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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL QSL COORDINATOR

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Progress in ascertaining how each state operates its QSL Bureau has been frustrating. Although each state has been asked more than once, the return of information has been minimal. It was pointed out that the information was required only for the coordinator to know how the bureaux processed the QSL cards.

Finding out the right email address of a member who actually does the work of the state's bureau, still has not been finalized.

It is not known yet, if the state bureaux send their outgoing QSL cards to the National Bureau.

A costing was done on sending NON members outwards cards through the bureau system. A recommendation was sent to the Secretary for presentation to the Board, that a fee of 10 cents be made to cover the WIA's costs. Anything less than 7.5 cents will not cover the postage cost of a NON-member's card.

Recently the postage costs to overseas countries was raised 8 to 10%.

The budget will need to take this into account, and needs watching as the Postal Commission have raised overseas posting costs twice in the last year. Also an added cost could be the influx of new "QSLers" from the Foundation licensees, and with propagation improving, the Bureau could expect an increase in the number of cards arriving in the outwards bin.

The questionnaire that has been prepared for sending to the state's bureaux has been sent to the Board. (Ted recently and Ewan two days ago). If these are returned a summary will be presented to the Board.

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(Typed with one finger of one hand, and by a slightly muddled headed Coordinator, who fell off his bike and suffered broken thumb, broken rib and severe damage to dignity.)