**STATUTES REPEAL (INCORPORATION OF MINISTERS) BILL 1994**

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Second reading

The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN (Attorney-General) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to repeal the Minister of Agriculture Incorporation Act 1952, the Minister of Lands Incorporation Act 1947 and the Treasurer's Incorporation Act 1949; and for other purposes. Read a first time.

The Hon. K.T. GRIFFIN: I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

It is not possible under the Administration of Acts Act 1910 to dissolve the incorporation of the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Lands or the Treasurer because they are incorporated by statute. The changes to the ministry in October 1992 contemplated the dissolution of these bodies and the transfer of their assets and liabilities to the Ministers referred to in this Bill. The enactment of this Bill is the most convenient method of achieving the intended result. I seek leave to have the explanation of the clauses inserted in Hansard without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Clause 1: Short title

Clause 1 is formal.

Clause 2: Commencement

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act on 1 October 1992. This was the date on which the proclamation purporting to dissolve the bodies corporate referred to in the Bill was published in the Gazette . Section 5 of the Administration of Acts Act1910 enables the Governor, by proclamation, to dissolve a body corporate previously established by proclamation under that section. There is no power, however, to dissolve a body corporate constituted of a Minister by an Act.

Clause 3: Repeal of Minister of Agriculture Incorporation Act 1952

Clause 4: Repeal of Minister of Lands Incorporation Act 1947

Clause 5: Repeal of Treasurer's Incorporation Act 1949 Clauses 3, 4 and 5 make the necessary repeals and transfer the assets, rights and liabilities of the previous Ministers to the Ministers who succeeded them on 1 October 1992.

The Hon. C.J. SUMNER secured the adjournment of the debate.