

PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TWENTY FOURTH REPORT
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

IMPLEMENTATION OF
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Presented by the Hon. N F Moore (Chairman)

The Standing Committee was appointed, pursuant to Legislative Council Standing Order 38 on 7 April 1982 with the following terms of reference:

- (i) To make such examination as it deems necessary and to inquire into the purpose, finance, accountability, extent, nature, administrative control and methods of State Government agencies, including statutory corporations, primary produce boards, regulatory and quasi-judicial bodies, trustees of government agencies, advisory committees and local and regional bodies (excluding municipal authorities) that are the subject of legislation of the Western Australian Parliament, with the exception of those agencies listed in the Schedule to these Orders.
- (ii) To report to the House upon any matter concerning the government authorities referred to in paragraph (i) or any recommendations for abolition or amalgamation of them, or any findings particularly in regard to the productivity, efficiency, economy, effectiveness, organisation and circumstances connected with them to which the Committee thinks the attention of the House should be directed.
- (iii) To inquire into and report to the House upon any question in connection with government agencies which is referred to the Committee by resolution of the House.
- (iv) To inquire into and where necessary, report to the House when, in the view of the Committee, any agency duplicates all or part of the work of another.
- (v) To recommend as it deems necessary the application of the "Sunset" principle to any government agency.

The "Sunset" principle is defined as a process whereby a government agency's existence is automatically terminated after a certain period unless specific re-authorising legislation is enacted.

Members of the Committee:

Hon Norman Moore (Chairman)
Hon Tom Stephens (Deputy Chairman)
Hon John Halden
Hon Barry House
Hon Murray Montgomery
Hon Doug Wenn

Staff of the Committee:

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**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) The Committee's Report to the House of October 19 1989 (Twenty-Third Report) considered the fate of the various recommendations made by the Committee in its Reports over the years.
- (2) The Report expressed the Committee's frustration firstly with the time taken by the parties responsible for the Agencies responding to the Committee's recommendations and secondly, with the seeming lack of consideration being given by the Government to some of its Reports.
- (3) The Report recommended a change to the Standing Orders of the House to require a response to its Reports.
- (4) The Report was, however, not considered by the House and no decision was made on the Committee's recommendation.
- (5) Accordingly, the Committee again recommends as follows:

"That the following clause be inserted into the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council:

After tabling, the Clerk shall send to the responsible Minister, a copy of any Report recommending action by, or seeking a response from, the Government. The Leader of the Government or the responsible Minister (if a Member of the Council) shall, within 4 months, report the Government's response to the House. Where the House is adjourned at the time the response is provided, it shall be given forthwith to the Committee and reported to the House at the earliest opportunity."

