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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

THE SENATE

SEVENTEENTH REPORT

from the

STANDING COMMITTEE

on

REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

(Being the First Report of the 1961 Session, and the
Seventeenth Report since the formation of the Committee.)

STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

SEVENTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances has the honour to present its Seventeenth Report to the Senate.

PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATIONS

2. Public Service Regulations, contained in Statutory Rules 1961, No. 83, were Gazetted on 6th July, 1961, and tabled in the Senate on 15th August, 1961.
3. Regulations 1 to 5 of these Regulations deal with the granting of leave, and the payment of salary while on leave, to officers and employees of the Commonwealth Public Service engaged in activities as members of the Citizen Naval Forces, the Citizen Military Forces or the Citizen Air Force. Regulation 1 provides that Regulations 2 to 5 shall have retrospective operation to 29th March, 1960 - a period of fifteen months prior to gazettal.
4. The Government announced policy in this matter on 29th March, 1960. The amount expended pursuant to this policy before it was enacted into law by regulation was approximately £58,000.
5. To delay regulations is to deny the right to either House of Parliament to approve or disapprove of the expenditure at the appropriate time - before expenditure.
6. The Committee regards the delay as inexcusable and records its opinion that future regulations giving retrospective operation of this degree should be disallowed.

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Regulations and Ordinances Committee Room.

5th October, 1961.