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**TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT**

OF THE

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FOR  
1990**

Presented by the Hon N F Moore (Chairman)

**27**

June 1991



The Standing Committee was appointed, pursuant to Legislative Council Standing Order 38 on April 7 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.
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- (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 reauthorising legislation is enacted.

#### Members of the Committee:

Hon Norman Moore (Chairman)  
Hon Tom Stephens (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon John Halden  
Hon Max Evans (until May 1990)  
Hon Barry House (from May 1990)  
Hon Murray Montgomery  
Hon Doug Wenn

#### Staff of the Committee:

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## PREVIOUS REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

- First Report: November 1982.
- Second Report: "Government Agencies in Western Australia".  
First Edition: July 1983.  
Second Edition: May 1985.  
Third Edition: November 1987.  
Fourth Edition: December 1989.
- Third Report: "Annual Reporting Requirements for Government Agencies":  
December 1983.
- Fourth Report: "Review of Operations 1984": February 1985.
- Fifth Report: "Review of Annual Reports for 1984": February 1985.
- Sixth Report: "A Framework of Accountability for Government Agencies": June  
1985.
- Seventh Report: "The Urban Lands Council of Western Australia": September 1985.
- Eighth Report: "Review of Operations for 1985": July 1986.
- Ninth Report: "Resumption of Land by Government Agencies – Proposals for  
Reform": August 1986.
- Tenth Report: "A Review of the Lotteries Commission of Western Australia":  
November 1986.
- Eleventh Report: "1985/86 Annual Reports of Government Agencies": December 1986.
- Twelfth Report: "Review of Operations for 1986": April 1987.
- Thirteenth Report: "Resumption of Land by Government Agencies – Final Report": May  
1987.
- Fourteenth Report: "A Review of Coal Industry Agencies": June 1987.
- Fifteenth Report: "A Review of the Builders' and Painters' Registration Boards":  
September 1987.
- Sixteenth Report: "Delayed Payment of Accounts by Government Agencies": December  
1987.
- Seventeenth Report: "Review of Agencies – A Statement of Principle": December 1987.
- Eighteenth Report: "Review of Operations for 1987": December 1987.
- Nineteenth Report: "The Use of Plain English in Government Writing: Some Preliminary  
Findings": May 1988.

- Twentieth Report: "Review of Country High School Hostels' Authority":September 1988.
- Twenty-First Report: "The Financial Management and Accountability of the State Government Insurance Commission and Corporation" (Interim Report): December 1988.
- Twenty-Second Report: "Review of Operations for 1988": April 1989.
- Twenty-Third Report: "Review of Previous Committee Reports – Implementation of Recommendations": October 1989.
- Twenty-Fourth Report: "Implementation of Committee Recommendations": June 1990.
- Twenty-Fifth Report: "Review of Operations for 1989": July 1990.
- Twenty-Sixth Report: "The Financial Management and Accountability of the State Government Insurance Commission and Corporation – Final Report": July 1990.

Mr President

I am pleased to submit to the House, the Seventh Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies for the 1990 calendar year.

The year under review could best be described as frustrating, as the departure of the Committee's Advisory/Research Officer in April resulted in no replacement officer being available for the rest of the year. Consequently, the Committee's intended programme and activities were severely curtailed, resulting in possible inquiries being deferred indefinitely. It is anticipated that this situation will be overcome in the year ahead.

During 1990, one new member, the Hon Barry House, joined the Committee replacing the Hon Max Evans and I was elected Chairman in May. Despite the problems with staffing, I certainly appreciated the efforts of all members in the work that was carried out.

Three Reports were tabled during the year and these are outlined below -

- No. 24 - "Implementation of Committee Recommendations": June 1990.
- No. 25 - "Review of Operations for 1989": July 1990.
- No. 26 - "The Financial Management and Accountability of the State Government Insurance Commission and Corporation - Final Report": July 1990.

Whilst the Committee had no major inquiries in progress at the end of 1990, several issues have already been identified as worthy of investigation and will be given priority in 1991.

N F MOORE, MLC  
CHAIRMAN

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Standing Committee on Government Agencies was established by the Legislative Council on April 7 1982. The first members were appointed to the Committee on April 21 1982. The establishment of the Committee was a direct result of the report of the Select Committee on Government Agencies which was appointed by the legislative Council on October 1 1980.
- 1.2. Support for the Committee's establishment was derived from all political parties in the Legislative Council. The impetus for the Committee's establishment may be found in general expressions of concern about the limited information available with regard to the extent and operation of government agencies, and the degree to which those agencies are accountable to parliament for their actions.
- 1.3. The Committee held its first meeting on April 21 1982. In the period April 1982 to December 1990 the Committee published 26 reports including four revised editions of the Second Report. In addition the Committee has published reports on three Bills referred to the Committee by the Legislative Council.



## PART 2: FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

### Functions

- 2.1. The functions of the Committee are laid down in Legislative Council Standing Order 38.(g). Standing Order 38.(g) is set out as Appendix 1 to this Report.
- 2.2. In summary, the Standing Orders require the Committee to:
  - (a) inquire into the purpose, finance, accountability, extent, nature, administrative control and methods of government agencies;
  - (b) report to the Legislative Council on its inquiries and, as appropriate, make recommendations for the abolition or amalgamation of government agencies;
  - (c) inquire into, and report on, any question in connection with government agencies which is referred to the Committee by the Legislative Council;
  - (d) inquire into, and report on, any duplication of effort by government agencies; and
  - (e) recommend as necessary the application of the sunset principle to any government agency.
- 2.3. The term "government agency" is not exclusively defined by the Standing Orders. However Standing Order 38(g)(1)(i) provides that "government agency" includes any "statutory corporations, primary produce boards, regulatory and quasi-judicial bodies, trustees of government agencies, advisory committees and local and regional bodies" which are the subject of Western Australian legislation. Municipal authorities are specifically exempted from the Committee's jurisdiction as are a number of specific bodies. While not all government departments have been specifically exempted from the Committee's jurisdiction, the Committee has resolved not to examine matters relating to government departments until the matter is considered more fully in the context of a review of Standing Order 38(g).

### Objectives

- 2.4. In carrying out its functions, the Committee aims to achieve the following objectives:
  - (a) increased public knowledge of the size, activities and performance of the government agency sector in Western Australia;
  - (b) improved accountability of all government agencies in Western Australia; and
  - (c) improved efficiency and effectiveness in the government agency sector in Western Australia.

## PART 3: MEMBERSHIP, STAFF AND PROCEDURE

### Membership

- 3.1. The Committee consists of six members appointed by the Legislative Council. Members are appointed from all three political parties represented in the Legislative Council. Unlike other Standing Committees of the Legislative Council, the President of the Council is not an *ex officio* member of the Committee.
- 3.2. In May, the Hon Norman Moore was elected the new Committee Chairman. The Hon Tom Stephens was elected Deputy Chairman.
- 3.3. Also in May, the Hon Max Evans, left the Committee and was replaced by the Hon Barry House. The Committee wishes to record its appreciation for the contribution made by the Hon Max Evans, since joining the Committee in 1988.
- 3.4. At the end of the 1990 parliamentary year the members of the Committee were –
  - \* The Hon Norman Moore, MLC (Chairman) (LIB)
  - \* The Hon Tom Stephens, MLC (Deputy Chairman) (ALP)
  - \* The Hon Barry House, MLC (LIB)
  - \* The Hon John Halden, MLC (ALP)
  - \* The Hon Murray Montgomery, MLC (NPA)
  - \* The Hon Doug Wenn, MLC (ALP)

### Profile of Committee Members

#### 3.5. Hon Norman Moore (Chairman)

##### *Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region*

Mr Moore was born in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia and educated at Bullfinch Primary School and Northam Senior High School. He completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education at the University of Western Australia and a Teachers' Higher Certificate at Claremont Teachers College.

Mr Moore taught at a number of District High Schools (DHS) and was the Principal of the Tom Price DHS in 1975 and Principal of the Laverton DHS in 1976.

Mr Moore was elected to Parliament in 1977 and between 1980/82 was the Parliamentary Secretary of the Cabinet in the Court Government. In 1982 he became a member of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies.

He was also the Chairman of the Select Committee of Inquiry into Aboriginal

Poverty in 1984/85. Mr Moore has also held various positions in the Shadow Cabinet during his Parliamentary career. Mr Moore was elected Chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies in May 1990.

### 3.6. Hon Tom Stephens (Deputy Chairman)

*Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region*

Mr Stephens was born in Sydney and educated at St Gregory's Marist Brothers Agricultural College, Campbelltown NSW. Studied Philosophy and Theology as part of an uncompleted course of studies for the Catholic Priesthood. Mr Stephens then completed an Arts Degree at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Mr Stephens worked with Aboriginal Community projects in Redfern, and then in the Kimberley region and was the inaugural administrator of the Kimberley Land Council. He also worked as the Research Officer for the Federal member for Kalgoorlie, Graeme Campbell, before entering parliament at a by-election in July 1982.

Since being elected to parliament in 1982, Mr Stephens has served on Select Committees of the Legislative Council looking into Aboriginal Poverty and Aboriginal Funding programs. He also served as a member of the Select Committee looking into the SEC's advance purchase of coal from Western Collieries in 1988 and on a Privileges Committee on the Legislative Council in the same year.

Mr Stephens was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies from September 1989 until May 1990.

### 3.7. Hon Max Evans (until May 1990)

*Member for the North Metropolitan Region*

Mr Evans was born in Western Australia and educated at Scotch College. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1954 and was admitted as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia in 1961. Since 1958, he has been a senior partner of Hendry Rae and Court. Served as President of the Perth Chamber of Commerce 1982-84, Inaugural President of the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry 1984-85 and Hon Treasurer of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry 1983-85.

Mr Evans entered Parliament in 1986 and since 1988 has served as a member of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies and a member of the Select Committee looking into the SEC's advance purchase of Coal from Western Collieries.

Mr Evans is a member of the Shadow Cabinet and serves as Shadow Minister for Budget Management, Sport and Recreation.

### 3.8. Hon Barry House (from May 1990)

#### *Member for the South West Region*

Mr House was born in Western Australia and educated at Busselton Senior High School. Mr House completed an Economics Degree at the University of Western Australia and a Teaching Certificate at Nedlands College of Advanced Education.

Before entering Parliament, Mr House was a School Teacher at Kalgoorlie, Kewdale, Churchlands and Busselton Senior High Schools. Mr House has worked in Insurance and has managed a number of part-time businesses. Mr House is a former Busselton Shire Councillor and an active sportsman.

Mr House was first elected to the Legislative Council in 1987, and serves as a member of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies and a member of the Select Committee on Parole.

Mr House is a member of the Shadow Cabinet and serves as Shadow Minister for Youth, Lands and Regional Development.

### 3.9. Hon John Halden

#### *Member for the South Metropolitan Region*

Educated at Melville Primary School and Scotch College, Mr Halden completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Social Work at Curtin University.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Halden worked in various public service departments, including Corrective Services and Community Services where he worked in the Child Protection Unit and as a counsellor in the Family Law Courts.

In 1986 Mr Halden was elected to Parliament as the Member for North Metropolitan Province and in 1989 was elected as Member for South Metropolitan Region, where he lives.

In 1989 Mr Halden became a member of the Government Agencies Committee and was elected Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Parole Review.

Mr Halden is also a Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Minister for Labour Relations and Consumer Affairs.

### 3.10. Hon Murray Montgomery

#### *Member for the South West Region*

Mr Montgomery was born in Mt Barker, Western Australia and educated at Albany Primary School, Scotch College and Great Southern Regional College. He worked mainly in farming and is currently working on his own farm located east of Albany.

Mr Montgomery was involved in the WA Farmers' Federation for 16 years, eight of those years at a State level. He also served on the Albany Chamber of Commerce



and was appointed to the Albany Port Authority in 1988.

Mr Montgomery was elected to Parliament in February 1989. Besides the Government Agencies Committee, Mr Montgomery is also a member of the Select Committee on Aquaculture and Mariculture.

### 3.11. Hon Doug Wenn

#### *Member for the South West Region*

Mr Wenn was educated at Carey Park Primary School and Bunbury Senior High School. He completed a course at Leederville Technical College where he qualified as a Painter and Decorator.

Mr Wenn subsequently worked as a painter and decorator, he later joined Telecom. Over his working life Mr Wenn has had a variety of jobs including owning and running taxis and various take-away food outlets.

Mr Wenn entered Parliament in 1986 as Member for the South West Region. During his Parliamentary career, Mr Wenn has been a member of the Select Committee on Charitable Collections and the Select Committee on Agricultural Salinity, and became a member of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies in 1989.

Mr Wenn is also Deputy Whip in the Legislative Council and Chairman of Committees.

#### Staff

3.12. The Committee has a staff of three:

Advisory/Research Officer:	Ms Helen Cripps, B.Com (until April 1990)
Secretary:	Miss June McKinnon
Word Processor Operator:	Ms Jan Paniperis (until September 1990)

3.13. Only Ms Cripps was employed specifically for the Committee, as a contractual employee. With her departure in April, no replacement Advisory/Research Officer was employed.

Both Miss McKinnon and Ms Paniperis are permanent members of the Legislative Council's staff and they perform duties other than those relating to the Committee's operations.

3.14. The Committee's staff were previously located at 1 Harvest Terrace, West Perth. However, from December 1990, the Committee office moved to 1110 Hay Street (WANG Building). This new office area contains three parliamentary meeting rooms and is the intended location for all future Committee meetings.

Procedure

- 3.15. Unless the Committee decides otherwise, all its meetings are open to members of the public and representatives of the media. The Committee met on 16 occasions during 1990 for an average of 1½ hours each meeting. The attendance of members at meetings was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Hon Norman Moore	16
Hon Tom Stephens	14
Hon Barry House (from May 1990)	12
Hon Murray Montgomery	16
Hon John Halden	12
Hon Doug Wenn	14
Hon Max Evans (until May 1990)	4

- 3.16. Information concerning the Committee's schedule for meetings is available from the Committee's Secretary.

- 3.17. Any member of the Legislative Council may participate in a public meeting of the Committee and question witnesses, unless the Committee decides otherwise. Only Committee members may, however, vote during Committee deliberations.

- 3.18. The Committee is empowered to summons persons to attend and give evidence before the Committee, and to require the production of papers and records.

- 3.19. The Committee is also empowered to take evidence on oath or affirmation. The Committee has never exercised this power. Witnesses are, however, advised of sections 57 and 59 of the Criminal Code 1913 which (respectively) provide that it is a crime to knowingly give false answers to questions asked before a parliamentary committee and that it is a misdemeanour to refuse to answer any lawful and relevant question asked before a parliamentary committee.

## PART 4: MAJOR PROJECTS OF 1990

- 4.1. As stated previously, with the departure of the Committee's Advisory/Research Officer in April (and the fact that a replacement officer was not available for the rest of the year) the 1990 programme was severely curtailed and consequently no major inquiries were undertaken. It is envisaged that a more extensive programme of investigation will be conducted during 1991.
- 4.2. "Terms of Reference and Procedure" for an intended inquiry into the Establishment and Scrutiny of Government Agencies were finalised and the inquiry should be initiated next year when the new Advisory/Research Officer is appointed.
- 4.3. A number of Government Agencies were interviewed throughout the year, as part of an ongoing policy of the Committee meeting regularly with representatives of different agencies. These agencies were often randomly chosen and the meetings were generally considered to be a meaningful exercise.
- 4.4. Three Reports were tabled in the House during the year and the recommendations made by the Committee are outlined below.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.5. The Recommendations contained in the Committee's Report of the year 1990 are as follows:

Report 24 "Implementation of Committee Recommendations": June 1990.

### Recommendation

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.

- 4.6. **Report 25 "Review of Operations for 1989": July 1990 (incorporated the recommendations from Report 2 "Government Agencies in Western Australia" Fourth Edition).**

**Recommendation**

That the Government establish formal machinery for compiling information on government agencies and that it publish, on a regular basis, details of the agencies in operation including the names and terms of appointment of board members.

That all agencies should be the subject of an Act of Parliament rather than subordinate legislation and that where a number of agencies are to be established under the same provision they should be listed in a Schedule to the Act which could be amended as and when necessary.

That a Directory of Government Agencies and other governmental organisations should be produced and regularly revised. The Directory should include details of the services provided, the availability of grants, facilities for hearing appeals, procedures for instituting complaints and so on. There are numerous examples of such documents at both the Commonwealth and State level in Australia which might serve as a guide.

- 4.7. **Report 26 "The Financial Management and Accountability of the State Government Insurance Commission and Corporation - Final Report": July 1990.**

**Recommendation**

That the Committee recommend to the House that an amendment be made to s.91 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985 to clarify the situation of access by Committees of the Parliament to papers held by the Auditor General.



## PART 5: FINANCE

- 5.1. The operations of the Committee are funded entirely out of the budget allocation for the Legislative Council. The primary expenses generated by the Committee's operations are staff salaries, advertising, the costs of producing and publishing reports, and travel costs. Members of the Committee (including the Chairman) receive no remuneration over and above their normal parliamentary salaries for their service on the Committee. All expenditure requires the approval of the Clerk of the Legislative Council.
  
- 5.2. In the 1989 Annual Report, it was proposed that future Annual Reports of the Committee would provide a detailed statement of payments/expenditure for the year. However, as the Committee was not able to conduct any major inquiries, expenditure was negligible and related to administrative costs only. These costs will not be documented in this Report.

**Standing Committee on Government Agencies**

38.(g)(1) The duties of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies shall be as follows -

- (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 Standing 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 Standing 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 Standing Committee by resolution of the House.
- (iv) To inquire into and where necessary, report to the House when, in the view of the Standing 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 reauthorising legislation is enacted.

- (2) (i) Unless otherwise ordered, the Standing Committee shall consist of six members.
- (ii) A majority of its members constitutes a quorum of the Standing Committee.
- (iii) All members of the Standing Committee shall have access to Committee records, files and materials.

Other than information available from public sessions of the Committee no information obtained through the Committee may be released without the consent of the Committee and any disclosure will be a breach of Parliamentary Privilege.

- (iv) The Standing Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three members of the Committee, and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to consider.

The quorum of a sub-committee shall be two members.

- (v) Each sub-committee of the Standing Committee is part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable.
- (3) The Standing Committee shall elect one of its members as Chairman. In the event of an equality of votes the Council shall appoint the Chairman.
- (4) The Standing Committee may from time to time appoint a member of the Committee to be Deputy-Chairman and the member so appointed shall act as Chairman of the Committee at any time when there is no Chairman or the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.
- (5) The Chairman, or the Deputy-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall have a deliberative vote, and in the event of an equality of voting shall also have a casting vote.
- (6) A Member of the Council though not a member of the Standing Committee may participate in its public sessions and question witnesses, unless the Committee orders otherwise, but shall not vote.
- (7) The reference of a matter by the Council to the Standing Committee shall be on Motion after Notice.  
Any such Motion shall take precedence of Government and Private Business set down for that day.
- (8) The Standing Committee shall not inquire into any matters which are being examined by a Select Committee of either House of Parliament or a Joint Committee specially appointed to inquire into such matters and any questions arising in connection therewith may be referred to the Council for determination.
- (9) The Standing Committee shall have power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to commission reports and performance audits whenever it may be necessary and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament.
- (10) The Standing Committee shall, in so far as is practicable, require each witness who is to appear before it to file with the Committee (in advance of his or her appearance) a written statement of the proposed testimony and to limit the oral presentation at such appearance to a brief summary of his or her declarations.
- (11) The Standing Committee shall consider applications by witnesses to be heard in private session and no evidence or testimony taken in private session may be released without the consent of the Committee.
- (12) Unless otherwise ordered by the Council, all records and all documents received by the Standing Committee during its inquiry shall remain in the custody of the Council after the completion of the Committee's inquiry.
- (13) The Standing Committee may sit during any adjournment or suspension of the Council and may adjourn from time to time and move from place to place.

The Standing Committee may not sit during sittings of the Council unless by order of the Council.

- (14) The Standing Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (15) Members of the public and representatives of the news media may attend and report any public session of the Standing Committee unless the Committee otherwise orders.
- (16) The Standing Committee shall be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it. A daily *Hansard* shall be published of such proceedings of the Committee as take place in public.
- (17) The Standing Committee shall, subject to the approval of the President, be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (18) In order to obtain such services, facilities, studies and reports as will best assist it to carry out its functions, the Standing Committee shall, subject to the approval of the President, be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge on a temporary or part-time basis, for the purpose of particular inquiries.
- (19) The Standing Committee shall have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and evidence taken and such recommendations as it may deem fit, and may make reports as to the progress of the proceedings of the Committee.
- (20) The reports of the Standing Committee shall be presented to the Council by the Chairman. A Minority Report may be added to any Report.
- (21) A measure or matter to be reported by the Standing Committee to the House shall be introduced by the Chairman by motion in the House.
- (22) The Standing Committee has continuous existence until such time as its existence is terminated and its successor is appointed by resolution adopted by the Council.
- (23) The Standing Committee shall publish a list of all agencies within its jurisdiction.
- (24) Except where inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of these Standing Orders or as otherwise ordered by the Council, the procedures of this Standing Committee shall be the same as that for Standing Committees excluding Standing Order 38.(b).



SCHEDULE

## (25) LIST OF THE STATUTORY AGENCIES EXCLUDED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION -

Auditor General's Department  
 Commissioner for Consumer Affairs  
 Community Welfare Department  
 Conservation and Environment, Department of  
 Corporate Affairs Commissioner  
 Education Department  
 Electoral Department  
 Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of  
 Forests Department  
 Health and Medical Services  
 Industrial Registrar  
 Lands and Surveys, Department of  
 Land Titles Office  
 Mental Health Services  
 Mines Department  
 Public Trustee  
 Public Works Department  
 Registrar of Building Societies  
 Registrar of Friendly Societies  
 Registrar General  
 Registrar of Trade Associations  
 Rural and Industries Bank  
 Solicitor-General  
 Town Planning Department  
 Transport, Director-General

## (26) LIST OF DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT STATUTORY BASE WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

Agriculture, Department of  
 Astronomical Services  
 Chief Secretary's Department  
 Corrections, Department of  
 Crown Law, Department of  
 Government Printer  
 Government Stores  
 Harbour and Light, Department of  
 Immigration Office  
 Industrial Development and Commerce, Department of  
 Labour and Industry, Department of  
 Local Government, Department of  
 Police Department  
 Premier's Department  
 Regional Administration and the North West, Office of  
 Resource Development, Department of  
 State Taxation Department  
 Tourism, Department of  
 Treasury Department

