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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT**

**FIRST SESSION**

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- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee's Rooms, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday, 8 March, 1990 at 1.15 pm.

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Members Present: Mrs Bird, Dr Watson, Messrs Hayward, Elliott, Perrett, Davies and Heath.

In attendance - Mr Bletchly, Clerk-Assistant (Committees) and Dr Lambkin, Project Officer.

Opening of Meeting: The Clerk-Assistant (Committees) opened the meeting by informing Members of the provision of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988 relating to the constitution of the Committee. Entry No. 13 from the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, No. 4 of Tuesday 6 March 1990 was also read.

Election of Chairman: The Clerk-Assistant (Committees) informed the meeting that Section 9 of the Act provided for the election of a Chairman and Deputy Chairman and that Standing Order 190 prescribed that before proceeding to any Business the Committee was to elect its own Chairman. As Standing Orders do not prescribe the process for the election of a Chairman, the Clerk-Assistant (Committees) read to the meeting the process used in the House of Commons as detailed in Erskine May 21st edition as at page 621.

Mr Elliott being senior Member was asked to call on the voice of the Members present for the election of a chairman.

Mr Hayward being the only Member called assumed the Chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman: The Chairman thereupon called for nominations for Deputy Chairman. Mr Elliott being the only Member called was declared Deputy Chairman.

Sections of the Public Accounts Committee Act: General discussion was held on the provisions of the Act. Members attention was drawn specifically to Section 8(e) concerning absences from Meetings.



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Noted that a review of the Act by Electoral and Administrative Review Commission was recommended by Fitzgerald Report.

Observance of  
Other Committees  
in Operation:

The Clerk-Assistant (Committees) informed the meeting that the previous Public Accounts Committee had gained considerable benefit from observing NSW PAC public hearings and that hearings were tentatively scheduled for 9/10 and 23/24 April.

Agreed Clerk-Assistant (Committees) to advise Members in writing of subject of hearings. Members to nominate dates if interested.

Office  
Accommodation:

The subject of permanent office accommodation was discussed including the proposal to be relocated to Capital Hill. The matter is to be resolved by the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Staff Position  
Research Director:

The meeting was informed of the revised staffing structure and that the position of Research Director was currently advertised - closing date 12/3/90.

Agreed meeting to be held at 4.00 pm Wednesday 14 March to review applications. Interviews to be arranged starting at 12.00 noon Monday 19 March.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Confirmed this

19<sup>th</sup>

day of

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1990.



Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee's Rooms, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Wednesday, 14 March, 1990 at 4.10 pm.

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Members Present: Messrs Hayward (Chairman), Perrett, Heath and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Mr Bletchly, Clerk-Assistant (Committees).

Apologies: Resolved (Moved Dr Watson, Seconded Mr Perrett) that apologies be accepted from Mrs Bird and Messrs Elliott and Davies and that leave of absence be granted.

Interviews for Position of Research Director: Agreed following review of all applications that the following be interviewed on Monday 19 March:

Ms L. Robson  
Mr L. Scanlan  
Mr A. Grant-Taylor  
Dr K. Lambin

Next Meeting: Agreed next meeting be set down for 10.15 am Monday 19 March to conduct interviews.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Confirmed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1990.

  
Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee's Rooms, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Monday 19 March, 1990 at 10.25 am.

Members Present: Messrs Hayward (Chairman), Perrett, Heath, Dr Watson, Mrs Bird (from noon) and Mr Elliott (from 1.00pm)

In attendance - Mr Bletchly, Clerk-Assistant (Committees).

Apologies: Resolved (Moved Mr Heath, Seconded Mr Perrett) that apologies be accepted from Mr Davies and that leave of absence be granted.

Interviews for Position of Research Director: In accordance with the agreement of the Committee meeting held on 14 March 1990 the following applicants were interviewed:

Ms L. Robson  
Mr L. Scanlan  
Mr A. Grant-Taylor  
Dr K. Lambkin.

Recommendation for Appointment to Research Director: Resolved (moved Mr Heath seconded Mr Elliott) that in accordance with Section 38 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988 that it be recommended to the Parliamentary Service Commission that Dr Kevin John Lambkin be appointed to the vacant position of Research Director. The Clerk-Assistant (Committees) undertook to expeditiously forward all documentation to the Clerk of the Parliament.

Minutes of the Meeting of 8 March 1990: Resolved (moved Mr Perrett seconded Mr Heath) that the minutes be confirmed.

Minutes of the Meeting of 14 March 1990: Resolved (moved Mr Perrett seconded Mr Heath) that the minutes be confirmed.

Date of Next Meeting: To be advised.

The meeting closed at 1.55 pm

Confirmed this

27th

day of MARCH 1990.

*Mr Hayward*  
Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the **Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts** was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe, on Tuesday 27 March 1990 commencing at 3.10 p.m.

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**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Mrs Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 19 March 1990 were circulated and confirmed on the motion of Mr Perrett, seconded by Dr Watson.

**Matters arising -**

Research Director to confirm with Clerk-Assistant (Committees) that unsuccessful applicants for the position of Research Director have been informed in writing.

**Research director's authority**

The Committee resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Elliott) to appoint Kevin John Lambkin, Research Director, 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, 20, 33, 42 and 44 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Mr F. Erbacher - submission re State Service Superannuation Scheme.
2. Mr G. Kevin - copy of submission sent to Minister for Justice re Caboolture Aero Club.
3. Mr J. Akee - submission re mismanagement of funds by Yam Island Council and Island Co-ordinating Council.



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4. Mr D. Paul - copy of submission to Criminal Justice Commission re developments in the Southport Broadwater.

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

**Matters arising -**

1. Mr F. Erbacher - agreed to refer content to Treasurer for further information.
2. Mr G. Kevin - agreed to request copy of Justice Minister's response.
3. Mr J. Akee - agreed to request information on specific allegations from Minister for Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.
4. Mr D. Paul - agreed to advise correspondent that his comments have been noted with interest.
5. Method of dealing with unsolicited submissions.

Agreed that for each unsolicited submission received by the Committee, the Research Director provide a concise summary and recommendation to be provided to Members prior to the next meeting.

**Outward  
correspondence**

1. Acknowledgment letters for inward correspondence items 1-4 above.

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

**Matters referred  
by previous  
committee**

1. Mr Angus Innes MLA - submission re security deposits held by electricity boards.

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Agreed to refer questions in submission to QEC Commissioner for precise response; copy of letter to Minister for his information.

2. Mr Neville Warburton MLA - submission re Michael Behan and QIDC.

Agreed matter not to be pursued further, Mr Warburton to be advised accordingly.

**General business**

1. Messrs Davies, Elliott, Heath and Perrett indicated interest in observing New South Wales Committee hearings 23-24 April.
2. Introductory notes on the role and functions of public accounts committees prepared by the Research Director were distributed to Members.
3. Proposals for office accommodation for the Committee were discussed.
4. The possible misuse of government vehicles was discussed.

Agreed that the Research Director provide background information on this subject.

**Next meeting**

Agreed Tuesday 1 May 1990 at 11.00 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m.

Confirmed this

15<sup>th</sup>

day of

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Chairman



- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the **Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts** was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe, on Tuesday 1 May 1990 commencing at 11.00am.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott (from 11.40am), Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 27 March 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Dr Watson.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Mr F Erbacher (5 April 1990) - re provisions of State Service Superannuation Scheme in response to Chairman's letter of 30 March 1990.
2. Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Corrective Services (5 April 1990) - re letter from Mr G Kevin concerning Caboolture Aero Club.
3. Mr N A Galwey (Electricity Commissioner) (23 April 1990) - response to Committee's request for information on electricity security deposits.

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies) that inward correspondence be received.

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**Matters arising -**

1. Mr F Erbacher - agreed Committee not empowered to address the issues raised - Mr Erbacher to be informed accordingly.
2. Private secretary to the Minister for Justice and Corrective Services - agreed to inform Mr Kevin that Minister has no record of receiving his letter.
3. Mr N A Galwey (Electricity Commissioner) - briefing paper (PAC46 KL/3) prepared by Research Director on Mr Galwey's response was discussed - agreed to request further information from the Electricity Commissioner concerning the rates of interest paid on electricity security deposits.

**Outward  
correspondence**

1. Mr F Erbacher (superannuation), Hon Glen Milliner MLA (Caboolture Aero Club), Hon Anne Warner MLA (Jim Akee submission), Mr D Paul (Broadwater developments), Hon Ken Vaughan MLA, Mr N Galwey (electricity security deposits), Hon Neville Warburton MLA (QIDC) (all 30 March 1990) - as determined at Committee meeting of 27 March 1990.
2. Auditor-General (Mr P Nolan) (2 April 1990) - re discussions held by Chairman with Auditor-General on 30 March.
3. Hon Ken Vaughan MLA (18 April 1990) - re non-receipt by due date of information concerning electricity security deposits.



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**Matters arising -**

1. Mr F Erbacher - Chairman explained that on further examination it was found that the matter raised by Mr Erbacher was outside the Committee's scope. Mr Erbacher was informed accordingly, and the matter was thus not referred to the Treasurer as agreed at the meeting of 27 March 1990.

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

**General Business**

1. Report by Chairman on his and Research Director's meeting with the Auditor-General, Mr Pat Nolan, and Assistant Auditor-General, Mr Barrie Rollason on Friday 30 March 1990, where the following matters were discussed:

- (i) The Committee's review function under Section 13 of the Act - the Auditor-General offered to supply one of his senior officers on secondment to assist the Committee in this function.

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Heath) that the Committee accept the offer of the Auditor-General to second a senior member of his staff to assist the Committee in its review of annual financial statements and other financial reports and documents, and that the Chairman take the necessary steps to arrange the secondment forthwith.

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5. The role of the Committee "to review annual financial statements" was discussed - two briefing papers, "The Role of the Committee - 'to review annual financial statements' Introductory Notes" (PAC46 KL/2), and "Reports laid before the Legislative Assembly 6 March 1990 - 30 March 1990" (PAC46 KL/4) were circulated.

Agreed to examine the Queensland Treasury Corporation Annual Report 1988 -1989, tabled 6 March 1990.

**Next meeting**

Agreed Tuesday 8 May 1990 at 3.00pm.

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

Confirmed this

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- (ii) The Committee's interest in the matter of the possible misuse of government motor vehicles - the Auditor-General offered to undertake a special audit on the matter with a report to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly in the Spring sitting.

Agreed that a special audit by the Auditor-General was an appropriate mechanism to investigate initially the possible misuse of government vehicles.

- (iii) Problems in the financial administration of Aboriginal and Islander Councils as indicated in the Auditor-General's 1989 Supplementary Report - Auditor-General emphasised the need for some action to be taken on this matter.

The matter was discussed at length by the Committee which agreed to await the forthcoming Auditor-General's report before moving a formal resolution to inquire into the matter.

- 2. Report by Chairman on meetings with members and staff of the Victorian Economic and Budget Review Committee, Melbourne, 19 and 20 April 1990.
- 3. Report by Mr Heath on visit to New South Wales Public Accounts Committee hearings, Sydney, 23 and 24 April 1990.
- 4. Report by Research Director on intention of Tasmanian Public Accounts Committee to observe Queensland Committee's public hearings at earliest opportunity.

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3. The subject of media statements on behalf of Committee was discussed - agreed that the Chairman alone should announce inquiries to the media.
4. Publications of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation - resolved (moved Mr Heath, seconded Mr Perrett) that the Committee recommends that the Parliamentary Library take out a subscription to the publications of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation.

**Next meeting**      Agreed Tuesday 15 May 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

Confirmed this *15th* day of *MAY* 1990.

*Kim Hayward*  
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Chairman



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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 8 May 1990 commencing at 3.02 pm.

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**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting of 1 May 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Ms Bird.

**Inward correspondence** 1. Hon Ken Vaughan MLA (1 May 1990) - response to Chairman's letter of 18 April re electricity security deposits.

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

**Outward correspondence** 1. Mr F Erbacher (superannuation), Mr G Kevin (Caboolture Aero Club - re response from Minister), Hon Ken Vaughan MLA, Mr N Galwey (electricity security deposits) (all 3 May 1990) - as determined at Committee meeting of 1 May 1990.

2. Chairman, House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts (4 May 1990) - request for information on operations of UK Committee.

Resolved (moved Mr Heath, seconded Dr Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**General business** 1. Report by Chairman on his memorandum (dated 3 May 1990) to Clerk-Assistant (Committees) re secondment of offer from Department of Auditor-General.

2. The concept of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees was discussed - agreed that Chairman should attend meeting of Council in Sydney on 15 June 1990.

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 15 May 1990 commencing at 3.05 pm.

**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies (from 3.12 pm), Elliott, Heath and Perrett (apology received from Dr Watson).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting of 8 May 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Mr Perrett.

**Secondment of officer from Department of Auditor-General** The Chairman reported that a submission concerning the secondment would be considered by the Parliamentary Service Commission at its meeting of 30 May 1990.

**Review of Queensland Treasury Corporation Annual Report** The Chairman reported on the progress of review - consultations would be held with an officer of the Department of Auditor-General this week.

**Parliamentary Committee Travel Expenditure Guidelines** Copies of the proposed guidelines (yet to be approved by Executive Council) were circulated for the information of Committee Members.

**Next meeting** Agreed Tuesday 29 May 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm.

Confirmed this

29th

day of MAY 1990.

*Mr Hayward*  
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Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 29 May 1990 commencing at 3.01 pm.

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**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Elliott, Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson (apology received from Mr Davies).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting of 15 May 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Ms Bird.

**Inward correspondence** 1. Victoria Walker (Director, NSW Public Accounts Committee) (10, 16, 25 May 1990) - re meeting of Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees, Sydney 15 June 1990.

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

**Outward correspondence** 1. Pat Nolan (Auditor-General) (17 May 1990) - re assistance with Committee's review of Queensland Treasury Corporation annual report.

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

**Request to QEC re electricity security deposits**

The Chairman reported that QEC had requested two extensions of time for the supply of information on electricity security deposits.

Agreed that if the information had not arrived by 30 May, a Section 19 notice be served with a due date of 4.00 pm, Monday 4 June 1990.



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**Financial  
administration  
of Aboriginal and  
Island Councils**

The Chairman reported that the Auditor-General's 1988-89 Supplementary Report would be tabled on 31 May and a meeting by the Committee on that day to consider the matter of Aboriginal and Island Councils would be appropriate.

Agreed next meeting to be held at 11.45 am 31 May 1990.

**Late annual  
reports of  
Statutory Bodies**

Agreed that the Committee seek further information from Statutory Bodies whose 1988-89 annual reports have been laid before the Legislative Assembly on or after 6 March 1990, as recommended in Committee Briefing Paper PAC46 KL/5.

**Secondment of  
officer from  
Department of  
Auditor-General**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk of the Parliament had given approval for the secondment of an officer from the Department of Auditor-General. The Research Director undertook to prepare a letter of advice to the Auditor-General.

**Chairman's speaking  
engagements**

The Chairman reported that he had accepted invitations to address a Certified Practising Accountants Seminar (4 July 1990), and an Institute of Ken Hayward, MLA

The meeting concluded at 3.37 pm.

Confirmed this

31<sup>st</sup>

day of

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1990.

*Ken Hayward*  
Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 31 May 1990 commencing at 11.51 am.

**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Perrett and Dr Watson (apology received from Mr Heath).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting of 29 May 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Perrett, seconded Dr Watson.

**Financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils** Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett), that the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts examine and inquire into the matter, identified by the Committee in its review of the 'Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General to the Legislative Assembly on audits in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 1989' laid before the Legislative Assembly on 31 May 1990 in accordance with Section 76 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977-1988, of the financial administration of the Aboriginal and Island Councils constituted under the Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984-1986 and the Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984-1986, and in particular -

- (1) the administrative and managerial controls exercised by the Councils to carry out their lawful functions;
- (2) the controls and procedures applied by Councils over the assessment, collection, custody, banking and accounting for their revenue;

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- (3) the supervision, controls and procedures applied by the Councils with respect to the expenditure of funds;
- (4) the management and safeguarding by the Councils of their assets;
- (5) the management by the Councils of their trading enterprises; and
- (6) any other matters identified by the Committee in the course of its examination and inquiry relevant to the financial administration of the Councils.

**Next meeting**Agreed Tuesday 5 June 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 12.12 pm.

Confirmed this 5th day of JUNE 1990.

*Kim Hayward*  
Chairman



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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in the Committee Room, Level 6 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 5 June 1990, commencing at 3.03 pm.

**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Davies, Heath (absent 4.54 pm - 5.16 pm), Perrett and Dr Watson (apologies received from Ms Bird and Mr Elliott).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting of 31 May 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Mr N A Galwey (Electricity Commissioner) (31 May 1990) - response to Committee's request of 3 May 1990 re electricity security deposits.
2. Ms S Lee (Secretary NT Public Accounts Committee) (28 May 1990) - re 7th Biennial Conference of Public Accounts Committees.

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies) that inward correspondence be received.

### **Matters arising -**

1. Mr N A Galwey - after lengthy discussion on the subject of electricity security deposits, Committee concluded that:
  - (i) It was not opposed to the concept of security deposits;
  - (ii) The interest rate paid to the consumer should be approximately equivalent to the actual earning rate of the total security deposit funds held by the Board less administrative costs. The Committee strongly supports Mr Viertel's view that "The Electricity Supply Industry should not continue to regard the interest on security deposits as a legitimate source of income";
  - (iii) The rates of interest paid should be approximately uniform throughout the State;

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- (iv) Consumers, and especially rural consumers, with deposits in excess of \$500, should be made more aware of the availability of the alternative options to cash deposits such as bank guarantees and QTC stock.

Agreed these views be conveyed to the Minister for consideration in his review of electricity security deposits.

2. Ms S Lee - members present indicated their interest in attending the next Biennial Conference, but voiced concern that Parliament may be sitting at the time. Chairman undertook to consult the Leader of the House concerning this matter.

**Outward  
correspondence**

1. Pat Nolan (Auditor-General) (1 June 1990) - advice re inquiry into Aboriginal and Island Councils.
2. Pat Nolan (Auditor-General) (1 June 1990) - re secondment of officer from his Department.
3. Statutory Bodies (24 in total) (4 June 1990) - request for information re preparation of annual reports as agreed at Committee meeting of 29 May 1990.

Resolved (moved Mr Heath, seconded Dr Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 3.58 pm and was reconvened at 4.54 pm.

**Review of Queensland  
Treasury Corporation  
1988-89 annual  
report**

After examination of Briefing Paper PAC46 KL/6 Committee agreed to pursue the matter of the use of "off-balance sheet" private companies to undertake the activities of government, and that a letter be drafted for consideration at the next meeting, seeking details of such activities.

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**Inquiry Into  
Aboriginal and  
Island Councils**

An advertisement for submissions and a draft letter of advice to all Council Chairmen were agreed to.

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 26 June 1990 at 11.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 5.39 pm.

Confirmed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 1990.

  
Chairman



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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 6.36 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 26 June 1990, commencing at 11.01 pm.

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## **Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Perrett and Dr Watson (until 12.21 pm) (apologies received from Messrs Elliott and Heath).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 5 June 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies.

## **Inward Correspondence**

1. Statutory Bodies (20) (6 June - 20 June) - responses to Committee's requests for information re annual reports.
2. Mr P Nolan (Auditor-General) (7 June) - re inquiry into Aboriginal and Island Councils.
3. Ms R Sunai, Ms B Wolbo (Steering Committee, Aboriginal Clerks' Association) (7 June) - invitation to Chairman to attend meeting 3 - 4 July at Cairns.
4. Mr Russell Cooper MLA (5 June), Private Secretary to Minister for Transport (12 June) - acknowledgments of receipt of Committee's advice letter re Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry.
5. Hon Keith De Lacey MLA (8 June) - re Public Finance Standards.
6. Requests (12, 15, 19 June) for Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry Information Statement.
7. Dr J Lea (University of Sydney) (12 June), Mr N Harris (Katoomba, NSW) (15 June) - submissions re Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry.
8. Mr G Brownbill (consultant, Canberra) (12 June) - offering professional services re Aboriginal and Island Councils.
9. Mr M Foley MLA (Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review) (13 June) - re relationship between Committee of Public Accounts and Auditor-General

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10. Mr G Kevin (18 June) - re Committee's response concerning Caboolture Aero Club.
11. Ms V Walker (NSW Public Accounts Committee) (20 June) - minutes of Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees meeting of 15 June (including new Constitution).
12. Hon Ken Vaughan MLA (22 June) - re Committee's recommendations on electricity security deposits.

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

**Matters arising -**

1. Mr M Foley MLA - Committee discussed the suggestions put by Mr Foley's Committee concerning the Auditor-General, and agreed to request that Mr Foley address the next Committee meeting to explain his Committee's proposal in more detail.

**Outward  
Correspondence**

1. Hon Ken Vaughan MLA (6 June) - Committee's recommendations re electricity security deposits.
2. Aboriginal and Island Council Chairpersons (6 June) - advice re Committee's inquiry.
3. Dr J Lea (19 June), Mr N Harris (25 June) - acknowledgments re Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry submissions.
4. Mr R Layt (20 June) - re confidentiality of submissions.
5. Ms S Fisher (Trustees of the Bowen Racecourse), Mr K Leyshon (Golden Casket Art Union Office), Mr B Beauchamp (Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland), Mr J McKnulty (Bread Industry Committee) (25 June) - re non-response to Committee's request of 4 June for information re their annual reports.

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Ms Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

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**Matters arising -**

1. Ms S Fisher, etc - agreed that if responses have not been received by Wednesday 4 July, the Chairman write to each Chairperson indicating that if responses are not received by 11 July he/she will be summoned to appear before the Committee to provide the information.

**Draft annual report**

A draft annual report (complete except for expenditure figures) was discussed and agreed to; agreed the complete draft be considered and signed at the next meeting.

**Government companies**

Briefing Paper PAC46 KL/8 was considered and the text of a letter of request to all Ministers seeking information on 'Government' companies was agreed upon.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm and was reconvened at 1.00 pm.

**Aboriginal and Island Councils Inquiry**

Chairman reported on his meeting with Hon Anne Warner, Ms Ruth Matchett and Mr Les Melzer (13 June) - Committee agreed to monitor the proposed independent inquiry into Aboriginal and Islander community and make use of the findings of its initial stages.

**Australasian Council of Public Committees**

Chairman reported on the mid-term meeting of the Council in Sydney on 15 June (see Briefing Paper PAC46 KL/7).

**General Business**

1. Committee agreed that a press release concerning its recommendations on electricity security deposits be issued.
2. Committee agreed that consideration of possible press releases be an agenda item at each meeting.
3. Mr Davies indicated an interest in attending a hearing of a similar committee elsewhere. The Research Director undertook to obtain details of the hearings schedules of Committees in other States.



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**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 31 July 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.00 pm.

Confirmed this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of JULY 1990.

*Mr Hayward*  
Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 31 July 1990, commencing at 3.02 pm.

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**Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Davies, Elliott (from 3.14pm), Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson (till 3.07 pm, then from 5.10 pm) (apology received from Ms Bird).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 26 June were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Perrett, seconded Mr Davies.

**Inward Correspondence**

1. Ms Sue Lee (Secretary NT Public Accounts Committee) (21 June) - re 1991 Biennial Conference.
2. Mr Christopher White (Matheson Charlton White, Chartered Accountants, Cairns) (22 June), Mr E Hooker (Armaguard) (26 June), Mr Alan Douglas (Cherbourg) (29 June), Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Council (6 July), Mr Michael Lobascher (Napranum Community Council) (9 July), Mr Peter Lupton (Evatt, ACT) (18 July), Mr Peter Mulder (North Tamborine, Qld) (20 July), Weipa Napranum Aboriginal Council (23 July), Safeguard Business Systems (27 July), Mrs M Whitehead (Doomadgee) (27 July) Torres Strait Campus of the Cairns College of TAFE (20 July), Dr Trevor Grigg (Graduate School of Management, University of Queensland) (27 July) - submissions re Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry.

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3. Ms Ruth Matchett (Director-General, Dept of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (25 June, 12, 18 July) - re Committee's inquiry.
4. Ms Rhonda Sunai (Palm Island Aboriginal Council) (26 June) - re meeting of Aboriginal Clerks' Association in Cairns 3 July.
5. Mr Merv Gibson (Chairman, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council) (5 July) - re ACC's discussions with Minister on proposed independent inquiry.
6. Mrs Gail Schurer (Executive Director, Royal Children's Hospital Foundation) (26 June) - re Foundation's annual report.
7. Mr E Brightmore (Executive Director, Golden Casket Art Union Office) (28 June), Mr C Isbel (A/Registrar, Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland) (5 & 20 July), Mr B O'Sullivan (Secretary, Bread Industry Committee) (9 July) - responses to Committee's request for information re their annual reports.
8. Mr J Egan (4 July) - copy of letter sent to Hon. Ed Casey MLA re milk industry (PAC46 US/7).
9. Mr Matt Foley MLA (10 July) - acceptance of invitation to attend today's meeting.



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10. Hon Paul Braddy MLA (3 July), Private Secretary to Minister for Transport (4 July), Mr K Viertel (Secretary to the QEC) (6 July), Hon. Dean Wells MLA (16 July), Mr K Gluch (Acting Director-General, Dept of Resource Industries) (24 July), Hon Bob Gibbs MLA (27 July), Mr B Stewart (Director-General, Dept of Attorney-General) (27 July), Hon Terry Mackenroth MLA (27 July), Mr P Ellis (Director-General, Dept of Manufacturing and Commerce) (30 July), Hon Anne Warner MLA (30 July), Hon Bill Eaton MLA (30 July) - responses to Committee's request for information re 'Government companies'.

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

**Matters arising -**

1. M J Egan - agreed to seek advice from Hon Ed Casey MLA on the matter raised by Mr Egan.
2. Hon Paul Braddy MLA et al - agreed further letter of request be sent to each of the Ministers who have not advised a response date to the Committee's initial request.

**Outward  
Correspondence**

1. Hon Anne Warner MLA (27 June) - re Committee's inquiry into Aboriginal and Island Councils.
2. Ms Ruth Matchett (Director-General, Dept of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (27 June) - re Committee's inquiry.

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3. Ms Sue Lee (Secretary NT Public Accounts Committee) (27 June) - completed 'Expression of Interest', forms for 7th Biennial Conference.
4. Mrs Gail Schurer (Executive Director, Royal Children's Hospital Foundation) (27 June) - re Foundation's annual report.
5. Ms S Fisher (Chairperson, Trustees of Bowen Racecourse) (27 June) - request re Trustees annual report.
6. All 18 Cabinet Ministers (29 June), - request for information re 'Government companies'.
7. Mr B Beauchamp (Chairman, Board of Professional Engineers), Mr J McKnoulty (Chairman, Bread Industry Committee) (5 July) - further request re annual reports.
8. Mr Matt Foley MLA (6 July) - invitation to attend today's meeting to discuss relationship between this Committee and Auditor-General.
9. Ms Ruth Matchett (Director-General, Dept of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (10, 12 July) - requests for information concerning Aboriginal and Island Councils.
10. Mr Merv Gibson (Chairman, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council) (16 July) - request for ACC Working Paper on Community Services Act.
11. Ms Sue Lee (Secretary, NT Public Accounts Committee) (16 July) - suggestions concerning theme and speakers at 7th Biennial Conference.

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Resolved (moved Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Heath) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Attendance by Mr Matt  
Foley MLA**

Mr Matt Foley MLA (Chairman, Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review) was not able to attend - agreed Chairman to arrange another time.

**Annual Report**

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Pettett) that the draft report laid before the Committee be adopted as its annual report for the period 6 March 1990 - 30 June 1990, and that the Chairman table the report in the House tomorrow.

**Timeliness of Statutory  
Body Annual Reports**

Agreed that a report be prepared on this subject as proposed in Briefing Paper PAC46 KL/10.

**Visit by Mr Davies  
to Adelaide**

Mr Davies tabled a report, and spoke briefly, on his visit to the South Australian Public Accounts Committee on July 10 and 11; resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett) that Mr Davies' report be received.

**Media Releases**

Agreed that a media release on the annual report be prepared and issued.

**Visit by Mr Heath  
to Wellington**

Mr Heath reported on his discussions with the N.Z. Finance and Expenditure Committee in June.

**Secondment of Officer  
from Department of  
Auditor-General**

The Chairman reported that arrangements for this secondment were proceeding and that formal advice from the Auditor-General was expected shortly.



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**Financial Admin-  
istration of Aboriginal  
and Island Councils**

1. Mr Perrett and Mr Davies tabled reports, and spoke briefly, on their attendance at Island Co-ordinating Council and Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council meetings on 3 and 4 July, and their visit to Woorabinda Community on 25 July.
2. The Chairman reported on his and the Research Director's attendance at meetings of Aboriginal Clerks and the Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council on 2 and 3 July, and their visit to Doomodgee Community on 25-27 July.
3. A progress report on the inquiry (PAC46 KL/11) prepared by the Research Director was circulated.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 August 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm.

Confirmed this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of AUGUST 1990.

  
Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 21 August 1990, commencing at 3.04 pm.

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**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Davies, Elliott, Heath (till 4.11 pm), Perrett and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 31 July were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Mr Perrett.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Ray Vaughan, Reg Dodd (Brisbane) (30 July)  
Cherbourg Community Council (31 July)  
Arilla Training and Development Consultants (31 July)  
Ms H Hetmanska (Mundingburra) (1 Aug)  
Local Government Training Council Qld Inc (1 Aug)  
Mr J Akee (Thursday Island) (13 August)  
- submissions re Aboriginal and Island Councils inquiry.
2. Ms R Matchett (Director-General, Dept Family services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (31 July, 8, 10 August)  
- responses to requests for information.

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3. Hon Ron McLean MLA (30 July)  
 Hon Ed Casey MLA (1 Aug)  
 Hon Pat Comben MLA (1 Aug)  
 Hon Nev Warburton MLA (2 Aug)  
 Hon Keith De Lacy MLA (3 Aug)  
 Hon David Hamill MLA (3 Aug)  
 Hon Paul Braddy MLA (6 Aug)  
 Asst. Under Sec. Health Dept. (8 Aug)  
 Hon Glen Milliner MLA (15 Aug)  
 Hon Tom Burns (16 Aug)  
 - responses to request for  
 information on 'Government  
 companies'.
4. Mr Pat Nolan (Auditor-General) (1  
 Aug)  
 - CV of Mr Jim Beh.
5. Mr P McKay (Secretary, Tasmanian  
 Public Accounts Committee) (6 Aug)  
 - request for information re  
 government funded advertisements.

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Dr  
 Watson) that inward correspondence be  
 received.

**Matters arising -**

1. Hon Ron McLean MLA **et al** - agreed a  
 further letter of request be sent to  
 Hon Wayne Goss who has not yet  
 responded; agreed clarification be  
 sought from Ministers who referred  
 only to their Departments (and not  
 their statutory authorities) in their  
 responses.

**Outward  
correspondence**

1. Ms R Matchett (2 Aug)  
 - request for information re  
 Aboriginal and Island Councils.
2. Hon Ed Casey MLA (2 Aug)  
 - re Jim Egan's letter re milk  
 industry.
3. Mr K Hamilton MP (Chairman), SA  
 Public Accounts Committee) (3 Aug)  
 - re Mr Davies' visit to Adelaide.



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4. Hon David Hamill MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Keith De Lacy MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Wayne Goss MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Tom Burns MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Glen Milliner MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Paul Braddy MLA (3 Aug)  
Hon Ken McElligott MLA (3 Aug)  
- requests for information re  
'Government companies'.
5. Mr E Finger (Director-General,  
Premiers Dept) (10 Aug)  
- request for information re  
government advertising.
6. Mr P McKay (10 Aug)  
- response to letter of 6 August.
7. Mr M Gibson (Chairman, ACC) (10 Aug)  
Mr G Lui Jnr (Chairman, ICC) (10 Aug)  
- requests for submissions re  
Aboriginal and Island Councils.
8. Mr A Struss (Acting Chairman,  
Brisbane and Area Waters Board) (10  
Aug)  
Mr N Dawson (Chairman, Raine Island  
Corporation) (10 Aug)  
- requests for information re their  
annual reports.
9. Mr D Persson (Director-General, Dept  
of Housing and Local Government) (14  
Aug)  
- request for information re  
Aboriginal and Island Councils.
10. Mr K Leyshon (Manager, Golden Casket  
Art Union Office) (14 Aug)  
- re use of government car.

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

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## Matters arising -

1. Mr K Leyshon - Chairman reported on his observance of the use of a Golden Casket Art Union office vehicle (QGJ-126) on the Montville Road at approx. 1.00 pm 12 August 1990.

Visit by Tasmanian Public Accounts Committee	Committee agreed that 4 and 5 September would be the best days for this visit.
Attendance by Mr Matt Foley MLA	Chairman advised this had been arranged for next meeting.
Timeliness of annual reports project	Research Director reported on progress - <u>agreed</u> a short report be prepared within two weeks.
Financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils	Arrangements for visits to Cherbourg, Palm Island, Yarrabah and Cape York Peninsula Communities were discussed.
Media releases	<u>Agreed</u> no release warranted at this time.
Next meeting	Tuesday 28 August 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.

Confirmed this *28th* day of *August* 1990

*Leigh K. Moffatt*  
 Secy. Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 28 August 1990, commencing at 3.02 pm.

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**Members present**

Mr Elliott (Deputy Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Heath and Perrett. (Apologies received from Messrs Hayward and Davies, Dr Watson).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 21 August were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Perrett, seconded Mr Heath.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Mr N Dawson (Chairman, Raine Island Corporation) (15 Aug)  
Mr D Evans (Secretary, Brisbane and Area Water Board) (22 Aug)  
- annual reports information.
2. Hon Jim Fouras MLA (17 Aug)  
- reports of Parliamentary Committees.
3. Mr Ken Davies MLA (15 Aug)  
- Public Finance Standards.
4. Mr K Leyshon (Director, Golden Casket Art Union Office) (22 Aug)  
- use of Government car.
5. Mr E Finger (Director-General, Dept of the Premier) (23 Aug)  
- 'Government' companies.

Resolved (moved Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Heath) that inward correspondence be received.



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1. Mr K Leyshon - agreed a letter of response be prepared thanking him for the detail of his reply and indicating the Committee's continued interest in the subject.

Outward  
correspondence

1. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer and Under Secretary) (16 Aug)  
- request for information re timeliness of annual reports.

Resolved (moved Ms Bird, seconded Mr Heath) that outward correspondence be adopted.

'Government'  
companies project

Mr Heath indicated a particular interest in this project.

Visit by Tasmanian  
Public Accounts  
Committee

Visit to take place 5 and 6 September.

Meeting with Committee  
of Inquiry into  
Community Services  
Acts

Meeting to take place over lunch 12.30 pm tomorrow; list of Committee members and staff was circulated.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 September 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1990

*Kim Hayward*  
.....CHAIRMAN

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 4 September 1990 commencing at 9.03 am.

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**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Heath and Perret, Dr Watson (apologies received from Messrs Davies and Elliott).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Consideration of proposed report on timeliness of the tabling of the annual reports of statutory bodies**

After consideration of the draft report on this subject prepared by the Research Director, the Committee resolved (moved Mr Heath, seconded Mr Perrett) that this draft report, after the addition of an Appendix 3 (to include the text of Public Finance Standard 500), be adopted as its report on the timeliness of the tabling of the annual reports of statutory bodies, and that the Chairman table the report in the House tomorrow.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 am.

Confirmed this 4 TH day of SEPTEMBER 1990.

  
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Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 4 September 1990 commencing at 3.02 pm.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies and Heath, Dr Watson (apologies received from Messrs Elliott and Perrett).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of the meetings of 28 August and 4 September (commencing 9.03 am) were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Ms Bird.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Ms A Holden (Griffith University)  
(27 Aug)  
Mr A Rushbrook (Kowanyama)  
(27 Aug)  
- submissions re Aboriginal and Island Councils.
2. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer)  
(29 Aug)  
- re timeliness of annual reports.

Resolved (moved Ms Bird, seconded Mr Heath) that inward correspondence be received.

**Visit by Tasmanian Public Accounts Committee**

Arrangements for this visit (5 and 6 September) were discussed.

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER 1990.

*Kim Hayward*.....CHAIRMAN



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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in room B.27 of Parliament House on Tuesday 2 October 1990, commencing at 3.08 pm.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Heath (until 4.30 pm) and Perrett (apologies received from Mr Elliott and Dr Watson).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 4 September 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Mr Heath.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Local Government Grants Commission (29 Aug.) (submission).  
Island Co-ordinating Council (20 Sept.) (submission).  
Mr D Persson (Dept of Housing and Local Government) (20 Sept.) (response to Committee's request).  
Mr R Rolfe (Div. of Aboriginal and Islander Affairs) (24 Sept.).  
(Report on Stage 1 of Review of Community Services Acts).  
Mr G Maile (Rising Sun Aviation) (30 Sept.)  
- all re inquiry into Aboriginal and Island Councils.
2. Mr E Finger (Director-General, Dept. of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development) (3 Sept.)  
- re 'government-funded advertisements'.
3. Mr P Nolan (Auditor-General) (7 Sept.)  
- re secondment of Mr Beh.
4. Mr P Heath MLA (10 Sept.)  
- re Government cars.
5. Hon Ed Casey MLA (17 Sept.)  
- re Mr J Egan's letter.

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

**Matters arising -**

1. Mr G Maile - resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett) that Committee approves use of Mr Maile's air charter service for the recent visits to northern Aboriginal and Island Communities, and that payment of the account be arranged.
2. Mr P Heath MLA - agreed to consult Auditor-General on the progress of his special audit on the use of Government motor vehicles.
3. Hon Ed Casey MLA - resolved (moved Ms Bird, seconded Mr Heath) to request Hon Mr Casey advise Committee of his future actions concerning the matters raised by Mr Egan.

**Outward correspondence**

1. Mr K Leyshon (Golden Casket Art Union Office) (6 Sept.)  
- re Government cars.

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Ms Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Secondment of Mr Beh**

The Research Director reported on the progress of arrangements for Mr Beh to commence duties with the Committee on 8 October 1990.

**Committee's budget**

Agreed to write to the Clerk of the Parliament to seek written explanation of the process for the formulation of the Committee's budget and the role of the Committee in that process.

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**Aboriginal and Island  
Councils inquiry**

Committee discussed the concept and content of the first report on the financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils.

**Next meeting**

Thursday 4 October 1990 at 5.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 5.17 pm.

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in room B.27 of Parliament House on Thursday 4 October 1990, commencing at 5.38 pm.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Heath (from 5.43 pm) and Perrett, Dr Watson (apology received from Mr Elliott).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

**Consideration of first  
draft report entitled  
'Financial  
Administration of  
Aboriginal and Island  
Councils Report  
1: Regulatory Framework'**

After consideration of a draft report on this subject prepared by the Research Director, the Committee agreed to several textual amendments.

The meeting adjourned at 6.37 pm and reconvened at 8.03 pm.

**Consideration of second  
draft report entitled  
'Financial  
Administration of  
Aboriginal and Island  
Councils Report  
1: Regulatory Framework'**

After consideration of the second draft report on this subject, the Committee resolved (moved Mr Perrett, seconded Mr Davies) that this report be adopted as its first report on the financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils, and that the Chairman table the report in the House this evening.

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 23 October 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.17 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 23 RD DAY OF OCTOBER 1990

*Kim Hayward*  
CHAIRMAN

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room B.27 of Parliament House on Tuesday, 23 October 1990, commencing at 3.06 pm.

**Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Elliott (from 3.57 pm), Davies, Heath, Perrett (until 3.43 pm) and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director), Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meetings of 2 and 4 October 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Ms Bird.

**Inward Correspondence**

1. Ms D McCauley MLA (National Party Parliamentary Secretary) (4 October)  
- re meetings of Committee.
2. Mr A Smith (WA Auditor-General) (5 October)  
- re discussion paper on independence of WA Auditor-General.
3. Mr D Carswell (Cairns) (16 October)  
- submission re Aboriginal and Island Councils.
4. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of the Parliament) (15 October)  
- re Committee's budget
5. Mr P Collins (Honorary Secretary - Treasurer, Nundah EEC, Australian Labor Party) (22 October)  
- re Rental Bond Authority

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

**Outward Correspondence**

1. Hon Ed Casey MLA (10 October)  
- re Mr J Egan's letter
2. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of the Parliament) (10 October)  
- re Committee's budget.
3. Hon P Braddy MLA, etc (19 October)  
- re Government companies project.

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Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Ms Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Approval for  
absence of Member  
from Committee  
meetings**

The Committee resolved (moved Mr Perrett, seconded Ms Bird) to approve the absence of Committee Member, Mr J A Elliott from the Committee's meetings held on 4 September 1990, 2 October 1990 and 4 October 1990.

**Authority of officer  
seconded from  
Department of the  
Auditor-General**

The Committee resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Dr 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, 20, 33, 42 and 44 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1988.

**Committee budget**

Agreed that a letter to the Clerk of the Parliament be drafted for consideration at the next meeting - in future years the Committee wishes to be formally consulted when budget 'bids' are being prepared and advised when the Committee's budget allocations have been finalised.

**Committee travel  
expenses**

The Committee noted the Parliamentary Service Commission's decision of 2 May 1990 concerning travelling expenses of Parliamentary Committees (as detailed in a memorandum of 10 October 1990 from the Clerk-Assistant (Committees) to the Research Director).

**Government motor  
vehicles**

1. The Chairman advised the Committee that the Auditor-General had not proceeded with his proposed government motor vehicles audit. Agreed the Committee express its disappointment that the audit did not proceed to the Auditor-General when it next meets with him.
2. The Committee noted that the Public Sector Management Commission is now undertaking a review of the management of the entire government fleet of vehicles. Agreed the Research Director arrange a luncheon meeting (1.00 pm 6 November 1990) with Mr D Shand, Commissioner for Review.



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**Meeting with  
Auditor-General**

Agreed the Research Director contact the Auditor-General and arrange a meeting with the Committee at a suitable time.

**Government Companies  
Project**

Mr Beh briefed the Committee on the current position of the government companies project. It is envisaged the project will focus on three main considerations: -

- audit requirements
- reporting and disclosure
- contingent liability of the State

**Aboriginal and  
Island Councils  
Project**

1. The Chairman reported on his address (re first report) to the Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council in Cairns on Tuesday 16 October 1990.
2. The Research Director informed the Committee on the progress of research which will now concentrate on the training aspect.

**General Business**

1. Committee agreed to refer the letter from the Nundah EEC, Australian Labor Party to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Housing and Local Government for his attention and request that the Minister provide a copy of his response to the Committee.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 November 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.59 pm.

Confirmed this

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*Km Hayward*  
Chairman

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 (transferred to Room 9.08 from 4.30 pm) of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 6 November 1990, commencing at 2.26 pm.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Elliott, Davies, Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson (until 3.02 pm) (apology received from Ms Bird).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment) (until 5.08 pm).

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 23 October 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Hon G N Smith, MLA (24 and 30 Oct)  
Hon G R Milliner, MLA (25 Oct)  
Hon T M Mackenroth, MLA (25 Oct)  
Hon N G Warburton, MLA (31 Oct)  
Acting Director-General,  
Department of Environment and  
Heritage (2 Nov)  
Director-General, Department of  
the Attorney-General (2 Nov)

- responses to request for  
information on 'Government  
companies'.

2. Hon A Somlyay, MP (2 Nov)  
- re Sunshine Motorway

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

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The meeting adjourned at 2.35 pm and resumed at 2.55 pm.

**Matters arising -**

1. Agreed the Chairman write to Mr Somlyay and suggest that Mr Somlyay refer the matter to the Public Works Committee.
2. Agreed that a 'late tabling' letter be sent to the Queensland Law Society if its Annual Report has not been Tabled in the Legislative Assembly by 14 November 1990.

**Outward correspondence**

1. Hon D McM Wells, MLA (23 Oct)  
Hon K E DeLacy, MLA (23 Oct)  
Hon W K Goss, MLA (23 Oct)  
Hon K V McElligott, MLA  
(25 Oct)  
- re 'Government companies' project.
2. Hon T J Burns, MLA (24 Oct)  
- re Rental Bond Authority.
3. Ms R L Matchett (Director-General,  
Department of Family Services and  
Aboriginal and Islander Affairs).  
Mr David Green (Director  
Aboriginal Programs, Department of  
Employment, Education and  
Training).  
Mr P W Donnelly (State Manager,  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Commission)  
  
- re Aboriginal and Island  
Councils project.

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

**Committee Budget**

Agreed to send the draft letter to  
the Clerk of the Parliament and  
that a written response be  
requested by 12 November 1990.

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**Position of Seconded Officer regarding matters concerning the Auditor-General**

Agreed that matters concerning the Auditor-General be placed last on the Committee's meeting agenda and that Mr Beh absent himself from the meeting while these matters are discussed.

**Aboriginal and Island Councils project**

Committee discussed the composition and recommendations of its second report on the subject, and agreed in general terms to the options presented by the Research Director.

**Government Companies project**

Mr Beh informed the Committee on the current status of the project. Agreed that a further letter be sent to Ministers re involvements with Trusts or any Corporation Sole constituted by the Minister.

**Meeting with Auditor-General**

The Research Director advised the Committee that a luncheon meeting with the Auditor-General has been arranged for 20 November 1990 at 1.00 pm. Agreed that Mr Barrie Rollason, Assistant Auditor-General (Policy and Planning) also be invited to attend.

**Annual Report of Department of the Auditor-General, 1989-1990**

Mr Davies raised the issue of the Committee monitoring and reviewing the operations of the Auditor-General, agreed Research Director ascertain expected issue date of EARC's issues paper on the Auditor-General and that the Chairman arrange for Mr M Foley, MLA (Chairman, Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review) to attend the next Committee meeting.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20 November at approximately 2.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.17 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1990

*Ken Hayward*  
CHAIRMAN



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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 (transferred to The Conference Room from 4.30 pm and to Room 5.14 from 5.30 pm) of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 20 November 1990, commencing at 2.55 pm.

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### **Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Elliott (3.36 pm to 4.30 pm), Davies, Heath, Perrett and Dr Watson (from 3.04 pm).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment)(from 4.00 pm).

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 6 November 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Perrett, seconded Mr Heath.

### **Relationship between Committee of Public Accounts and the Auditor-General**

Mr M Foley, MLA (Chairman) and Ms J Ransley (Research Director) of the Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review attended the meeting between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm and discussed the relationship between the Committee of Public Accounts and the Auditor-General.

### **Inward Correspondence**

1. Hon R J Gibbs, MLA (26 Oct)
- Hon K E DeLacy, MLA (7 Nov)
- Hon A G Eaton, MLA (7 Nov)
- Hon K V McElligott, MLA (7 Nov)
- Mr M V Bladwell, Executive Officer - Ministerial Consultative Council on Curriculum (9 Nov)
- Mr E F F Finger, Director-General - Department of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development (12 Nov)
- Mr B V Vains, Secretary - Rockhampton Grammar School (12 Nov)
- Mr H W Greenslade, Secretary - Townsville Grammar School (12 Nov)
- Hon T M Mackenroth, MLA (13 Nov)
- Mr N H Fry, Director - Board of Teacher Registration (13 Nov)
- Mr J Hucks, Registrar - Queensland Conservatorium of Music (13 Nov)
- Mr R Whiddon, Private Secretary - Minister for Transport and Minister assisting the Premier on Economic and Trade Development (14 Nov)

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Mr D J Pierpoint, Secretary - Toowoomba Grammar School (14 Nov)

Mr R K Boyle, Acting Director-General

- Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development (14 Nov)

Mr D Barrett, Secretary - Ipswich Grammar School (15 Nov)

Mr G Edmondson, Secretary to Council - University College of Southern Queensland (15 Nov)

Mr B Pope, Executive Officer - Queensland Tertiary Education Foundation (16 Nov)

Mr G P C Cheong, Acting Registrar - Griffith University (16 Nov)

Mr B S Waters, Registrar - QUT (16 Nov)

Mr J A Pitman, Director - Board of Senior Secondary School Studies Queensland (16 Nov)

Mr H Baker, Acting Director - Bureau of Emergency Services (19 Nov)

- response to requests for information on 'Government Companies'

2. STOP Inc (6 Nov)
  - re Sunshine Motorway
3. Mr A R Woodward, The Clerk of the Parliament (9 Nov)
  - re Committee Budget
4. Ms K Humphreys, Office Administrator - Office of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Housing and Local Government (9 Nov)
  - re Rental Bond Authority
5. Mr K H Davies, MLA (9 Nov)
  - re Green Paper on 'Government Owned Enterprises'
6. Mr D W Bletchly, Clerk-Assistant (Committees) (12 Nov)
  - re Excessive use of facsimile paper.

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies) that inward correspondence be received.

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**Matters arising -**

1. Agreed that a letter be written to STOP Inc suggesting that the matters raised be referred to the Committee of Public Works.

**Outward  
Correspondence**

1. Mr A R Woodward, The Clerk of the Parliament (7 Nov)  
- re Committee Budget.
2. Mr A Somlyay, MP (8 Nov)  
- re Sunshine Motorway
3. Ail Ministers (9 Nov)  
- re Government Companies Project
4. Commissioner N R Newnham APM,  
Commissioner of Police (15 Nov)  
Dr P H Stanley, Under Secretary -  
Department of Health (15 Nov)  
Professor R D Scott, Director-General  
- Department of Education (15 Nov)  
  
- re Aboriginal and Island Councils Project

Resolved (moved Mr Davles, seconded Ms Bird) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Committee Budget and  
Budget Progress Report  
to 31.10.90**

The Committee noted:-

- (i) the response from The Clerk of the Parliament re Committee involvement in the budget formulation process, etc.
- (ii) the budget progress report to 31.10.90.

**Government Companies  
Project**

Mr Beh informed the Committee of the current status of the project and presented listings of the various involvements identified to date from information submitted by Ministers, etc.

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- Agreed that:
- (i) a listing of involvements considered to be outside the scope of the project be prepared.
  - (ii) the project pursue the issue of why government bodies wish to use company structures.

**Aboriginal and Island  
Councils Project**

The Committee agreed to the report outline submitted by the Research Director except that it recommend the position regarding excised portions of Deeds of Grant in Trust be reviewed by the Government rather than recommending their return to the communities.

**Green Paper on  
Government Owned  
Enterprises**

The Committee discussed the relationship between the Green Paper on Government Owned Enterprises and its current Government Companies project.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 27 November 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 pm.

Confirmed this 27th day of NOVEMBER 1990.

  
Chairman



# - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room A35 of Parliament House on Tuesday 27 November 1990, commencing at 3.01 pm.

## **Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird (from 3.28 pm), Messrs Davies, Heath (absent 3.30 pm to 3.43 pm) and Perrett (apology received from Mr Elliott).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment).

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 20 November 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Mr Davies.

## **Inward Correspondence**

1. Mr J Pietzner, Secretary - Girls' Grammar School Brisbane (14 Nov)  
Mr J M Donovan, Director Financial Services - James Cook University of North Queensland (16 Nov)  
Hon R T McLean, MLA (16 Nov)  
Hon R J Gibbs, MLA (16 Nov)  
Mr B A Stewart, Director-General - Department of the Attorney-General (19 Nov)  
Mr D J Pierpoint, Secretary - Toowoomba Grammar School (19 Nov)  
Mr S F Pascoe, Secretary - Ipswich Girls' Grammar School (19 Nov)  
Mr K G Window, Registrar - University College of Central Queensland (19 Nov)  
Mr R Whiddon, Private Secretary - Minister for Transport and Minister assisting the Premier on Economic and Trade Development (19 Nov)  
Mr D Porter, Secretary and Registrar - The University of Queensland (20 Nov)  
Hon E D Casey, MLA (20 Nov)  
Hon A G Eaton, MLA (21 Nov)  
Hon P J Braddy, MLA (21 Nov)  
Mr H A Bonney, Acting Director-General - Department of Environment and Heritage (22 Nov)  
Hon N G Warburton, MLA (23 Nov)

re - response to requests for information on 'Government Companies'.

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2. Ms R L Matchett, Director - General -  
Department of Family Services and Aboriginal  
and Islander Affairs  
(12 Nov).

re - Aboriginal and Island Councils Project.

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

#### Outward Correspondence

1. Ms L King, Secretary - STOP Inc (22 Nov)  
re - Sunshine Motorway
2. Mr P J Short, President - Queensland Law  
Society Inc (22 Nov)  
re - Tabling of Society Annual Report.

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

#### Government Companies Project

Mr Beh reported on the status of the project and  
presented a listing of various types of involvements  
considered to be outside the scope of the project.

Agreed that (i) the project will be limited to company  
involvements.

(ii) public hearings be held during the week  
11 - 15 February 1991.

#### Extension of Period of Secondment - Officer from Department of the Auditor-General

Agreed Mr Beh's secondment be extended to 29 March  
1991 and that letters requesting approval be sent to The  
Clerk of the Parliament and the Auditor-General.

#### Aboriginal and Island Councils Project

The Research Director reported upon the current status  
of the project.

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**Reported Sighting of  
Government Vehicle  
apparently being used  
for Private Purposes**

The Chairman informed the Committee he had received a complaint regarding the apparent private usage of a government Toyota Hilux utility (564-QGZ) on 24 November 1990. Agreed that a letter be written to the Department of Environment and Heritage seeking information in respect of the matter.

**Public Sector  
Management Commission  
Review of Government  
Motor Vehicles**

Agreed that a letter be sent to the Commission requesting details of the scope and guidelines for its review of the management of the government motor vehicle fleet.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 4 December 1990 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.13 pm.

Confirmed this

4TH

day of

DECEMBER

1990

  
Chairman

# - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parllamentary Annexe on Tuesday 4 December 1990, commencing at 3.01 pm.

## **Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Elliott, Davis (from 3.15 pm), Heath, Perrett (from 3.04 pm) and Dr Watson (apology received from Ms Bird).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment).

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 27 November 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Heath, seconded Mr Perrett.

## **Inward Correspondence**

1. M J Meikiejohn, Administrator/Bursar - Girls' Grammar Schooi, Rockhampton (16 Nov)  
Hon G R Milliner, MLA (20 Nov)  
Hon T J Burns, MLA (22 Nov)  
F R Dingle, Secretary to the Board of Trustees - Brisbane Grammar School (22 Nov)  
Hon K H Vaughan, MLA (26 Nov)  
Mr P J Smith, Secretary - The Queensland Local Government Superannuation Board (27 Nov)

re - response to requests for information on 'Government Companies'.

2. P Connoily for Under Secretary - Queensiand Department of Heaith (22 Nov)  
T Schramm for Director-General of Eduction - Department of Education (29 Nov)

re - Aboriginai and Island Councils Project.

3. Hon T J Burns, MLA (20 Nov)  
re - Rental Bond Authority.

4. Mr P B Nolan, Auditor-General (29 Nov)  
Mr A R Woodward, The Clerk of the Parliament (3 Dec).

re - Extenslon of Secondment, Mr J P Beh



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5. Mr P J Short, President - Queensland Law Society Inc (30 Nov)  
re - Society Annual Report

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Heath) that inward correspondence be received.

**Matters arising -**

1. Hon T J Burns, MLA re Rental Bond Authority -  
Agreed a copy of Mr Burns' letter be forwarded to Mr P Collins, Honorary Secretary - Treasurer of Nundah EEC, Australian Labor Party.
2. Mr P Short - Agreed a copy of the Committee's letter of 22.11.90 to the President of the Queensland Law Society and Mr Short's response be forwarded to the Attorney-General for further advice re tabling of the Society's Annual Report.

**Outward  
Correspondence**

1. Mr A R Woodward, The Clerk of the Parliament (27 Nov)  
Mr P B Nolan, Auditor-General (27 Nov)  
  
re - Extension of Secondment, Mr J P Beh.
2. Mr H A Bonney, Acting Director-General - Department of Environment and Heritage (28 Nov)  
re - Reported sighting of government motor vehicle apparently being used for private purposes.
3. Mr D Shand, Commissioner for Review - Public Sector Management Commission (28 Nov)  
re - PSMC Government Motor Vehicle Review.

Resolved (moved Mr Elliott, seconded Dr Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

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**Aboriginal and  
Island Councils  
Project**

Dr Lambkin reported on the current status of the project.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 6 December 1990 at 1.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.27 pm.

Confirmed this

6TH

day of

DECEMBER

1990.

*Kim Haywood*

Chairman

- MINUTES -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 6 December 1990, commencing at 12.02 pm.

**Members Present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Messrs Elliott (until 12.55 pm), Perrett (until 12.28 pm), Heath, Davies (from 12.08 pm and absent 12.10 pm to 12.20 pm) and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 4 December 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Dr Watson, seconded Mr Perrett.

**Government Companies Project**

Mr Beh presented an Options Paper for consideration by the Committee.

Agreed to the options for the project's recommendations on 'government companies' as defined in the paper except that the proposed central register of 'government companies' be published annually and laid before the Legislative Assembly. The Committee also discussed accountability requirements for investment like company involvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.28 pm and resumed at 12.40 pm.

The meeting concluded at 1.04 pm.

Confirmed this 11 TH

day of FEBRUARY

1991.

  
Chairman

# -MINUTES-

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Monday 11 February 1991, commencing at 9.12am.

<b>Members present</b>	Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies (from 9.25am), Elliott, Heath, Perrett, Dr Watson  In attendance- Dr Lambkin (Research Director) and Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment)
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of the meeting of 6 December 1990 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Ms Bird, seconded Mr Elliott
<b>Financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils- second report</b>	Committee considered Chairman's draft report and agreed to certain minor amendments, these to be incorporated into report. Report to be adopted at next meeting.
<b>Government companies</b>	Resolved (moved Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Davies) that a public hearing be held on 14 February on the subject of 'Government Companies', with witnesses from Treasury Dept, Suncorp, and Dept of Transport.
<b>Inward correspondence</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sir Max Bingham (Criminal Justice Commission) (5 Dec. 1990)- re Aboriginal and Island Councils</li> <li>2. Mr C Emerson (D-G Dept Environment and Heritage) (7 Dec. 1990)- re Committee's letter on use of Departmental vehicle</li> <li>3. Mr K Davies MLA (24 Jan 1991)- use of Government vehicle in Townsville</li> <li>4. Mr P Connolly (Dept Health) (22 Nov.1990)</li> </ol>



Prof.R Scott (Dept Education) (29 Nov.1990)  
 Mr P Nolan (Auditor-General) (3 Dec.1990)  
 Com.F O'Gorman (Police Service) (9 Jan.1991)  
 -re Aboriginal and Island Councils

5. Hon.E Casey MLA (12 Dec.1990)- re Government's review of dairy industry
6. Mr E Finger (Dept of Premier...) (27 Nov.)  
 Hon. Keith DeLacy MLA (3,12,17 Dec., 11 Jan.)  
 Hon. Ken Vaughan MLA (5 Dec.)  
 Mr G Cooke (Dept Business, Industry...) (5 Dec.)  
 Mr B Stewart (Dept Attorney-General) (10 Dec.)  
 Hon. Anne Warner MLA (20 Dec.)  
 Hon. Terry Mackenroth MLA (21 Dec.)  
 Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (received 8 Feb.)  
 - responses to requests for information on  
 'Government Companies'
7. Public Sector Management Commission (received 28 Dec.1990)- terms of reference for review of vehicle transport within the Qld public sector
8. Hon. Dean Wells MLA (13 Dec.)- re late tabling of Qld Law Society annual report
9. Mr P Medwin (Australian Audit Office) (9 Jan.1991)  
 - re secondment to Committee

Resolved (moved Mr Heath, seconded Mr Davies) that inward correspondence be received

#### **Matters arising-**

1. Mr C Emerson (2.)- resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Elliott) that Mr Emerson appear before the Committee to answer further questions on the use of Departmental vehicle 564-QGZ
2. Mr Davies (3.)- agreed to request usage details from relevant Department
3. PSMC (7.)- agreed to request information from PSMC on progress of vehicle transport review

4. Mr P Medwin (9.)- agreed to pursue proposal for secondment of Mr Medwin to Committee

#### **Outward correspondence**

1. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer), Mr B Rowley (Chief Executive, Suncorp), Mr D Stevenson (Director-General, Dept Transport) (all 29 Jan. 1991) -witnesses at public hearing on 14 Feb.
2. Hon. Keith DeLacy MLA (6,13 Dec.)- re 'Government Companies'
3. Hon. Dean Wells MLA (6 Dec.)- re late tabling of Qld Law Society annual report
4. Mr P Collins (Nundah EEC of ALP) (6Dec.)- re Rental Bond Authority

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Dr Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

#### **Committee budget**

Nov. and Dec. statements noted

#### **EARC review of public sector auditing**

EARC's Issues Paper No.9 noted

#### **Darwin Conference**

Registration forms were distributed

#### **Next meeting**

Thursday 14 February at 8.00am.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm, reconvened at 1.30pm, and concluded at 2.45pm.

Confirmed *19TH FEB* 1991

*Kim Hayward*

**Chairman**

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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 14 February 1991, commencing at 8.10 am.

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**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Heath, Perrett (apology received from Dr Watson).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin (Research Director), Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment).

**Financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils - second report**

The Chairman read his draft report paragraph-by-paragraph. There being no amendments, it was resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett), that this draft be adopted by the Committee as its second report on the financial administration of Aboriginal and Island Councils.

**Government companies' public hearing**

The procedure of the day's public hearing was discussed.

**Darwin Conference**

Agreed that Committee use package (travel and accommodation) offered by Conference organizers.

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 19 February 1991 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 am.

CONFIRMED

19 TH FEBRUARY

1991.

*Kim Hayward*  
CHAIRMAN.

# -MINUTES-

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.14 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 19 February 1991, commencing at 3.02pm.

**Members present** Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Elliott (until 3.49pm), Heath, Perrett (until 4.30pm), Dr Watson. Apology received from Mr Davies.

In attendance- Dr Lambkin (Research Director), Mr Beh (Officer on Secondment).

**Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the meetings of 11 and 14 February 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Ms Bird, seconded Mr Heath.

**Inward correspondence** 1. Mr K Hicks (Maroochy Shire Council) (15 Feb.)- Sunshine Coast Motorway

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

**Outward correspondence** 1. Hon Jim Fouras MLA (18 Feb.)- seeking approval for secondment of Mr Paul Medwin

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



**Committee budget**

January statement noted.

**Government companies  
project**

Agreed to options for recommendations for project put by  
Chairman.

**Darwin conference**

Agreed that Officer on Secondment Mr Beh attend the  
Darwin Public Accounts Committee Conference.

**Next meeting:** 3.00pm Tuesday 26 February 1991

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm

Confirmed

*26 TH FEBRUARY 1991*

**CHAIRMAN**

*Ken Hayward*

# -MINUTES-

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 26 February 1991, commencing at 3.00pm.

## **Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman) (from 3.05pm), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Perrett, and Dr Watson. Apology received from Mr Heath.

In attendance- Dr Lambkin and Mr Beh.

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 19 February 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Dr Watson, seconded Mr Perrett.

## **Inward correspondence**

1. Mudjimba Progress Association Inc. (20 Feb.)- re Sunshine Coast Motorway
2. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (22 Feb.), Mr G Stevenson (Director-General, Dept of Transport) (22,25 Feb.)- follow-up information from public hearing.

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

## **Matters arising-**

1. Mudjimba Progress Association Inc.- agreed to send the Association a copy of the Government Companies Transcript of Evidence and a copy of the report when completed.

- Outward correspondence** 1. Mr H Smerdon, Mr G Stevenson (both 20 Feb.)-  
public hearing follow-ups

Resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Elliott) that outward correspondence be adopted

**Government companies project**

Progress report by Officer on Secondment.  
Agreed that Mr Beh's secondment be extended until 19 April 1991. Resolved (moved Ms Bird, seconded Mr Perrett) that the transcript of evidence of the 14 February public hearing be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

**Proposed secondment of Mr Medwin**

Agreed that this proposal not be pursued further

**Darwin conference**

All Members present indicated interest in attending

**Role of Auditor-General**

Agreed that Auditor-General's submission to EARC be discussed at the next meeting

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 12 March at 3.00pm

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm

Confirmed

12TH OF MARCH 1991

Chairman

*Mr Hayward*

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room A 35 of Parliament House on Tuesday 12 March 1991, commencing at 3.05 pm.

**Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott (from 3.15 pm), Heath, Perrett, and Dr Watson (from 3.45 pm).

In attendance - Dr Lambkin and Mr Beh.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 26 February 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Ms Bird.

**Inward correspondence**

1. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of The Parliament) (26 Feb.) - Committee's budget for 1991-1992.
2. Mr P Nolan (Auditor-General) (27 Feb.) - Auditor-General's response to EARC's Issues Paper No.9.
3. Mr A Watson (Chief Hansard Reporter) (4 March) - conduct of Committee hearings.
4. Mr J Hill (Dalby) (5 March) - unsolicited submission re concessional truck registration.
5. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of The Parliament) (7 March) - extensions of Mr Beh's secondment.
6. Dr P Jull (Acting Director, ANU North Australia Research Unit) (8 March) - Committee's second report on Aboriginal and Island Councils.
7. Tollbusters (received 1 March) - submission re Sunshine Coast Motorway.

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

**Matters arising -**

1. Mr J Hill (item 4) - agreed discussion of the matter deferred to next meeting.



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**Outward correspondence**

1. Mr B Kear (Mudjimba Progress Association) (1 March) - response re Sunshine Motorway Company.
2. Mr A Woodward (Clerk) (4 March) - extensions of secondment for Mr Beh.
3. Dr C Emerson (Director-General, Dept Environment and Heritage) (5 March) - appearance before Committee re Government motor vehicles.

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

**Use of Government vehicles - appearance of officers of Department of Environment and Heritage**

A private hearing on the subject of the use of Government motor vehicles at which Mr T Tolhurst and Mr R Arnott (Dept Environment and Heritage) were examined took place between 3.40 pm and 4.44 pm.

**Government companies project**

Report by Officer on Secondment.

**Darwin conference**

Agreed registrations to be lodged for all members, the Research Director and the Officer on Secondment.

**Role of Auditor-General**

Agreed discussion of this matter deferred to next meeting.

**Electricity security deposits**

Agreed Minister to be requested for information on the progress of his investigation.

**Meeting with Committee of Review (re Aboriginal and Island Councils Report)**

Agreed all members to attend meeting at 1.00 pm 13 March 1991, Room A 35.

**Committee budget 1991-1992**

Resolved (moved Mr Elliott, seconded Mr Heath) that proposed budget for 1991-1992 be \$200,000 + salary of Research Director. The dissection of this amount was also agreed upon.

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Torres Strait  
electricity supply

Agreed Chairman investigate purported  
Committee inquiry into this matter.

Government  
superannuation funds

Agreed to discuss Auditor-General's  
concerns (p.30 of his Report) about  
this matter at next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5.51 pm.

Confirmed this 9TH day of APRIL

1991

  
Chairman

# - MINUTES -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 9 April 1991, commencing at 3.07 pm.

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## **Members present**

Mr Hayward (Chairman), Ms Bird, Messrs Davies, Elliott, Perrett and Dr Watson.

In attendance - Dr Lambkin and Mr Beh.

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 12 March 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Elliott, seconded Dr Watson.

## **Resignation of Committee member**

The Chairman recorded the resignation from the Legislative Assembly (5 April 1991) of Committee member Mr Phil Heath.

Agreed the Chairman write to Mr Heath to express appreciation for his services to the Committee.

## **inward correspondence**

1. Mr Bob Katter MLA (15 March) - Torres Strait electrification.
2. Honourable Ken Vaughan MLA (3 April) - electricity security deposits.
3. Mr J E H Hill (Dalby) (3 April) - primary producers concessional vehicle registration.

Resolved (moved Ms Bird, seconded Mr Elliott) that inward correspondence be received.

## **Matters arising -**

1. Mr Bob Katter MLA - agreed that this unsolicited submission be referred to the Public Works Committee.
2. Honourable Ken Vaughan MLA - agreed that the Minister be contacted again in July for a further progress report.

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**Outward correspondence**

1. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of the Parliament) (13 March) - Committee's budget.
2. Mr Clem Campbell MLA (Acting Speaker) (18 March) - implementation of Recommendation 5 of Report No. 6.
3. Honourable Ken Vaughan MLA (19 March) - electricity security deposits.
4. Ms S Connelly (Tollbusters) (19 March) - acknowledgment of submission.

Resolved (moved Mr Davies, seconded Dr Watson) that outward correspondence be adopted.

**Report: Accountability of Government Companies**

Committee considered Chairman's draft report and agreed to certain minor amendments, these to be incorporated into draft. Report to be adopted later this day.

**Darwin conference**

Arrangements further discussed.

**Primary producers concessional registration (unsolicited submission from Mr Hill, Dalby)**

Agreed that further information be sought from Mr Hill concerning his claim 'that some areas, of this scheme are being abused'.

**EARC Issues Paper on Auditor-General:**

Discussion centred on the appropriate audit methods, as well as the independence of the Auditor-General.

Agreed that liaison be arranged with the EAR Committee at the time of its consideration of EARC's first report on the Auditor-General.

**Use of government vehicles**

Agreed that information on the progress of implementation of the recommendations of PSMC's Fleet Management report be requested.



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Agreed that the Director-General, Department of Environment and Heritage be requested to provide details of new guidelines for vehicle use referred to during the private hearing of 12 March.

**Treasurer's response  
to Report No. 6**

Agreed that the Treasurer be requested to provide the timetable for the implementation of the recommendations in Report No. 6.

**Committee budget -  
March monthly statement**

Noted.

**Auditor-General's  
1990 report**

Agreed that a summary of the report be prepared by the Research Director.

The meeting adjourned at 5.23 pm and recommenced at 7.43 pm.

**Report: Accountability  
of Government companies**

The Chairman read his draft report paragraph by paragraph. There being no amendments, it was resolved (moved Dr Watson, seconded Mr Davies) that this draft be adopted by the Committee as its report on the accountability of Government companies.

**Officer on  
secondment (Mr Jim Beh)**

The Chairman, with wholehearted support from other Committee members, expressed appreciation to Mr Beh for his contribution to the Government companies project, and also for his fine work on other Committee business during his period of secondment.

The meeting concluded at 7.56 pm.

Confirmed 16<sup>TH</sup> this day

06 APRIL

1991.

*Kim Hayward*  
Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 16 April 1991. The meeting commenced at 3.10 pm.

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**Members present**

Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, ~~Watts~~ Perrett, Watson (from 3.16 pm).

*Included in error for 11/1/91*

In attendance - Dr Lambkin, Mr Beh

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 9 April 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Mr Davies, seconded Mr Perrett.

**Outward correspondence:**

1. Mr J Hill (Dalby) (11 April) - concessional motor vehicle registration.
2. Hon Keith De Lacy, MLA (15 April) - implementation timetable for recommendations in Report No 6.
3. Hon Bob Katter, MLA (15 April) - Torres Strait electrification - more appropriately referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Hon Wayne Goss, MLA (16 April) - formal advice of Government companies report (s.36 response).
5. Hon Keith De Lacy, MLA (16 April) - as 4. above
6. Mr Phil Heath (16 April) - letter of appreciation.

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7. Mr C Emerson (Director-General, Department of Environment and Heritage) (16 April) - follow-up information request to private hearing on Government vehicles.
8. Mr Matt Foley, MLA (16 April) - EARC's forthcoming report on public sector auditing.

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

**Darwin conference**

Arrangements further discussed.

**Auditor-General's  
1990-91 Supplementary  
Report**

Resolved (moved Mr Perrett, seconded Ms Bird) that the Committee review this report.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14 May 1991 at 3.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.

CONFIRMED 28TH MAY

1991.

  
Chairman

## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe commencing at 3.04pm on Tuesday 28 May 1991. Members present: Hayward (Chairman), Bird, Davies, Elliott, Flynn (from 3.20pm), Perrett (apology received from Watson). Also present: Dr Lambkin (Research Director).

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 16 April 1991 were circulated, and confirmed on the motion of Elliott, seconded Davies.

### Outward correspondence

1. Mr V O'Rourke (Queensland Railways) (19 April)  
- use of Government vehicle in Townsville
2. Mr H Smerdon (Treasury), Ms R Matchett (Dept Family Services and Aboriginal and Island Affairs), Prof R Scott (Dept of Education), Hon E Casey MLA (Minister for Primary Industries) (all 9 May 1991), Hon R Gibbs MLA (Minister for Tourism...) (10 May 1991)  
-information requests re matters raised in Auditor-General's second report
3. Mr A Woodward (Clerk of Parliament) (13 May)  
- proposed secondment of Ms Debra McLoughlin to Committee

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

### Inward correspondence

1. Mr J Mickel (Private Secretary to the Premier) (18 April)  
- Premier's receipt of Committee's Government Companies report
2. Mr C Emerson (Dept Environment and Heritage) (22 April)  
- guidelines for use of Government vehicles
3. Mr M Foley MLA (23 April)  
- liaison with EAR Committee on EARC Report on public sector auditing



4. Mr D Shand (PSMC) (26 April)  
- implementation of PSMC's report on Government vehicles
5. Hon K De Lacy MLA (Treasurer) (30 April)  
- timing of forthcoming amendments to Financial Administration and Audit Act
6. Mr V O'Rourke (Queensland Railways) (1 May)  
- use of Government vehicle
7. Mr B Houston (Private Secretary to Hon R Gibbs MLA) (13 May),  
Prof R Scott (Dept Education) (15 May)  
- receipt of Committee's request re matters in Auditor-General's report
8. Mr H Smerdon (Under Treasurer) (received 22 May)  
- response to Committee's request re Auditor-General's report

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

#### **Matters arising-**

1. Mr O'Rourke (6.) - agreed to seek further details on use of vehicle on Saturday 19 January 1991 as well as Departmental guidelines for private use of such vehicles.

Mr Perrett reported to the meeting his sighting of Government vehicle QGM-096 travelling south between Mackay and Sarina on Monday 6 May 1991 at approx. 12.30-12.55pm. Agreed that usage details of the vehicle be requested from the relevant Department.

#### **Committee budget - April statement**

Noted

#### **Review of Auditor-General's second 1989-90 report**

The Chairman reported on the progress of this review. Seventeen individual issues had been identified and discussions held with the Auditor-General. Requests to Ministers or Department heads on five of the issues have been made.

### Queensland Law Society Inc.

The Chairman reported on his discussions with the Attorney-General and an officer of the Dept of the Auditor-General on matters concerning the Queensland Law Society Inc. arising from the Committee's review of the Auditor-General's first report on audits for the year ended 30 June 1990. Resolved that the Committee examine and inquire into the management of solicitors' trust account funds in Queensland and the distribution and allocation of income derived from those funds by the Queensland Law Society Inc.

### Biennial Conference of Public Accounts Committees, Darwin, 22-26 May 1991

The Chairman, Mr Davies and Mr Perrett reported on their attendance at this Conference and various Conference papers were distributed for the interest of members. Agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Chairman of the Northern Territory Committee.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 23 July 1991 at 3.00pm

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

Confirmed

16TH JULY

1991

  
Chairman