

RECORD OF SHADOW CABINET NO. 3027 October 1975 - Canberra

(with additional sittings on
28 and 29 October)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cumulative Attendance Register.
2. Summary of meeting.
3. Party Room brief.

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1. THE POLITICAL SITUATION No turning back. Position stabilising in the electorate. Government badly miscalculating if they expect the Opposition to weaken. Statement underlining strength and determination to be issued after tomorrow's Joint Party Meeting.
2. TACTICS See attached Party Room brief for Mr Fraser.
3. KHEMLANI "Cabinet" discussed the possibility of Mr Khemlani giving evidence before the Senate. Mr Lynch said he had received a letter from Khemlani seeking the Opposition's assistance to appear before the Senate. It was agreed that Mr Lynch should forward the letter to the President of the Senate and Senate Party leaders, and that the Khemlani letter and Mr Lynch's covering note to the President should be released to the press. Mr Lynch's Private Secretary, Mr Hay, gave details of Mr Khemlani's arrival in Canberra with several cases of documents. "Cabinet" considered it vital that Mr Khemlani should prepare a clear, comprehensive statement, and that the Opposition should have an indication of the content of the statement and the documents before finalising Senate tactics. Mr Ellicott and Mr Howard were asked to join Mr Hay in meeting with Mr Khemlani to examine the documentation.

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At subsequent ad hoc sittings of "Cabinet" there were discussions on:-

- (1) Significance of Khemlani papers, the impact of his statement, and the Opposition's response to his request to appear before the Senate.

(Possibility of tabling his statement in Senate if hearing likely to be delayed until next week);

- (2) A precise statement from Mr Ellicott on Tuesday (28th) to put into perspective his "on-the-run" interview in Sydney about relevance of Khemlani papers.

- (3) The Hayden Budget "leak" to Mr Hawke - resulting in a Question Time offensive and a Censure Motion;
- (4) The continuing political importance of the ACTU/Solo affair and means of keeping up the pressure;
- (5) Avoiding a Half Senate election;
- (6) Retaining full numbers in the House next week despite the temptation to have Members out in the electorates "selling" our case.

Wednesday 29 October (5 p.m. sitting)

COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION

"Cabinet" agreed to a compromise scheme outlined by Mr Garland. Government to be accused of holding up legislation for political reasons - to exploit tensions and score points regardless of the cost to public servants. Scheme to be cleared at special Party meeting at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Mr Garland to prepare news release to be issued in his name following Party meeting.

Mr Garland reported that some public service union leaders could be expected to commend the Opposition for its endorsement of the compromise arrangements. The compromise was reasonable and proper and should be of political significance in the A.C.T. and the Northern Territory.

CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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	MINISTRY																	
DATE		14/10	19/10	21/10	23/10	27/10												
	<u>CABINET</u> <u>Liberal Party</u>																	
	<u>RESP.</u>																	
101 Fraser	L	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
102 Lynch	DL/Treas.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
103 Withers	S & P		✓	✓	✓	✓												
104 Greenwood	Att.Gen.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
105 Cotton	Mfg. Ind. Ind. Dev.		✓	✓	✓	✓												
106 Peacock	FA/Ext. T.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
107 Chipp	SS/Wel.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
108 Killen	Defence		✓	✓	✓													
109 Carrick	Fed'ism	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
110 Street	Labour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
	Country Party																	
201 Anthony	Trade/Res. D/Dev.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
202 Sinclair	P. Ind.		✓	✓	✓	✓												
203 Nixon	Transpt.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
204 Drake-Brockman	Repat. & Comp.		✓	✓														