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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE VICTORIAN CASINO INQUIRY

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Senator the Hon Robert Ray

Senator John Woodley

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DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

On 8 May 1996 the Senate resolved as follows:

- (1) That a select committee be appointed, to be known as the Victorian Casino Inquiry Select Committee, to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) the adequacy of Commonwealth legislation in relation to casino licensing, in particular:
 - (i) the effectiveness with which the Corporations Law operates in respect of casinos, including those laws dealing with company directors, and
 - (ii) the need for uniform legislation to establish standards and procedures for the licensing of casinos;
 - (b) the adequacy of the Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988 in respect of transactions within casinos;
 - (c) whether the granting of any licence to any casino within Australia has affected Australia's overseas reputation; and
 - (d) whether a full judicial inquiry, Royal commission or other form of inquiry is required into Victoria's Crown Casino, with particular reference to:
 - (i) the tendering process for its licence, and
 - (ii) whether Australia's best interests have been adequately protected during the tendering process with particular reference to the record and reputation of the tenderers.

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