



ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND

**Department of Police
(including the Corrective Services Commission)
Department of Justice and Attorney-General
(including the Office of the Arts)
Queensland Emergency Services (including the Office of Consumer
Affairs and the Office of Rural Communities)**

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

CHAIRPERSON:

Mr Warren Pitt MLA
(Member for Mulgrave)

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:

Ms Lorraine Bird MLA
(Member for Whitsunday)

MEMBERS:

Mr Denver Beanland MLA
(Member for Indooroopilly)

Mr Russell Cooper MLA
(Member for Crows Nest)

Mr Pat Purcell MLA
(Member for Bulimba)

Mr Marc Rowell MLA
(Member for Hinchinbrook)

Mr Terry Sullivan MLA
(Member for Chermside)

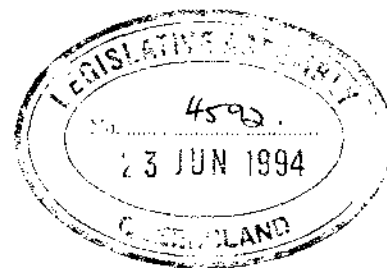
RESEARCH DIRECTOR:

Mr Daniel O'Connor

SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER:

Mr Neil Laurie

LAID UPON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE
THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT



ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND

June 1994

CONTENTS

Page

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	1
Introduction	1
Department of Justice and Attorney-General	1
Office of the Arts	2
Department of Police	2
Corrective Services Commission	4
Queensland Emergency Services (QES)	6
Office of Consumer Affairs	6
Office of Rural Communities	8
The Estimates Committee Procedure	9
Recommendation	10
Acknowledgments	10
ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B - RESERVATIONS	11
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS	13
Minutes of Meeting held 30 May 1994	13
Minutes of Meeting held 7 June 1994	15
Minutes of Meeting on 10 June 1994	19
Minutes of Meeting held 16 June 1994	25
Minutes of Meeting held 17 June 1994	26
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE	28
Justice and Attorney-General and Office of the Arts	28
Queensland Police Service	32
Corrective Services Commission	39
Queensland Emergency Services - Consumer Affairs	41

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Introduction

On 28 April 1994, the Legislative Assembly referred to the Committee, for examination and report, particulars of proposed expenditure contained in the *Appropriation Bill 1994* in respect of the following:

- Justice and Attorney General and Office of the Arts
- Police and Corrective Services Commission
- Queensland Emergency Services, Office of Rural Communities and Office of Consumer Affairs

The Committee has considered the proposed expenditure as listed in the Departmental Estimates Statements for each portfolio area and has received evidence from the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Dean Wells MLA, the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, the Hon. Paul Braddy MLA, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Rural Communities and Consumer Affairs, the Hon. Tom Burns MLA and officers of the departments concerned. Copies of Hansard and the Answers to Questions on Notice are tabled for the information of the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee met at 11.30am, on 10 June 1994, in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House in accordance with the sessional order of the Legislative Assembly and the Chair declared the meeting open.

The Committee draws the attention of the Legislative Assembly to the following matters which arose during consideration of the Estimates.

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$294,073,000. The Departments Budget represents a 9.6% increase on the 1993-1994 Estimated Actual of \$268,218,000.

The Committee questioned the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, Mr R S O'Regan QC in relation to the total budgetary allocation for the Research and Coordination Division of \$1,050,052. Mr O'Regan advised the Committee that of the \$1,050,052 an amount of \$133,500 was expended on consultancy fees. However, Mr O'Regan was unable to provide the Committee with a breakdown for individual discrete projects.

Following questioning from the Committee relating to capital expenditure, the Minister advised that \$10.9M has been allocated for court house capital works, in particular, \$7.3m for the expansion of Court Houses at Southport, Rockhampton, Harvey Bay and Caboolture.

The Minister advised the Committee that recurrent funding from consolidated revenue to go into the Legal Aid Commission has increased from \$7.986m to \$8.944m, which constitutes an increase of \$1m. The Minister explained to the Committee that under the Commonwealth/State Legal Aid Agreement, 45 per cent of legal aid funds are required to come from State sources and 55 per cent of funds are to come from the Commonwealth. The Minister further advised that over the past three years an additional \$4.82m has been made over and above the State's agreed contribution under the Commonwealth/State Legal Aid Agreement.

Office of the Arts

The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$88,868,000.

During questioning from the Committee, the Minister highlighted the following Key initiatives in 1994-1995:

- \$5.9M for preliminary work on the construction of Stage 5 of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre;
- An additional \$2.0M for public library services.

General Comments

Departmental Estimates Statement

The Committee expresses its concern about the delay in the receipt of the Departmental Estimates Statement. Whilst the Committee appreciates that the Estimates process is a new one and that some delays will be inevitable, the delay in this case was such that it inhibited the Committee's ability to adequately prepare for this part of its hearing. The Committee trusts that in the future such delays will not re-occur.

Department of Police

The total estimated allocation for the Queensland Police Service in 1994-95 is \$503,447,000. This is an increase of 5.6 per cent from the 1993-94 budget allocation.

The total staff numbers for the Service is projected to increase by 265 from 7,869 in 1993-94 to 8,134 in 1994-95. This includes an increase of 88 sworn staff.

The Minister, in his opening remarks, highlighted the key budget initiatives:

- \$22.5 million to be spent on new and existing police facilities. The emphasis being on replacement of police stations and watchhouses;
 - the expansion of the Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer Scheme;
 - closer cooperation with the public on programs such as the Women's Safety Project and the Domestic Violence Strategic Plan;
-

- the enhancement of intelligence methods to identify major criminal activity and closer cooperation with Emergency Services;
- the continued funding of Neighbourhood Watch, Safety Audit and Home Secure programs;
- a new initiative costing \$2.4 million for the establishment of a 32 member statewide property crime squad;
- extension of the Police Beat Shopfront program costing \$1.75 million. This will result in 30 permanent and relocatable shopfronts in shopping centres around the state;
- extension of the CJC/QPS Police Beat Scheme trialled in Toowoomba;
- the streamlining of traffic offence notice data;
- extension of the Road Watch program;
- 150 regional and rural police stations being connected to the police central registration licensing system network and the Transport Department;
- \$10 million in 1994-95 on part of the three year program to develop an integrated information system to improve police access to data and reduce paperwork and data entry; (an estimated saving equivalent to 400 police officers)
- ongoing introduction of the computerised Crime Reporting Information System for Police (CRISP) to allow strategic allocation of resources;
- restructuring of the services education and training programs, especially re new and amended legislation.

Departmental Estimates Document

It is recognised that this is the first year that a Departmental Estimates Document has had to be prepared for estimates committees and therefore there has been no precedent.

Whilst the general standard of the Departmental Estimates Document 1994-95 for the Queensland Police Service was quite high, the Committee does believe that it could be enhanced in a number of respects.

The Committee believes that the document can be improved by providing greater detail in the breakdown of individual program summaries.

As an example, the program summary for Road Safety and Traffic Management reveals that \$76,473,000 was the estimated expenditure in 1993-94 and \$76,471,000 was the budget estimate for 1994-95. The summary reveals that the program includes random breath testing, random road watch, red light camera etc. However, no indication was provided as to the costing of all the initiatives within the program, or estimated sub-program costs. Whilst the Committee appreciates that in some areas it may be difficult to

cost these matters with precision, nonetheless, the estimated allocations should be provided. This approach allows greater understanding of the dispersion of funds within the program. The Committee is not suggesting a complete breakdown of the program into its minutia, but rather a general breakdown of the cost of sub-program areas and other initiatives within the program.

The Departmental Estimates Document could also be improved by including a breakdown of expenditure and staff on a regional basis. Although the Committee recognises that this information was supplied later at the hearing, the Committee believes that this information in the future should be contained within the Departmental Estimates Document.

However, the Committee would like to commend the Service for the detailed descriptions and financial breakdowns provided for the proposed new initiatives within the Departmental Estimates Document.

Unspent Capital Works Monies

The issue of unspent capital works monies was raised during the hearings. In particular, \$600,000 set aside in the 1993-94 budget for the Mackay Watchhouse; \$600,000 in 1992-93 and \$872,000 in 1993-94 for a headquarters and watchhouse in Bundaberg; and, past allocations for the Doomadgee Police Station. All of which have not been expended.

The Minister explained that there had been design, site and heritage problems associated with the Mackay Watchhouse proposal, however, those problems have now been overcome.

In regard to the Bundaberg project, the Minister revealed that Q-Build had delayed the design and documentation over the building, however, those problems had also been resolved.

However, the Minister was unable to give any assurances regarding the Doomadgee project. This was for two reasons; the acquisition of land has been delayed pending the resolution of a native title land claim; and the possible diversion of the funds to rebuild the police station at Kowanyama following its burning.

Hearing Procedure

The Committee was impressed by the fact that at the hearing the Minister allowed senior officers to field a number of the more detailed and technical questions. In turn, this allowed the Committee to receive more detailed answers and enhanced the entire process. This approach is to be commended and encouraged for future hearings.

Corrective Services Commission

Funding for the Corrective Services Commission in 1994-95 is estimated at \$186,930,000 an increase of \$41,084,000 from the estimated actual expenditure of \$144,946,000 in 1993-94.

The substantial increase in expenditure is due mainly to capital works expenditure for 1994-95 (in excess of \$52,000,000).

Substantial new initiatives for the year include:

- a new 400 bed correctional centre at Woodford. \$7,300,000 has been budgeted for this project in 1994-95 with total estimated cost being \$59,600,000;
- the establishment of a high-risk assessment team at the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre. Total costs for possible suicide prevention initiatives are estimated to cost \$600,000 in 1994-95;
- \$4.2 million allocated in 1994-95 to the perimeter up-grade scheme;
- the development and implementation of standardised core programs and other specific programs for offenders estimated budget of \$800,000 in 1994-95;
- estimated budget of \$150,000 for the implementation of strategies for young offenders;
- an estimated \$200,000 in 1994-95 to establish video conferencing with the Courts in Brisbane, thereby saving transportation and associated costs.

The Departmental Estimates Statement

The Committee would like to complement the Queensland Corrective Services Commission for the detail of information provided in its Departmental Estimates Statement.

Whilst not a verbose document, it nonetheless provided a reasonably comprehensive breakdown of the Commission's proposed and past expenditures in a reader friendly and logical manner.

Prisoner Numbers

A recurrent theme throughout the review of the Commission's budget estimates, as initially identified by the Minister in his opening remarks, is the fact that Queensland Corrective Services Commission is finding its resources stretched because of an "unprecedented increase in prison numbers".

The Minister noted that this increase has occurred in circumstances where the actual number of persons coming into the prison system has decreased. According to the Minister this highlights that violent and habitual prisoners are spending more time in prison.

It appears that the 1994-95 budget has been framed with the increase in prison numbers being a central consideration. This is demonstrated by the large sums being allocated to capital works projects that will effectively cater for further increases.

Hearing Procedure

The Committee expresses its gratitude to the Minister for willingly taking detailed questions on notice.

The taking of such matters on notice, without hesitation, saved considerable time at the hearing and enhanced the smooth running of the hearings without prejudicing the information gathering purpose of the Committee.

Queensland Emergency Services (QES)

The Committee examined proposed expenditure of \$404,690,000.

The report of the Queensland Emergency Services was established on 18 October 1993 as a result of the bringing together of three separate agencies - the Bureau of Emergency Services, the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Office of Rural Communities.

The amalgamation occurred simultaneously with the completion of the PSMC Review of the former Bureau of Emergency Services.

The Committee questioned the QES on the operation and functioning of the following major program areas:

- Office of Rural Communities
- Fair Trading
- Ambulance Services
- Counter Disaster
- Fire Services
- Statewide Services
- Corporate Services

The Committee questioned the Minister in relation to funding for capital works referred to in the Budget Papers. In particular, the appropriation of \$11m from the Consolidated Fund. The Minister advised the Committee that of the allocation of \$11m, \$8.4m has been allocated to the Queensland Ambulance Service, \$885,000 has been allocated to the Counter Disaster Service and \$1.7m has been allocated to the Fire Service program for funding of initiatives from the Bush Fire Audit.

Office of Consumer Affairs

Prior to the merger of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Bureau of Emergency Affairs on 18 October 1993, the Department of Consumer Affairs consisted of two programs, namely, the Fair Trading program and the Corporate Services program. In his

opening statement to the Committee, the Deputy Premier indicated that as a consequence of the merger, Corporate Services have been realigned across the total Department.

The Minister further advised the Committee that Budget Paper No. 3 indicates a reduction to \$1.427m in the Corporate Services' allocation, which was due to the reallocation of Corporate Services across the Queensland Emergency Services. Furthermore, the cost of services such as electricity and accommodation which formally were included in the Corporate Services program have now been allocated across the QES.

The Minister advised the Committee that despite the merger of the former Department of Consumer Affairs within the umbrella of the QES, no reduction in funding has occurred.

The Committee notes that Capital outlays have increased from an estimated actual 1993-94 figure of \$45,000.00 to \$752,000.00. The Committee was advised that the increase to \$752,000.00 was due to an allocation of \$717,000.00 for the Queensland Motor Vehicle Securities Register to fund the development of a national Vehicle Encumbrance Register.

A Member of the Committee expressed concern about the apparent blow out of some 45% between the gross outlay of \$20.33m contained in Budget Paper No. 3 of 1993-94 for the Fair Trading Program and the estimated actual expenditure for that period as shown in Budget Paper No. 3 of \$29.526m. In a written response to the Committee dated 14 June 1994, the Acting Management Accountant, Mr B Elder responded in the following terms:

Budget Paper No. 3 of 1993/94 (Page 125) does show a forward estimate of \$20.339M. Budget Paper No. 3 of 1994/95 (Page 65) does also show an Estimated Actual 1993/94 of \$29.526M. However, there has not been a blow out of 45% as indicated by Mr Rowell. The answer is related to the presentation of the estimates in 1993/94 and 1994/95.

Without going into explanation of these differences, it can be shown that the forward estimate for the Fair Trading program for 1993/94 is in fact \$30.189M.

Budget Paper No. 2 of 1993/94 (Page 134) shows the estimate of the Fair Trading as being \$15.639M from the Consolidated Fund and \$14.550M from the Auctioneers and Agents Fidelity Guarantee Fund. This is a total of \$30.189M for 1993/94.

The Estimated Actual expenditure of the Fair Trading program in 1993/94, \$29.526M is some \$0.663M under that which was appropriated for the year (1993/94), a reduction of 2%.

The Committee was advised that total program funding source for the Auctioneers Fidelity Guarantee Fund shows an increase for an estimate actual of \$13.68m to a budget of \$18.145m. This is due mainly to increases in contingent liabilities relating to payment claims. The Minister advised the Committee that one claim against the fund was in the vicinity of \$3.1m.

General Comments

Budget Paper No. 3 for 1994-95 describes the total program funding for the Fair Trading program estimate for 1994-95 to be \$29.439m, whereas the Departmental Estimates Statement at page 18 indicates total estimates for program for the 1994-95 years as \$11.294m. The Queensland Emergency Services provided an explanatory memorandum to the Committee explaining that the apparent discrepancy between these two amounts is due to different methods of accounting and presentation. The budget document figure includes the amount of \$11.294m from consolidated revenue and an amount of \$18.145m from the Auctioneers and Agents Fidelity Guarantee Fund. The Departmental Estimate Statement did not include the amount of funds sourced from the Auctioneers and Agents Fidelity Guarantee Fund.

The Committee notes that a comparison between the amounts contained within Budget Paper No. 3 and those shown in the Departmental Estimates Statement may lead to some confusion. Accordingly, the Committee suggests that in future the Departmental Estimates Statement contain explanatory notes of all funding sources.

In addition, the Committee believes the Departmental Estimates Statement can be enhanced by providing greater details of costings and explanations in relation to individual sub-program areas or other significant initiatives.

Office of Rural Communities

The brief of the Office of Rural Communities (ORC) is to monitor policy developments across all 18 portfolio areas and to seek fair treatment of rural communities in relation to Government Policy Advice. In essence, the primary purpose of the ORC is to provide advice on all policy matters coming before the Government having implications for rural communities.

The Minister advised the Committee that the initial expenditure and staffing Estimates for 1994-95 were prepared according to the Budget Estimates cycle and in advance of the Cabinet decision of 23 May 1994 which established the Rural Communities Policy Package.

As a consequence, of the Cabinet decision of 23 May 1994, it was necessary for the QES to circulate to the Committee amendments to the initial Estimates. In particular, the estimated full-time employees allocation for 1994-95 is to be adjusted down from 24 to 21. Accordingly, consequential adjustments are required in the outlays for salaries and non-labour operating costs. Total estimated current outlays for 1994-95 are \$2,070,000.

The Committee asked a number of questions relating to the Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP) and QDIAL and in particular, whether the appropriation of \$1.5m identified in the Departmental Estimates Statement represented the full operating costs of those programs. The Director of the Office of Rural Communities, Ms J Ling explained to the Committee that since the Cabinet decision to implement QGAP as a permanent program the program will now be funded under a different model. The allocation of \$1.5m will be supplemented by revenue from fees earned from the provision of transaction services. The estimated total cost of QGAP is \$3.7m for 36 agency sites.

General Comments

The Committee congratulates the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Tom Burns MLA and his Officers for their assistance and cooperation. In particular, the Committee was impressed by the Ministers willingness to allow his Senior Departmental Officers to answer questions put by the Committee. Departmental officers were able to provide detailed and comprehensive answers in respect of many of the questions put forward by Members of the Committee. As noted previously, the Committee encourages this approach for future hearings.

The Estimates Committee Procedure

The new Estimates Committees are a crucial reform which place Ministers, Senior Public Servants and each Departmental Budget under scrutiny and deliver to the people of Queensland a level of accountability in respect of the budget never seen before.

Scrutiny of Government legislative activity and of public administration will be more effective as a consequence of the introduction of the bi-partisan estimates process.

It is appropriate at this stage to make some comment on the processes involved. Whilst the Committee is strongly supportive of the Estimates process, no mechanism is perfect and as a consequence there are some matters which should be reviewed to determine whether improvements can be made.

The Committee believes that Estimates process requires further examination and evaluation by the Parliament to ensure that the process achieves maximum effectiveness.

The Committee is particularly concerned about the time-tabling of the Public Hearings. The shortness of time between the introduction of the budget, the provision of Departmental Estimates Statements, and Estimates Committee B meeting in public session, in conjunction with Members' other responsibilities to the Parliament, limited the time available to them. Some Members of the Committee believe that there was inadequate time for them to adequately prepare for the hearings and that a better outcome could have been achieved if some additional time was available.

The Committee notes the direction given by the Honourable the Premier to all Ministers and Chief Executive Officers that the Departmental Estimates Statements be provided to the Committees on Budget day. The Committee trusts that in future this direction will be strictly adhered to.

A number of Committee Members have expressed concern at what they saw as inadequate time for questioning over the three portfolio areas under consideration. It was further suggested by some Committee Members that hearings for each portfolio area could be extended over more than one day and would thereby permit a greater scope in questioning and increase the level of participation by all Members of the Assembly. This, in conjunction with the cooperation of Ministers, would provide for a greater degree of access to public servants who have particular and detailed knowledge of departmental operations.

In conclusion, the Committee believes that certain documentation supplied to it could be further improved. In particular, Members would find value in Departmental Estimate Statements carrying year to year comparisons and offering some information in relation to significant sub-programs. Further, the Committee feels that the Departmental Estimates Statements would be enhanced if they contained more detailed program evaluation. Such evaluation would enable future Committees to more fully examine and evaluate the effectiveness of individual departmental programs.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the proposed expenditure, in accordance with the estimates referred to the Committee, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Acknowledgments

The Committee takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the level of co-operation and assistance afforded to it by the various Ministers and members of their staff. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the staff of the committee secretariat for their valuable support and assistance during the Estimates process.

J. W. Pitt

Mr Warren Pitt MLA
Chairperson



ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B - RESERVATIONS

Whilst the non-Government Members of the Committee endorse most of the comments made in the body of the majority report, we feel it is important to note our reservations in regard to some aspects of the budget estimates.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OFFICE OF THE ARTS

A lack of clearly defined priorities in the departmental estimates was apparent. It was demonstrated that there was a lack of process in the allocation of funds in some expenditure that was questioned. The failure to adequately address in the Director of Prosecutions office the process for allocation of additional funds for staffing, as well as the apparent inability in the departmental estimates to rectify the problems in handling Childrens Court matters by the Director of Prosecutions office are just two examples of such matters of concern.

POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES COMMISSION

It is understood that the hearings were an information gathering exercise by way of questions, however, we would like to express the following reservations in relation to the estimates for Police and Corrective Services:

1. Some answers to questions were confusing and incomplete eg. police numbers, the number of prison cells, the number of watchhouse cells and projections etc.
2. We disagree with lack of priority spending in certain areas eg. inadequate overtime for police on weekends and inadequate overtime for prison officers.
3. We disagree with the large number of police vacancies across the state.
4. The unspent capital works from previous budgets cannot be condoned or approved and we find the reasons given for the delay of these works as unacceptable.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

We refer to a statement made by Mr Sosso on page 71 of Hansard report of proceedings of Committee B. Statement extends from the bottom of page 70 to page 71. The section in question reads "When referring to the Auctioneer and Agents Fidelity Trust Fund and in 1991 with tripartisan support the Act was amended to allow for greater use of the funds for a number of purposes". This answer is incorrect. Hansard shows that on 17 July 1991 (pp. 155, 165), the Opposition voted against the amendment to the Auctioneers and Agents Fidelity Trust Fund.

The above matters are brought to the attention of the Legislative Assembly.



Denver Beanland MLA
Member for Indooroopilly



Russell Cooper MLA
Member for Crows Nest



Marc Rowell MLA
Member for Hinchinbrook

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting held 30 May 1994

A meeting of Estimates Committee B was held in Room B.29 of Parliament House on 30 May 1994 at 2.19pm.

Members Present: Denver Beanland, Lorraine Bird, Russell Cooper, Warren Pitt, Pat Purcell, Mark Stoneman and Terry Sullivan.

Also Present: Dan O'Connor and Neil Laurie

1. Election of Chair: The Research Director, Mr O'Connor, with the approval of the Committee called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr Sullivan nominated Mr Warren Pitt, seconded by Mr Purcell.

There being no other nominations, Mr Pitt was declared chairman.

2. Election of Deputy Chair: Upon Mr Pitt assuming the Chair, he called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

The Chairman invited members of the Opposition parties to nominate for the position.

Mr Cooper, on behalf of the Opposition Members, indicated that the Opposition would not be nominating a Member for the position.

Mr Sullivan then nominated Ms Lorraine Bird for Deputy Chair.

There being no other nominations Ms Bird was declared Deputy Chair.

3. Other Business: General discussion ensued in relation to procedural aspects of the operation of the Committee.

Other Business (cont). Agreed that research staff be available to assist Members with their research and to provide procedural advice when required.

Staff were to be available to assist Members, when required, in the drafting of questions.

General discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of Departments at the public hearings on 10 June 1994.

Agreed that the matter be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: To be held on 7 June 1994 in Room B.27 at 1.30pm.

Meeting closed at 2.33pm.

Confirmed this **7TH** day of **JUNE** 1994.

J.W. Pitt

Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting held 7 June 1994

A meeting of Estimates Committee B was held in Room B.27 of Parliament House on 7 June 1994 at 1.30pm.

Members Present: Warren Pitt, Lorraine Bird, Russell Cooper, Pat Purcell, and Terry Sullivan.

Apologies: Denver Beanland, Marc Rowell

Also Present: Dan O'Connor and Neil Laurie

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting on 30 May 1994 be confirmed.

Moved: Pat Purcell

Seconded: Russell Cooper

Carried

1. Scheduling of Departments:

Mr Purcell moved that the Departments be examined in the following order:

- Justice and Attorney-General and the Office of the Arts
- Police and Corrective Services Commission
- Emergency Services

Seconded: Russell Cooper

Carried

2. Time Allotments for Departments:

Mr Cooper moved that a time period of 4 hours be allotted to each portfolio.

There being no other non-Government Members present the Chairman gave a pro-forma second to the motion.

Seconded: The Chairman (pro-forma)

Time Allotments for
Departments (cont).

Ms Bird moved a motion to amend the motion to allocate time as follows:

- Justice and Attorney-General and the Arts - 2 hours
- Police and Corrective Services - 3 hours
- Emergency Services - 3 hours

Seconded: Terry Sullivan

Discussion ensued.

Mr Sullivan moved that Ms Bird's motion be amended to allocate time as follows:

- Justice and Attorney-General and the Arts - 2½ hours
- Police and Corrective Services - 3½ hours
- Emergency Services - 3½ hours

Further, that the allocation of time be as follows:

11.30am-2.00pm	Justice and Attorney-General and the Arts
2.00pm-3.00pm	Lunch
3.00pm-6.30pm	Police and Corrective Services
6.30pm-7.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm-11.00pm	Emergency Services

Seconded: Pat Purcell

The Chairman then put the matter to the Committee:

Re Mr Cooper's motion that each portfolio be allotted 4 hours:

Ayes

Russell Cooper

Noes

Terry Sullivan
Pat Purcell
Lorraine Bird

The motion was defeated.

Time Allotments for
Departments (cont).

The Chairman then put Mr Sullivan's amended motion, that the portfolios be allotted 2½ hours, 3½ hours and 3½ hours respectively to the Committee.

Ayes

Terry Sullivan
Pat Purcell
Lorraine Bird

Noes

Russell Cooper

Carried3. Members Opening
Remarks:

Agreed that each Minister be given an opportunity to give opening remarks to the Committee on each subsection of the portfolio. Such opening remarks should not exceed 2 minutes.

4. Questions by non-
Committee Members:

The Chairman requested that Members attempt to ascertain what non-Committee Members of the Assembly were likely to seek leave to ask questions and encourage those Members to contact the Research Staff prior to the hearings in order to facilitate the smooth running of the hearing.

5. Time Allotments within
each portfolio:

The question of how time periods within each portfolio would be allocated was discussed.

Moved: Mr Sullivan moved a motion that time be allotted within each portfolio as follows:

Justice, Attorney-General and Office of the Arts:

1½ hours	Justice and Attorney-General
½ hour	Arts
½ hour	overlap

Police and Corrective Services:

1½ hours	Police
1½ hour	Corrective Services
½ hour	overlap

Time Allotments within
each portfolio (cont).

Emergency Services:

2 hours	Emergency Services
½ hour	Consumer Affairs
½ hour	Rural Communities
½ hour	overlap

The allocated overlap period would enable Members to ask questions on any matter relating to the portfolio and all Departmental officials would be required to stay until that period expired.

Seconded: Lorraine Bird
Carried

6. General discussion re
hearing:

General discussion regarding the procedural aspects of the hearing on 10 June 1994 ensued.

The Chairman stressed that where possible Members should preface their questions by page reference to the Budget Papers or the Departmental Estimates Statement.

Next Meeting:

To be held on 10 June 1994 in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House at 11.30am.

Meeting closed at 2.16pm.

Confirmed this **16TH** day of **JUNE** 1994.

J. W. Pitt

Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting on 10 June 1994

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

**Minutes of Proceedings of Hearings of
Estimates Committee B held at 11.30am on 10 June 1994 in
the Legislative Council Chamber
Parliament House, Brisbane**

1. Meeting

The Committee met in public session at 11.30am with the Chairman, Mr Warren Pitt, in the Chair.

2. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman made an introductory statement concerning its consideration of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill 1994 for the areas set out in the Sessional Orders.

3. Attendance

The following Members of the Committee were present:

Mr Warren Pitt MLA
Mrs Lorraine Bird MLA
Mr Denver Beanland MLA
Mr Russell Cooper MLA
Mr Pat Purcell MLA
Mr Mark Rowell MLA
Mr Terry Sullivan MLA

Also Present: Mr Dan O'Connor and Mr Neil Laurie

4. Department of Justice and Attorney-General

In attendance was the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts, the Honourable Dean Wells MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr Barry Smith	Director-General
Mr Ken Levy	Deputy Director-General
Mr David Hook	Director, Courts Division
Mr Ian McEwan	State Reporting Bureau
Mr Brendan Butler	Deputy Director of Prosecutions
Mr Des O'Shea	Commissioner, Electoral Commission
Mr Rob O'Regan QC	Chairman, Criminal Justice Commission
Mr John Hodgins	Director, Legal Aid Commission (Queensland)

The Chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the area of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to be open for examination.

The question before the committee was "that the proposed expenditures be agreed to".

The Committee examined the following witnesses:

Hon Dean Wells MLA	Minister
Mr Barry Smith	Director-General
Mr Greg Andrews	Executive Director, Arts Queensland
Mr Greg Schneider	Senior Finance Officer, Arts Queensland
Ms Judith Crombie	Assistant Director, Film Queensland
Mr Alan Bartholomai	Director, Queensland Museum
Mr Tony Gould	Director, Queensland Performing Arts Trust
Ms Caroline Turner	Deputy Director, Queensland Art Gallery
Ms Chris Johnson	Artistic Director, Queensland Theatre Company
Mr Des Stephens	State Librarian, State Library of Queensland

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

5. Office of the Arts

In attendance was the Honourable Dean Wells MLA, Minister for the Arts accompanied by the following officer:

Mr Barry Smith	Director-General
----------------	------------------

The Chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the area of the Office of the Arts to be open for examination.

The question before the committee was "that the proposed expenditures be agreed to".

The Committee examined the following witnesses:

Hon Dean Wells MLA	Minister
Mr Barry Smith	Director-General

Mrs Joan Sheldon MLA, by leave, also asked questions.

Suspension of Sitting

The sitting was suspended at 1.58pm.

Resumption of Sitting

The Committee resumed at 3.00pm.

6. Department of Police

In attendance was the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, the Honourable Paul Braddy MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr Jim O'Sullivan	Commissioner of Police
Mr Bill Aldrich	Deputy Commissioner, Executive Director Operations
Mr Dick Warry	Executive Director Corporate Services
Mr John Just	Director Finance Division
Dr Jim Hann	Director Information Management Division
Mr Jim Hardie	Manager Human Resources Management Branch
Mr Alex Stefan	Statistics Co-ordinator Information Management Division
Chief Supt Doug Smith	Commissioner's Inspectorate
Inspector Bob Atkinson	Officer-in-Charge PSMC Implementation Unit
Mr Mark Dunsmore	Cabinet Legislation and Liaison Officer

The Chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the Department of Police to be open for examination.

The question before the committee was "that the proposed expenditures be agreed to".

The Committee examined the following witnesses:

Hon Paul Braddy MLA	Minister
Mr Jim O'Sullivan	Commissioner of Police
Mr Bill Aldrich	Deputy Commissioner, Executive Director Operations
Mr Dick Warry	Executive Director Corporate Services

Mr Bruce Laming MLA and Ms Fiona Simpson MLA, by leave, also asked questions.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

7. Corrective Services Commission

In attendance was the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, the Honourable Paul Braddy MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

Prof Patrick Weller	Chairperson of the Commission
Mr Keith Hamburger	Director-General
Mr Stan Macionis	Deputy Director-General
Mr Ian Stewart	Assistant Deputy Director-General
Mr Wayne Shennan	Director Audit

The Chairman declared the proposed expenditure for the Corrective Services to be open for examination.

The question before the committee was "that the proposed expenditures be agreed to".

The Committee examined the following witnesses:

Hon Paul Braddy MLA	Minister
Mr Keith Hamburger	Director-General
Mr Stan Macionis	Deputy Director-General

The Committee concluded its examination and witnesses withdrew.

Suspension of Sitting

The sitting was suspended at 6.32pm.

Resumption of Sitting

The Committee resumed at 7.30pm.

8. Queensland Emergency Service (including the Office of Consumer Affairs and the Office of Rural Communities)

In attendance was the Minister for Queensland Emergency Services, the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Tom Burns MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

The following officers attended:

Mr Brian Stewart	Director-General
Dr Leo Keliher	Deputy Director-General
Office of Consumer Affairs	
Mr John Sosso	Acting Commissioner
Ms Carolyn Burlew	Director, Operational Services
Ms Leigh Roach	Executive Manager, Policy Branch

Queensland Fire Service	
Mr Geoff Skerritt	Commissioner
Mr Bob Barchard	Deputy Commissioner, Rural Operations

	Mr Chris McCombe	Deputy Commissioner, Operations
	Queensland Ambulance Service	
	Dr Gerry FitzGerald	Commissioner
	Mr Gerard Lawler	Deputy Commissioner
	Mr Ian Boddice	Manager, Support Services
	Corporate Services Division	
	Ms Susan Bradshaw	Executive Director
	Mr Mike Lewis	Acting Director, Finance
	Mr Bernie Elder	Acting Management Accountant
	Mr John Parsons	Management Accounting Officer
	Mr Dennis Jones	Management Accounting Officer
	Mr Mark Douglas	Acting Financial Accounting Officer
	Mr Alan Dayman	Acting Financial Accounting Officer
	Mr Dennis Bray	Acting Director, Facilities and Asset Management
	Mr Ken Hawkins	Manager, Personnel Services
	Ms Vivian Thelander	Director, Information Management
	Mr Ian Hess	Acting Director, Human Resource Management
	Statewide Services Division	
	Mr Michael Kinnane	Executive Director
	Mr Phil Perrow	Operations Officer
	Ms Fiona McKersie	Acting Director, Operational Policy and Planning
Unit	Mr Alan Brunner	Acting Director, CHEM Unit
	Office of Rural Communities	
	Ms Julie Ling	Director
	Mr Lloyd Lacey	Manager, Policy
	Mr Doug Angus	Acting Executive Director
	Counter Disaster Services Division	
	Mr George McDonald	Executive Director
	Mr Ken Cullum	Deputy Director, State Emergency Services
	Mr John Baker	Manager, Volunteer Marine Rescue
	The Chairman declared the proposed expenditure for Queensland Emergency Services to be open for examination.	
	The question before the committee was "that the proposed expenditures be agreed to".	
	The Committee examined the following witnesses.	
	Hon Tom Burns MLA	Minister
	Mr Brian Stewart	Director-General
	Dr Leo Keliher	Deputy Director-General
	Mr John Sosso	Acting Commissioner
	Mr Geoff Skeritt	Commissioner
	Dr Gerry FitzGerald	Commissioner

Ms Julie Ling Director ORC
Mr Bernie Elder Acting Management Accountant

Mr Brian Littleproud MLA and Mr Kevin Lingard MLA by leave, also asked questions.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11.00pm, Friday 10 June 1994.

Confirmed this *17th* day of *JUNE* 1994.

J.W. Pitt

Mr Warren Pitt MLA
Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting held 16 June 1994

A meeting of Estimates Committee B was held in Room A.35 of Parliament House on 16 June 1994 at 2.37pm.

Members Present: Warren Pitt, Lorraine Bird, Denver Beanland, Russell Cooper, Pat Purcell, Marc Rowell and Terry Sullivan.

Also Present: Dan O'Connor and Neil Laurie

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting on 7 June 1994 be confirmed.

Moved: Pat Purcell

Seconded: Russell Cooper

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting on 10 June 1994 be confirmed.

Moved: Lorraine Bird

Seconded: Denver Beanland

Carried

1. Consideration of Chairman's draft report: The Committee considered the Chairman's draft report making a number of amendments and additions.

Agreed that the research staff prepare an amended report to be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

Next Meeting: To be held on 17 June 1994 in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe at 11.30am.

Meeting closed at 3.53pm.

Confirmed this **17TH** day of **JUNE** 1994.

J.W.Pitt

Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting held 17 June 1994

A meeting of Estimates Committee B was held in Room 5.04 of the Parliamentary Annexe on 17 June 1994 at 11.37am.

Members Present: Warren Pitt, Lorraine Bird, Denver Beanland, Russell Cooper, Pat Purcell, Marc Rowell and Terry Sullivan.

Also Present: Dan O'Connor and Neil Laurie

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting on 16 June 1994 be confirmed.

Moved: Pat Purcell

Seconded: Russell Cooper

Carried

1. Approval of report: The Chairman's final draft report was read to the Committee paragraph by paragraph with minor amendments being made.

Moved by Mr Sullivan that the Chairman's draft report be approved.

Seconded: Lorraine Bird

Ayes

Noes

Warren Pitt
Lorraine Bird
Pat Purcell
Terry Sullivan

Denver Beanland
Russell Cooper
Marc Rowell

Carried

2. Reservations: Non-Government Members of the Committee indicated that they would not be providing a dissenting report but rather pursuant to Sessional Order 20(2) they would be providing a reservation.

Meeting closed at 11.52pm.

Confirmed this day of 1994.

J.W. Pitt

Chairman

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Justice and Attorney-General and Office of the Arts				
Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr D Beanland	<p>What funds have been budgeted for overseas travel in 1994-95 for public servants and what are the details?</p> <p>What funds have been budgeted for domestic travel in 1994-95 for yourself and ministerial staff and what are the details?</p>	p.12	14/06/94	<p>No overseas travel planned at this stage. Accordingly, no budget allocated.</p> <p>It is expected that there will be some domestic travel because of my Ministerial duties. However at this stage an exact amount has not been allocated for the 1994/95 budget.</p>
Mrs J Sheldon	<p>I refer to the strategy ensuring the State collections are properly maintained, developed and accessible to all Queenslanders. What percentage of the State collections are currently:</p> <p>(a) On display?</p> <p>(b) In storage?</p> <p>(c) In Ministerial Offices?</p>	p.14	15/06/94	<p>(a) 7.9% (i.e. 685) of the Queensland Art Gallery Collection is <u>currently</u> on display.</p> <p>(b) 88.6% (i.e. 7,654) of the Queensland Art Gallery Collection is <u>currently</u> on storage.</p> <p>(c) 0.5% (i.e. 42) of the Queensland Art Gallery Collection is <u>currently</u> on loan to Ministerial Offices (on a user pays basis).</p>

Justice and Attorney-General and Office of the Arts

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
	(d) In Departmental Offices?			<p>(d) 1.9% (i.e. 162) of the Queensland Art Gallery Collection is <u>currently</u> on loan to Departmental Offices (comprising 0.9% - i.e. 79 on a user pays basis and 1% - i.e. 83 to Government House and Parliament House on a no fee for service basis).</p> <p>The balance of the works which comprise the Collection, 1.1% (i.e. 97) are <u>currently</u> on Regional Services exhibition loan (i.e. 92 or inter-institutional loan (i.e. 5).</p>
Mrs J Sheldon	<p>I refer to Page 44. The Sub-Program. The Queensland Cultural Centre Trust. Under the heading security it is stated: "the Southbank development has placed greater demands on the centre's security, particularly in the late night time Committee zone".</p> <p>(a) How much was spent on the security at the QCC in 1992-93 and 1993-94 and how much is forecast to be spent on security at the centre in 1994-95?</p>	p.17	14/06/94	The cost of external security in 1992/93 and 1993/94 is \$1.335 million per annum and will be of the same magnitude in 1994/95.

Justice and Attorney-General and Office of the Arts

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mrs J Sheldon	I refer to Page 39, "1993-94 Achievements". Arts Queensland hosted the Cultural Ministers Council Meeting in June 1993 for the second time.			
	(a) How much was the total cost of staging the Cultural Minister's Council Meeting?	p.13	15/06/94	The total cost to Queensland was \$40,000.
	(b) Which serving rather than acting Ministers attended?	p.13	15/06/94	All Commonwealth and state arts ministers attended with the exception of Tasmania, Northern Territory and New Zealand who sent representatives.
	(c) Where was the venue?	p.13	15/06/94	The venue was Parliament House, Brisbane.
	(d) What entertainment was paid for by Queensland taxpayers as host of this Council meeting?	p.13	15/06/94	An arts industry reception was held at Parliament House on 2 June 1993 for the arts community to meet arts ministers.
	(e) What dinners were hosted by the Queensland taxpayer?	p.13	15/06/94	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary dinner for Standing Committee members on 1 June 1993 at the Heritage Hotel. 2. Dinner for arts ministers, their advisers and Standing Committee Members on 2 June 1993 at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex. 3. Dinner for Standing Committee members and one minister on 3 June 1993 at Augustine's Restaurant.

Justice and Attorney-General and Office of the Arts

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
	(f) What was the total cost of (a) dinners and (b) entertainment?	p.13	15/06/94	(a) Total cost of dinners as listed in (e) - \$2,394.70. (b) Total cost of entertainment as listed in (d) - \$1,850.70.
	(g) How many Ministerial advisers and Departmental representatives were included in the free dinners and free entertainment?	p.13	15/06/94	1 June 1993 - 16 2 June 1993 - 28 3 June 1993 - 13
	(h) What were the three most important decisions taken at the Cultural Minister's Council Meeting? And what were the direct benefits these provided to the Queensland arts community?	p.13	15/06/94	The three most important decisions taken at the Cultural Ministers Council Meeting were: 1. The appointment of a Heritage Collections Committee, representing Federal, State and Territory Governments and the museums community, to undertake an extensive program of research and activity into the future of Australia's movable cultural heritage and the notion of a Distributed National Collection. 2. The formation of a Libraries Working Group to meet the challenges of the decade ahead. Technological change, new systems of open learning and the need to explore alternative sources of funding were all seen as urgent issues to be addressed by the Working Group. 3. Ministers confirmed their support for measures to entrench the moral rights of artists. The Commonwealth was to move directly to the production of draft legislation for moral rights in Australia.

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	How many new and/or replacement watchhouses will be completed in 1994/95?	p.22	17/06/94	The following watchhouses will actually be completed in 1994/95: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wynnum - 3 new beds • Warwick - 7 new beds • Kowanyama - 0 new beds • Moranbah - 3 new beds
Mr R Cooper	Where are they located, how much will they cost, and design capacity of each one?	p.22	17/06/94	See answer to questions on notice tabled on Thursday 23 June 1994.
Mr R Cooper	What is the maximum design capacity of all watchhouses on a watchhouse by watchhouse basis, that is, all existing watchhouses as well as those planned?	p.22 & 23	17/06/94	See answer to questions on notice tabled on Thursday 23 June 1994.
Mr R Cooper	What has been the average daily occupancy rate, and the peak occupancy of all police watchhouses on a watchhouse by watchhouse basis since 1 July 1993?	p.23	17/06/94	Daily average - 1.42 Max overnight occupancy - 4.19 Frequency - 1.63 Total number of watchhouse - 171
Mr R Cooper	What is the average daily cost of keeping a prisoner in a watchhouse?	p.23	17/06/94	\$48
Mr R Cooper	Of all watchhouse inmates in since 1 July 1993, how many have been or are convicted prisoners awaiting transfer to a corrective services facility, and how many prisoner days have been spent in watchhouses by these prisoners in that time?	p.23	17/06/94	The estimated number of corrective service's prisoners held in watchhouses awaiting transfer to corrective service's was 24,889. The estimated number of days spent by corrective services prisoners in watchhouses was 47,350. The indicated figures represent both remand and convicted prisoners.

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	What estimate does the Police Service have of the total cost of holding convicted prisoners in watchhouses since 1 July 1993?	p.23	17/06/94	\$2,273,000.
Mr R Cooper	Since 1 July 1993 what estimate is there of the cost of providing medical services for inmates of watchhouses, that is, as far as the police budget is concerned?	p.24	17/06/94	The estimated cost of providing medical services to inmates in this financial year is \$32,000.
Mr R Cooper	Since 1 July 1993 what cost has been carried by the Police Service to house convicted prisoners awaiting transfer to corrective services facilities?	p.24	17/06/94	It is not possible to give a precise answer to the actual cost of carrying convicted prisoners awaiting transfer to corrective service's facilities
Mr R Cooper	What is the current and planned capacity of the Mackay watchhouse?	p.24	17/06/94	The planned capacity of the new Mackay Watchhouse is 20 beds. The capacity of existing Mackay Watchhouse is 14 beds.
Mr R Cooper	How was the 1993-94 allocation of \$6.5 million for growth funding spent?	p.28	17/06/94	<p>The Growth Funding allocation of \$6.5M was initially allocated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Liaison Officers - \$1.2M • Police Officers - \$1.512M • Criminal Recording Information System for Police (CRISP) - \$0.808M • Technical Officers - \$0.5M • Civilianisation of Communications Centre - \$0.292M • Detective Training School - \$0.288M • Additional Recruitment <p>Police - \$1.7M Public Servants - \$0.2M</p>

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
	How was the 1993-94 allocation of \$6.5 million for growth funding spent? (cont)	p.28	17/06/94	<p>Due to delays in the establishment of Police Support Officers, the civilianisation of the communication centre did not proceed in 1993/94. As well, due to timing, savings were identified under the Technical Officers and Detective Training School allocations.</p> <p>The savings identified were re-allocated and the \$6.5M was identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Liaison Officers - \$1.2M • Police Officers - \$1.512M • Criminal Recording Information System for Police (CRISP) - \$1.008M • Technical Officers - \$0.067M • Detective Training School - \$0.138M • Additional Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police - \$1.7M Public Servants - \$0.2M • Establishment of a Public Safety Response Team - \$0.15M • Radio Communications - \$0.53M

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary						
Mr R Cooper	How will the 1994-95 allocation of \$13.1 million growth funding be spent?	p.28	17/06/94	<p>The \$13.1M allocation mentioned is comprised of \$6.5M provided 1993/94 and \$6.6M provided in 1994/95. It is intended that the \$13.1M will be spent as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal Liaison Officers - \$1.2M• Police Officers - \$3.0M• Public Servants - \$0.77M• Criminal Recording Information System for Police (CRISP) - \$1.24M• Technical Officers - \$1.084M• Civilianisation of Police Communications Centre \$1.202M• Detective Training School \$0.708M• Recruitment - Police \$1.7M - Public Servants \$1.45M• In-Service Training \$0.746M						
Mr R Cooper	What are the predicted number of Constable and Senior Constables in the Queensland Police Service as of 30 June 1994, and at 30 June 1995?	p.29	17/06/94	<p>The anticipated structure as at 30 June 1994 is:</p> <table><tr><td>Constable</td><td>2420</td></tr><tr><td>Senior Constable</td><td>1634</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>4054 (65 % of total)</td></tr></table> <p>It is not possible to predict the number of Constables and Senior Constables at 30 June 1995. However, it is expected that the proportion of total staff this group represents will increase to closer to 70% as more appropriate rank distribution occurs as a result of separations at the higher ranks, lateral transfers into vacancies at non-commissioned level and the reduction of officers occupying surplus positions at Sergeant level.</p>	Constable	2420	Senior Constable	1634	Total	4054 (65 % of total)
Constable	2420									
Senior Constable	1634									
Total	4054 (65 % of total)									

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	<p>What was the on-the-beat (operational police) overtime for 1993-94 and what is the estimated figure for 1994-95?</p> <p>And on a region by region basis?</p>	p.29	17/06/94	<p>The estimated expenditure for 1993/94 on overtime is \$9,925,000. The service is unable to provide an estimate allocation for overtime for 1994/95 due to the nature of global allocations. All portfolios of the Service are allocated global budgets, which are devolved to the Regional or Command Assistant Commissioner. This officer determines the resource allocation based upon the needs of the community that they are serving. With the exception of staff movements, no Command or Region has had a reduction in 1994/95 allocation when compared to 1993/94 global allocations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Far Northern Region - \$922,000 • Northern Region - \$690,000 • Central Region - \$1,048,000 • North Coast Region - \$969,000 • Southern Region - \$1,386,000 • South Eastern Region \$897,000 • Metropolitan North Region \$648,000 • Metropolitan South Region \$724,000

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	What is the local authority rates and statutory charges on the Queensland Police Service on a region by region basis?	p.29	17/06/94	<p>The increase to the regional global allocations due to local authority rates and statutory charges is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Far Northern Region - \$396,000 • Northern Region - \$469,000 • Central Region - \$334,000 • North Coast Region - \$361,000 • Southern Region - \$367,000 • South Eastern Region - \$539,000 • Metropolitan North Region - \$298,000 • Metropolitan South Region - \$368,000 <p>The Service's 1993/94 budget was increased by \$4.783M to accommodate these additional charges. This amount also includes those charges relating to headquarters and other central areas.</p>
Ms F Simpson	How many Juvenile Aid Bureau officers for 1994-95 will there be out of what total number of operational police?	p.32	17/06/94	The Service's operations strength as at 1 June 1994 was estimated at 5590 officers. The number of Juvenile Aid Bureau positions within the Service is 200 positions.
Ms F Simpson	What are the details of Juvenile Aid Bureau officers per district?	p.33	17/06/94	<p>Brisbane Central 23; Bundaberg 2; Cairns 10; Gold Coast 20; Gympie 2; Ipswich 14; Logan 15; Mackay 3; Maryborough 2; North Brisbane 26; Oxley 12; Redcliffe 15; Rockhampton 3; South Brisbane 19; Sunshine Coast 7; Toowoomba 5; Townsville 8; Wynnum 14</p> <p>The above numbers reflect positions which are dedicated JAB functions. In other areas, JAB functions may be undertaken as part of a position only and attached to a CIB unit.</p>

Queensland Police Service

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	Regarding the proposed training course on changes to Criminal Code etc. - what police officer will be trained? - what are the time factors involved? - how long is the course?	p.33	17/06/94	See answer to questions on notice tabled on Thursday 23 June 1994.
Mr T Sullivan	Request for a brief statement on programs to counter drug trade in Queensland.	p.33	17/06/94	See answer to questions on notice tabled on Thursday 23 June 1994.

Corrective Services Commission

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	What are the Estimates for June 1994-95, broken down facility by facility for <u>prisoner places</u> by 30 June 1995?	p.37	16/06/94	<p>Total number of cells expected to be available as at June 1995 - 2,456 (Estimated prisoner numbers as at June 1995 - 2,540)</p> <p>Cell capacity, per correctional centre, at the time of commissioning of the new Woodford Correctional Centre (estimated as January 1997): Arthur Gorrie CC - 460; Borallon CC - 330; Brisbane Womens CC - 81; Lotus Glen CC - 272; Moreton CC - 150; Numinbah CC - 84; Palen Creek CC - 77; Rockhampton CC - 240; Sir David Longland CC - 328; Townsville CC - 278; Townsville Womens CC - 18; Wacol CC - 238; Woodford CC - 400; Total - 2,956.</p>
Mr R Cooper	The extra intake of 112 people that you have put into the prison system in the next couple of weeks will require some extra overtime. Has that been budgeted for, or are you planning to budget for it? And if so, what is the estimated overtime budget as a total and what is the estimated overtime budget, facility by facility? Could I have a comparison of those estimates with the 1993-94 overtime actuals?	p.37	16/06/94	<p>Total Overtime 1993/94 Est \$2,305,000 Total Overtime 1994/95 Est \$1,300,000</p>
Mr R Cooper	Could I have details of the minor capital works program - facility by facility - for 1994-95?	p.42	16/06/94	See answer to questions on notice tabled on Thursday 23 June 1994.

Corrective Services Commission

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr R Cooper	Figures for all abscondee (escapees) for 1993-94; 1992-93; 1991-92 and 1990-91.	p.42	16/06/94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 July 1993 - 26 May 1994 there were 27 absconders from leave of absence from custodial centres; • 1 July 1993 to 26 May 1994 there were 45 absconders from leave of absence from community corrections and home detention. <p>No comprehensive records of breaches of Leave of Absence were not kept by the former Prisons Department nor by the Commission until the commencement of the current financial year.</p>
Mr R Cooper	Could I have the figures for local authority rates and all statutory charges on a facility by facility basis for 1993-94?	p.42	16/06/94	<p>Total rates/water paid YTD 1993/94 - \$1,462,409 and Est 1994/95 - \$1,506,281.</p> <p>Total electricity paid YTD 1993/94 - \$1,101,682 and Est 1994/95 \$1,134,732.</p> <p>See comprehensive answer for further details.</p>
Mr R Cooper	Budget paper no. 3 page 304 Secure Custody Program and Budget paper no. 3 page 300, Community Supervision Program - there is to be a 10 per cent reduction in workplace "injuries", illnesses and assaults on staff as well as a reduction of the average level of sick leave. How did you arrive at that figure of 10 per cent? On what did you base your prediction?	p.46	16/06/94	Information not available at time of printing.

Queensland Emergency Services - Consumer Affairs

Member	Question Summary	Hansard	Date of Reply	Reply Summary
Mr M Rowell	In joining in these Budget Estimates for the Department of Consumer Affairs, my first question is to the Deputy Premier. The Forward Estimate allocated in the 1993-94 Budget Paper No. 3 for the Department of Consumer Affairs Fair Trading program, page 125, was a gross outlay of \$20,33m while the estimated actual expenditure for that period as shown in Budget Paper No. 3 at page 64 was \$29.52m, an increase of 45 per cent, or \$9.187m on the 1994-95 Estimates. How do you account for the blow-out of this proportion?	p.70	14/06/94	<p>Budget Paper No. 3 of 1993/94 (Page 125) does show a forward estimate of \$20.339M. Budget Paper No. 3 of 1994/95 (Page 65) does also show an Estimated Actual 1993/94 of \$29.526M. However, there has not been a blow out of 45% as indicated by Mr Rowell. The answer is related to the presentation of the estimates in 1993/94 and 1994/95.</p> <p>Without going into an explanation of these differences, it can be shown that the forward estimate for the Fair Trading program fo 1993/94 is in fact \$30.189M.</p> <p>Budget Paper No. 2 of 1993/94 (Page 134) shows the estimate of the Fair Trading as being \$15.639M from the Consolidated Fund and \$14.550M from the Auctioneers and Agents Fidelity Guarantee Fund. This is a total of \$30.189M for 1993/94.</p> <p>The Estimated Actual expenditure of the Fair Trading program in 1993/94, \$29.526M is some \$0.663M under that which was appropriated for the year (1993/94), a reduction of 2%.</p>