



# PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

REPORT ON PERSONS REFERRED TO  
IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

WALLY AND ROBIN HINRICKS

Laid on the Table of the Legislative Assembly

## REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter from Wally and Robin Hinricks seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to statements made on 30 June 1999 by Hon Monty House MLA, Minister for Primary Industry.

The Committee has agreed to the attached response proposed by Wally and Robin Hinricks.

In accordance with Standing Order 114 the Committee has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made in the Legislative Assembly or in the submission.

### **Recommendation**

Your Committee recommends -

That a response by Wally and Robin Hinricks in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

CHAIRMAN

Response by Wally and Robin Hinricks  
Agreed to by Wally and Robin Hinricks and the Procedure and Privileges Committee  
pursuant to Standing Order 114

On 30 June, 1999, the Minister for Primary Industry, Mr Monty House, made a statement in Parliament relating to the finalizing of the Distribution Adjustment Assistance Scheme.

The Minister referred to seven former milk distributors who claimed they had not received adequate recompense.

The name Hinricks (one of the seven) appears on an information schedule tabled at that time. A column on that document headed 'licensed product volume (%)' lists a figure of 84.2 against our name. On page 3 of his statement the Minister claims "the licensed white milk component of their businesses averaged over 80%".

We (Hinricks) have maintained since 1993/94 that the income of our business derived from the white milk component was 61%. This figure can be proved by invoices from that time. Figures on the document tabled, relate to volume (not income) and are therefore misleading.

We stand by our statement that the income derived from the white milk component of our business was only 61%.

As well as the statement made in the House on 30 June, 1999, the Minister for Primary Industry tabled 27 pages entitled

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS RELATING TO THE DEREGULATION OF THE  
MILK DISTRIBUTION SECTOR AND TO THE DISTRIBUTION ADJUSTMENT  
ASSISTANCE SCHEME (DAAS).

This document again refers to a small group of seven milk distributors (ourselves Hinricks included).

"1999  
31 May"

"The small group of seven distributors appear not to be interested in receiving further DAAS payments but instead continue to pursue political recourse in the belief that they will force the government to pay them an amount over and above what is clearly documented as a fair and reasonable and indeed legal requirement".

It is untrue that we (Hinricks) were not interested in receiving further DAAS payments. We believed however that these DAAS payments should have been accurate and accountable. We believed that the government offer (1998) ignored the true intent of the Recommendations of Reports 3, 6 and 10 from the Standing Committee.

The calculation whereby household vendors received more than nine times their original offer was an obvious error and lacked accountability. In comparison, the calculation whereby shopround distributors received only one and a half times their original offer was not “in accordance with the guidelines of the Committee’s Sixth Report” and was neither fair nor equitable.

Our objective was not “to force the government to pay us an amount over and above what is fair and reasonable” but rather to point out to the government that the offer for our houseround business was far in excess of its proven value and the offer for our shopround business was far below its established proven value.

The tabling of the information schedule with figures relating to just seven of the 48 participants in DAAS schemes B and C was not only discriminatory but could be seen as a slur on the honesty and integrity of the seven distributors named (ourselves Hinricks included). We believe this document together with the statement made by the Minister for Primary Industry on 30 June, 1999 have adversely affected our reputation as honest citizens and business owners.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES TO PRESENT -

Mr Speaker -

I have for presentation the Procedure and Privileges Committee's Report on Persons Referred to in the Legislative Assembly.

The report is as follows -

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