

RECORD OF SHADOW CABINET NO. 2721 October 1975 - CanberraATTACHMENTS:

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SHADOW CABINET (NO. 27) RECORD

Canberra: Tuesday 21 October 1975

(Special meeting to discuss Loans Affair and Budget Delay tactics)

1. LOANS AFFAIR

"Cabinet" discussed last night's Channel 10 Khemlani interview implicating the Prime Minister in the activities that resulted in last week's sacking of Mr Connor.

Mr Lynch said more Loans Affair documents might be available later in the week.

It was agreed that the Opposition should concentrate on the Government's dishonesty. Mr Lynch was asked to lead an Urgency motion this afternoon, concentrating on Whitlam's deceptions and the "revelations" in the Khemlani interview.

2. BUDGET DELAY

"Cabinet" considered the options of a direct approach to the Governor-General and the outright rejection of the Budget Bills. It was felt to be premature to move to a "reject" position. There were advantages in further delaying tactics at this stage. And there was no certainty that Whitlam would call an election even if the Bills were rejected.

An approach to the Governor-General was not favoured at the moment.

There was complete solidarity over the Opposition's stand. The view was expressed that far from weakening in their resolve, they were twice as firm as they were when they made the original decision last week.

SHADOW CABINET AND SHADOW MINISTRY

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