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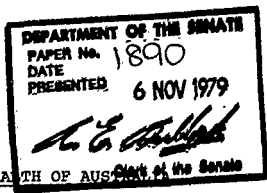


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**Joint Committee of
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JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH REPORT

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JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

TWELFTH COMMITTEE

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V.J. MARTIN, M.P. (Vice-Chairman)

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| | J.C. KERIN, M.P. ³ |

The *House of Representatives* appointed its members on 1 March 1978 and the *Senate* appointed its members on 22 February 1978.

- (1) Appointed (ex-officio) 14.3.78
- (2) Appointed 28.9.78
- (3) Appointed 18.10.78
- (4) Appointed 17.8.78
- (5) Appointed 16.10.78

The following members were discharged from the Committee on the dates shown:

J.L. Armitage, M.P., 2.5.78
J.J. Brown, M.P., 18.10.78
S.A. Lusher, M.P., 28.9.78
Senator M.A. Colston, 17.8.78
Senator J.B. Keefe, 16.10.79
Senator A.J. Messner, 17.8.78

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 8 of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1951 reads as follows:

8. *The duties of the Committee are:*

- (a) *to examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Commonwealth and each statement and report transmitted to the Houses of the Parliament by the Auditor-General in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section fifty-three of the Audit Act 1901;*
- (b) *to report to both Houses of the Parliament, with such comments as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Parliament should be directed;*
- (c) *to report to both Houses of the Parliament any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys; and*
- (d) *to inquire into any question in connexion with the public accounts which is referred to it by either House of the Parliament, and to report to that House upon that question,*

and include such other duties as are assigned to the Committee by Joint Standing Orders approved by both Houses of the Parliament.

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