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Mr. Hulme advised that when installation of the equipment had progressed sufficiently to enable this to be done, the Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. E. F. Lane, would inform Mr. Bonnett by telegram.

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Mr. Hulme explained that the exchange was designed to be the hub of a fully automatic network for the district, and would be commissioned in two stages.

Firstly, the local automatic exchange would be brought into service, and at a later stage, subscriber trunk dialling (S.T.D.) facilities would be introduced. The provision of this latter service would enable Ayr subscribers to dial direct to nearly 1,200 centres throughout the Commonwealth.

Concurrent with the introduction of the new exchange, it was planned to divert Kalamia subscribers' services to Ayr and close the Kalamia exchange.

Mr. Hulme said that Ayr subscribers would receive notification of the time and date of the cut-over, and would also receive a "how to dial" card which would outline the principle of telephone operation under automatic conditions.

The card would also indicate the appropriate access codes to dial for the various centres.

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Don't blame the "HELLO" girls for all the problems you have had with connections over the last few months. All technicians available have been working on your new system, and the old manual boards have not received the attention available in the past.

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