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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

REPORT THAT THE COMMITTEE IS UNABLE TO COMPLETE ITS
INQUIRIES INTO:

- State and Municipal Costs and Revenues
in the Australian Capital Territory

and

- Aspects of a Statutory Authority to
administer education in the Australian
Capital Territory
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PERSONNEL OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman	..	Senator R.G. Withers
Deputy Chairman	..	Mr F.M. Daly, M.P.
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		Senator G.C. Hannan
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Clerk to the Committee .. Mr D.W. Nairn

REPORT FROM THE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory was appointed on 25 November 1969 by Resolution of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the life of the 27th Parliament. The Committee was first appointed on 8 November 1956 and in each subsequent Parliament. The Resolution of Appointment of the Committee provides -

(1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to -

- (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior;

and

- (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior.

- (2) That the Committee consist of two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Prime Minister, two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee shall hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman

of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.

- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That five members of the committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.

- (11) That in matters of procedure, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (12) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory appointed in the previous Parliament relating to any matter on which that committee had not completed its inquiry.
- (13) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 1(a) of its resolution of appointment, the committee has during the life of the 27th Parliament, examined and reported to the Senate and the House of Representatives on the forty-eighth, forth-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first series

of variations to the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra. In addition, the committee has inquired into the following matters pursuant to references made to the committee by the Minister for the Interior under paragraph 1(b) of the resolution of appointment -

- . The Milk Industry of the Australian Capital Territory - Report brought up and ordered to be printed 22 May 1970.
- . Sunday Observance in the Australian Capital Territory - Report brought up and ordered to be printed 22 April 1971.
- . Employment Opportunities in the Australian Capital Territory - Report brought up and ordered to be printed 13 September 1972.

3. The Committee has undertaken two further Inquiries at the request of the Minister for the Interior into:

- . The proportion of Municipal and State Type Costs which should be met by the A.C.T. community.
- . Various aspects of a statutory authority to administer education in the A.C.T.

The terms of reference of these Inquiries are included as Appendix A of the Report.

4. The Committee has made progress with its Inquiry into State and Municipal Costs and Revenues in the A.C.T. The Committee sought submissions by public advertisement in the metropolitan daily press and by direct approach to individuals and organisations with special knowledge of the subject matter covered by the Committee's Inquiry. Evidence has been taken from the witnesses listed in Appendix B. Other submissions have been received or are in the course of preparation.

5. The Committee has by public advertisement in the metropolitan daily press sought submissions on its Inquiry into various aspects of the establishment of a statutory authority to administer education in the A.C.T.

6. In view of the useful function performed by the Joint Committee on the A.C.T. both during the life of the 27th Parliament and in the past, and in view of the importance of the two matters referred for Inquiry which will remain uncompleted at the

dissolution of the House of Representatives,
it is recommended that the Committee be re-appointed
in the new Parliament. It is further recommended
that the new Parliament give its new Committee power
to consider and make use of the records of the present
Committee in order to carry forward and ultimately
to report on the uncompleted work carried out in
the present session.

October 1972



R.G. WITHERS
Chairman

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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN INQUIRY INTO THE
PROPORTION OF MUNICIPAL AND STATE-TYPE COSTS
WHICH SHOULD BE MET BY THE A.C.T. COMMUNITY

Municipal Accounts for Canberra were first published in December 1970. The accounts generally reflect the traditional practices followed by local government authorities in Australia, being based on the concept that municipal facilities and services including water supply and sewerage facilities should be paid for mainly by property holders through rates and service charges. Against this background and having regard to the special features of Canberra as the National Capital:-

- (a) Should the capital, maintenance and operating costs of all present and proposed municipal-type facilities and services in the A.C.T. be borne in full by the local community?
 - (b) If not, what costs or proportion of costs should be met by the local community?
 - (c) Also, to what extent, if at all, should residents of the A.C.T. be required to contribute financially towards the costs of provision of State-type facilities and services in the A.C.T.?
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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF INQUIRY INTO
ASPECTS OF A.C.T. EDUCATION

In the light of the Government's decision to establish a statutory authority to administer schools and pre-schools in the Australian Capital Territory to recommend what powers and responsibilities should be vested in the statutory authority and when it should be established.

In framing its recommendations to take account of the following:

- (a) current and probable developments in education in Australia and overseas;
 - (b) sources of supply of teachers for the A.C.T. and the existence of a Commonwealth Teaching Service;
 - (c) the need to co-ordinate the activities of the government and non-government sector of education;
 - (d) the extent to which citizens of the Australian Capital Territory should participate in policy formulation in relation to education in the Territory;
 - (e) the compatibility of any proposals with the present provisions for the general administration of the Australian Capital Territory;
 - (f) the fact that in determining the physical human and financial resources to be made available to education in the Australian Capital Territory account must be taken of the resources available to education authorities in the States and other Commonwealth Territories;
 - (g) the needs for pre-service and in-service training of teachers;
 - (h) relations with the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advanced Education and specialised educational institutions.
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Appendix B

LIST OF WITNESSES

- ARCHER, Mr R.W., Assistant Secretary, National Capital Development Commission, Canberra.
- BOWLER, Mr P.J., Director, General Policy Section, Department of Education and Science, Canberra.
- DAVEY, Dr N.W., Assistant Secretary, Commonwealth/State Financial Relations Branch, Revenue Loans and Investment Division, The Treasury, Canberra.
- DAVIS, Mr C.H.C., Assistant Secretary, Public Finance, A.C.T. Division, Department of the Interior, Canberra.
- ENGLEDOW, Mr L.W.B., Acting City Manager, Department of the Interior, Canberra.
- FOSKETT, Mr R.A., Assistant Secretary, Territorial Planning, A.C.T. Education Services Branch, Department of Education and Science, Canberra.
- LANSDOWN, Mr R.B., Associate Commissioner, National Capital Development Commission, Canberra.
- LAWRENCE, Mr W.E., Executive Officer, Budgeting, Public Finance Branch, Department of the Interior, Canberra.
- MOREY, Mr J.W., Assistant Director, A.C.T. Territorial Education, Department of Education and Science, Canberra.
- NEUTZE, Dr G.M., Urban Research Unit, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.
- PECK, Mr B.P., Acting Director, A.C.T. Education Services Branch, Department of Education and Science, Canberra.
- STOKES, Mr J.B., Acting Assistant Secretary, Works and Mainland Territories Branch, Defence and Works Division, The Treasury, Canberra.
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