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PRESS RELEASE

The Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the Public Service of South Australia (Professor D. C. Corbett) today announced details of hearings of the Committee at which interested organizations and individuals could present oral evidence. The hearings would not be open to the press or public because some of the evidence ^{could be} is confidential.

Professor Corbett stated that many written submissions had been received and the hearings would enable the Committee to explore further the thoughts expressed in the written submissions. The hearings would also enable interested organizations and individuals who wanted to give evidence to the Committee even though they had not made a written submission. This applied particularly to country people and any person or organization wishing to give oral evidence should contact the Secretary Mr. B. H. Hill at 17 Currie Street, Adelaide or telephone 51 6048, Professor Corbett said. The Committee would reserve the right to invite before it those whom it saw fit.

The dates and places for hearings have been set to early April and further details will be announced later. There will be hearings in Adelaide and country centres. The present dates are:

12 February at Murray Bridge

26 & 27 February at Adelaide

6, 12 & 19 March at Adelaide

2nd April at Port Lincoln

Professor Corbett stated that the Committee appointed by the Government in May last year was required "to examine and report on the role, structure, management and staffing of the South Australian Public Service and to recommend any action which may be considered necessary to improve the effectiveness, economy and efficiency of the Service in the discharge of contemporary public business..." Members of the Committee are Professor D. C. Corbett, Professor of Political Theory and Institutions at the Flinders University, Mr. D. M. Martin, Director, D. & J. Fowler Ltd. and Mr. R. D. Bakewell, Director, Premier's Department.