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DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

Section 8 of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951* reads as follows:—

8. The Duties of the Committee are—

- (a) to examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Commonwealth and each statement and report transmitted to the Houses of Parliament by the Auditor-General in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of section fifty-three of the *Audit Act 1901-1955*;
- (b) to report to both Houses of the Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Parliament should be directed;
- (c) to report to both Houses of the Parliament any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them, or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys; and
- (d) to inquire into any question in connexion with the public accounts which is referred to it by either House of the Parliament, and to report to that House upon that question,

and include such other duties as are assigned to the Committee by Joint Standing Orders approved by both Houses of the Parliament.

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FOREWORD.

On 14th May, 1958, Your Committee presented to the Parliament in the Thirty-Eighth Report an index to the first thirty-four reports of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts. This revised index now covers the forty-one reports issued by the first three Committees in the period of six years between the appointment of the First Committee on 25th September, 1952, and the presentation of the Forty-First Report, the last report of the Third Committee, on 25th September, 1958.

The method of compilation of this Index is similar to that adopted in the first index. Topics have been listed under main subject headings and then is indicated the number of report and the page or the first of a succession of pages in that report where the topic will be found. Commonwealth departments are indexed uniformly under the key name of the department, e.g., "Trade Department" and not "Department of Trade". Authorities whose formal titles commence with "Commonwealth" or "Australia" are so indexed with a cross reference under a commonly used name, for example, "Australian Wheat Board" is indexed under "Australian" with a cross reference under "Wheat Board". Treasury Minutes, conveying to the Committee the action taken by the Treasury and departments on their reports, are indexed under "Treasury Minutes".

The following example will illustrate the way in which the index is to be interpreted:—

"RECRUITING CAMPAIGN—

Provision in Army votes

.. 20/12, 20; 25/30, 39; 27/46."

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The Committee will continue to add to the Index from time to time.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

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Chairman.

R. C. DAVEY

Secretary,
Joint Committee of Public Accounts,
Parliament House,
Canberra, A.C.T.

3rd December, 1959,

PERSONNEL OF THE FIRST THREE COMMITTEES.

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(Appointed 25th September, 1952.)

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Senator the HON. H. S. SEWARD.

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Secretary: N. R. CAFFIN, ESQUIRE. (From January, 1953.)

SECOND COMMITTEE.

(Appointed 11th August, 1954.)

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P. H. BAILEY, ESQUIRE. (From March, 1955.)

Appointed Minister of State for Shipping and Transport on 28th September, 1955; resigned 12th October, 1955.

† Appointed 12th October, 1955.

THIRD COMMITTEE.

(Appointed: Senate, 16th February, 1956.)

H. of R., 22nd February, 1956.)

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