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TITLE: Completion of the Consultancy of Mr. Graham Bassett, Core Consulting Services, to Perform Special Duties as Co-ordinator of the Strategic Plan for Computing, in the Queensland Department of Health and its Allied Services.

CABINET decided:-

That the contents of the Submission be noted.

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FOR CABINET

COMPLETION OF THE CONSULTANCY OF MR. GRAHAM BASSETT, CORE CONSULTING SERVICES, TO PERFORM SPECIAL DUTIES AS CO-ORDINATOR OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COMPUTING, IN THE QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ITS ALLIED SERVICES

1. Cabinet decided, on 15th August, 1983, (Decision No. 41034) as follows:-

"That approval in principle be granted for the staged implementation of the Strategic Plan for Computing in the Queensland Department of Health and its Allied Services, but that the plan not be implemented until a full costs benefits analysis is carried out by officers of the Treasury and Health Departments, and a further Report is submitted for Cabinet's consideration."

 On 25th June, 1984, Decision No. 43443, Cabinet endorsed the appointment of a consultant (Mr. Graham Bassett) from Core Consulting Services as Co-ordinator of the Strategic Plan for Computing in the Queensland Department of Health and its Allied Services.

Mr. Bassett commenced his two year consultancy assignment in August, 1984.

- 3. A strategy for implementing the Strategic Plan for Computing was developed by the Consultant and was subsequently endorsed by the Departmental Automatic Data Processing Executive Committee. This Committee included the Director, State Government Computer Centre, and the Department's Principal Consultant from the Department of the Public Service Board.
- The strategy was outlined for Cabinet on 15th October, 1984, Cabinet Decision No. 44391.

The strategy involved the piloting of a Health Care System within the Toowoomba area and the Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane, and a Human Resource Management System at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

- Implementation of the pilot systems is managed by a Special Departmental Steering Committee which includes representatives from the Treasury Department as well as from the major hospitals involved.
- Mr. Bassett's consultancy with my Department concluded on 22nd August, 1986. Implementation of the pilot systems is ongoing and is scheduled for completion by April 1987.
- 7. An integral part of the pilot concept is that systems will be developed and thoroughly evaluated with the aim of arriving at standard systems upon which tender specifications can be based. This process will involve not only officers of my Department but also officers of the Treasury Department.

- The timetable for this evaluation has been extended to June, 1987, to ensure the involvement of a wide cross section of users within the Department of Health and its Allied Services.
- 9. The foregoing is submitted for the information of Cabinet.

BRIAN AUSTIN MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

BRISBANE, 30th September, 1986.