Joint Party 11 November 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

Aborigines Bills

Ellicott: recommendation: attempt to refer to Joint Parliamentary committee, failing which refer to a Senate Committee.

Refer to Committee

Queensland Grants

Dam on Prospine River.

Agreed to

Political Situation

Fraser: Government may bring on censure motion today but be ready for questions - asked Parties not to press him further on current events.

Banks

Lynch: meeting of banks and senior P.S. - Government put forward a scheme to them to circumvent necessity of supply - asked to give overdraft facilities.

Greenwood: expenditure must be authorised and comes out of Consolidated Revenue Fund - who is to pay interest/charges to banks? - banks have legal advice that could be liable for a criminal act (Crimes Act 5.60).

McMahon: legal action will expose illegality of Government's position.

Cairns: what position of Commonwealth Trading Bank?

Wood: what House action?

Lynch: Sinclair and Wentworth to discuss the petition.

Wentworth: look at votes as well as legal position.

Wright: it has got to stage where it is illogical to recognise Government in the Senate - Government will not answer questions - unreal to allow to introduce bills - ask Government to get supply from Parliament or will not recognise as the Government in the Senate, then adjourn Senate.

Lynch: "Cabinet" will consider this with other matters.

(The Party stood in silence for 2 minutes at 11 o'clock)

Anthony: building to crisis in next 24 hours - stay firm and resolute.