of Lands)  
 Mr B Smith (Department of Justice)  
 Ms R Matchett (Department of Family Services & Aboriginal & Islander Affairs)  
 Dr C Emerson (Department of Environment)  
 Prof R Scott (Department of Education)  
 Mr R Boyle (Department of Business, Industry & Regional Development)  
 Mr B Stewart (Department of the Attorney-General)  
 Mr K Hilless (Queensland Electricity Commission)  
 Mr R D Doyle (Parliamentary Service Commission)  
 Mr R Edmonds (Greyhound Racing Control Board)  
 - acknowledgements for responses to PFS information request

2. Mr R Klein (Acting Clerk-Assistant (Committees)) (29 April)  
 - parliamentary committee members' allowances
3. Dr P Coaldrake (Chair, PSMC) (30 April)  
 - further request re public sector redundancies
4. Mr R D Doyle (Clerk of the Parliament) (30 April)  
 - proposed Committee budget 1992-93
5. Mr J Pietzner (Brisbane Girls Grammar School) (30 April)  
 Prof B G Wilson (University of Queensland)  
 Mr J L Tolhurst (University of Queensland)  
 Mr K Hamburger (Queensland Corrective Services Commission)  
 Mr G Taylor (Queensland Corrective Services Commission)  
 Mr R Scheuber (Queensland Rail)  
 Mr V O'Rourke (Queensland Rail)  
 Mr E Finger (Department of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development)  
 Mr T Leighton (Department of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development)

Mr H R Smerdon (Treasury Department)  
Mr M Cassidy (Treasury Department)  
Mr G Carpenter (Treasury Department)  
Dr J Fallon (Treasury Department)  
Mr P Breslin (Department of Resource Industries)  
Mr H McLoughlin (Department of Resource Industries)  
Mr B Smith (Department of Justice)  
Mr W Meredith (Department of Justice)  
Mr J G Miller (Department of Primary Industries)  
Mr J Howard (Department of Primary Industries)  
Mr B J Nutter (DEVETIR)  
Mr C Hooper (DEVETIR)  
Prof R D Gibson (Queensland University of Technology)  
Mr J Nelson (Queensland University of Technology)  
- Summonses to attend Public Hearings 25-27 May 1992.

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Allowances payable to members of parliamentary committees**

**Resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Pearce) that the Chairman's draft letter to the Premier concerning deficiencies in the present guidelines be adopted and sent. Agreed that all expenditure on behalf of Committee members be within the current Parliamentary Committee Members' Allowances schedule.

#### **Committee's Strategic Plan**

The Chairman tabled a final final draft of the Committee's Strategic Plan, and it **resolved** (moved Perrett, seconded Bird) that this document be adopted as the Strategic Plan of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts of the 46th Parliament.

#### **Public Finance Standards Implementation Project**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on the status of the project as well as specific issues within the Standards being addressed.

**Next Meeting**

2.30pm Tuesday 19 May 1992

The meeting closed at 4.31pm.

**Confirmed**

19/5

1992

**Chairman**

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## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Committees' Meeting Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19 May 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman) (from 2.35pm), Bird, Elliott, Pearce, Perrett, Sullivan and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 5 May 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Sullivan, seconded Perrett.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Mr B Smith (Director-General, Department of Justice) (29 April), Mr B Scheuber (Acting Chief Executive, Queensland Rail) (1 May)
  - Public Finance Standards project
2. Mr D Barbagallo (Premier's Principal Private Secretary) (8 May), Hon W Goss, MLA (12 May)
  - Committee member's allowance
3. Mr R Doyle (The Clerk of Parliament) (5 May)
  - Education office video on operations of Parliament.

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Sullivan) that inward correspondence be received.

### Outward Correspondence

1. Hon W Goss, MLA (6,7 May)
  - Committee member's allowances
2. Professor B Wilson (Vice-Chancellor, University of Queensland), Mr J Tolhurst (Bursar, University of Queensland), Mr R Shead (Director, Financial Management Policy, Treasury Department), Professor R Leal (Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland), Mr D Maguire (Acting Bursar, University of Southern Queensland) (7 May); Mr M Boswell (Director, Program Management, Treasury Department) (8 May).
  - summons for public hearings regarding Public Finance Standards
3. Ms J Eastwood (General Secretary, Professional Officers' Association), Mr L Gillespie (General Secretary, State Service Union) (8 May)
  - Public Finance Standards implementation inquiry
4. Mr B Rollason (Acting Auditor-General), Mr R Doyle (The Clerk of the

Parliament) (both 18 May)  
- extension of secondment of Mr Jim Beh

5. Hon E Casey MLA (18 May)  
- DPI's River Improvement Trust Act review
6. Dr J Fallon (GOE Unit, Queensland Treasury) (18 May)  
- withdrawal of summons

**Resolved** (moved Bird, seconded Elliott) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Allowances payable to members of parliamentary committees**

~~Chairman reported on yesterday's meeting with Speaker and other committee chairmen on this matter.~~ Chairman to discuss matter further with Mr Mark Lauchs of Premier's Department on 21 May. Discussion ensued.

*Research Director  
25 May 1992*

#### **April monthly budget statement**

Noted.

#### **Draft text for Committee section in new edition of Treasury's 'Guide to public financial administration in Queensland'**

Draft prepared by Research Director circulated for consideration. Final to be adopted at next meeting.

#### **Public Finance Standards Implementation Project**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on the status of the project. Proposed questions for 25 May were discussed and allocated. Proposed hearings dates of 28-30 July replaced by 4 and 5 August.

The meeting closed at 3.33pm.

Confirmed

*25/5*

1992

Chairman

*John J*

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Conference Room, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 4.54pm on Monday 25 May 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Elliott, Pearce, Perrett, Sullivan and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 19 May 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Elliott, seconded Sullivan.

### Allowances payable to members of parliamentary committees

Chairman reported on meetings with Speaker and other committee chairmen (20 May), and with Ms Laureen Harris and Mr Mark Lauchs of Premier's Department (21 May). Ms Harris undertook to put options to the Premier to address the Committee's concerns..

### Draft text for Committee section in new edition of Treasury's 'Guide to public financial administration in Queensland'

Resolved (moved Sullivan, seconded Watson) that the draft prepared by Research Director be adopted without amendment.

The meeting closed at 5.16pm.

Confirmed

15/6

1992

Chairman



## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Conference Room, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 12.30pm on Monday 15 June 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Pearce, Perrett, Sullivan and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 25 May 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Sullivan, seconded Pearce.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Mr J Veraa (Secretary, Qld Consumers' Association Inc.) (13 May)
  - debt recovery laws in Queensland [unsolicited submission]
2. Ms S Lee (Secretary, Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees) (18 May)
  - Council's Mid-term meeting 20 July 1992
3. Mr B Rollason (Acting Auditor-General) (20 May), Mr R Doyle (Clerk of Parliament) (25 May)
  - extension of secondment of Mr Jim Beh
4. Hon D Wells MLA (1 June)
  - solicitors' trust accounts

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Bird) that inward correspondence be received.

### Matters arising-

1. Mr Veraa - **Agreed** that the matter is not within the Committee's ambit, and to suggest to Mr Veraa that matter be referred to the Minister for Justice and Corrective Services

### Outward Correspondence

1. Hon W K Goss MLA (21 May)
  - committee members allowances
2. Mr H Smerdon (Under-Treasurer) (9 June)
  - appreciation for work of Mr Boswell and Mr Burnheim in developing Committee's strategic plan

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Public Finance Standards Implementation Project**

**Agreed** that hearings be held on 4 and 5 August with witnesses from the following organisations: Department of Health, Department of Education, Suncorp, South-east Queensland Water Board, Queensland Cultural Centre Trust, the Auditor-General.

**Agreed** that the transcript of the 25-27 hearings be tabled this week by Dr Watson (in the absence of the Chairman) as Report no. 19.

**May monthly budget statement**

Noted.

The meeting closed at 12.52pm.

**Confirmed**

4/8

1992

**Chairman**



## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Meeting Room, Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 2.33pm on Tuesday 4 August 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Bird, Elliott (from 3.20pm), Pearce, Perrett (from 2.45pm), Sullivan and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh, Mr Dahms.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 15 June 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Watson, seconded Sullivan.

### Inward Correspondence

1. Hon W Goss MLA (15 June)
  - advice of amendments to the Public Accounts Committee Act
2. Dr P Coaldrake (Chairman, Public Sector Management Commission) (22 June)
  - additional information concerning the re-employment in the Queensland public sector of employees who have received severance benefits under the Policy for the Management of Redundancy in the Queensland Public Sector
3. Hon E Casey MLA (6 July)
  - review of River Improvement Trust Act
4. Hon J Fouras MLA (7 July)
  - attendance at meeting of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees
5. Mr L Scanlan (State President, Australian Society of CPAs) (8 July)
  - CPAs recent press releases in relation to public sector auditing
6. Hon W Goss MLA (9 July), Mr R Doyle (Clerk of Parliament) (13 July), Hon K De Lacy MLA (23 July)
  - implementation of Committee of Public Accounts recommendations
7. Mr J Pietzner AM (Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Girl's Grammar School) (8 July)
  - consideration of implementation of Public Finance Standards within the Grammar Schools
8. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (received 15 July)
  - Treasury's performance indicators

9. Mr H R Smerdon (25 June)
  - further information or clarification in connection with Treasury's appearance before the Public Accounts Committee
10. Mr H Smerdon (22 June)
  - update on Public Finance Standards
11. Hon W Goss MLA (8 July)
  - selection process for appointment of Auditor-General
12. Mr E F F Finger (Director-General, Department of The Premier, Economic and Trade Development) (14 July)
  - Information Package for Applicants to the position of Attorney-General

**Resolved** (moved Bird, seconded Pearce) that inward correspondence be received.

#### **Matters arising-**

1. Dr Coaldrake - **Agreed** that the response be considered by members and be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Outward Correspondence**

1. Hon A M Warner MLA (15 June)  
 Mr R D Doyle (Clerk of the Parliament)  
 Hon W K Goss MLA  
 Hon K E De Lacy MLA
  - request for statement of implementation of recommendations contained in Committee's reports
2. Mr J Veraa (Secretary, Queensland Consumers' Association Inc) (16 June)
  - response to letter seeking inquiry into debt recovery laws

**Resolved** (moved Watson, seconded Pearce) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Annual report**

The Chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph. Three minor amendments were agreed to and it was **resolved** (moved Sullivan, seconded Perrett) that the amended draft be adopted by the Committee as its annual report for the period 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992.

### Appointment of Auditor-General

The Chairman reported on his involvement in the selection process which was outlined in today's inward correspondence. Interviews are to take place on Tuesday 11 August 1992. **Agreed** that a meeting be held at 9.30am Friday 14 August 1992 to consider the preferred applicant.

### Publication of transcripts of evidence

In accordance with the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1992, **resolved** (moved Sullivan, seconded Watson) that the Committee authorise the publication of the evidence given at the public hearings of 15 June 1992 and 3 August 1992.

### Meeting of Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees

Chairman reported on his and Dr Lambkin's attendance at this meeting. The Chairman's presentation on the Committee's strategic plan was well received.

### Public Finance Standards Implementation Project

The proposed report on this matter was discussed in general terms. **Agreed** that a report outline/options paper be prepared by Mr Beh for discussion at the next meeting.

### June monthly budget statement

Noted.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

Confirmed

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Chairman



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of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in the Meeting Room, Level 9 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 9.40 am on Friday 14 August 1992. Members present: Flynn (Chairman), Elliott (from 10.10 am), Perrett, Sullivan (until 10.55 am) and Watson. Also present: Dr Lambkin and Mr Beh.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 4 August 1992 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Sullivan, seconded Perrett.

### Appointment of Auditor-General

The Chairman informed the Committee that the selection panel had not yet finalised its deliberations regarding a recommendation as to a preferred applicant for the position of Auditor-General.

### Public Finance Standards Implementation Project

The Committee discussed an options paper presented by Mr Beh outlining the proposed format of the Committee's report on this matter. Agreed that preparation of the report proceed on this basis.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

Confirmed

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Chairman

