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PAPAL VISIT TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

- Please find enclosed a copy of the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- If you have any queries or comments, please contact Mr Trevor Pringle on 46-2208.
- The next meeting of the Sub-Committee will be on Wednesday 8 October 1986 at 2.30pm.

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ACTION

18 September 1986

PAPAL VISIT TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE4th Meeting 3 September 1986

In attendance were:

BRUCE DOCKRILL [CHAIRMAN]	DT
JIM MAHER	DT
JACK LANE	DT
BRIAN BOTHWELL [SECRETARY]	DT
DION CONVINE	DT
GARY VARDY	DT
MARTIN BOYD	DT
GEOFF CANNOCK	NATEX
ASHLEY RYAN	DOLGAS
DOUG HAYNES	AFP
MARK RANSOM	NCDC
HERBY O'FLYNN	CATHOLIC CHURCH
SIR JAMES SCHOLTENS	CATHOLIC CHURCH
FR TOM WRIGHT	CATHOLIC CHURCH
RANDALL SMITH	PM&C

Apologies: CATHY PARSONS DT

Observers: BILL GUY BILL GUY & PARTNERS
JOHN RIDGEWELL CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

ACTION 1 : Mr Dockrill advised that Jack Lane would talk to this matter at Item 2.

ACTION 2 : Mr Dockrill advised that the mowing of the relevant temporary parking areas was in hand.

ACTIONS 3/4/5/8 : Mr Dockrill noted that a working group comprising representatives from DT, NCDC, AFP and the Papal Office had been established to deal with the range of technical issues encompassed in these Actions.

ACTION 6 : Herby O'Flynn advised that he had commenced discussions with the fire brigade and ambulance on the provision of resources.

ACTION 7 : Final details of the advertising arrangements are yet to be formulated. However, the Catholic Church, ACTION, etc will deal with this as appropriate.

ACTION 9 : Mark Ransom commented on the likely split-up of NCDC funds. Geoff Cannock asked if he could be involved on the matter of the access road. Agreed. Martin Boyd advised that the work could be done within a month. AFP will look into its costs, and ACTION will determine its exact fare arrangements when the operational arrangements have been firmed up.

2. Report on Questionnaire Results

Jack Lane talked about the two types of survey carried out, explaining the format of each, and outlined the results to date:

- less people than expected
: suggested we now plan for about 80,000 with contingency plans for up to 120,000
- a considerable proportion [22%] will be arriving before Monday
: most staying with friends/relatives [85%]
- 12% will be staying beyond Monday
- 60% of those from NSW will be travelling by coach
- a high proportion of those from the ACT will be using ACTION (probably also about 60%)
- high car occupancy figures were indicated. (survey average 3.7%)

He provided details of the likely mode split, explained that we had a degree of flexibility, and advised that we could probably avoid the need for shuttle buses from parking areas beyond a reasonable walking distance from NATEX.

Sir James Scholtens questioned the suggested revised planning figure of 80,000 based on experiences elsewhere, suggesting that Canberra people had been slow to spark compared with NSW people, and noted that the Papal Office had just commenced an intensive publicity campaign. He was satisfied that there should be contingency for up to 120,000.

Fr Tom Wright observed that organisers throughout the world had under-estimated attendances at Papal Masses. Herby O'Flynn commented that he had been surprised by the interest shown by non-Catholics.

Geoff Cannock asked when were we going to to determine the access arrangements for NATEX staff. It was agreed that he would attend the next Working Group meeting to discuss this matter.

3/4/5. Supplementary Reports from other Representatives/ Discussion/Future Action

Sir James Scholtens raised the matter of priority for special guests/VIPs, eg a need to get Parliamentarians to Parliament House by, say, 7.30pm for the Reception. Ashley Ryan suggested that we write to the Parliamentary Transport Officers in relation to matters such as this.

Doug Haynes advised that significant motorcycle resources would be required for motorcades etc, with the remainder used for

traffic control. He suggested that VIP vehicles use the special bus lane in Northbourne Avenue for exiting from the venue.

Sir James identified a need to get a group of Bishops from the Airport to NATEX.

Ashley Ryan asked about priority stickers. Jack Lane and Herby O'Flynn advised that there would be such a system, and that the details would be worked out at the Working Group.

Ashley Ryan also asked whether we had held discussions with the taxi industry. Jack Lane advised that this matter was still to be examined in detail. Geoff Cannock commented that it was an asset to have Aerial's mobile base at the pick-up/set-down point. Ashley Ryan stated that he would like to have a Commonwealth car rank next to the taxi rank, and asked about provision for diplomatic cars.

Randall Smith suggested that we should contact Promotions Australia in relation to all public relations activity. Herby O'Flynn suggested that P.A. were there to hassle things through if necessary.

Randall Smith then raised the matter of the state of the Limestone Avenue pavement surface, and commented that the speed of the Popemobile will depend on the timing of events at the Airport. Ashley Ryan advised that DOLGAS will be conducting speed tests along that piece of road with the Popemobile.

Geoff Cannock raised the issue of a heliport site, perhaps at the rear of the VIP area, and explained that it was proposed to produce a film of the event. This matter will be further discussed as appropriate at the Working Group.

6. Date of Next Meeting

2.30pm Wednesday 8 October 1986.