

5/94 AAPB: Reproduction in Computer-Readable Form

(A report from the Standing Committee)

1. This Synod resolution reads -

“In the light of statements made in paragraph 6.10 of the report of the Standing Committee concerning the uncertain return that would be received for producing AAPB1 in computer-readable form, Synod requests Standing Committee to consult all parishes whether they are now interested in such a resource. Such consultation should inquire as to -

- (a) type of computer hardware used;
- (b) operating system (eg DOS, Windows, NT, Mac);
- (c) media format;
- (d) AAPB1 services required.”

2. The statements made in 6.10 of the Standing Committee's Report were -

“The Sydney Synod recommended to the Standing Committee of the General Synod that sections of AAPB1 be made available in alternative formats, such as computer-readable files and overhead transparencies. The following comments were conveyed back to us by the General Synod Standing Committee.

Our own AIO holds the major copyright for AAPB1. The Director of AIO advised that 23 requests had been received since 1987 for permission to reproduce portions of the AAPB1 on transparencies, and permission has been granted with the payment of a fee per transparency produced to cover royalties.

Since 1987, only 2 or 3 enquiries have been made for AAPB1 in computer-readable form and the small number of enquiries does not warrant a substantial investment of staff time and money for an uncertain return.”

3. The Sydney Anglican Education Commission (formerly the Council of the Board of Education of the Diocese of Sydney) by assignment from the AIO, now holds the copyright of AAPB on behalf of the General Synod. For AAPB in computer-readable form, the General Synod may have to update the reproduction guidelines circulated to Sydney parishes in January 1994.

4. Parishes were consulted through a circular seeking information on the matters required by resolution 5/94. Replies were requested by 30 April 1994 but were still being received in June 1994. The results of the consultation are summarised on the attached sheets. There were 59 responses from 270 parochial units, not all questions were

answered, some had more than 1 computer and some used more than 1 operating system.

5. In the light of the responses, the Director of the Sydney Anglican Education Commission has been invited to say if the Commission is willing (and able, with the General Synod authorities' approval) to provide AAPB in computer-readable form.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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The summary of responses has not been reproduced in the reprinting of this report.