# 1946 NEW ZEALAND

# PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)

(Mr. W. T. ANDERTON, CHAIRMAN)

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### ORDERS OF REFERENCE

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THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1946

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to consider all matters relating to public health, infectious diseases, contagious diseases, hospitals, and to local authorities having charge of these matters, and to other matters affecting public health which may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Acland, Mr. Aderman, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Herron, Mr. Paikea, Mr. Richards, Mrs. Ross, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer.)

#### THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1946

Ordered, "That the Public Health Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. Anderton.)

#### Tuesday, the 8th Day of October, 1946

Ordered, "That the petitions of A. E. S. Hanan and others, J. E. Elder and another, W. Ramsay and another, Evelyn Fyfe and others, R. M. Minehan and another, J. T. Leckie and another, W. G. Hawkey and another, and D. G. Beynon and another be referred to the Public Health Committee."— (Right Hon. Mr. Fraser.)

## REPORTS

No. 19.—Petition of A. Sainsbury and Others, of Otahuhu, Auckland Praying for immediate provision of small recovery homes for treatment of cases of nervous breakdown.

I have the honour to report that the Public Health Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

The Committee finds that the revised policy and plans now in course of implementation by the Health Department are more practical and will largely meet the requirements of the petitioners.

4th August, 1946.

### No. 42.—Petition of WAIRAKEI LTD., Auckland

Praying for compensation and relief in respect of the occupation by the Mental Hospitals Department of the Wairakei Hotel.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th September, 1946.

No. 41.—Petition of J. V. Wallis and Others, of Marewa, Napier

Praying for the provision of a proper and efficient sewerage system at Marewa.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for most favourable and urgent consideration.

26th September, 1946.

## No. 56.—Petition of T. M. Brennen and Others

Praying that the Government take steps to provide for a reduction in the cost of dentures.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration. 9th October, 1946.

# No. 21.—Petition of New Zealand Federated Dental Technicians and Assistants' Industrial Association of Workers

Praying for an amendment to the Dentists Act, 1936.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for consideration with a view to utilizing to the best advantage the services of trained dentists and dental technicians.

In the view of the Committee it would be unwise to permit dental technicians to undertake the range of prosthetic work claimed by the petitioners. It believes, however, that there is room for a larger measure of co-ordination between these two complementary parts of the dental service.

9th October, 1946.

No. 55.—Petition of T. F. Carey, of 24 Jessel Street, Grey Lynu, Auckland Praying for remission of fees due to the Auckland Hospital Board.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends it be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

9th October, 1946.

11th October, 1946.

W. T. Anderton, Chairman

No. 43.—Petition of A. E. S. Hanan, Mayor of Timaru, and Others: Praying for the transfer of portion of Timaru Park to the South Canterbury Hospital Board, and No. 44.—Petition of J. E. Elder and Another (representing the Caroline Bay Association), Timaru. No. 45.—W. Ramsay and Another (representing the Timaru Electors' Association). No. 46.—Evelyn Fyfe and Others, of Timaru. No. 47.—Rita M. Minehan and Another (representing the Timaru West End Ratepayers' and Householders' Association). No. 48.—J. T. Leckie and Another (representing the Timaru South End Ratepayers' Association). No. 50.—W. G. Hawkey and Another (representing the South Canterbury Men's Hockey Association). No. 51.—D. C. Beynon and Another (representing the South Canterbury Women's Hockey Association): Praying that no portion of Timaru Park be alienated.

I have the honour to report that, after hearing the medical evidence on the proposal to build a maternity block and additions to the nurses' home at the Timaru Hospital, this Committee is of the opinion that the maternity block should be separate from, but adjacent to, the main hospital. The Committee therefore recommends the petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

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A. E. Armstrong, for Chairman

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