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Brisbane, 30th April, 1985

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TITLE: Attendance at Biological Control Meeting - China - Mr. D. Smith.

CABINET decided:-

- 1. That Mr. D. Smith, Senior Entomologist, Entomology Branch, Maroochy Horticultural Research Station, Department of Primary Industries, be granted approval to attend a Biological Control Meeting at Guang Zhou, China from 16th to 22nd June, 1985 and to spend a further ten days in Southern China investigating White Louse Scale parasites.
- That all costs associated with attending the Biological Control Meeting be met by FAO with the additional cost of \$800 for the extra ten days being met from Entomology Branch Funds (Consolidated Revenue).
- That the conditions and allowances payable to Mr. Smith be determined in accordance with the formula adopted for State Government Officers undertaking overseas travel.
- That, in accordance with the requirements laid down by Cabinet Decision No. 37189 of 8th March, 1982, a detailed itinerary be submitted to the Premier's Department as soon as possible.

CIRCULATION: Department of Primary Industries and copy to Minister. Premier's Department and copy to Premier and Treasurer. Public Service Board.

All other ministers for perusal and return.

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ATTENDANCE AT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MEETING - CHINA - MR. D. SMITH

- 1. A request has been received from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) for Mr. D. Smith, Senior Entomologist, Maroochy Horticultural Research Station, Nambour to attend and present a paper at a Biological Control Meeting to be held in Guang Zhou, China from 16 to 22 June, 1985.
- 2. Mr. Smith has participated in previous Australia/China agriculture exchange programs related to Biological Control and this invitation from FAO arises from his previous involvement in the Australian/China Agriculture Exchange Programme.
- 3. FAO have agreed to cover all costs associated with this visit including travel, accommodation and sustenance for Mr. Smith's attendance at the Meeting.
- 4. In addition, it is proposed that Mr. Smith spend ten days in Southern China investigating White Louse Scale Parasites the cost (not exceeding A\$800) being met by Entomology Branch Funds from Consolidated Revenue.
- 5. White Louse Scale is a remaining problem in Queensland's citrus pest management system and participation in the FAO sponsored Meeting and the opportunity to liaise with Chinese researchers on parasites for the control of White Louse Scale will be most useful.
- 6. It is proposed that this visit be in substitution for that of Mr. K. Houston, Senior Entomologist, Entomology Branch, to Tonga approved by Cabinet Decision No. 43566 of 2 July, 1984.
- 7. The Public Service Board has been advised and offers no objection to this proposal.

8. It is therefore recommended that:

- a. Mr. D. Smith, Senior Entomologist, Entomology Branch, Maroochy Horticultural Research Station be granted approval to attend a Biological Control Meeting at Guang Zhou, China from 16 to 22 June, 1985 and to spend a further ten days in Southern China investigating White Louse Scale parasites.
- b. All costs associated with attending the Biological Control Meeting be met by FAO with the additional cost of \$800 for the extra ten days being met from Entomology Branch Funds (Consolidated Revenue).
- c. The Conditions and allowances payable to Mr. Smith be determined in accordance with the formula adopted for State Government Officers undertaking overseas travel.

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MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES