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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 178

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2007

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*, and for other purposes.

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Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**3 INTERNATIONAL TRADE INTEGRITY BILL 2007**

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to implement the Australian Government's response to recommendations made by the Inquiry into Certain Australian Companies in relation to the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme, and for other purposes.

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Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**4 JUDGES' PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to Judges' pensions, and for related purposes.

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Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*, and for other purposes.

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Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**6 NATIONAL TOWERS PROGRAM STAGE 1 FOR AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA AT ADELAIDE, CANBERRA, MELBOURNE AND ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORTS—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: National Towers Program stage 1 for Airservices Australia at Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Rockhampton airports.

Question—put and passed.

**7 LAVARACK BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 4, TOWNSVILLE, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 4, Townsville, Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

**8 PROPOSED DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF SIGNALS REDEVELOPMENT AT SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA, VIC—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Proposed Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment at Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

**9 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ALLEGATIONS OF DOCUMENTS FRAUDULENTLY AND INACCURATELY WRITTEN AND ISSUED IN A MEMBER'S NAME—CONTEMPT OF HOUSE—REPRIMAND**

Consideration, by leave, of the report of the Privileges Committee on allegations of documents fraudulently and inaccurately written and issued in a member's name—

Mr C. P. Thompson, by leave, moved—That the House agrees with the recommendation of the report of the Committee of Privileges presented on 31 May 2007 about allegations of documents fraudulently and inaccurately written and issued in a member's name, and:

- (1) finds Ms Harriett Swift guilty of a contempt of the House in that she undertook conduct that amounted to an improper interference with the free performance by the Member for Eden-Monaro of his duties as a member; and
- (2) reprimands Ms Swift for her conduct.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 531, 13 June 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation) Bill 2007 without amendment.

**11 CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SIMPLER REGULATORY SYSTEM) BILL 2007**

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

**12 CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

**13 CORPORATIONS (REVIEW FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

**14 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD CARE AND OTHER 2007 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2007**

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 by Ms Macklin who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House notes that:

- (1) child care out of pocket costs are increasing five times faster than average prices for all goods and services;
- (2) for the past four years, child care out of pocket costs have increased by more than 12 per cent each year;
- (3) on average families will receive \$813 from the changes to the child care tax rebate, not \$8000 as the Government claimed;
- (4) many parents continue to experience difficulties accessing appropriate child care for their children;
- (5) high quality child care must be assured by a rigorous accreditation process focused on quality improvement;
- (6) despite the international consensus on the benefits of early childhood education, Australia ranks last in the OECD on the percentage of GDP spent on pre-primary education; and
- (7) there are currently 100,000 four years olds in Australia that do not attend preschool”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 303, 5 June 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

**15 MIGRATION (SPONSORSHIP FEES) BILL 2007**

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training), the bill was read a third time.

**16 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIP WAGE TOP-UP FOR AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICES) BILL 2007**

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House welcomes additional financial support for first and second year apprentices but condemns the Government’s complacency and neglect of vocational education and training over the past 11 long years seen through:

- (1) the Government slashing its investment in vocational education and training by 13 per cent in the three years to 2000;
- (2) between 2000 and 2004, increasing this investment by only 1 per cent;
- (3) the failure of the Government to address the acute shortages of skilled labour across Australia, which the Government itself estimates to be a shortfall of 240,000 skilled workers by 2016;
- (4) the cynical political response to the national skills crisis of a standalone network of Australian Technical Colleges that will only produce 10,000 graduates by 2010; and
- (5) the failure of the Government to address apprenticeship completion rates, with almost 50 per cent of apprentices cancelling or withdrawing from training each year while Labor has been calling since 2005 for \$2000 payments to encourage completion of traditional trade apprenticeships”—

Debate resumed.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**17 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member directed to leave*

At 2.22 p.m. the Member for Lilley (Mr Swan) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved*

Mr Rudd (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 immediately—That this House censures the Prime Minister for:

- (1) misusing the official residences for party political fundraisers in breach of the Prime Minister’s own “Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility”;
- (2) misleading the House about the misuse of these official residences;
- (3) placing the Commonwealth in a position of non-compliance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act by making a “gift” of the use of the official residences to the Liberal Party of Australia; and
- (4) undermining the independence of the Australian Electoral Commission.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Plibersek	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Price	

## NOES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull*	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

## 18 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 44 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Management of tribunal operations—Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

**19 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2006—  
Native title.

Social Justice.

Australian National University—Report for 2006.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2007.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean territories—Government response, June 2007.

Research Involving Human Embryos Act—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 March 2007.

**20 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2006—  
Native title.

Social Justice.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2007.

Research Involving Human Embryos Act—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**21 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—KIRRIBILLI HOUSE**

The House was informed that Mr Albanese had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s use of Kirribilli House for party political purposes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull*	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	

## NOES, 53

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Mr Danby*	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	
Mr Edwards	Mr Hatton	Mr Price	
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Mr Quick	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**22 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 14 June 2007, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 533—Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment 2007.

No. 534—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) 2007.

No. 535—Governance Review Implementation (Science Research Agencies) 2007.

No. 536—Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment 2007.

No. 537—Migration Amendment (Statutory Agency) 2007.

No. 538—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) 2007.

No. 539—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment (No. 1) 2007.

No. 540—Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment 2007.

No. 541—Health Insurance Amendment (Inappropriate and Prohibited Practices and Other Measures) 2007.

No. 542—Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment 2007.

**23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT (TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2007**

Message No. 532, 13 June 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

**24 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIP WAGE TOP-UP FOR AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICES) BILL 2007**

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith (see item No. 16, page 1956)*—

Debate resumed.

**25 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. next Monday.

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## DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 14 June 2007:

Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 143 [F2007L01565].

AusCheck Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 137 [F2007L01570].

Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Act—Determination—2007 Bankruptcy (Estate charges) (Amount of charge payable) [F2007L01535].

Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 138 [F2007L01540].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2007—

15 May [F2007L01590].

6 June [F2007L01684].

8 June [F2007L01726].

Part 39-106—2007—8 June [F2007L01727].

Crimes Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 139 [F2007L01572].

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58H—2007—

Nos 1, 4.

Nos SO 46, SO 47, SO 48, SO 49, SO 50, SO 51, SO 52, SO 53, SO 54, SO 55, SO 56, SO 57, SO 58, SO 59, SO 60, SO 61, SO 62, SO 63, SO 64, SO 65, SO 66, SO 67.

Farm Household Support Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 130 [F2007L01606].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination to vary and abolish a special account—2007 No. 6 [F2007L01753].

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 146 [F2007L01341].

Inspector of Transport Security Act—Instrument under section 28—2007 Remuneration for the Inspector of Transport Security [F2007L01685].

National Health Act—

Arrangements under subparagraph 100(1)(b)(i)—2007 No. PB 47 [F2007L01702].

Declaration under subsection 85(2AA)—2007 No. PB 44 [F2007L01699].

Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b)—2007 No. PB 46 [F2007L01701].

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 145 [F2007L01549].

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 132 [F2007L01605].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 134 [F2007L01666].

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2007 Nos 135, 136 [F2007L01609], [F2007L01662].

Productivity Commission Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 148 [F2007L01551].

Quarantine Act—Proclamation—2007 Quarantine Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L01607].

Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 142 [F2007L01545].

Research Involving Human Embryos Act and Acts Interpretation Act—Revocations—Declarations of ‘corresponding State law’—

Australian Capital Territory, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01722].



New South Wales, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01717].

Queensland, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01716].

South Australia, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01720].

Tasmania, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01719].

Victoria, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01718].

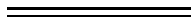
Western Australia, 2 May 2007 [F2007L01721].

Social Security Act—Determination—2007 Social Security (Australian Government disaster recovery payment) (No. 4)—10 June [F2007L01743].



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hunt, Mrs Moylan, Mr Murphy, Mr Ticehurst and Mr Windsor.



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06-07

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 178

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2007

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008**

The order of the day having been read for further consideration in detail of the bill—

Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Health and Ageing Portfolio, \$4,914,078,000—debated and agreed to.

Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio, \$4,180,814,000—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to on Tuesday, 12 June 2007 by the Main Committee be varied by next considering the proposed expenditure for the Treasury Portfolio and then the Defence (Veterans' Affairs) Portfolio, the Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, the Attorney-General's Portfolio, and the Finance and Administration Portfolio.

Treasury Portfolio, \$3,688,304,000—debated and agreed to.

Defence Portfolio, \$19,720,501,000—further debated and agreed to.

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

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.12 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 18 June 2007.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee