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PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

FORTY-THIRD GENERAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Public Works Committee Act 1969, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has the honour to report the proceedings of the Committee during the period 1 January to 31 December 1979.

TWENTY-FIFTH COMMITTEE

1. Members of the Twenty-fifth Committee were appointed in the Senate on 22 February 1978 and in the House of Representatives on 1 March 1978. They were Senators B.F. Kilgariff, J.I. Melzer, H.W. Young, Messrs. M.H. Bungey, S.E. Calder, D.F.C., B.C. Humphreys, A.W. James, L.K. Johnson and M.E. Sainsbury. At the first meeting of the Committee on 2 March 1978, Mr. M.H. Bungey was elected Chairman and Mr. L.K. Johnson, Vice-Chairman.

PROPOSALS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

2. The Committee presented ten reports to Parliament during 1979, two of which related to proposals referred in 1978. Three proposals referred in 1979 remain to be reported on and these reports will be tabled early in 1980. Details of the references and reports are in the tabulated summary at Appendix A.

MEETINGS

3. The Committee met on 50 occasions during 1979. These meetings were held to take evidence at public and in-camera

hearings, carry out inspections and to undertake private deliberations and took place in Canberra (29), Brisbane (5), Sydney (4), Darwin (3), Surfers Paradise (3), Perth (2), Cairns (2) and Oakleigh (2).

4. Under the Public Works Committee Act, the Committee is not permitted to sit while the Parliament is in session unless the approval of Parliament is obtained, which was the case for two meetings in Brisbane. Apart from those two occasions, all other meetings were held outside Parliamentary sitting hours.

5. A review of the evidence taken at the ten Committee inquiries reveals that well over 5000 pages of transcript were taken during the examination of witnesses whose number averaged 20 per hearing. This amount of evidence approximates the total evidence taken during the Committee's record year in 1972 when 35 reports were tabled. It indicates the Committee's determination to thoroughly research projects. The Committee's desire to investigate in more depth proposals referred to it, together with the requirement to meet outside sitting hours, placed a heavy burden on Committee members.

REVIEW OF REPORTS PRESENTED DURING 1979

6. In recent years, it has been found desirable to commence public hearings with an opening statement by the Chairman to inform both departmental officials and the public the authority by which the Committee is empowered to conduct its inquiry. The Committee believes it appropriate to re-state this authority, namely Section 17 (3) of the Public Works Committee Act, which is as follows:

"(3) In considering and reporting on a public work, the Committee shall have regard to:-

- (a) the stated purpose of the work and its suitability for that purpose;
- (b) the necessity for, or the advisability of, carrying out the work;
- (c) the most effective use that can be made, in the carrying out of the work, of the moneys to be expended on the work;

- (d) where the work purports to be of a revenue-producing character, the amount of revenue that it may reasonably be expected to produce; and
- (e) the present and prospective public value of the work. "

7. During 1979, the Government did not accept the Committee's recommendation that the Redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport (Report 10/79) be deferred. An expediency motion that the work proceed as planned was passed by the House of Representatives on 22 November 1979 (Hansard p. 3409). See also reference in Appendix A.

8. The Minister for Transport's expediency motion stated inter alia "It is normal procedure for Government decisions on major investments in public works to be justified in full cost/benefit economic analysis". If this is to be normal procedure the Committee suggests that such an analysis should be included in future departmental evidence as an appendix.

9. On 7 December 1979, the Minister for Defence announced that the Committee's recommendation that it was not expedient to proceed with the proposed Australian Defence Force Academy had been rejected by the Government. The Minister's statement included the following:

"Parliament will be informed as to the Government's reasons for not accepting the Public Works Committee's report"

and

"The location of the Academy, the time and details of its construction remain for further consideration".

10. The Committee is disturbed that rejection of its recommendations were not accompanied by the Government's reasons for its decision. Like other Parliamentary Committees, the Public Works Committee can only make recommendations to the Parliament based on its investigations - it is the Government's responsibility to make a final decision. In this case, the

Government's action appears to disregard the Parliament, and indeed appears to attack the basis of the Parliamentary Committee system.

11. The Committee endorses the following editorial appearing in the Canberra Times of 13 December 1979;

"The Parliamentary Committee system, whatever governments might think about it, provides the only method by which thorough public scrutiny can be brought to bear on the activities of the Government ... In committees, Members are able to give the most workmanlike examination of the proposals before them and have the opportunity to examine relevant experts in the fields of inquiry as well as testing the basics of the propositions put before them. Such examinations are among the major guarantees of the electorate that Parliament does not become a mere rubber stamp for the executive Government".

12. Both the above proposals were referred for examination by the Committee several years after Government approval. Consequently, considerable expense had already been incurred in the preparation of drawings, site examination etc and in the case of Brisbane Airport, \$11 million had already been spent on acquisition of land. The Committee believes that it is both desirable and timely to refer to some aspects of the examination of works proposals which it has had under consideration since mid-1979 and which were referred on an information basis to the Department of Housing and Construction for study.

13. The Committee believes that projects such as the Defence Force Academy and the Brisbane Airport Development could well justify two separate hearings rather than the single omnibus hearing as is presently the case. The Committee would then be able to examine and report on proposals before detailed drawings are prepared and the cost outlayed at that stage would be minimal. Should the Committee report unfavourably and the Government wish the project to continue, the present system for debate in the House and Parliament would establish whether the project would proceed or not. If the project is to go ahead, the Department of Housing and Construction would then be in a

strong position to resolve technically the problems posed in the brief of the client department. The initial hearing would primarily be concerned with the need for a project and the final hearing would allow the Committee to determine whether the Department of Housing and Construction had taken a sensible, practicable and economic approach to resolving the problems. It is suggested that this proposition be examined by the Government.

14. Notwithstanding the outcome of the above review, the Committee strongly supports the view that public expenditure on public works should at all times continue to receive the closest public scrutiny.

15. The Committee has sometimes been criticised for delays of works and costs of hearings. Apart from the long hearing into the Defence Force Academy, the Committee's average time of inquiry between date of reference in Parliament and the tabling of its report is 3 months, which is certainly not considered excessive. The cost of hearings is minimal, particularly when compared to the total cost of works referred to the Committee during 1979, well over \$200 million.

16. The cost of a typical hearing, the New Terminal Complex, Coolangatta Aerodrome, from 3 - 5 July 1977, as advised by the Department of Housing and Construction was \$4200. This cost included salaries, overheads and travel costs for the Department's witnesses and other support staff who attended the hearing and the setting up of a display.

PROPOSALS REPORTED ON BY THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE 1974-1978

17. At Appendix B is a tabulated summary of progress to date of all works reported on by the Committee covering the period 1974-1978 as at December 1979.

18. For brevity, the reports on each project have been condensed to the essentials considered to be of interest to Parliament. The Department of Housing and Construction can provide further information to expand on any projects of particular interest.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ACT -
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT
(PARLIAMENTARY PAPER NO. 105/74)

19. In its previous General Report, the Committee stated that it had been given to understand that legislation would be introduced into Parliament during the Autumn Session (1979). The Committee has now been advised that legislation aimed at widening the ambit of the Public Works Committee to include selected statutory authorities continues to be under consideration. The Committee is disturbed that no action has been taken on this long outstanding matter.

20. The Committee, under the provisions of the current Act, is prevented from inquiring into much of the capital expenditure of the Commonwealth Government, especially that expended by the National Capital Development Commission and by various non-commercial statutory authorities. Again, capital works under \$2 million are not normally referred for examination by the Committee. The Interdepartmental Committee particularly recommended the extension of the powers of the Committee into such areas, and such extension would enable more satisfactory Parliamentary scrutiny of capital expenditure by the Commonwealth.

21. The Committee calls on the Government to give immediate consideration to amendment of the Public Works Committee Act along the lines recommended by the Interdepartmental Committee of 1974.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS

22. Under Section 26 (1) of the Public Works Committee Act, the Committee may appoint a person to be an assessor to assist it in relation to an inquiry.

23. Section 26 (2) states that a person is not qualified for appointment as an assessor unless he possesses engineering or other technical knowledge or, in relation to the matter the subject of the inquiry, special local knowledge or experience.

24. During its inquiry into the Defence Force Academy in 1978, the Committee sought the assistance of a former First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to examine and report on the estimated costs of the various alternative schemes for the Academy. The assessor's contribution was found to be of great assistance to the Committee.

25. During the year under review, the Committee appointed an Assistant Director, Projects, of the Department of Housing and Construction as an assessor for its inquiry into the Patrol Boat Base, Cairns. For its inquiry into the Redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport - Initial Works of Phase 1, an airport planning engineer of the Department of Transport was appointed.

26. On both these inquiries the assessors were able to render valuable assistance. It is the intention of the Committee to continue to appoint assessors from time to time as and when it deems it desirable.

NON-REFERENCE OF DEFENCE WORKS

27. One reference of work for defence purposes was exempted by the Governor-General in Council under paragraph 18 (8) (c) of the Public Works Committee Act.

WORKS EXCEEDING PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REFERENCE LIMIT
OF \$2 MILLION DURING DOCUMENTATION/TENDERING STAGE

28. During debate in the House of Representatives in 1974, on an amendment to the Public Works Committee Act to include a definition of the term "estimated cost", it was suggested that the Committee should include in the General Report details of those works, the initial estimated cost of which was less than \$2 million (and were therefore not referred to the Committee) but whose final cost exceeded the mandatory reference figure of \$2 million.

29. During the year ending 31 December 1979, there were no projects which at the Limit of Cost estimate stage were below \$2 million and subsequently exceeded \$2 million due to cost increases.

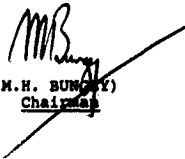
APPRECIATION

30. The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to those who gave evidence as witnesses or who assisted during site inspections. We are grateful to the officers of the various departments, particularly, the Department of Housing and Construction.

31. We are also grateful to the Principal Parliamentary Reporter, the Government Printer and respective staffs, for their co-operation and service.

STAFF

32. The Committee was served by Mr. R.B. Fenton as Secretary, Mr. P.J. Roberts as Assistant Secretary, Mr. M.B. Ward, and Mrs. J.R. Thompson.


(M.H. BUNNEY)
Chairman

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,
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CANBERRA, A.C.T.

6 March 1980.

APPENDIX A
REPORTS PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE DURING 1979

Date Report Referral	Proposed Work	Date and Number of Report	Report Presented	Expenditure Proposed when Referred to Committee	Expenditure Recommended by Committee	Rollin For Expediency Passed	Remarks
8.11.79	Workshop, amenities building and services - Garden Island dockyard.	22. 1.79 (1/79)	22. 2.79	\$ 7 350 000	\$ 7 350 000	7. 3.79	Recommended.
16. 3.79	Perimeter Fence Academy, MCF	22. 5.79 (2/79)	31. 5.79	\$ 52 800 000	\$ 39 047 000	-	Not recommended as proposed. Expenditure to be met by Single-Session Challenge.
8. 3.79	Research Laboratory Complex for CSIRO's Division of Chemical Technology, Clayton, Vic.	10. 5.79 (1/79)	25. 5.79	\$ 9 100 000	\$ 9 100 000	30. 5.79	Recommended.
28. 3.79	Patrol Boat Base, Cairns, Qld.	22. 5.79 (4/79)	30. 5.79	\$ 8 800 000	\$ 8 800 000	31. 5.79	Recommended with minor amendments.
5. 4.79	Royal Australian Navy Research Laboratory (RANRL), Relocation to Pyrmont, NSW	5. 7.79 (5/79)	22. 8.79	\$ 2 540 000	\$ 2 540 000	25.10.79	Recommended.
31. 5.79	New Terminal Complex, Coolangubra Pier, NSW	13. 9.79 (6/79)	26. 9.79	\$ 4 550 000	\$ 4 465 000	27. 9.79	Recommended. Reduction in expenditure due to cost of diversion of flood mitigation works being transferred to 1979/80 State Program.
13. 7.79 (Executive Council)	Patrol Boat Base, Newcastle, NSW	20. 9.79 (1/79)	26. 9.79	\$ 18 300 000	\$ 17 750 000	27. 9.79	Recommended. Reduction in cost estimates to original estimates.
2. 7.79 (Executive Council)	Crop Adaptation Laboratory, Black Mountain, NSW	27. 9.79 (6/79)	11.10.79	\$ 2 800 000	\$ 2 800 000	25.10.79	Recommended.

APPENDIX A
 REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE DURING 1979

Date Proposal Referred	Proposed Work	Date and Number of Report Presented	Expenditure Proposed Referred to Committee	Expenditure Recommended by Committee	Action of Agency Passed	Remarks
2. 7.79	National Biological Standards (Executive Laboratory and Australian Dental Council) Standards Laboratory, Symonston, M.C.	6.11.79 (9/79)	\$ 26 000 000	\$ 26 000 000	30.11.79	Recommended.
28. 7.79	Development of High-rise International Airport, Old - Initial Works of Phase 1.	20.11.79 (10/79)	\$ 98 000 000	\$ 13 000 000	22.11.79	The Committee agrees that the proposed works are satisfactory but should be deferred until at least 1986. The existing O4/22 runway should be strengthened and a tumbled 300 metres as an interim measure. This recommendation was not accepted.
20. 9.79	Replacement of Cranes, Cockatoo Island Dockyard, B.M.		\$ 42 000 000			
25.10.79	Rehabilitation of Radio Australia Facilities, Cox Peninsula, NT.		\$ 10 000 000			
22.11.79	Solismorby Army Development, Stage 2, B.M.		\$ 10 300 000			Report not yet presented.

APPENDIX B
 INFORMATION RE PROPOSALS REPORTED ON BY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 1974-1978
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Project and number of report	Hearing Dates	Estimated Cost at Hearing	Tender Estimate/ Price	Final Cost/ Current Estimate	Current Position	Anticipated Completion Date	APPROXIMATE	
							\$M	\$M
Reports tabled in 1974								
Australian Radiation Laboratory Mildura, Vic. (5/74) See Note 1	12-13.9.74	3.6	6.4	6.7	Complete	April 1979		
Central Health Laboratory, Woden A.C.T. (4/78) See Note 2	22.8.74	4.4	7.2	7.8	Referred to the Committee as a Department of Health project. The project was subsequently programmed as an H.C.D.B.C. Project. - 90% Complete.	May 1980		
New Telephone Exchange, Hymersket, M.S.N. (3/74)	21.8.74	7.0	8.2	13.0	Complete	December 1979		
Animal Health Laboratory, Geelong, Vic. (6/74)	9-11.9.74	67.0	83.0	93.1	Work commenced March 1978. Initial works on foundations and basement complete. Detail design proceeding. Final completion date pending. Work commenced to March 1983 following a Government decision that the project should be funded over an estimated additional cost of 37%. - 20% complete.	March 1983		

Note 1:

The tender price increased over the estimated cost at the PMC Hearing due to general cost escalation during the documentation period 1976.

Note 2:

The tender price increased over the estimated cost at the PMC Hearing due to general cost escalation over the intervening period viz between March 1974 and October 1977.

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Reports tabled in 1975						
Rehabilitation Centre, Tomsville, Qld. (1/74)	6-7.11.74	2.3	3.1	3.5	Complete	February 1979
Central Hospital Services Complex, Cairns, A.C.T. (Stage 2) (1/75)	9.12.74	2.4	2.9	3.2	Complete	May 1978
Orchestra Studio and Music Centre, Brisbane, Qld. (2/75)	3-4.2.75	2.3	2.8	3.5	Complete	September 1977
Australian Government Centre, Perth, W.A. (1/75)	18-19.3.75 30.4.75	45.0 (1 Stage) 46.0 (2 Stages)	-	-	Project cancelled.	-
Road Safety and Standards Authority Offices at Albany/Perth (5/75)	29.4.75	9.0	-	-	Project cancelled	-
Telephone Exchange Buildings, Esseliff, M.S.W. (6/75)	1.5.75	3.4	3.2	3.9	Complete	March 1979
Telephone Exchange Building, Deakin, A.C.T. See Note 3 (7/75)	8.7.75	13.5	9.2	9.1	Work commenced February 1977. - 90% complete.	February 1980

Note 3: In November 1976 the pre-tender estimate was made and the earlier estimate was found to be conservative. It was adjusted to \$11.2M to reflect market conditions. In the event, tender prices were higher than anticipated. Subsequent tender prices for these sub-contracts were also very high. The tender price was reduced to \$9.2M in response to a request for cost reductions. The expected final cost of the project also reflects the deferral, at Telecom's request, of the installation of some services.

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Reports tabled in 1976						
Mural Transmitter Buildings & Power Plant for balancing Central Supply Box, N.T. Mechanical (9/75)	7.8.75 June 1980	4.5	-	5.7	5.8	Complete, and testing of Equipment.
Camerra Hospital - Extensions to Podium Stage 1 (11/75) Estimated responsibility	1.9.75	8.2	-	-	-	Project indefinitely, it would be the of MDC.
Multi-Storey Ward Block, Repatriation General Hospital Greenslopes, Qld. (12/75)	13.10.75 September 1980	12.3	10.8	12.0	Work commenced	- 70% complete.
Development of Navy Supply Centre and Army Workshop Facility at Defence Establishment, Perth, W.A. (1/76)	15.6.76	14.2	Progressive Committd.	14.8	Security fencing commenced September 1977 and was completed - 60% complete.	December 1982
Consolidation into Bankstown of the Bankstown and Licamarc Plants operated by Hawker de Havilland Australia Pty Ltd. (1/76)	27.10.76	7.1	7.1	10.6	Project handed over progressively. Only one component incomplete. Scope of work reduced by 31% after P.M.C.	September 1980

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Reports tabled in 1977						
Modernisation of H.M.A. Naval Dockyard (Stage 2), Williamstown, Victoria. (3/77)	29.11.76	24.0	Progressive Comittal	26.6	Project composed of four phases Phase A (\$7.1m) was commenced in August 1976. - 95% complete. Phase B (\$3.5m) Work commenced September 1976. - 50% complete. Phase C (\$8.0m) Work commenced September 1976. - 10% complete. Part 1: Work commenced September 1976. Part 2: Expected to be on for completion in 1977. Part 3: Expected to be on for completion in 1977. Phase D (\$2.0m) Expected to be on for completion in 1982/83 Works Program.	February 1980 October 1980 October 1981
Law Courts Buildings, Alice Springs (2/77)	7.2.77	3.2	2.9	3.1	Work commenced June 1978. - 80% complete.	June 1980
Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Point Cook, Victoria (3/77)	18.4.77	2.6	Progressive Comittal	3.0	Project composed of two stages Stage 1 (\$1.9m) completed. Stage 2 (\$1.7m) Work commenced April 1978. - 80% complete.	December 1978 April 1980
Antarctic Division Headquarters and Hobart Regional Laboratory, Australian Government Scientific Laboratories, Kingston, Tasmania (9/77)	28-29.6.77 29-30.6.77	7.3	8.0	8.4	Work commenced October 1978. - 45% complete.	August 1980
Development of the Military Area at Runderick, N.S.W. (5/77)	7-8.6.77	13.0	Progressive Comittal	14.1	Project composed of two phases Phase A (\$8.0m) Work commenced February 1978 and was completed June 1979. - 25% complete. Phase B (\$5.1m) Work commenced August 1978. - 25% complete. All 'B' accounts proceeding.	June 1981

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	SH	SH	SH	SH		
Animal Quarantine Station, Murrumbidgee, N.S.W. (7/77)	9.6.77	4.6	4.6	4.2	Site access road commenced May 1978 and was completed July 1978. Main contract commenced August - 70% complete.	May 1980
Analytical Laboratory, Pymble, N.S.W. (8/77)	8-9.8.77	6.8	7.0	6.7	Work commenced April 1979 - 15% complete.	June 1981
Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Runderick, N.S.W. (6/77)	14.7.77	17.4	Progressive Comittal	18.1	Project composed of two stages Stage 1 commenced November 1977. - 90% complete. Stage 2 (\$2.0m) Work commenced November 1977. - 25% complete.	August 1980 June 1982
Beef Cattle Research Laboratory, Queensland, Qld. (10/77)	27-28.9.77	5.4	5.4	5.0	Site preparation contract commenced July 1978 and was completed January 1979. Main contract commenced March 1979. - 40% complete.	June 1980
Development of Headquarters Operational Command, R.A.A.F., Glenbrook (11/77)	17.10.77	8.3	Progressive Comittal	9.5	Project composed of four phases Phase 1 (\$1.4m) Work commenced February 1979. - 90% complete. Phase 2 (\$2.0m) Work commenced March 1980. - 50% complete. Phase 3 (\$2.4m) Expected to be on for completion in 1980/81 Works Program. Phase 4 (\$2.5m) Expected to be on for completion in 1981/82 Works Program.	March 1980 June 1982 December 1982

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Reports tablod in 1978								
Re-development of Airways Facilities Adelaide Airport, S.A. (1/78)	20-21.4.78	2.4	Progressive Commital	2.6	Civil works commenced March 1978 February 1981 and were completed December 1979. Building contracts will be let in January and April 1980. - 5% complete.	April 1981		
Offshore High Security Animal Quarantine Stations, West and Coles (Eastling) Islands (2/78)	12.5.78	6.4	Progressive Commital	6.4	Work commenced March 1978. - 35% complete.	April 1981		
National Acoustics Laboratory and Ultrasonics Institute, Chatswood, N.S.W. (3/78)	12-13.6.78	12.0	Progressive Commital	12.0	Contract commenced May 1979 and was completed December 1979. Bulk excavation proceeding and building tenders to be called in January 1980. - 5% complete.	January 1983		
Re-development of Military Area Stage 2 Esplanade Q10. (5/78)	3.8.78	17.3	Progressive Commital	17.7	Project commenced March 1979 and was completed July 1979. complete. Phase B (SS.M) Mess alterations May 1981 will be completed in December 1979. Phase C (SS.M) Mess alterations to be completed on 1980/81 Works Program.	December 1980		
Development of Army Site Stage 1, Bowditch Vic. (6/78)	1.11.78	29.5	Progressive Commital	30.5	Site clearing commenced October 1979 and was completed December 1979. - 1% complete.	November 1982		

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NOTE: 1. The estimated cost of proposals when referred to the Public Works Committee is based on prices current at the time the estimate is prepared. The cost of the estimate is quoted to the Committee. In accordance with Department of Finance Policy, no provision is made for the escalation of building costs.

2. Costs have been rounded to one decimal point.

3. Current estimates include the effects of changes which have occurred to award wages and material prices, but do not attempt to forecast future movements.

4. The percent completion shown for projects relates to physical progress.

5. Projects which have become the responsibility of the A.T. Government have been omitted from this report.

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