APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

REPORT FROM ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

The Committee has considered the following proposed expenditures:

Department of the Treasury Department of Finance Advance to the Minister for Finance Department of Science and the Environment Postal and Telecommunications Department Department of Employment and Youth Affairs Department of Industrial Relations Department of Industry and Commerce Department of Business and Consumer Affairs Department of Housing and Construction Department of Education Department of Productivity Department of National Development Department of Trade and Resources Department of the Special Trade Representative Department of Transport Department of Primary Industry

The following resolution and expressions of opinion have been agreed to:

 In relation to the proposed expenditure for the Department of the Treasury:

> That recognising the severe damage which blatant tax avoidance schemes and tax evasion cause through the loss of revenue and the reduction in the equity of the tax system, the committee endorses the Government's moves to increase the financial and personnel resources of the Taxation Office so as to facilitate more effective prevention of blatant tax avoidance schemes and evasion.

(2) In relation to the proposed expenditure for the Department of Education:

> That this Committee is of the view that the Commonwealth Government should present to the Commonwealth Grants Commission (in its examination of the relativities as between the States under the tax sharing arrangements) a submission detailing the resources which in its view should be available per pupil to each State to enable primary and secondary school pupils attending government and non-government schools to be provided with a standard of schooling considered to be adequate.

> > V.J. MARTIN CHAIRMAN

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