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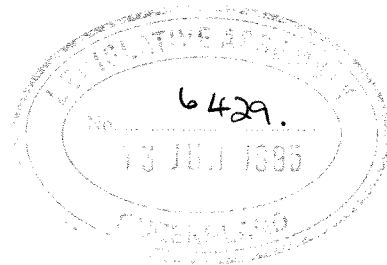
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**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr Tom Barton MLA  
(Member for Waterford)

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:** Mr John Budd MLA  
(Member for Redlands)

**MEMBERS:** Mr Rob Borbidge MLA  
(Member for Surfers Paradise)

Mr Ken Davies MLA  
(Member for Mundingburra)

Mrs Di McCauley MLA  
(Member for Callide)

Mr Bill Nunn MLA  
(Member for Hervey Bay)

Mrs Joan Sheldon MLA  
(Member for Caloundra)

**RESEARCH DIRECTOR:** Mr Darrell Martin

**SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER:** Mr David Thannhauser

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## REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- 1 Estimates Committee A presents its Report to the Legislative Assembly in relation to the estimates of expenditure for the Legislative Assembly (Parliamentary Service Commission).

### Introduction

- 2 The Legislative Assembly on 31 March 1995 appointed six Estimates Committees to inquire into the estimates of expenditure contained in the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 1995* and the *Appropriation Bill 1995*.

- 3 This Committee, under the Sessional Orders adopted by the House, has had the following organisational units allocated to it:

Office of the Governor;

Legislative Assembly (Parliamentary Service Commission);

Queensland Audit Office;

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations;

other organisational units within the portfolio of the  
Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development;

other organisational units within the portfolio of the  
Treasurer, and

other organisational units within the portfolio of the  
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and  
Minister for Rural Communities.

- 4 The Sessional Orders also require that Estimates Committee A present two Reports, one for the Legislative Assembly and another for the Office of the Governor, the Queensland Audit Office, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, and other organisational units within the portfolio of the Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development, organisational units within the portfolio of the Treasurer and organisational units within the portfolio of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Rural Communities.

- 5 Estimates Committee A has now considered the estimates referred to it in relation to the Legislative Assembly (Parliamentary Service Commission) and has met in public session to receive evidence from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Parliamentary Service. Additional information, which has been received as a result of questions asked during the public session, will be presented to the House separately in an additional volume of information.

### Estimates for the Legislative Assembly

- 6 Apart from identifying future directions and priorities through its revised strategic plan, the Service has implemented operational plans in its various offices to ensure improved accountability and efficiency in the use of resources. In evidence, the Speaker informed the Committee that as part of the ongoing aim of improvement, six sub-programs are

presently being reviewed and that significant changes are expected as a result of these evaluations.

- 7 One of the innovations brought to the attention of the Committee was the negotiation of a revenue retention agreement with Treasury. When questioned as to sources of the retained revenue, the Speaker informed the Committee that it flowed from the sale of goods and services in the coming twelve months. In particular, the sales of publications and the revenue received from seminar activities conducted by the Education Office made some contribution. However, the principal source of revenue comes from Hansard as a result of the contracting out of reporting services to the State Reporting Bureau. The Committee understands that there are ancillary benefits in this practice in that it allows the maintenance of reporters' skills when the House is out of session while at the same time providing a small, but valuable revenue source. It is also understood that the retention of revenue from the recently opened Parliament House Gift Shop is currently being negotiated with Treasury. The Committee is firmly of the opinion that such revenue should be retained.
- 8 The Committee's questioning of witnesses also revealed an increasing move towards the use of technology to effect savings while improving services. The Committee is satisfied that the enhanced use of technology has reduced the production cost of many publications. In addition to this, the Committee looks forward to the time when Members, staff and other clients are also able to electronically select the information or documents they require. It is understood that, to enhance this, plans are in hand to determine whether advantages exist in being able to utilise the data available through the Internet system.
- 9 Allied to these changes in the use of technology are proposals to increase the electronic access to Hansard by clients. The Committee was told that it was hoped that Hansards from 1990 would be able to be made available on CD-ROM. This would result in a production cost some 15% of that involved in producing bound volumes. While evidence was not given, it is assumed that through the use of electronic media other benefits accrue, including enhanced search and retrieval capabilities.
- 10 The Committee has also noted the decreasing price of Hansard over recent years. While in 1988 the cost per page of Hansard was \$156 this has now fallen to \$35 for the Weekly Hansard and \$16 for the Daily Hansard. At the same time, publication times have reduced. This, together with the proposal to also produce Hansard on CD-ROM, will ultimately make it more freely available and at lower cost. The Committee believes that this access to Hansard is essential to better assist the community in becoming aware of the activities, decisions and debates of their elected representatives.
- 11 Questioning by the Committee also revealed other steps being taken to better apply available funds. Some Members of the Committee were concerned that a move towards more flexible staffing arrangements in the Parliamentary Library could result in the employment of people who did not know its system and that this could decrease its efficiency. The Committee was assured by the Speaker that a review presently being undertaken was to ensure that the resources resident in the Library were being utilised to maximum efficiency. As a further indication of the support for the Library, the Speaker informed the Committee that while large cutbacks had occurred in discretionary expenditure, the Library had continued to be funded at an improved rate. He also indicated to the Committee that the Library staff establishment was 32, including 11 in

- its research section, seven in the publication and resources section, nine in the information management section and three in the information systems section.
- 12 The Committee also sought information on the extent of use of the Education Office by Members and details of the services it provided to schools. The Committee was informed that the services provided by the office are divided into three areas, namely educational information services, educational programs and protocol services. Furthermore the production of multimedia resources is a major ongoing function of the office. In the financial year 1994-95, the office processed over 300 enquiries relating to information on the processes and practices of the Parliament. This resulted in several thousand items of print materials being distributed to clients. The Committee was also told that in the financial year 1994-95 approximately 27,500 students will tour Queensland Parliament. The majority of these students come from primary and junior secondary schools. In the financial year 1994-95 the Education Office also helped develop a small parliamentary education facility at Barcaldine and it is planned to expand this facility in the financial year 1995-96. The Education and Protocol Office also conducts education programs for public servants, new Members of Parliament and parliamentary service staff. In the financial year 1994-95, 17 seminars were conducted for public service groups from individual government departments on selected parliamentary practices and processes.
- 13 In relation to underexpenditure of funds for the Committee system, the Speaker explained that this was attributable to the proposed new system not yet being in place. It was pointed out, however, that the necessary legislation had been introduced and that it was listed for debate. Expenditure in relation to this item could, therefore, be anticipated in the coming financial year.
- 14 The Committee believes that all Members are concerned that the level of equipment available to them is sufficient to allow them to properly discharge their functions and duties to their electors. This concern resulted in a series of questions about accommodation, levels of equipment and secretarial support. The Committee was told that in the financial year 1994-95, 12 Members were relocated to more appropriate office accommodation to deal with problems of space, access, security and expired tenancies. In addition, an allocation of funds had been made for new computer equipment and action to acquire the equipment was well advanced.
- 15 The Committee also sought information as to whether any provision had been made for additional support for those Members who represented large electorates. The Committee was informed that the Parliamentary Service Commission had previously decided that the matter would not be dealt with during the current Parliament.
- 16 Finally, questions were also raised about the use of consultants by the Parliamentary Service. It was explained that these fall into different categories. First, were the provisions made by Parliamentary Committees to employ consultants to provide specialist advice in relation to complex matters which could arise during the course of investigations. Second, information technology consultants were employed, through the Information Policy Board, to provide advice on current trends in software and hardware development and to advise on future strategies to take advantage of the rapidly changing services and products available. Third, external and internal audits of the Service's accounts are required by the *Financial Administration and Audit Act* and these fall into the category of consultants. Finally, the processing charges paid to CITEC for use of the Queensland Government Financial Management System also fall into this category. It

is this system which maintains accounts payable, and the general ledger and assets systems.

## General Comments

- 17 This is now the second year in which the appropriation for the Parliament has been contained in a separate Bill. This important step in ensuring the separation and independence of the Parliament from the Executive was originally recommended by the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission. It is important that this separation of Parliament from the Executive continues to be recognised and, wherever practicable, to be sought.
- 18 In this respect, the Committee notes that the Speaker indicated that the Budget put forward to the Treasury by the Parliamentary Service Commission, with some changes, is that which is now contained in the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill*. The Committee believes that the Parliament's independence and administration of its own affairs should be strengthened at every possible opportunity so that no perceptions can arise which may detract from its purpose and functions.

## The Estimates Committee Procedure

- 19 This is now the second year of Estimates Committee hearings and it is appropriate that the Committee pass some comment on the processes and procedures adopted by the House for the conduct of the Committees.
- 20 With any new system, there will be areas which can be improved to better produce the intended final result. With Estimates Committees, that result is a thorough examination of the estimates of expenditure of the Executive Government, and a justification of its allocation of funds and performance in delivering appropriate outcomes.
- 21 While this year the level of familiarity with the system and its requirements resulted in a greater level of confidence, there is still a need for certain aspects to be reviewed. This was discussed by the Committee and was also the subject of questioning during the Committee's public hearing. It cannot be too highly stressed that the proper scrutiny and accountability of the Executive area of government is an essential part of the democratic process. It is also obvious to the Committee that the Estimates process results not only in greater public accountability but also forces departments to regularly examine their internal operations and assess their own performance. It is also clear that ultimately all stakeholders, including Departments, Ministers, Members of Parliament and the public, benefit from the process.
- 22 The Committee believes that the time is now right to further consider undertaking a review of the system to ensure that the greatest possible benefits can be achieved from it. In evidence to the Committee it was suggested that this could be carried out by the Parliament and this suggestion is supported by some Members of the Committee as being the most appropriate approach.
- 23 In performing a review there are many areas which should be examined. First, the timetabling of the hearings imposes unnecessary time constraints which impact on the different committees in different ways. For Estimates Committee A there is little time to prepare for hearings into what are major policy areas of the Government. In contrast to this, Estimates Committee F has far greater time to prepare, but limited time in which it



can consider its findings. The problems thus created are exacerbated by holding each committee's hearings on only one day, limiting the depth of questioning able to be carried out. It has been suggested by some Members that this could be overcome by having committees hold public hearings over two days and by having concurrent sittings of two committees.

- 24 During meetings of this Committee it has also been proposed that a more structured approach could be achieved by undertaking questioning on a program basis. However, it is not possible to do this effectively within the constraints imposed by the existing time limits without limiting, for some Members, the extent of questioning they wish to pursue on certain areas. For example, a move from one program to another partway through a 20 minute time allocation is immediately thwarted if, in the next time period, it is necessary to go back to complete a previous line of questioning. The relative advantages of the two systems needs to be considered to maximise the effectiveness of the estimates process.
- 25 Some Members also believe that the scope of allowable questioning needs more precise definition and that a proper examination of the Budget should extend beyond proposed expenditures to include the revenue which will finance them. This matter is one which could also be included in any review carried out. Similarly, while it is agreed that the documentation supplied is an improvement over the previous year, it is felt by some individual Members that greater detail at sub-program level should be included and that the inclusion of outcomes as well as outputs would provide a basis for more realistic evaluations of program effectiveness.

## Conclusion

- 26 The Committee appreciates the co-operation afforded to it by the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Parliamentary Service. The Committee thanks these officials on their preparedness and willingness to provide the Committee with full and frank responses to its questions, thereby providing proper accountability to the Parliament.
- 27 The Committee has agreed to the proposed expenditures referred to it, without amendment.

## Recommendation

- 28 The Committee recommends that the proposed expenditure be agreed to.

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**Mr Tom Barton MLA**  
**Chairman**

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of Meeting held 22 May 1995

#### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 1995  
at 7.10 pm in Room B.27  
Parliament House, Brisbane**

1.     **Present:**                   Mr T Barton MLA  
                                      Mr R Borbidge MLA  
                                      Mr J Budd MLA  
                                      Mr K Davies MLA  
                                      Mrs D McCauley MLA  
                                      Mr W Nunn MLA  
                                      Mrs J Sheldon MLA
- In Attendance:**       Mr D Martin, Research Director  
                                      Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer

2.     **Appointment of Committee**

The Research Director referred to the Sessional Orders of 31 March 1995 appointing Estimates Committees and announced that, pursuant to a resolution of the House of 31 March, the above listed Members were appointed Members of Estimates Committee A.

3.     **Election of Chairman**

By leave of the Committee, the Research Director proceeded to the election of the Chairman.

Mr Barton was nominated by Mr Davies and seconded by Mr Budd.

And there being no further nominations, Mr Barton was declared elected and took the Chair.

4.     **Election of Deputy Chairman**

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman.

Mr Borbidge, by leave, made a statement indicating that no Member of the Opposition would contest the position.

Mr Budd was nominated by Mr Davies and seconded by Mr Nunn.

And there being no further nominations, Mr Budd was declared elected.

## 5. Allocation of Times for Departments

The Chairman circulated a list of possible time allocations for Departments for consideration by Members of the Committee.

After discussion it was agreed that the following allocation and timetable would be adopted for the hearing to be held on 30 May 1995:

Speaker	1 hour	11.30 am - 12.30 pm
Lunch		12.30 - 2.00 pm
Premier - Agencies		
Governor	10 mins	2.00 - 2.10 pm
Ombudsman	20 mins	2.10 - 2.30 pm
Auditor General	30 mins	2.30 - 3.00 pm
Premier - Department	2 hours, 30 minutes	3.00 - 5.30 pm
Treasurer	1 hour, 20 minutes	5.40 - 7.00 pm
Evening Meal		7.00 - 8.00 pm
Treasurer	1 hour, 10 minutes	8.00 - 9.10 pm
Housing & Local Government	2 hours, 30 minutes	9.10 - 11.40 pm

## 6. General Business

The Committee agreed, after discussion, that:

- (i) It would be appropriate for Government and non-Government Members to sit as two separate groups;
- (ii) Answers to questions taken on notice be required to be forwarded to the Committee by 5.00 pm on Friday 2 June, unless otherwise ordered;
- (iii) No "at Table" briefings by Members' staffs take place;
- (iv) In accordance with Sessional Orders, leave be given to non-Committee Members to ask questions during the hearing;
- (v) In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Procedures to be Observed by Assembly Committees regarding Witnesses, any deliberation on Chairman's rulings be conducted in private;

- (vi) If the time allocation for a Department is not substantially filled during the hearing, the Committee suspend until the starting time for the next period;
- (vii) Members to notify either the Research Director or Senior Research Officer as to what further briefing material is required from Departments, and
- (viii) Ministers be permitted to make a short introductory statement.

The Committee also discussed the method of calculation of time periods, the need for clearly seen time clocks and the scope of questioning to be allowed.


#### 6. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that it would next meet in Room B.27 at Parliament House on 29 May 1995 at 5.30 pm.

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7.52 pm.

Confirmed this twenty-ninth day of May 1995,

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CHAIRMAN

## Minutes of Meeting held 29 May 1995

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 May 1995  
at 5.50 pm in Room B.27  
Parliament House, Brisbane**

1. **Present:** Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr J Budd MLA  
Mr W Nunn MLA  
Mrs J Sheldon MLA
- In Attendance:** Mr D Martin, Research Director  
Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer
- Apologies:** Mr R Borbidge MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
Mrs D McCauley MLA

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

On the motion of Mr Budd, seconded by Mr Nunn, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 1995 were confirmed.

3. **Arrangements for Public Hearing**

The Committee discussed arrangements for the public hearing to be held on 30 May 1995.

4. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee agreed that, following the public hearing on 30 May 1995 at 11.30 a.m., it would meet on 31 May 1995 at 12 noon in Room 6.45 of the Parliamentary Annexe.

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7.10 pm.

**Confirmed this thirty - first day of May 1995,**



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**CHAIRMAN**



## Minutes of Proceedings held 30 May 1995

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of Hearings of Estimates Committee A  
held at 11.30 am on 30 May 1995 in  
the Legislative Council Chamber  
Parliament House, Brisbane**

#### 1. MEETING

The Committee met in public session at 11.30 am.

The following Members of the Committee were present:

Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr R Borbidge MLA  
Mr J Budd MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
Mrs D McCauley MLA  
Mr W Nunn MLA  
Mrs J Sheldon MLA

The Chairman, Mr Tom Barton, took the Chair.

#### 2. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman made an introductory statement concerning the Committee's consideration of proposed expenditure contained in the *Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 1995* and the *Appropriation Bill 1995* for the areas set out in the Sessional Orders.

#### 3. EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES

##### **Parliamentary Service Commission**

In attendance was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Jim Fouras MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr R D Doyle	Clerk of the Parliament
Ms M Cornwell	Deputy Clerk of the Parliament
Mr R Fick	Manager, Corporate Services
Mr M Hickey	Manager, Finance

The Committee examined the witnesses.

Mr A Fitzgerald MLA, by leave, also asked questions.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

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Suspension of Sitting

The sitting was suspended at 12.31 pm.

Resumption of Sitting

The Committee resumed at 2.00 pm.

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**Office of the Governor**

In attendance was the Honourable W K Goss MLA, Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr J O'Connor	Official Secretary
Mr E Bigby	Executive Director, Government and Corporate Services
Mr L Harris	Acting Director-General
Mr T Leighton	Director, Financial Services

The Committee examined the witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and Mr J O'Connor withdrew.

**Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations**

Mr F King, Deputy Parliamentary Commissioner, and Mr M Schafer, Director, Organisational Services, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, attended.

The Committee examined the witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and Mr King and Mr Schafer withdrew.

**Queensland Audit Office**

Mr B Rollason, Auditor-General, Mr A Skippington, Assistant Auditor-General, and Mr G Davis, Manager, Financial Services, attended.

The Committee examined the witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and Mr Rollason, Mr Skippington and Mr Davis withdrew.

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**Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development**

The following officers attended:

Office of the Cabinet

Dr G Davis

Director-General

Public Sector Management Commission

Dr B Head

Chair

The Committee examined the witness.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

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**Suspension of Sitting**

The sitting was suspended at 5.10 pm.

**Resumption of Sitting**

The Committee resumed at 5.40 pm.

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**Treasury Department**

In attendance was the Treasurer, the Honourable K E De Lacy MLA, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr G Bradley

Under Treasurer

Mr M Gray

Deputy Under Treasurer

Mr G Poole

Assistant Under Treasurer  
(Office of the Under Treasurer)

Mr M Lawrence

Assistant Under Treasurer  
(Corporate Services)

Ms J Macdonnell

Executive Director (Office of State Revenue)

Mr S Rochester

Chief Executive Officer (Qld Treasury Corporation)

Mr D Balwin

Acting Director, Financial Services Branch

The Committee examined the witnesses.

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**Suspension of Sitting**

The sitting was suspended at 7.00 pm.

**Resumption of Sitting**

The Committee resumed at 8.00 pm.

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The Committee continued its examination of witnesses.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

### **Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning**

In attendance was the Honourable T Mackenroth MLA, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning, accompanied by the following officers:

Mr K Smith	Director General
Housing Services	
Mr T Waters	Acting General Manager, Housing Services
Mr A Ackfun	Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Division
Mr P Edmonds	Acting Manager, Home Ownership Division
Ms J Clark	Acting Manager, Rental & Community Housing Division
Housing Production Services	
Mr T Cripps	Acting General Manager, Housing Production Services
Mr F Turvey	Manager, Production Management Division
Planning Services	
Mr K Yearbury	General Manager, Planning Services
Mr W Rowe	Manager, Planning Policy and Information Division
Local Government Services	
Mr M Tucker	General Manager, Local Government Services
Mr P Woolley	Manager, Local Government Finance Division
Financial Services	
Mr I Fulton	General Manager, Financial Services
Mr C Callioni	Manager, Financial Policy and Management Division
Ms J Parker	Manager, Financial Accounting & Reporting Division
Organisational Services	
Mr B Hunt	General Manager, Organisational Services
Ms J Phillips	Acting Manager, Information Services Division
Executive Services	
Ms L Apelt	Director, Executive Services
Mr A McKinnon	Manager, Queensland Bureau of Animal Welfare
Mr C Matheson	Acting Manager, Cabinet Legislation & Liaison Unit

Office of Rural Communities

Ms E Fraser

Principal Policy Officer

The Committee examined the witnesses.


Mr J Goss MLA, Mr K R Lingard MLA, and Miss F Simpson MLA, by leave, also asked questions.

The Committee concluded its examination and the witnesses withdrew.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 11.31 pm.

**Confirmed this 31st Day of May 1995**

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**CHAIRMAN**



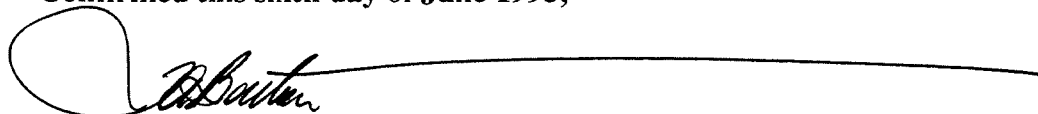
## Minutes of Meeting held 31 May 1995

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 May 1995  
at 12 noon in Room 6.45  
Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe, Brisbane**

1. **Present:**  
Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr R Borbidge MLA  
Mr J Budd MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
  
**In Attendance:**  
Mr D Martin, Research Director  
Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer  
  
**Apologies:**  
Mrs D McCauley MLA  
Mr W Nunn MLA  
Mrs J Sheldon MLA
2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
  
On the motion of Mr Budd, seconded by Mr Davies, the Minutes of the Meetings held on 22 May and 30 May 1995 were confirmed.
3. **Discussion of Outcomes of Public Hearing**  
  
The Committee discussed the public hearing held on 30 May 1995 and matters appropriate to be included in its Reports to the Assembly.
4. **Time and Date of Future Meetings**  
  
The Committee agreed that it would meet on 6 June 1995 at 11.30 am in Room A.35 and on 7 June 1995 at 11.30 am in Room A.17.
5. **Adjournment**  
  
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12.22 pm.

Confirmed this sixth day of June 1995,



**CHAIRMAN**

## Minutes of Meeting held 6 June 1995

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 1995  
at 11.35 am in Room A.35  
Parliament House, Brisbane**

1. **Present:**  
Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr R Borbidge MLA  
Mr J Budd MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
Mrs D McCauley MLA  
Mrs J Sheldon MLA  
  
**In Attendance:**  
Mr D Martin, Research Director  
Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer  
  
**Apologies:**  
Mr W Nunn MLA
2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
  
On the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Mr Borbidge, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 May 1995 were confirmed.
3. **Receipt of Answers to Questions on Notice**  
  
The Committee noted the responses to questions taken on notice at the Public Hearing held on 30 May 1995.
4. **Circulation of Chairman's Draft Reports**  
  
Copies of the Chairman's Draft Reports Nos 1 and 2 were circulated to Members.
5. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**  
  
The Committee confirmed that it would next meet on 7 June 1995 at 11.30 am in Room A.17, Parliament House.
5. **Adjournment**  
  
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11.45 am.

Confirmed this seventh day of June 1995,



CHAIRMAN

## Minutes of Meeting held 7 June 1995

### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 1995  
at 11.30 am in Room A.35  
Parliament House, Brisbane**

At 11.30 am:

**Present:**

Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr J Budd MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
Mr W Nunn MLA

**In Attendance:**

Mr D Martin, Research Director  
Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer

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And 30 minutes having elapsed and a quorum not being present,  
at 12 noon the Chairman suspended the meeting until 3.30 pm.

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At 3.30 pm:

1. **Present:**

Mr T Barton MLA  
Mr R Borbidge MLA  
Mr K Davies MLA  
Mr W Nunn MLA  
Mrs J Sheldon

**In Attendance:**

Mr D Martin, Research Director  
Mr D Thannhauser, Senior Research Officer

**Apologies:**

Mr J Budd  
Mrs D McCauley

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

On the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Mrs Sheldon, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6 June were confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

On the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Mrs Sheldon, inwards correspondence was received and outwards correspondence confirmed.

### 4. Authorisation of Publication

On the motion of Mrs Sheldon, seconded by Mr Davies, it was resolved:

That the Committee authorises the publication of all documents presented to it in the course of its hearings and authorises publication of written replies and other documents forwarded to it.

### 5. Consideration of Chairman's Draft Reports

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Chairman's Draft Reports Nos. 1 and 2 in relation to estimates of expenditure referred to the Committee pursuant to Sessional Orders.

On the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Mr Nunn, it was resolved:

That, in relation to the Legislative Assembly, the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the Chairman's Draft Report No. 1, as amended, be adopted as the Report of the Committee and be tabled by the Chairman on 13 June 1995, together with supplementary material.

On the motion of Mr Davies, seconded by Mr Nunn, it was resolved:

That, in relation to the Office of the Governor, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, Queensland Audit Office, Department of the Premier, Economic and Trade Development, Treasury Department and Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning and Office of Rural Communities, the proposed expenditures be agreed to and that the Chairman's Draft Report No. 2, as amended, be adopted as the Report of the Committee and be tabled by the Chairman on 13 June 1995 together with supplementary material.

Mr Borbidge and Mrs Sheldon indicated on behalf of Opposition Members that a Statement of Reservations would be attached to Report No. 2.

### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3.50 pm.

Certified correct this eighth day of June 1995



CHAIRMAN