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TO: ALL STAFF

Commission Hearings - Timetable

The Commission has adjourned hearing today.

2. It will resume on Tuesday 5 August until Thursday 7 August; and on the following week Tuesday 12 August until Friday 15 August 1986 (all days inclusive).



J F Thomson  
Secretary

31 July 1986


MINUTE

To: All Staff

Commission Hearings- Timetable

The Commission adjourned yesterday until Thursday 31 July, which has been set down as a return day for subpoenaed documents. After that, the next hearings will commence on Tuesday 5 August and go through until, probably, Friday 8 August.

2. The hearing by the High Court of substantive issues raised by Mr Justice Murphy in his proceedings against the members of the Commission and the Attorney-General will take place on 6 and 7 August, in Canberra. Mr Robertson and Mrs Sharp will attend.

  
J F Thomson  
Secretary

25 July 1986



MINUTE

Mr Smeaton  
Ms Willis

Further Hearing by the Commission

The Commission adjourned today 17 July until 10 am on Tuesday 22 July. It is likely that the resumed hearing will go over 23 July until about noon on 24 July (subject to developments in the course of the hearing). After that, the Commission will resume on Wednesday 30 July and thereafter sit 4 days each week until the taking of evidence is complete. It is not settled yet whether the Commission will sit Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday - this may vary from time to time and will be notified.

2. Would you ensure the usual arrangements please.

J F Thomson  
Secretary

17 July 1986



**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

28 May 1986

The Secretary,  
Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry


**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Enclosed for your information is an extract from Journals of the Senate No. 106, dated 27 May 1986, relating to the appointment of members to the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Governor-General's message notifying Royal Assent to the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986.

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(P.N. MURDOCH)  
Clerk-Assistant  
Table Office

  
Governor-General 0

Message No 7

Proposed law intituled:

Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said law.

Government House,  
Canberra.

13 MAY 1986

THE SENATE

*Extract from JOURNALS OF THE SENATE*

No. 106 dated 27 May 1986

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS—

*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 337

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate of the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day:

That, in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986*—

- (a) the Honourable Sir George Hermann Lush, the Honourable Sir Richard Arthur Blackburn and the Honourable William Andrew Wells be appointed members of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry, and
- (b) The Honourable Sir George Hermann Lush be appointed the Presiding Member.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 20 May 1986

JOAN CHILD,  
Speaker

The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with section 4 of the *Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986*—

- (a) the Honourable Sir George Hermann Lush, the Honourable Sir Richard Arthur Blackburn and the Honourable William Andrew Wells be appointed members of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry, and
- (b) The Honourable Sir George Hermann Lush be appointed the Presiding Member.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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File Note

Mr Masselos, solicitor for Murphy J., telephoned today at 9.55 to say that they had no objection to the 2 documents sought to be tendered by Mr Charles during the hearing yesterday going straight to the Commission (the documents concerned are Part 2 of the Stewart Report and a letter dated 25 March 1986 signed by Stewart J. to Murphy J. - see transcript-in-confidence, Tuesday 3 June 1986 pp 33 ff.

From his viewpoint, there is no need for a hearing on Wednesday 11 June 1986.

  
F Thomson

4 June 1986

cc Sir George Lush

Mr Charles

*Melissa  
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titled Hearings  
Daryl*

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