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The DEPUTY PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m. and read prayers.

QUESTION—PARLIAMENT HOUSE GARDENS.

Hon. C. F. BAXTER asked the Chief Secretary: 1, Is it a fact that the Parliament House gardens are being transferred to the control of the State Gardens Board? 2, If so—(a) under what authority is this being done; (b) is this an insinuation that the Joint House Committee are incapable of controlling the gardens?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, No. An arrangement has been made under which the State Gardens Board will manage Parliament House Grounds under the direction of the Joint House Committee. 2, Answered by No. 1.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.34]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President or the Deputy President.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.36 p.m.

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QUESTION—SECESSION, COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Somerville's Position.

Mr. LATHAM asked the Premier: 1, Is it intended to make a temporary appointment to the Arbitration Court in the absence of Mr. Somerville? 2, Is it intended to continue payment of Mr. Somerville's salary as a member of the Arbitration Court during the time he is in the employment of the Commonwealth Government?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS (for the Premier) replied: 1, Yes. 2, The leave granted Mr. Somerville does not carry with it any obligation regarding payment of salary by the State. There are very few precedents in this State on which to base a decision, but the matter is being enquired into.

QUESTION—NORTH-WEST, MEDICAL INSPECTION OF CHILDREN.

Mr. LATHAM asked the Minister for Health: Did Dr. Stang receive any portion of a boat fare or other remuneration from the Government on the understanding that school and other children would be medically examined by her in December, 1932?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS (for the Minister for Health) replied: Yes: £6 12s. 6d., being proportion of return fare, Fremantle to Onslow. Owing to circumstances over which Dr. Stang had no control, the actual examination of children proved to be impossible.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, leave of absence for two weeks granted to Mr. Coverley