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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of reference agreed to on 1 December 1994 and amended on 9 December 1994:

That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases, be appointed to inquire into and report, on or before 26 October 1995*, on the following matters:

So much of those unresolved whistleblower cases arising from the report of the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing as the committee determines necessary to be taken into account for framing the proposed Commonwealth legislation on whistleblower protection already recommended by the Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, with particular regard to:

- (a) the circumstances relating to the shredding of the Heiner documents, and matters arising therefrom;
- (b) the circumstances relating to the alleged protection of an allegedly corrupt senior police officer at the expense of other police, and matters arising therefrom; and
- (c) the role and conduct of the Criminal Justice Commission, and of present and former officers of the Commission.

* The reporting date was extended by the Senate on 30 May, 29 August and 26 September 1995.

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