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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1996</i>	<i>Budget Sittings 1996</i>	<i>All Sittings 1996</i>
<i>PROGRESS</i>			
Initiated in House of Representatives.....	63	93	156
Received from Senate.....	11	6	17
Carried over from previous sittings.....	-	41	41
	74	140	214
Passed both Houses and assented to	31	52	83
Not passed into law—			
Passed both Houses but not assented to.....	0	0	0
Still before—			
House.....	33	62	95
Senate	8	25	33
Laid aside, negated or removed from Notice Paper in House.....	2	1	3
Negated or discharged in Senate	0	0	0
	74	140	214

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved	10	12	22
Bills referred to—			
Main Committee.....	23	29	52
Other committees for advisory report	3	2	5
Bills initiated in House and amended in—			
House	1	18	19
Senate	2	15	17
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	3	2	5
Bills declared urgent.....	3	3	6
Private Members' bills—			
Introduced in House	4	4	8
Passed by House	0	1	1
Brought from Senate	0	0	0
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	2460	3978	6438

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—*continued*

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 1996</i>	<i>Budget Sittings 1996</i>	<i>All Sittings 1996</i>
House—			
Sitting weeks.....	6	10	16
Sitting days	23 [†]	38 [†]	61 [†]
Hours of sittings*—			
Including suspensions of sittings ¹	256	390	647
Excluding suspensions of sittings ¹	226	344	570
Main Committee—			
Meetings	10	19	29
Hours of meetings*—			
Including suspensions ²	30	59	90
Excluding suspensions ²	27	44	71
Sittings after midnight	0	3	3
Days on which—			
Adjournment motion debated	18	30	48
Grievance debate called on and debated.....	4	9	13
Matters of public importance discussed.....	14	23	37
Private Members' business given precedence	4	7	11
Meetings of House and joint committees—			
Total No.	87	506	593
Aggregate duration in hours	88	1036	1124
Parliamentary committee reports presented.....	16	42	58
Items of private Members' business debated	16	18	34
90 second statements by private Members	50	83	133
Divisions	89	132	221
Closures of—			
Members agreed to.....	4	31	35
Questions agreed to.....	15	16	31
Petitions presented	117	313	430
Signatures to petitions	118 903	164 260	283 163
Questions placed on Notice Paper	522	637	1159
Questions without notice	437	690	1127
Average number of questions without notice asked for each sitting day on which question time occurred	19.9	18.5	19.1
Visitors to the House of Representatives galleries during sittings.....	51 701	85 700	137 401

† The sittings commencing on 27 Jun and 12 Dec and adjourning on 28 Jun and 14 Dec a.m., respectively, each comprise one sitting day

* adjusted to nearest hour

1 For example: suspensions for meals and during sitting between 12 and 14 December

2 For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in the House

BILLS

Does not include Bills introduced in Senate but not transmitted to House

PROGRESS

Passed both Houses and assented to (52)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1996</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment ¹	27 Jun	35	12 Sep
Airports ¹	23 May	42	9 Oct
Airports (Transitional).....	23 May	36	9 Oct
Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97	20 Aug	65	28 Nov
Appropriation (No. 2) 1996-97	20 Aug	66	28 Nov
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1996-97.....	20 Aug	67	28 Nov
Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding ..	26 Jun	45	25 Oct
Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Amendment.....	26 Jun	46	25 Oct
Australian Law Reform Commission	20 Jun	37	9 Oct
Australian Law Reform Commission (Repeal, Transitional and Miscellaneous).....	20 Jun	38	9 Oct
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment ²	26 Jun	44	25 Oct
Cattle Export Charges Amendment (AAHC) ²	26 Jun	47	25 Oct
Cattle Transaction Levy Amendment (AAHC) ²	26 Jun	48	25 Oct
CFM Sale ²	19 Sep	58	20 Nov
Child Care Legislation Amendment ²	10 Oct	80	19 Dec
Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 1).....	26 Jun	56	8 Nov
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment (No.1) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	12 Sep	41	9 Oct
Family (Tax Initiative) ¹	11 Sep	63	27 Nov
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment [No. 2] (<i>Senate bill</i>)	22 Aug	33	28 Aug
Health Insurance Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	30 Oct	54	8 Nov
Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) ^{1,2}	17 Oct	75	17 Dec
Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 1).....	26 Jun	72	5 Dec
Higher Education Legislation Amendment ^{1,3}	9 Oct	74	12 Dec
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Family Tax Initiative) ¹	11 Sep	64	27 Nov
Industry Research and Development Amendment ¹	26 Jun	82	19 Dec
Laying Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) ²	26 Jun	49	25 Oct
Live-stock Export Charge Amendment (AAHC) ²	26 Jun	50	25 Oct
Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC) ²	26 Jun	51	25 Oct
Meat Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC)	26 Jun	52	25 Oct
Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment	26 Jun	40	9 Oct
National Firearms Program Implementation.....	20 Aug	34	4 Sep
National Health (Budget Measures) Amendment	9 Oct	79	19 Dec
Payment of Tax Receipts (Victoria).....	21 Nov	61	27 Nov

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- 1 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House
2 Amended in House
3 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Passed both Houses and assented to—continued

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 1996</i>	<i>Date of Assent</i>
Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC)	26 Jun	53	25 Oct
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ^{1,2}	27 Jun	59	20 Nov
Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 1)	27 Jun	68	3 Dec
Shipping Grants Legislation ¹	1 May	71	5 Dec
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) ¹	12 Sep	84	23 Dec
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Budget and Other Measures) (<i>Senate bill</i>).....	14 Dec	83	23 Dec
Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 1).....	9 Oct	57	20 Nov
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment.....	11 Sep	69	3 Dec
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education) Assistance	19 Sep	70	5 Dec
Statute Law Revision (<i>Senate bill</i>)	10 Oct	43	25 Oct
Taxation Laws Amendment (International Tax Agreements).....	27 Jun	39	9 Oct
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2).....	27 Jun	76	18 Dec
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) ^{1,2}	31 Oct	78	19 Dec
Telstra (Dilution of Public Ownership) ¹	2 May	81	19 Dec
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ²	22 May	55	8 Nov
Vocational Education and Training Funding Laws Amendment ^{4,1} ...	18 Sep	73	5 Dec
Wool International Amendment.....	30 Oct	62	27 Nov
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment ^{1,2}	23 May	60	25 Nov
Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment (No. 2) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	13 Dec	77	19 Dec

Not passed into law—

Still before House (62)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Auditor-General	12 Dec	12 Dec
Audit (Transitional and Miscellaneous) Amendment	12 Dec	12 Dec
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Australian Communications Authority	5 Dec	5 Dec
Bounty Legislation Amendment.....	19 Sep	19 Sep
Charter of Budget Honesty.....	11 Dec	11 Dec
Commonwealth Authorities and Companies.....	12 Dec	12 Dec
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Corporations Law Amendment.....	6 Nov	6 Nov
Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2).....	12 Dec	12 Dec
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2)	4 Dec	4 Dec
Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 2).....	21 Aug	21 Aug

1 Amended in Senate and agreed to by House

2 Amended in House

4 Introduced as Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Farm Household Support Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Financial Laws Amendment.....	21 Nov	21 Nov
Financial Management and Accountability	12 Dec	12 Dec
Financial Transaction Reports Amendment	4 Dec	4 Dec
General Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment	21 Nov	21 Nov
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	24 Jun	
Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Incentives)	13 Dec	13 Dec
Human Rights Legislation Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment	11 Dec	11 Dec
International Transfer of Prisoners ⁵	21 Nov	21 Nov
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment	12 Dec	12 Dec
Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 2)	13 Dec	13 Dec
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency	11 Dec	11 Dec
Native Title Amendment.....	27 Jun	27 Jun
Ombudsman Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	24 Jun	
Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment.....	30 Apr	
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 3)	12 Dec	12 Dec
Private Health Insurance Incentives	13 Dec	13 Dec
Productivity Commission.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Productivity Commission (Repeals, Transitional and Consequential Amendments)	4 Dec	4 Dec
Public Service Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Quarantine Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	28 Oct	
Quarantine Amendment (No. 2) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	2 Dec	
Radiocommunications Amendment.....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment.....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment.....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Retirement Savings Accounts	4 Dec	4 Dec
Retirement Savings Accounts (Consequential Amendments).....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Retirement Savings Accounts Supervisory Levy	4 Dec	4 Dec
Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Amendment.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration)	4 Dec	4 Dec
Sex Discrimination Amendment.....	6 Nov	6 Nov
Sydney Airport (Regulation of Movements) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	4 Nov	18 Nov
Sydney 2000 Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Amendment	18 Sep	18 Sep
Tax Law Improvement ⁶	11 Dec	11 Dec
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4).....	12 Dec	12 Dec
Taxation Laws Amendment (Private Health Insurance Incentives)	13 Dec	13 Dec
Telecommunications.....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Telecommunications Amendment	30 Oct	30 Oct
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges).....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Fees) Termination.....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Telecommunications (Numbering Charges).....	5 Dec	5 Dec

5 Referred to Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for advisory report

6 Referred to Joint Committee of Public Accounts for advisory report

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—Still before House—continued

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Telecommunications (Numbering Fees) Amendment.....	30 Oct	30 Oct
Telecommunications (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments).....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy).....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Trade Practices Amendment (Better Business Conduct) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	17 Jun	
Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications).....	5 Dec	5 Dec
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition.....	4 Dec	4 Dec
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget and Other Measures)	11 Dec	11 Dec

Still before Senate (25)

	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Bankruptcy Amendment ²	9 Oct	2 Dec
Bankruptcy (Estate Charges).....	9 Oct	2 Dec
Bankruptcy (Registration Charges).....	9 Oct	2 Dec
Civil Aviation Amendment	22 May	27 Jun
Customs Amendment (No. 2).....	7 Nov	21 Nov
Customs Depot Licensing Charges	7 Nov	21 Nov
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges).....	9 Oct	4 Dec
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment (No. 2)	9 Oct	4 Dec
Euthanasia Laws (<i>Private Member's bill</i>) ²	28 Oct	10 Dec ^{cam}
Family Law Amendment.....	11 Sep	4 Dec
Flags Amendment.....	26 Jun	12 Dec
Hindmarsh Island Bridge	17 Oct	7 Nov
Immigration (Education) Charge Amendment.....	16 Oct	13 Dec
Import Processing Charges.....	7 Nov	21 Nov
Income Tax Assessment ²	19 Jun	17 Oct
Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) ²	19 Jun	17 Oct
Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) ²	19 Jun	17 Oct
Legislative Instruments ²	26 Jun	11 Sep
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 3)	16 Oct	13 Dec
Migration (Visa Application) Charge	16 Oct	13 Dec
Natural Heritage Trust of Australia	19 Jun	29 Oct
Proceeds of Crime Amendment	11 Sep	9 Dec
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Periods and Other Measures) ^{3,7}	23 May	30 May
Student and Youth Assistance Amendment (Waiting Period).....	30 Oct	7 Nov
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget Measures)	18 Sep	5 Dec

2 Amended in House

3 Amendment/s requested by Senate and made by House

7 Amended in Senate; House agreed to some amendments and disagreed to others

BILLS—continued

PROGRESS—continued

Not passed into law—continued

Removed from Notice Paper (1)

	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Removed</i>
Public Service (Parliamentary Departments) Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	20 May	18 Nov'

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved (12)

	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97	9 Sep	Mr G. J. Evans
Bounty Legislation Amendment.....	7 Nov	Mr Crean
Child Care Legislation Amendment	31 Oct	Dr Lawrence
Euthanasia Laws (<i>Private Member's bill</i>).....	28 Oct	Mr Dondas
Hindmarsh Island Bridge	5 Nov	Mr Melham
Income Tax Rates Amendment (Family Tax Initiative).....	19 Sep	Mr G. J. Evans
Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 1)	21 Aug	Mr Latham
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment.....	18 Sep	Mr Latham
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education) Assistance	15 Oct	Mr P. J. Baldwin
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2).....	21 Aug	Mr Latham
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3).....	18 Nov	Mr Latham
Vocational Education and Training Amendment	16 Oct	Mr P. J. Baldwin

Referred to Main Committee (29)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97 ^u	17 Sep	9 Oct
Appropriation (No. 2) 1996-97 ^u	17 Sep	9 Oct
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1996-97 ^u	17 Sep	9 Oct
Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding ^w	10 Sep	12 Sep
Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Amendment ^w	10 Sep	11 Sep
Australian Law Reform Commission ^w	20 Aug	21 Aug
Australian Law Reform Commission (Repeal, Transitional and Miscellaneous) ^w	20 Aug	21 Aug
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment ^a	10 Sep	11 Sep
Cattle Export Charges Amendment (AAHC) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep
Cattle Transaction Levy Amendment (AAHC) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep

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- r* Removed from Notice Paper in accordance with standing order 104B
u Reported with unresolved question
w Agreed to without amendment
a Amended in Main Committee

BILLS—continued

OTHER DETAILS—continued

Referred to Main Committee—continued

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
CFM Sale ^a	9 Oct	31 Oct
Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulations) Amendment (No.1) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	10 Sep	18 Sep
Euthanasia Laws (<i>Private Member's bill</i>) ^u	28 Oct	5 Dec
Health Insurance Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	29 Oct	30 Oct
Income Tax Assessment ^a	15 Oct	17 Oct
Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) ^a	15 Oct	17 Oct
Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) ^a	15 Oct	17 Oct
Laying Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep
Legislative Instruments ^a	10 Sep	11 Sep
Live-stock Export Charge Amendment (AAHC) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep
Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep
Meat Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) ^w	10 Sep	12 Sep
Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment ^u	20 Aug	21 Aug
Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC) ^w	10 Sep	12 Sep
Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) ^a	10 Sep	12 Sep
Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^w	29 Oct	31 Oct
Statute Law Revision (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^w	9 Oct	10 Oct
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^a	20 Aug	21 Aug
Wool International Amendment ^w	5 Nov	7 Nov

Referred to other committees for advisory report (2)

	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Reported</i>
<i>Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee</i>		
International Transfer of Prisoners	21 Nov	
<i>Public Accounts—Joint Committee</i>		
Income Tax Assessment	19 Jun	22 Aug
Income Tax (Consequential Amendments)	19 Jun	22 Aug
Income Tax (Transitional Provisions)	19 Jun	22 Aug
Tax Law Improvement	11 Dec	

Declared urgent (considered under a “guillotine”) (3)

	<i>Declared urgent</i>
Appropriation (No. 1) 1996-97	10 Oct
Appropriation (No. 2) 1996-97	10 Oct
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1996-97	10 Oct

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- a* Amended in Main Committee
u Reported with unresolved question
w Agreed to without amendment

TARIFF PROPOSALS

Customs Tariff Proposals—

No. 2 (1996) moved on 16 Sep

No. 3 (1996) moved on 9 Dec

Excise Tariff Proposals—

No. 1 (1996) moved on 16 Sep

COMMITTEES

Relates to the period 29 Jun to 14 Dec a.m inclusive—times are rounded to the nearest half hour

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Campbell, Mr Dondas, Mr Entsch, Mr Holding, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Marek, Mr Melham, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne, Mr Quick, Mr A. C. Smith.

Current inquiry

Greater autonomy for Torres Strait Islanders.

Report

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 6 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme: Aboriginal and Torres Islander Commission. (*presented 12 Dec*)

The committee met 19 times for a total of 26½ hours.

The committee also met informally 7 times for a total of 18 hours.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator MacGibbon (*Presiding Member*), Mr Hicks, Mr Sercombe, Mr Somlyay, Mr Zammit, Senator J. A. L. Macdonald, Senator Ray.

The committee met 6 times for a total of 11 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

The Speaker (*Chairman*), The President, Mr Adams, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Hicks, Mr Lindsay, Mr Martin, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

The committee met once for one half hour.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM (Standing)

Membership

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr R. C. Baldwin (to 9 Oct), Mr R. A. Cameron, Mrs Crosio, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Lindsay (from 17 Oct), Mr McArthur, Mr McDougall, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Neville, Mr Randall, Mr Tanner, Mrs D. S. Vale (from 9 Oct to 17 Oct), Mr Wakelin, Mr Willis.

Reports

Jet fresh: Paddock to plate—An inquiry into air freight exports of perishable and time sensitive products. (*presented 12 Dec*)

Keeping rural Australia posted—An inquiry into Australia Post: rural and remote letter service delivery. (*presented 16 Sep*)

Current inquiry

Federal road funding.

The committee met 20 times for a total of 62 hours.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chairman*), Mrs Johnston, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Latham, Mr McLeay, Mr Sinclair, Senator Cook, Senator Cooney, Senator Ellison (to 25 Nov), Senator Gibson (from 25 Nov), Senator Murray (from 1 Jul), Senator Spindler (to 30 Jun).

Report

Draft second Corporate Law Simplification Bill 1996. (*presented 18 Nov*)

The committee met 7 times for a total of 11 hours.

COMMITTEES—continued

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May)

Membership

Mr Cobb (*Chair*), Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Griffin, Mr McDougall, Mr Nairn, Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne (from 1 Jul), Senator Chamarette (to 30 Jun), Senator Conroy, Senator Lees (to 30 Jun), Senator Minchin.

Current inquiries

All aspects of the conduct of the 1996 federal election and matters related thereto.

The role of the Australian Electoral Commission in conducting industrial elections under Part IX of the Industrial Relations Act.

The committee met 14 times for a total of 30 hours.

The committee also met informally once for 1½ hours and a subcommittee met once informally for an hour.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr P. J. Baldwin, Mr Barresi, Mr Bradford, Mr Brough, Mrs Elson, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Griffin, Mr Marek, Mr Mossfield, Mr Neville, Mr Pyne, Mr Sawford.

Current inquiry

Factors influencing the employment of young people.

The committee met 15 times for a total of 44 hours and its subcommittees met twice for total of 8 hours.

ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Truss (*Chair*), Mr Anthony, Mr Billson, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mrs Crosio, Mr Entsch, Mr Hockey, Mr Jenkins, Miss J. M. Kelly (to 16 Sep, from 31 Oct), Mr Langmore (to 6 Dec), Dr Lawrence, Mr McDougall, Mr Martin, Dr Southcott.

Current inquiries

Funding of community sporting and recreational facilities.

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 31 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Environmental management of Commonwealth land: Site contamination and pollution prevention.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—*continued*

Report

Managing Australia's world heritage (*presented 4 Nov*)

The committee met 19 times for a total of 43 hours.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Slipper (*Chair*), Mr R. A. Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs E. J. Grace, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr, Ms Macklin, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mrs D. S. Vale, Mrs West.

Current inquiries

Concession card availability and eligibility for concessions.

Health information management and telemedicine.

The committee met 16 times for a total of 46 hours and its subcommittees met once for total of 5 hours.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Anthony, Mrs Bailey (to 13 Dec), Mr Causley, Mrs Gallus, Mr Hockey, Mr Latham, Mr McMullan, Mr Mutch, Dr Nelson, Mr Pyne, Dr Southcott (from 13 Dec), Mr Willis, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiries

Aspects of the national competition reform package.

Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1995-96.

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 6 of 1996-97—Performance audit—
Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort.

The committee met 17 times for a total of 17 hours.

The committee also met informally 6 times for a total of 27 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May)

Membership

Mr Sinclair (*Chair*), Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradford, Mr Brereton, Mr Brough, Mr Dondas, Mrs Gallus, Mr Georgiou, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr Jones, Mr Lieberman, Mr Nugent, Mr Price, Mr Slipper, Mr S. F. Smith, Mr Taylor, Ms Worth, Senator Bolkus, Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Childs, Senator Forshaw (from 1 Jul), Senator Harradine, Senator Jones (to 30 Jun), Senator I. D. Macdonald (to 25 Nov), Senator J. A. L. Macdonald (from 1 Jul), Senator MacGibbon, Senator Margetts, Senator Panizza, Senator Schacht, Senator Short (from 25 Nov), Senator Teague (to 30 Jun).

Current inquiries

Annual reports of—

Australian Trade Commission.

Department of Defence.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Hong Kong's transfer to Chinese sovereignty.

Review of relations with ASEAN.

Submission on Australian government's international human rights policy and activities 1994 and 1995.

Reports

Australian aid program—Proceedings of a seminar, 31 July 1996, Canberra. (*presented 16 Sep*)

Australia's relations with Southern Africa. (*presented 2 Dec*)

Implications of Australia's services exports to Indonesia and Hong Kong. (*presented 13 Dec*)

Visit of the Defence Subcommittee to Queensland and the Northern Territory, 5 to 8 August 1996. (*presented 28 Oct*)

The committee met 39 times for a total of 52 hours and its subcommittees met 56 times for a total of 87 hours.

The committee also met informally 10 times for a total of 8½ hours and its subcommittees also met informally once for half an hour.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay, Mrs Sullivan.

The committee met once for an hour.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Standing)

Membership

Mr R. D. C. Evans (*Chair* - from 12 Sep), Mrs Bailey, Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Beddall, Mr Broadbent (to 9 Oct), Mr M. J. Evans, , Mr Forrest, Ms Gambaro, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Johnston (from 9 Oct), Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Connor, Mr Reid (*Chair* - to 12 Sep), Mr Zammit.

Current inquiries

Australian industry participation in major infrastructure projects.

Business conduct issues arising out of commercial dealings between firms.

The committee met 16 times for a total of 39 hours.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Barresi, Mr Broadbent (to 9 Oct), Mrs E. J. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Kerr, Mr McClelland, Mr Melham, Mr Mutch, Mr Randall, Mr Sinclair, Mr A. C. Smith (from 9 Oct), Dr Southcott, Mr K. J. Thomson.

Current inquiries:

Aspects of family services.

Section 44 of the Constitution.

Bill referred:

International Transfer of Prisoners (*To report by 3 March 1997*)

The committee met 22 times for a total of 55½ hours and its subcommittees met 3 times for a total of 3½ hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

LIBRARY (Standing)

Membership

The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr Barresi, Mr Causley, Mr Filing, Mr Jones, Mr Nugent.

The committee met twice for a total of 2 hours.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Somlyay (*Chair - from 15 Oct*), Mr K. J. Andrews (from 14 Oct), Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Jenkins, Mr Martin, Mr Neville, Mr Reid (*Chair*) (to 14 Oct), Mr Ronaldson (to 14 Oct), Mr Taylor (from 14 Oct).

Paper

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—Statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 25 Jun to 11 Dec. (*presented 12 Dec*)

The committee met 5 times for a total of 3 hours.

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May)

Membership

Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Ms Gambaro, Mr Holding, Mr Kerr, Mr Martin, Mr Sinclair, Senator McKiernan, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Tierney, Senator Troeth.

Current inquiry

Working holiday visas.

The committee met 17 times for a total of 48 hours.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May)

Membership

Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Ms Ellis, Mrs Johnston, Mr Langmore (to 6 Dec), Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Dr Southcott, Senator Allison (from 1 Jul), Senator Colston, Senator Ferguson, Senator Lundy, Senator Reid (to 20 Aug), Senator Stott Despoja (to 30 Jun).

COMMITTEES—*continued*

National Capital and External Territories—*continued*

Current inquiry

The right to legitimately protest or demonstrate on National Land and in the Parliamentary Zone in particular.

The committee met 8 times for a total of 17 hours.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Bradford (*Chairman*), Mr Filing, Mr Sercombe, Mr Truss, Mrs West, Senator Bolkus (to 6 Nov), Senator Conroy, Senator Gibbs (from 6 Nov), Senator I. D. Macdonald, Senator McGauran, Senator Spindler (to 30 Jun), Senator Stott Despoja (from 1 Jul).

Current inquiry

Performance of statutory duties.

Report

Examination of the annual report for 1994-95 of the National Crime Authority.
(*presented 2 Dec*)

The committee met 15 times for a total of 27½ hours.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Abetz (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Dondas, Mr Entsch, Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Senator Chamarette (to 30 Jun), Senator Ellison, Senator Evans, Senator Kernot (from 1 Jul), Senator Reynolds.

Current inquiry

Matters pursuant to section 206 of the *Native Title Act 1993*

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—*continued*

Reports

4th—National Native Title Tribunal annual report 1994-95, July 1996. (*presented 21 Aug*)

5th—Annual reports for 1994-95 prepared pursuant to Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, July 1996. (*presented 21 Aug*)

6th—The National Native Title Amendment Bill 1996. (*presented 18 Nov*)

7th—The National Native Title Amendment Bill 1996 and the Racial Discrimination Act. (*presented 13 Dec*)

The committee met 17 times for a total of 15½ hours and its subcommittees met 19 times for a total of 50½ hours.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, RESOURCES AND RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Bailey (*Chair - from 26 Nov*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Broadbent, Mr Causley, Mr Cobb (from 11 Sep), Mr Crean, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Forrest (to 11 Sep), Mrs Gash (from 13 Dec), Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Ronaldson (*Chair - to 16 Oct*) (to 13 Dec), Mrs Stone, Mr Wakelin.

Current inquiries

Benefits for regional Australia of international agricultural trade reform.

Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 32 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Commonwealth fisheries management—Australian Fisheries Management Authority.

The committee met 19 times for a total of 65 hours.

The committee also met informally twice for a total of 4 hours.

PRIVILEGES (Standing)

Membership

Mr E. H. Cameron (*Chair*), the Leader of the House or his nominee, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his nominee, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brown, Mr Holding, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay, Mrs Sullivan, Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

The committee met once informally for 2 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PROCEDURE (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Sullivan (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr Martin, Mr Mossfield, Mr K. J. Thomson, Mr Reid, Mr Truss.

Reports

Conduct of divisions. (*presented 18 Nov*)

Consideration in detail: Review of the operation of standing order 226. (*presented 28 Oct*)

Operation of standing order 143: Questions to Members other than Ministers, September 1996. (*presented 16 Sep*)

Review of reports of previous Procedure Committees which have not received a Government response. (*presented 2 Dec*)

The committee met 10 times for a total of 8 hours.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Somlyay (*Chairman*), Mr Anthony, Mr Beddall, Mr Broadbent, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffin, Mrs Stone, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, Senator Baume (to 1 Jul), Senator Crowley, Senator Gibson (from 4 Nov), Senator Hogg (from 13 Dec), Senator I. D. Macdonald (from 1 Jul to 2 Dec), Senator Mackay (to 13 Dec), Senator Short (from 2 Dec), Senator Watson, Senator Woods (to 4 Nov).

Current inquiries

Commonwealth and State accountability requirements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander local government councils.

Review of Auditor-General's reports presented in—

1995-96.

1996-97.

Review of the Jindalee Operational Radar Network Project (JORN).

Bill referred:

Tax Law Improvement Bill 1996. (*To report by 6 March 1997*)

COMMITTEES—*continued*

Public Accounts—*continued*

Reports

345th—Advisory report on the Income Tax Assessment Bill 1996; Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1996; and Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1996. (*presented 22 Aug*)

346th—Guarding the independence of the Auditor-General. (*presented 10 Oct*)

347th—Annual report 1995-96. (*presented 2 Dec*)

The committee met 9 times for a total of 12 hours and its subcommittees met 25 times for a total of 74 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr J. N. Andrew (*Chairman*), Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Forrest, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hatton, Mr Hollis, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries

Adelaide—Extension to main runway at Adelaide International Airport.

Amberley, Qld—Development of No. 6 Squadron facilities at RAAF Base Amberley.

Bandiana and Bonegilla, Vic.—Army Logistics Training Centre and Bandiana Logistics Group.

Darwin—Development of operational facilities for RAAF Base Darwin.

Department of Defence Joint Project 2043, High Frequency Modernisation Project—Development of buildings and services.

Reports

CSIRO Research Interaction and Biomolecular Research facilities, Black Mountain, ACT. (2nd report of 1996) (*presented 19 Nov*).

Development of operational facilities for RAAF Base Tindal. (3rd report of 1996) (*presented 4 Dec*).

Development of facilities for 5 Aviation Regiment at RAAF Base Townsville. (4th report of 1996) (*presented 11 Dec*).

Development of infrastructure on the Townsville Field Training Area. (5th report of 1996) (*presented 11 Dec*).

Fifty-ninth general report. (*presented 11 Sep*).

Implementation of rockfall risk reduction strategies on Christmas Island. (1st report of 1996) (*presented 10 Oct*).

The committee met 15 times for a total of 27 hours and its sectional committees met 15 times for a total of 31 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Ms Ellis, Mr R. D. C. Evans, Mr Griffin, Mr Martin, Mr Mutch.

Current inquiry

Future of the parliamentary papers series.

Reports

2nd Report. (*presented 19 Sep*)

3rd Report. (*presented 17 Oct*)

4th Report. (*presented 7 Nov*)

5th Report. (*presented 5 Dec*)

6th Report. (*presented 13 Dec*)

The committee met 5 times, 4 times in conference with the Senate Publications Committee, for a total of 1½ hours.

SELECTION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr Filing, Mr E. L. Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, Ms Worth.

Reports

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

9 Sep. (*presented 20 Aug*)

16 Sep. (*presented 10 Sep*)

14 Oct. (*presented 8 Oct*)

28 Oct. (*presented 15 Oct*)

4 Nov. (*presented 29 Oct*)

18 Nov. (*presented 5 Nov*)

2 Dec. (*presented 19 Nov*)

The committee met 7 times for a total of 3 hours.

COMMITTEES—*continued*

TREATIES (Joint Standing)(Formed 30 May)

Membership

Mr Taylor (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Bartlett, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hardgrave, Mr McClelland, Mr A. C. Smith, Mr Truss, Mr Tuckey, Senator Abetz, Senator Bourne, Senator Carr (to 4 Dec), Senator Cooney (from 4 Dec), Senator Denman (to 12 Dec), Senator Ellison, Senator Murphy (from 12 Dec), Senator Neal, Senator O’Chee.

Current inquiries

Protocols II and IV of the Inhumane Weapons Convention.

Implications for Australia of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

Reports

1st Report. (*presented 9 Sep*)

2nd Report—Treaties tabled on 10 and 11 September 1996. (*presented 14 Oct*)

3rd Report—Two International Agreements on Tuna. (*presented 18 Nov*)

4th Report—Treaties tabled on 15 and 29 October 1996. (*presented 2 Dec*)

The committee met 22 times for a total of 60 hours and its subcommittees met once for 3 hours.

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presented

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 30 April 1996 to 13 December 1996, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 13 December 1996	14 Dec
Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Keeping the customer satisfied: Inquiry into the devolution of running costs flexibilities, 16 October 1995	10 Oct
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Committee—Radio and television broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings—Report, May 1995	12 Sep
Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—A fair go for all: Report on migrant access and equity, 24 January 1996	22 Aug
.....	13 Dec

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS—*continued*

Presented

Corporations and Securities—Joint Parliamentary Committee—Reports— Annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission and other bodies: 1993-94, 23 October 1995.	12 Sep
Derivatives—Report, 20 November 1995.....	12 Sep
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Human rights and progress towards democracy in Burma (Myanmar), October 1995	21 Nov
National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—National Capital Plan—Draft amendment No. 14 (Broadacre areas) to the National Capital Plan, October 1995.....	5 Dec
National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Organised criminal paedophile activity, November 1995.....	12 Dec
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund— Parliamentary Joint Committee—National Native Title Tribunal annual report 1994-95, July 1996	12 Dec
Procedure—Standing Committee— Consideration in detail: Review of the operation of standing order 226, October 1996	5 Dec
Operation of standing order 143: Questions to Members other than Ministers, 16 September 1996	10 Oct
Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee— Oil spills—A response strategy: Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No.9 of 1994-95—Project audit—Is Australia ready to respond to a major oil spill?: Australian Maritime Safety Authority, 20 November 1995.....	12 Dec
Plane safe: Inquiry into aviation safety: The commuter and general aviation sectors	5 Dec
Ships of shame—A sequel: Inquiry into ship safety	13 Dec
Warehouse to wharf: Efficiency of the interface between seaports and land transport, 20 November 1995	7 Nov

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

Construction of extension to National Gallery of Australia. (*Mr Jull, 4 Nov*); agreed to.

Construction of glass canopy and drainage grating to porte cochere of House of Representatives main entry, Parliament House. (*Mr W. L. Smith, 16 Sep*); agreed to.

Improvements to signage and pedestrian access for the National Gallery of Australia and High Court of Australia precinct. (*Mr W. L. Smith, 12 Dec*); agreed to.

Redevelopment of Opposition Party Room and demolition of Press Gallery additions at Old Parliament House. (*Mr W. L. Smith, 12 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Public Works—

CSIRO Research Interaction and Biomolecular Research facilities, Black Mountain, ACT. (*Mr Jull, 3 Dec*); agreed to.

Development of facilities for 5 Aviation Regiment at RAAF Base Townsville. (*Mr Jull, 12 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Development of infrastructure on the Townsville Field Training Area. (*Mr Jull, 12 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Tindal, NT. (*Mr Jull, 10 Dec*); agreed to.

Authorisation of publication

Affirmative Action Agency—Report for 1995-96. (*Mr Reith, 29 Oct*); agreed to.

Auditor-General—Audit reports—1996-97—

No. 1—Performance audit—Passenger movement charge: Australian Customs Service (*Mr W. L. Smith, 20 Aug*); agreed to.

No. 2—Performance audit—The administration of the Australian National Training Authority (*Mr W. L. Smith, 20 Aug*); agreed to.

No. 3—Follow-up audit—Compensation pensions to veterans and war widows: Department of Veterans' Affairs (*Mr Reith, 21 Aug*); agreed to.

No. 4—Performance audit—Use of Justice Statement funds and financial position: Family Court of Australia (*Mr Reith, 22 Aug*); agreed to.

No. 5—Performance audit—Accounting for aid—The management of funding to non-government organisations: Australian Agency for International Development (*Mr Miles, 9 Sep*); agreed to.

No. 6—Performance audit—Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort (*Mr Reith, 12 Sep*); agreed to.

No. 7—Performance audit—IT acquisition councils (*Mr Reith, 17 Sep*); agreed to.

No. 8—Performance audit—Drug evaluation by the Therapeutic Goods Administration: Department of Health and Family Services (*Mr Reith, 8 Oct*); agreed to.

No. 9—Performance audit—Building better cities: Department of Transport and Regional Development (*Mr Reith, 8 Oct*); agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Authorisation of publication—Auditor-General's audit reports—continued

- No. 10—Performance audit—Follow-up audit—Energy management of Commonwealth buildings: Department of Primary Industries and Energy; Department of Administrative Services (*Mr Reith, 16 Oct*); agreed to.
- No. 11—Performance audit—Follow-up audit—The Export Market Development Grants Scheme: Australian Trade Commission (*Mr Reith, 17 Oct*); agreed to.
- No. 12—Performance audit—Follow-up audit—Data matching: Department of Social Security (*Mr Reith, 17 Oct*); agreed to.
- No. 13—Performance audit—Tax debt collection: Australian Taxation Office (*Mr Ruddock, 18 Nov*); agreed to.
- No. 14—Performance audit—Evaluation process for the Shared Systems Suite: Office of Government Information Technology (*Mr Reith, 21 Nov*); agreed to.
- No. 15—Performance audit—Management of food provisioning in the Australian Defence Force (*Mr A. P. Thomson, 2 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 16—Financial control and administration audit—Payment of accounts (*Mr A. P. Thomson, 2 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 17—Performance audit—Workforce planning in the Australian Defence Force: Department of Defence (*Mr A. P. Thomson, 2 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 18—Performance audit—Maralinga Rehabilitation Project—Tendering and Commercial arrangements: Department of Primary Industries and Energy (*Mr Reith, 9 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 19—Financial statements audit—Results of the 1995-96 financial statements audits of Commonwealth entities (*Mr Prosser, 9 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 20—Selected Commonwealth property sales: Portfolio Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Defence and Administrative Services (*Mr Reith, 11 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 21—Management of IT outsourcing: Department of Veterans' Affairs (*Mr Reith, 11 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 22—Performance audit—Client service: Australian Taxation Office (*Mr Reith, 12 Dec*); agreed to.
- No. 23—Performance audit—Recovery of the proceeds of crime (*Mr Ruddock, 13 Dec*); agreed to.

Australian National Audit Office—

Report for 1995-96 (*Mr Reith, 9 Oct*); agreed to.

Report of the independent auditor, October 1996 (*Mr Reith, 7 Nov*); agreed to.

Australian Securities Commission—Investigation into the affairs of the New South Wales Aboriginal Legal Service (*Mr Reith, 7 Nov*); agreed to.

Relations between the Civil Aviation Authority and Seaview Air—Commission of Inquiry (*Mr Sharp, 8 Oct*); agreed to.

Censure/want of confidence

Minister for Industry Science and Tourism (*Mr Crean, 15 Oct*); debated and negatived.

MOTIONS—*continued*

Censure/want of confidence—*continued*

Prime Minister—

(*Mr Beazley, 10 Oct*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 16 Oct*); debated and negatived.

(*Mr Beazley, 17 Oct*); amendment moved (*Mr Howard*); amendment debated and agreed to; motion, as amended, agreed to.

Treasurer (*Mr G. J. Evans, 8 Oct*); debated and negatived.

Contingent

To enable third reading being moved without delay (*Mr Miles, 19 Nov*); agreed to.

Private Members' business

Access to public transport for veterans with psychiatric disabilities (*Mr Adams, 28 Oct*); debated.

Australian embassy in Croatia (*Mr Filing, 9 Sep*); debated.

Burma (*Mr Sinclair, 9 Sep*); debated.

Burma-Thailand Railway—Prisoner of war memorial (*Mr Truss, 18 Nov*); debated. Further debated (*2 Dec*).

Cyprus (*Mr Brereton, 9 Sep*); debated. Further debated and agreed to (*16 Sep*).

Hong Kong (*Mr Sinclair, 14 Oct*); debated.

Human rights in Sudan (*Mr Cadman, 28 Oct*); debated.

Iraq (*Mr Somlyay, 4 Nov*); debated.

Media ownership (*Mr Langmore, 28 Oct*); debated.

Pledge of commitment as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia (*Ms Hanson, 4 Nov*); debated.

Poverty (*Mr Quick, 2 Dec*); debated.

Protest rally at Parliament House (*Mr E. H. Cameron, 16 Sep*); debated.

Retention of Census data (*Mr Mutch, 14 Oct*); debated.

Second international airport for Sydney (*Mrs Crosio, 4 Nov*); debated.

Timber industry (*Mr Nehl, 18 Nov*); debated.

Uniform transport concession rules (*Mr Tanner, 14 Oct*); debated.

Procedural

Leave of absence to all Members (*Mr McGauran, 13 Dec*); agreed to.

Senate amendments—Limitation of debate (*Mr Reith, 21 Nov*); debated and agreed to.

MOTIONS—continued

Procedural—continued

Special adjournment—

(*Mr Reith, 22 Aug*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 19 Sep*); debated and agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 17 Oct*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 7 Nov*); agreed to.

(*Mr Reith, 21 Nov*); debated and agreed to.

(*Mr Howard, 13 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Suspension of—

Standing orders—

48A and 103 (*Mr Reith, 12 Dec*); agreed to.

399 (*Mr Reith, 13 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Standing and sessional orders—

Adjournment debate (*Mr Reith, 14 Dec*); agreed to.

Bills—Limitation of debate and adjournment (*Mr Reith, 10 Oct*); debated and agreed to.

Government business notice—To be called on forthwith (*Mr Reith, 13 Dec*); agreed to.

Motion of censure of the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism (*Mr Crean, 15 Oct*); agreed to.

Motion of censure of the Prime Minister—

(*Mr Beazley, 10 Oct*); agreed to.

(*Mr Beazley, 16 Oct*); agreed to.

(*Mr Beazley, 17 Oct*); agreed to.

Private Members' business—

Arrangements for Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996 (*Mr Reith, 8 Oct*); debated and agreed to.

To call on order of the day, No. 1, forthwith and any adjourned debate being called on at a later hour (*Mr Reith, 9 Dec*); amendment moved (*Mr Sinclair*); amendment debated and negatived; motion agreed to.

To enable Member to move motion in absence of another Member (*Mr Abbott, 10 Oct*); agreed to.

To put question on motion forthwith (*Mr McLeay, 16 Sep*); agreed to.

Routine of business for—

22 August (*Mr Reith, 21 Aug*); debated and agreed to.

10 October (*Mr Reith, 9 Oct*); agreed to.

9 December (*Mr Reith, 3 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

10 December (*Mr Reith, 9 Dec*); agreed to.

Variation of routine of business for this sitting (*Mr Reith, 6 Nov*); agreed to.

MOTIONS—*continued*

Other

Address by the President of the United States of America (*Mr Reith, 17 Oct*); debated and agreed to.

Address by the President of the United States of America—Amendment of resolution (*Mr Reith, 6 Nov*); agreed to.

Deaths—Vote of condolence—

Dobie, Hon James Donald (Don) Mathieson (*Mr Howard, 2 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Holten, Hon Rendle McNeilage (Mac) (*Mr Howard, 17 Oct*); debated and agreed to.

Lucock, Mr Philip Ernest (*Mr Howard, 20 Aug*); debated and agreed to.

Osborne, Hon. Frederick Meares (*Mr Howard, 20 Aug*); debated and agreed to.

Export Control Act—Regulations (*Mr Anderson, 17 Sep*); debated and agreed to.

International Human Rights Day (*Mr Howard, 10 Dec*); debated and agreed to.

Leave of House for production of records in court proceedings—

(*Mr Reith, 19 Sep*); debated and agreed to.

(*Mr Miles, 29 Oct*); agreed to.

(*Mrs Bishop, 21 Nov*); agreed to.

National Library of Australia Council—Appointment of member (*Mr Reith, 9 Dec*); agreed to.

Racial tolerance (*Mr Howard, 30 Oct*); debated and agreed to.

Speaker's ruling—Dissent from ruling—

(*Mr Beazley, 9 Oct*); debated and negated.

(*Mr S. F. Smith, 31 Oct*); debated and negated.

STATEMENTS BY SPEAKER

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Defence policy	Mr McLachlan	15 Oct
Health policy for veteran community in rural and remote areas	Mr Scott	16 Oct
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Local government national report and Commonwealth policy on local government.....	Mr W. L. Smith	5 Dec
Migration program	Mr Ruddock	13 Dec
National Health and Medical Research Council—60th anniversary...Dr Wooldridge		7 Nov
Prime Minister—Visit to Indonesia and Japan and the South Pacific Forum.....	Mr Howard	9 Oct
Relations between the Civil Aviation Authority and Seaview Air—Commission of Inquiry	Mr Sharp	8 Oct
Vietnam Veterans’ delegation to Vietnam.....	Mr Scott	11 Sep

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED

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Australian industry	Mr Crean	3 Dec
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Commonwealth Dental Health Program.....	Mr Lee	29 Oct
Employment.....	Mr Beazley	12 Sep
Enrolments and education opportunities.....	Mr P. J. Baldwin	19 Nov
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Hospital funding, medication costs, child care assistance and nursing home charges.....	Mr Lee	21 Aug
Industrial action by trade unions	Mr R. A. Cameron	19 Sep
Job security of workers at Australian National	Mr Tanner	17 Sep
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Low income workers	Mr McMullan	5 Dec
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Special Auditor—Report by the Special Auditor (KPMG), dated October 1996	15 Oct

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