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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 146

MONDAY, 23 MARCH 1998

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Right Honourable Ian Sinclair) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Randall referred to remarks he made during the adjournment debate on 12 March 1998.

Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, addressed the House on the matter.

The Speaker referred to the privilege of freedom of speech exercised by Members of the House and reminded Members of the responsibilities attached to that privilege.

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) and Mr M. J. Ferguson, by indulgence, also addressed the House on the matter.

3 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Financial Institutions and Public Administration—Standing Committee—
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1996-97—

Interim report, 5 March 1998.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker, Mr Anthony, Mr Wilton and Mr Martin made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hawker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr E. L. Grace presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Defence subcommittee visit to Sydney Harbour foreshores Defence properties, 14 November 1997—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, March 1998.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Bradford and Mr McLeay made statements in connection with the report.

The time for consideration of committee and delegation reports having expired—

Mr E. L. Grace moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr E. L. Grace was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (WAGE GUARANTEE) BILL 1998

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and certain other liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes.

Mrs Crosio made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper

Mrs Crosio, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

6 CHILD LABOUR

Mr A. C. Smith, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) condemns the practice of child labour and calls on governments around the world to do all in their power to outlaw this evil practice; and
- (2) calls on governments and the private sector to boycott products from countries that use children in this shameful way.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, Dr Nelson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

8 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade) would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services) presented the following paper:

Health care funding—Changes in Commonwealth and State recurrent hospital expenditure under 1993 Medicare agreements (real prices), 1992-93 to 1997-98—Graph.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Minister for Resources and Energy—

File note by David Whitrow concerning meetings with Nissho Iwai and Marubeni, Japan, October 1996, 21 March 1998.

Letters from—

Mr David Beddall, Minister for Resources, to Mr K. Talbot, Chief Executive, Advance Queensland Resources and Mining Pty Limited, 22 September 1995.

Nevitts Limited Stockbrokers to Mr Howard, 19 March 1998.

Senator Parer to Mr Howard, 23 March 1998.

Mr H. W. Shand, Executive Chairman, QCMM Group to Mr Howard, 23 March 1998.

Minute from Tim Mackey, Executive Director, Resources and Energy Group, Coal and Mineral Industries Division, Department of Primary Industries and Energy to the Minister for Resources and Energy, 19 March 1998,

Records of conversations of meetings between Senator Parer and—

Iwao Torumi, President, and other senior representatives of Marubeni Trading Company, Tokyo, 2 October 1996.

Senior Nissho Iwai representatives, Tokyo, 2 October 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House:

- (1) notes that the Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Mr Max Moore-Wilton, has apparently certified in writing that Senator Parer's confidential declaration of interests are in compliance with the guidelines on ministerial responsibility, and that the Prime Minister has accepted this advice;
- (2) notes that, notwithstanding this clearance by Mr Moore-Wilton and, ultimately, the Prime Minister, considerable evidence of a conflict of interest involving the Minister has emerged, which the Minister has belatedly recognised, by attempting to divest himself of some of the private interests in question; and
- (3) calls on the Prime Minister to table in the Parliament all of the advices by Mr Moore-Wilton on the compliance with the guidelines by the Minister for Resources and Energy with respect to his pecuniary interests.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Sinclair, in the Chair)—

AYES, 48

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

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Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

11 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bevis and Mr Bradford, from 810 and 104 residents of Queensland, respectively, praying that nursing home care be equally available to all Australians on the basis of medical need alone.

Mr Bradford, from 1500 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Bevis and Mr Tanner, from 404 and 94 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken regarding care for frail aged people.

Mr Bevis, from 630 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Griffin, from 22 petitioners, and Mr Mossfield, from 18 residents of New South Wales, respectively, praying that nursing home care be available to all and that the family home be exempted from assets tests relating to payment for such care.

Mr Adams, from 54 petitioners, praying that a high profile anti-racism campaign be mounted.

Mr Adams, from 7 petitioners, praying that action be taken to remove the exclusion of members of the Royal Australian Navy, who served in the Malaya campaign, from repatriation benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.

Mr Bevis, from 1045 residents of Queensland, praying that the House ensure that the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme does not discriminate against those with the greatest incapacity to pay for prescription medicines.

Mr Bevis, from 360 residents of Queensland, praying that changes to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reversed.

Mr Bevis, from 42 residents of Queensland, praying that the proposal to introduce nursing home entry fees be abandoned and full funding for capital assistance to nursing homes be restored.

Mrs Crosio, from 200 petitioners, praying that the Badgerys Creek airport project not proceed and such an airport be built outside the Sydney Basin.

Dr Lawrence, from 1976 residents of Western Australia, praying that Australian troops be withdrawn from Iraq and the hasty decision to commit them be condemned.

Mr Martin, from 21 petitioners, praying that post-secondary education be returned to a system which is fair and accessible for all Australians.

Mr Miles, from 138 petitioners, praying that everything possible be done to combat illicit drug use and trafficking in Australia.

Mr Moore, from 1195 petitioners, praying that increased nuclear activity in Sydney be opposed.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 2276 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the decision to close the Medicare office in Belmont, NSW, be reversed and dismantling of the Medicare services cease.

Mr Nehl, from 29 electors of the Division of Cowper, praying that certain changes be made to the requirements for the payment of child support and that child support legislation be amended to ensure equity.

Mr Reid, from 69 petitioners, praying that negotiations with Iraq continue and that Australia not be part of a military attack on Iraqi civilians.

Mr Scott, from 202 electors of the Division of Maranoa, praying that the Veterans' Entitlements Act be amended to restore pension entitlement to certain war widows.

Dr Southcott, from 21 petitioners, praying that an Australian citizen be Head of State.

Mr Tanner, from 540 petitioners, praying that action be taken to end genetic engineering and prevent the patenting of life forms.

Mr Tanner, from 32 petitioners, praying that the use of genetic engineering and cloning of human beings, animals, plant life, microbes and foods be prohibited.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile, from 151 electors of the Division of Lyne, praying that SBS television services be extended to the lower mid-north coast, NSW.

Mr Zammit, from 302 residents of New South Wales, praying that a commission of inquiry or judicial inquiry be established to investigate all aspects of the long term operating plan for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport including the part played by senior members of the Government.

Mr Zammit, from 120 residents of New South Wales, in similar terms.

Petitions received.

12 MOBILE PHONE TOWERS

Mr McClelland, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes that there exists significant scientific controversy as to the effects of exposure to electromagnetic radiation emitted from mobile phone towers;
- (2) resolves that current legislation should be amended to require that mobile phone towers not be installed within a radius of 300 metres from schools and playgrounds;
- (3) resolves that the telecommunications industry be levied to raise funds to conduct research into the health and safety aspects of electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile telephone towers; and
- (4) calls for a review of Australian standard AS2772 which relates to electromagnetic radiation emissions.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 PALLIATIVE CARE

Mr E. H. Cameron, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges the contribution of palliative care to the proper treatment of patients with a terminal illness;
- (2) recognises the work of health professionals and volunteers in the field of palliative care and commends those workers for their commitment to patients, the compassion with which they undertake their work and the commitment they have to palliative care as a proper treatment of patients with a terminal illness;
- (3) acknowledges the benefits to patients, families and health care providers of palliative care;
- (4) further recognises the benefits to both patients and families of palliative care provided to patients in their home rather than at medical institutions;
- (5) urges the Government to continue the provision of funds to palliative care with a view to increasing funding to palliative care provided at home in particular; and
- (6) implores the Government to investigate the merit of encouraging the provision of palliative care at the patient's home, and the funding for this, in view of the benefits for both the patient and their family as well as the Government.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Deputy Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 37 of 1997-98—Performance audit—Protection of confidential client data from unauthorised disclosure: Department of Social Security—Centrelink.

Ordered to be printed.

16 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1997

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr O'Keefe, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (29) as circulated, together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Forrest, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	

NOES, 81

Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sharp
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Reid	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reith	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Debate ensued on the question—That the Bill be agreed to.

Paper

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, presented the following paper:

Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1997—
Issues raised by the Member for Perth—Answer by Senator Parer, Minister for
Resources and Energy.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Scott, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr S. F. Smith moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be
suspended as would prevent the Member for Perth moving forthwith—That all
words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:
“the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not proceed until such time as
the Minister has provided a satisfactory response to matters raised during
consideration in detail by the Member for Perth”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Hollis, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 81

Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sharp
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	
Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

17 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL 1997**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

18 **ADJOURNMENT**

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 March 1998:

Aged Care Act—Principles—

1997—

Allocation Amendment (No. 1).

Approved Provider Amendment (No. 1).

Flexible Care Subsidy Amendment (No. 1).

User Rights Amendment (Nos. 6 and 7).

1998—Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (No. 1).

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 51.

Australian Communications Authority Act—Determinations—

Radiocommunications (Charges) No. 1 of 1997—1998 Amendment No. 1.

Telecommunications (Charges) No. 1 of 1998.

Broadcasting Services Act—Notice—Broadcasting Services (Events) No. 1 of 1994—1997 Amendment No. 1.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—

Part 105—Amendments 1998 12 (2) February, 16 (2) February, 19 February, 25 (2) February, 27 (2) February, 2 (2) March, 3 (2) March, 4 (8) March, 5 (3) March, 6 (5) March, 13 March.

Part 106—Amendments 1998 26 (2) February, 5 March.

Part 107—Amendments 1998 26 February, 5 March.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice of establishment of Australian Rail Track Corporation.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 38.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B 1998 No. 10.

Endangered Species Protection Act—Declarations under section 18 Nos. 97/ESP4, 97/ESP5.

Fisheries Management Act—

Determination 1998 No. SBTA1.

Directions 1998 Nos. NPDF 13, NPDF 14, NPDF 15, NPDF 16, NPDF 17, NPDF 18, NPDF 19.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. T7, T8.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 Nos. 36, 37.

Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 34.

Migration Agents Registration Renewal Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 35.

Navigation Act—Marine orders 1998 Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. 5, 6, LES 7, LES 8.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notices—
1997 Nos. 8, 12.
1998 No. 1.

Student and Youth Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 33.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings 1998 Nos. TR2, TR3, TR4.

Telecommunications Act 1997—

Determination 1997—Telecommunications (Service Provider-Identity Checks for Pre-paid Carriage Services).

Instrument—Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Notice No. 2 of 1997.

Telecommunications Numbering Plan 1997.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abbott, Mr R. A. Cameron, Mr Downer and Ms Hanson.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives