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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**NOTICE PAPER**

No. 9

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1998

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- *1 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation measures related to the implementation of A New Tax System, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by providing bonus payments to older Australians, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for aged care compensation measures related to the implementation of A New Tax System, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by establishing a Register of Australian Business and providing for the issue of Australian Business Numbers, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR COSTELLO:** To present a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by amending legislation consequentially on the *A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998—Mr Abbott*) on the proposed Address in Reply.
- 2 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr Swan*).
- 3 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSALS) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Consideration in detail (*from 1 December 1998*).

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

- *4 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998** (*from Senate*):
Second reading (*from 1 December 1998*).
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
(*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—
Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 6 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998** (*Minister for Forestry and
Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November
1998—Mr Swan*).
- 7 **AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION
AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*):
Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 8 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION
BILL 1998** (*Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second
reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *9 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of
Senate's amendments (*from 1 December 1998*).
- 10 **PETROLEUM RETAIL LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1998** (*Parliamentary
Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—
Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 11 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES)
AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of
debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 12 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES)
CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of
debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 13 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL
(NO. 1) 1998** (*Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November
1998—Mr Horne*).
- 14 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and
Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November
1998—Mr Bevis*).
- 15 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF
SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and
Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—
Mr Martin*).
- 16 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November
1998*).
- *17 **COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**:
Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of
Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 18 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE
NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—*

Mr McMullan) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 19 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 20 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—CORRIGENDA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 21 **NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 22 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 23 **CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 24 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 25 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 26 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 27 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 29 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 30 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 31 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **LAND AND WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JULY 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1997-98—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **WOOL INTERNATIONAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **MILITARY SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFITS BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 43 **DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **OFFICE OF ASSET SALES AND IT OUTSOURCING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **CENTRELINK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **MARITIME INDUSTRY FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAM ON TAXATION REFORM—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **JOINT COAL BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 55 **PROVISION FOR RUNNING COSTS BORROWINGS, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
 Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 58 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.



BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 1998, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 28D

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- *1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND MALAYSIA:** Report. (*Total time for statements—30 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- †1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 24 November 1998. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)

†2 **MR NEHL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) regrets that the action of the NSW Government in progressing the regional forest agreements for north-east and lower north-east New South Wales has forced the Commonwealth Government to withdraw funding of \$40 million; and
- (2) calls on the NSW Government to act with responsibility to protect the future of the forest industry. (*Notice given 30 November 1998. Time allotted for debate—private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†3 **MR SERCOMBE:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) the special relationship between Australia and Turkey, which developed out of mutual respect engendered by the horrific experiences of the First World War;
- (2) that Turkey is a modern, secular state with which Australia should further enhance relations;
- (3) the importance of Turkey as a trade and investment partner in its own right and as a base for Australian trade efforts in the Middle East and Central Asia;
- (4) the significant contribution of Turkish migration to Australia's economic, social and cultural development; and
- (5) that Turkish speaking residents of Australia have contributed significantly to the Australian community by their approach to potentially divisive issues that could undermine harmony in our multicultural society. (*Notice given 11 November 1998. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)

†4 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the increasing number of closures of bank branches within the Australian community;
- (2) agrees to refer the issue of bank closures to the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs to take evidence as appropriate and consider appropriate recommendations to place before the House; and
- (3) determines that, as well as the general reference, the standing committee also inquire into and report on the increasing number of service reductions within communities and the increasing difficulties with which remaining services are able to be contacted by local residents where services are reduced or removed. (*Notice given 12 November 1998. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Wednesday, 2 December 1998

*1 **MR BROUGH:** To move—That this House:

- (1) places on record concern about the lack of awareness in the community of prostate cancer;

- (2) notes that the number of deaths per year ascribed to prostate cancer has nearly doubled, rising from 1355 in 1982 to 2660 in 1996; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to support the designation of one day or week per year as National Prostate Cancer Day/Week as a means of heightening awareness. (*Notice given 1 December 1998.*)
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Notices—*continued*

1 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on any matter its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;

- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
 - (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
 - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
 - (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
 - (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
 - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
 - (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 2 **MR PRICE:** To move—
- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):

- (*ba*) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
 - (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant

committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

- 4 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
- (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 5 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

- 6 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;

- (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
 - (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 7 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 275A be omitted and the following standing order be substituted:

Statements by Members

275A Notwithstanding standing order 275, when the Main Committee meets on a Thursday, the business before the Committee shall be interrupted at 1 p.m. and the Chair shall call for statements by Members. A Member, other than a Minister, may be called by the Chair to make a statement for a period not exceeding 3 minutes. The period for Members' statements may continue for a maximum of 1 hour. Any business under discussion at 1 p.m. and interrupted under the provisions of this standing order shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting. (*Notice given 10 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

- 8 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of affordable, quality child care for Australian parents;
 - (2) deplors the lack of childcare facilities available to Members, Senators and staff working at Parliament House, noting that this lack of workplace child care has led to increased difficulties for parents working at Parliament House following the Coalition's attacks on child care over the past 3 years;
 - (3) condemns the Howard Government for its massive attacks on child care and notes that in the course of the first Howard Government childcare funding was slashed by a total of \$800 million; and
 - (4) expresses its concern that these cuts have resulted in fee rises, the closure of childcare centres and women being forced out of the paid workforce, instead of providing families with a choice about how they care for their children. (*Notice given 12 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 9 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the decline in home ownership in Australia;
 - (2) agrees to refer the issue of declining home ownership to the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs to consider ways of increasing home ownership in Australia; and
 - (3) determines that, as well as the general reference; the standing committee inquire into the feasibility of the use of the family payment for the purpose of the deposit for a first family home and particularly examine how this might assist low income families to purchase their own home. (*Notice given 12 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

10 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the discrepancies and contradictions in expert assessments of Australia's optimum population;
- (2) recognises the damage caused to the nation's social fabric by ill-informed and emotive comments on the nation's immigration program;
- (3) notes that population growth is ultimately a product of fertility rates and levels of net immigration, while acknowledging that Australia has a limited carrying capacity, both ecologically and economically;
- (4) notes that without a population policy Australia risks a continuation of the divisive scapegoating of minority ethnic groups; and
- (5) calls for the convening of a national population forum to consider and propose a population policy for Australia and the social and concrete infrastructure required to sustain that population. (*Notice given 24 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

11 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirms the commitment of the Australian people to that Declaration;
- (2) affirms the principle that those guilty of gross abuses of human rights, especially genocide, torture and arbitrary killing of political opponents should be brought to account before the international community;
- (3) welcomes, on the basis of this principle, the decision of the British House of Lords not to grant immunity from prosecution to the former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet, who has been accused of many crimes during the period of his reign;
- (4) calls upon the British Government to now act to expedite the extradition of Mr Pinochet to Spain, where the courts are seeking to prosecute him for such crimes; and
- (5) acknowledging that there are many Chilean Australians whose relatives have been killed or disappeared under Pinochet's rule, calls on the Australian Government to actively support the extradition of Mr Pinochet to Spain and to support all actions to ensure Mr Pinochet is brought to account for his actions. (*Notice given 30 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)

Orders of the day

1 **INSURANCE INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998—Mr Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Martin—That this Parliament calls for the referral of an inquiry into the Australian insurance industry to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Public Administration and the issues to be considered to include:

- (a) the moral and legal responsibility of insurance companies to honour policies in respect of storm damage and flood;

- (b) necessary legislative change to ensure pedantic definitional arguments are not used by companies to negate payments to policy holders;
 - (c) the examination of the legislative base in the provision of flood insurance in the USA and UK and its potential relevance to Australia;
 - (d) the ways in which insurance companies approached the interpretation of storm and flood damage in recent disasters in Wollongong, Katherine, Coffs Harbour and Townsville; and
 - (e) existing Commonwealth and State or Territory government legislative support mechanisms to assist areas and victims affected by such disasters and whether changes are necessary to ensure rapid and effective relief. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 2 **IRANIAN BAHA'I COMMUNITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That this House:
- (1) strongly condemns the recent grave attacks on the Iranian Baha'i community, including the brutal execution of Mr Ruhullah Rawhani in July in the absence of due legal process, raids on 500 Baha'i homes in an orchestrated nation-wide attempt to prevent Baha'i youth from receiving education, confirmation of death sentences against two Baha'i men and the detention and imprisonment of 16 other Baha'is for practising their faith;
 - (2) calls on the Government of Iran to end its oppression of the Baha'i community, ensure the safety and early release of all those Baha'is imprisoned in Iran, immediately take steps to implement UN resolutions defining steps required of the Iranian Government and calling for the emancipation of the Baha'is and respect the principles of the International Covenants on Human Rights to which Iran is a party; and
 - (3) expresses its deep disappointment that despite the consideration of this matter by both Houses of the Australian Parliament last year, the Iranian Government, far from taking action to remedy the situation, has intensified its persecution of Baha'is. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 3 **LABELLING OF AUSTRALIAN GOODS:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998*) on the motion of Mrs Bailey—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of labelling to both industry and consumers;
 - (2) acknowledges that the label 'Product of Australia' is the premium label for Australian goods; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to ensure that there is clear definition and understanding of the 'Made in Australia' label by both industry and consumers. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence until 1.15 p.m. each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 104 and 101) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, but commencing no later than 1.15 p.m., being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 7 December 1998". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 2 December 1998

The Main Committee meets at 10 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 November 1998*).
 - 2 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO CHARACTER AND CONDUCT) BILL 1998** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 November 1998*).
 - 3 **RURAL ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr Swan*).
 - 4 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1998** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr Swan*).
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each week, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the week are included on the Notice Paper.

Questions unanswered

1-5, 7, 8, 10-17, 19-31, 33-41, 43-216.

30 November 1998

217 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 7 October 1998 stating that he would review the federal politicians' superannuation scheme.
- (2) Will the Government review the superannuation scheme for members of the Commonwealth Parliament; if so, (a) when will the review commence, (b) which body will conduct it, (c) which aspects of the scheme will be reviewed and (d) when will the report be delivered.

218 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many countries are a party to the Unesco Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954).
- (2) Which countries have become a party since 1988.
- (3) Which parties to the convention are not parties to the companion protocol.
- (4) Did Australia send comments to the meeting of experts held in Vienna from 11 to 13 May 1998 to consider revision of the convention.
- (5) Who will represent Australia at the Diplomatic Conference that is being convened at The Hague from 14 to 26 March with a view to adopting a new instrument complementing the provisions of the convention.
- (6) Did Australia in July 1994 assure the USA that it was still considering whether to become a party to the protocol and that the matter was being reviewed by relevant Commonwealth and State departments.
- (7) On what occasions and with what results has (a) Australia consulted with States and Territories and (b) his Department consulted with other Commonwealth departments concerning the protocol.

219 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did the Unesco Executive Board at its 155th session (19 October – 6 November 1998) decide to invite member states to participate, during the first six months of 1999, in the second meeting of governmental experts on the draft convention on the protection of underwater cultural heritage in order to report to the General Conference at its 30th session in October – November 1999.
- (2) Will Australia participate; if so, what are the (a) names, (b) positions and (c) qualifications of the persons who will represent Australia at the meeting.

- 220 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the Victorian Government intends to change within 12 months the funding source of many nonprofit human services, or charities, from an operating grant to winning a competitive tender.
 - (2) Will the source of funding affect the GST-free status of a charity.
- 221 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is it a fact that the GST-free status of charities will apply only to their non-commercial activities; if so, what will be the GST status of cakes, sausages, fairy bread and similar goods sold for fundraising in direct competition with other charities.
- 222 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is it a fact that charities and other low turnover nonprofit organisations will pay GST and subsequently receive reimbursement; if so, how will they be able to maintain financial liquidity.
- 223 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the Government compensate charities similarly to commercial business to enable them to implement the GST.
- 224 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the Government release the advice it has given to or received from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission about how it intends to monitor the price changes that will occur because of the implementation of the GST.
- 225 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the Government provide advice it has received concerning the effect of the GST on interest rates.
- 226 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does the Army keep accurate records of travel by Army personnel on civilian commercial flights at Commonwealth expense.
 - (2) How are bookings on civilian commercial flights made for Army personnel travelling on official business.
 - (3) If a centralised booking system is used, are preferences shown towards particular carriers.
 - (4) Does the Army negotiate with various carriers for the least expensive service when approving travel on official business for Army personnel.
 - (5) How many journeys did Army personnel travelling on official business make from (a) Canberra to Newcastle and (b) Newcastle to Canberra (i) in total, (ii) by direct route and (iii) through Sydney, (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
 - (6) What was the (a) arrival time in and (b) departure time from Sydney for each flight by Army personnel travelling on official business from (i) Canberra to Newcastle and (ii) Newcastle to Canberra (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
- 227 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does the RAAF keep accurate records of travel by RAAF personnel on civilian commercial flights at Commonwealth expense.
 - (2) How are bookings on civilian commercial flights made for RAAF personnel travelling on official business.
 - (3) If a centralised booking system is used, are preferences shown towards particular carriers.

- (4) Does the RAAF negotiate with various carriers for the least expensive service when approving travel on official business for RAAF personnel.
 - (5) How many journeys did RAAF personnel travelling on official business make from (a) Canberra to Newcastle and (b) Newcastle to Canberra (i) in total, (ii) by direct route and (iii) through Sydney, (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
 - (6) What was the (a) arrival time in and (b) departure time from Sydney for each flight by RAAF personnel travelling on official business from (i) Canberra to Newcastle and (ii) Newcastle to Canberra (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
- 228 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Does his Department keep accurate records of travel by Members, Senators and their staff on civilian commercial flights at Commonwealth expense.
 - (2) How are bookings on civilian commercial flights made for Members, Senators and their staff travelling on official business.
 - (3) If a centralised booking system is used, are preferences shown towards particular carriers.
 - (4) Does the Department negotiate with various carriers for the least expensive service when approving travel on official business for Members, Senators and their staff.
 - (5) How many journeys did Members, Senators and their staff travelling on official business make from (a) Canberra to Newcastle and (b) Newcastle to Canberra (i) in total, (ii) by direct route and (iii) through Sydney, (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
 - (6) What was the (a) arrival time in and (b) departure time from Sydney for each flight by Members, Senators and their staff travelling on official business from (i) Canberra to Newcastle and (ii) Newcastle to Canberra (A) in 1995-96, (B) in 1996-97, (C) in 1997-98 and (D) from 1 July to 31 October 1998.
- 229 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did studies undertaken in the 1970s underpin the 1984 site selection environmental impact statement for Sydney's second airport; if so, (a) which studies and (b) have any been updated; if not, why not.
 - (2) Was distance from the central business district an important criterion in the selection process.
 - (3) Were sites precluded under the distance criterion; if so, which sites.
- 230 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does his Department use ANEF/ANEC methodology to forecast levels of aircraft noise; if so, since when.
 - (2) Was ANEF/ANEC methodology used in the preparation of the environmental impact statement for the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek; if so, was it the most appropriate and up-to-date methodology to forecast airport noise levels and minimise the impact on residents in and around airports and flight paths.

- (3) Does the ANEF/ANEC methodology sufficiently allow for the impact and disturbance cause by noise at night and has it been criticised for this deficiency.
 - (4) Is it a fact that the USA is discarding the ANEF/ANEC methodology; if so, what methodology does it use to forecast airport noise levels.
 - (5) Does the use of ANEF/ANEC methodology sufficiently satisfy important social and environmental concerns.
- 231 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) base the assessment of noise impacts on average noise levels; if so, why.
 - (2) Does the averaging technique smooth out peak noise levels.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to international criticism of averaging noise levels to determine noise impacts.
 - (4) Is it a fact that residents are affected more by peak than by average noise levels.
 - (5) If the EIS is based on average noise levels, does it understate the noise impacts on residents of western Sydney; if not, why not.
- 232 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) consider the contribution of airport and aircraft noise to sleep disturbance; if so, how.
 - (2) Did the EIS canvass international literature on aircraft noise and sleep disturbance; if so, with what conclusion.
 - (3) Did the EIS identify noise levels at night that cause sleep disturbance, leading to physiological and psychological harm; if so, what levels; if not, why not.
- 233 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Commonwealth's environmental auditor criticise the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) on the matter of the potential of elevated noise levels to harm health; if so, did he accept the criticism; if not, why not; if so, what action has he taken to address the criticism.
 - (2) If the EIS was in error on the potential of elevated noise levels to harm health, who was responsible, his Department or the consultants who prepared the EIS.
- 234 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement adequately address the impact of aircraft noise on the education process in educational facilities.
 - (2) Did the EIS canvass international literature on the impact of aircraft noise on the education process; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to studies indicating that the performance of children learning at school or home is more sensitive to noise impact than most other sectors of the community; if so, were the studies taken into consideration during the preparation of the EIS; if not, why not.

- (4) Did the NSW Environment Protection Agency estimate that children in as many as 300 schools in western Sydney could be adversely affected by aircraft noise at a Badgerys Creek airport.
- 235 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the NSW Environment Protection Agency developed a sophisticated model of the Sydney airshed; if so, was the model used in preparing the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS); if not, why not.
 - (2) Were inadequate methodologies adopted as a basis for the air quality assessment in the EIS; if so, (a) why and (b) what action will he take to rectify the use of inadequate methodologies.
- 236 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the assessment of air quality impacts in the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) allow for an estimated 70 000 motor vehicle movements per day associated with airport traffic; if not, why not.
 - (2) Did the EIS present a misleading understatement of the impact on air quality; if not, why not.
- 237 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Would the development of a second Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek and the associated aircraft and ground vehicle emissions lead to a significant increase in the concentration of oxides of nitrogen in western Sydney's air.
 - (2) Are oxides of nitrogen known to increase the incidence of respiratory problems such as asthma.
 - (3) Did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement allow for increased concentration of oxides of nitrogen; if not, why not.
- 238 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In view of Australia's agreement to restrict greenhouse emissions following the Kyoto conference, did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement consider the contribution of the airport and associated ground traffic to greenhouse gas emissions; if not, why not.
- 239 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Do pollutants such as reactive organic chemicals and fine particles which are produced in motor vehicle and aircraft exhaust streams contribute to increases in the incidence of various cancers.
 - (2) Did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement ignore the impact on health of reactive organic chemicals and fine particles; if so, why.
- 240 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What award or other provisions for Defence Reserve leave apply to Telstra employees.
 - (2) Has Telstra management indicated that Defence Reserve leave is under review and that it is proposed to restrict each employee to a maximum of two weeks leave each year.

- (3) Is it a fact that the system of common induction training for the Army which was introduced by the Government requires new Army Reservists to be absent from civilian employment for up to seven weeks.
- (4) Will the circumstances described in the previous parts of this question discourage Telstra employees from enlisting in the Army Reserve; if so, is this consistent with the Government's intentions for the Army Reserve.

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- 241 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many (a) permanent and (b) contract positions are to be filled in the 1998-99 Centrelink IT graduate intake.
 - (2) Will all (a) permanent and (b) contract positions referred to in part (1) be located in (i) Canberra and (ii) the National Support Office in Tuggeranong, ACT.
 - (3) Will normal Australian Public Service conditions apply to the contract positions; if not, what conditions will apply.
 - (4) What will be the duration of the contract positions.
- 242 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many private health insurance members resided in the post code areas of (a) 2600, (b) 2603, (c) 2605, (d) 2606, (e) 2607, (f) 2900, (g) 2901, (h) 2902, (i) 2903, (j) 2904, (k) 2905 and (l) 2906 on 25 November 1998.
- 243 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Will the Government (a) support Mr Luciano Arias, an Australian citizen of Chilean background, in his quest to achieve justice for the killing of his brother, Luis Arias, by the Pinochet regime in Chile on 19 February 1975 and (b) ensure that the case is brought before any international court which seeks to judge Mr Pinochet for his alleged crimes.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to the plight of the indigenous people of Chile, known as the Mapuche-Pehuenche, who are in danger of being eradicated because of the policies being pursued by the Chilean Government, including the attempt to destroy the natural environment in which these people live through the construction of a dam and hydro-electric power stations in the upper Bio-Bio River.
 - (3) Will the Government make representations to the Government of Chile on protecting the cultural heritage and natural environment of the Mapuche-Pehuenche people.
- 244 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will he ensure that operators of licensed post offices will not face competition from the introduction of rural transaction centres.
- 245 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government raised the maximum weight limit of semitrailers from 42.5 to 45.5 tonnes; if so, will the Government compensate councils who need to upgrade their bridges as a result; if not, why not.

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*246 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the National Competition Council recommended in a draft report of its review of subsections 51(2) and 51(3) of the Trade Practices Act that the exemption relating to standards contained in paragraph 51(2)(c) of the Act be removed.
- (2) Did the Commonwealth and the Standards Association of Australia enter into a new memorandum of understanding in February 1998 covering the preparation of standards in Australia.
- (3) Will the Government implement the recommendation referred to in part (1).

*247 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Commonwealth announce after the special premiers' conference in November 1998 that it would give the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission statutory authority to formally monitor prices and take legal action against businesses taking pricing decisions in a manner inconsistent with tax reform.
- (2) Is the Government taking steps to curb GST-based profiteering.
- (3) Has the Government introduced formal monitoring of bank fees and charges; if not, how will the Government prevent profiteering by banks.

*248 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Does the Government support the maintenance of a secure framework of finance regulation to ensure the confidence of local and international investors.
- (2) Did he state on the ABC radio program 'The world today' on 27 November 1998 that all financial regulation policy was under review; if so, what is the effect of the uncertainty of Australia's financial regulation framework on the confidence of local and international investors.

*249 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the total posted number of (a) RAN, (b) Army and (c) RAAF personnel in Western Australia in each year from 1993.
- (2) Is there a difference between posted and actual numbers; if so, in each case referred to in part (1), what was the difference.
- (3) What is the projected total posted number of (a) RAN, (b) Army and (c) RAAF personnel in Western Australia for (i) 1999, (ii) 2000 and (iii) 2001.

*250 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Will the SAS play a crucial security role during the Sydney Olympics.
- (2) Will the SAS undergo intense counter-terrorism training in preparation for the Sydney Olympics.
- (3) What stress debrief and support programs will the Government make available to members of the SAS after the Sydney Olympics.

*251 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What is the (a) number and (b) proportion of Australians estimated to be addicted to hard drugs.

- *252 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many drug related prosecutions have been initiated under Commonwealth law in Western Australia in each financial year since 1992-93.
 - (2) How many cases in each year referred to in part (1) resulted in convictions.
- *253 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What financial contribution has the Western Australian police service made to the National Crime Authority in each financial year since 1992-93.
- *254 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—How many sworn Australian Federal Police officers served in Western Australia in each (a) calendar and (b) financial year since 1993.
- *255 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What funds are available to veterans through grants administered by his Department.
 - (2) With respect to each type of grant referred to in part (1), (a) what is its purpose, (b) who is responsible for allocating funds, (c) does he have discretion in the allocation of funds, (d) on how many occasions has he exercised his discretion to overturn recommendations concerning the allocation of funds and (e) will he provide details in respect of each occasion; if not, why not.
 - (3) What sum was allocated under each type of grant to (a) Queensland, (b) New South Wales, (c) Victoria, (d) South Australia, (e) Western Australia, (f) the Australian Capital Territory, (g) the Northern Territory and (h) Tasmania in each financial year since 1995-96.
- *256 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—What was the cost of (a) production and (b) distribution of his Department's publication entitled 'Vet Affairs' and how many persons were employed in its production in each year from 1993.
- *257 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—How many officers were employed by his Department in Western Australia in each financial year since 1992-93.
- *258 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—What sum did the Commonwealth allocate for sport on (a) capital works expenditure and (b) sports programs in (i) New South Wales, (ii) Victoria, (iii) South Australia, (iv) Queensland, (v) Western Australia and (vi) the Australian Capital Territory in each financial year since 1992-93.
- *259 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside within the postcode areas of (a) 2205, (b) 2207, (c) 2216, (d) 2217, (e) 2218, (f) 2219, (g) 2220 (h) 2221, (i) 2222 and (j) 2223.
- *260 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Sydney metropolitan area in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-

97 and (c) 1997-98 and what was the (i) expenditure on, (ii) location of, and (iii) purpose of, each project.

***261 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) On the most recent data, how many recipients of (a) Job Search Allowance, (b) Newstart Allowance, (c) Mature Age Allowance, (d) age pension, (e) wife pension, (f) disability support pension, (g) carer pension, (h) youth training allowance, (i) sole parent pension, (j) widow allowance, (k) partner allowance and (l) rent assistance reside within the postcode areas of (i) 2205, (ii) 2207, (iii) 2216, (iv) 2217, (v) 2218, (vi) 2219, (vii) 2220, (viii) 2221, (ix) 2222 and (x) 2223.

(2) How many of the persons referred to in part (1)(l) were either on (a) disability support pension or (b) carer pension within each postcode area referred to.

***262 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) On the most recent data, how many community based childcare centres are there in the electoral division of Barton.

(2) What is the name and address of each centre.

(3) How many children are enrolled at each centre.

(4) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each centre receive in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98.

(5) What sum will each centre receive in 1998-99.

(6) On the most recent data, how many families residing within the postcode areas of (a) 2205, (b) 2207, (c) 2216, (d) 2217, (e) 2218, (f) 2219, (g) 2220, (h) 2221, (i) 2222 and (j) 2223 receive some level of financial child care support from the Commonwealth and which payments do families receive.

***263 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) What Commonwealth funding was provided in each financial year since 2 March 1996 directly to projects or programs for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility operating in the electoral divisions of (a) Barton, (b) Watson, (c) Banks, (d) Hughes and (e) Cook which are aimed at (i) combating or (ii) preventing all facets of the illicit drug trade.

(2) With respect to each project or program referred to in part (1), (a) what its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are the aims and objectives, (d) what funding has it received and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.

***264 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) How many case managers were employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in the electoral division of Barton on (a) 1 July 1998, (b) 1 July 1997 and (c) 1 July 1996.

- (2) How many clients were managed by each case manager employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in the electoral division of Barton on (a) 1 July 1998, (b) 1 July 1997 and (c) 1 July 1996.
- (3) Under the new service delivery model announced by the Minister on 9 November 1998, how many (a) case managers will be employed and (b) clients will be managed by each case manager in the Centrelink customer service centres in the electoral division of Barton.
- *265 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, what sum in child care assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long and (c) community long day care in the postcode areas of (i) 2205, (ii) 2207, (iii) 2216, (iv) 2217, (v) 2218, (vi) 2219, (vii) 2220, (viii) 2221, (ix) 2222 and (x) 2223.
- *266 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth contribute towards funding New South Wales' public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (2) Is he able to say what sum the NSW Government contributed towards funding New South Wales' public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (3) Is he able to say what total sum was spent on funding New South Wales public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- *267 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What Commonwealth funding was provided in each financial year since 2 March 1996 directly to projects or programs operating in the electoral divisions of (a) Barton, (b) Watson, (c) Banks, (d) Hughes and (e) Cook with the purpose of (i) combating or (ii) preventing the negative health effects of opiate addiction.
- (2) With respect to each project or program referred to in part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are its aims and objectives, (d) what funding has it received and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.
- *268 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—What sums were provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in (i) 1995-96, (ii) 1996-97 and (iii) 1997-98 in the postcode areas of (A) 2205, (B) 2207, (C) 2216, (D) 2217, (E) 2218, (F) 2219, (G) 2220, (H) 2221, (I) 2222 and (J) 2223 and what was the (I) expenditure on, (II) location of, and (III) purpose of, each grant.
- *269 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What Commonwealth funding was provided in each financial year since 2 March 1996 directly to projects or programs for which he has portfolio responsibility operating in the electoral divisions of (a) Barton, (b) Watson, (c) Banks, (d) Hughes and (e) Cook which are aimed at (i) combating or (ii) preventing all facets of the illicit drug trade.
- (2) With respect to each project or program referred to in part (1), (a) what is its name, (b) who operates it, (c) what are its aims and objectives, (d) what

funding has it received and (e) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.

- *270 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—What sums were allocated in local government financial assistance grants in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98 to the (i) City of Rockdale, (ii) City of Hurstville and (iii) Municipality of Kogarah.
- *271 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is it a fact that the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) is based on 360 000 aircraft movements per annum but that the risk analysis presented in the EIS is based on 245 000 movements per annum; if so, (a) is it standard practice for an EIS to use two separate figures for aircraft movement, (b) why is there a difference between the figures and (c) does the difference compromise the validity of the EIS; if not, why not.
- *272 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How important is meteorological data in the siting and operation of an airport.
 - (2) How many years meteorological data must be acquired before an accurate profile can be developed for the possible siting of an airport.
 - (3) How many years background meteorological data was available in preparing the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS).
 - (4) Was sufficient meteorological data gathered for the Badgerys Creek EIS.
 - (5) How many years data was used in the Badgerys Creek EIS?
- *273 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the construction of an airport have significant impact upon the site's surface and ground water.
 - (2) Did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement present an assessment of the impact of the proposed airport on regional flooding, creek stability and surface water quality; if not, why not.
- *274 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did his Department commission a report, before the environmental impact statement (EIS) was commissioned, on the impact of an airport at Badgerys Creek on the Hawkesbury/Nepean river system; if so, (a) when was the report received, (b) who prepared it, (c) what did it cost, (d) did it conclude that the Hawkesbury/Nepean river system is known to be subject to significant pollution burdens from existing sources in western Sydney, including sources in the Badgerys Creek area and (e) did his Department insist that the report be used for the EIS; if not, why not.
 - (2) Did the EIS conclude that the proposed airport would have significant impacts on the Hawkesbury/Nepean river system; if so, why.
 - (3) Has the Department reconciled two completely different approaches to assessing impact on the river system; if so, how.

- *275 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent Sydney water quality crisis, which highlighted the vulnerability of Sydney's water storage and distribution systems.
 - (2) Will he ensure that there will be no impact on the drinking water quality for the residents of Sydney as a result of airport activities if the Badgerys Creek proposal is allowed to proceed.
- *276 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Upon what flora and fauna studies and surveys did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) rely.
 - (2) On what dates were the studies and surveys originally published.
 - (3) Were new studies commissioned for the EIS; if not, why not.
- *277 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When planning the construction of an airport, what period of historical meteorological data is considered sufficient to reach well informed and reliable conclusions regarding operational factors, noise impacts, and air quality effects.
 - (2) What is the accepted practice in the USA and internationally with respect to meteorological data and the construction of airports.
 - (3) What period of meteorological data was used in respect of Badgerys Creek.
- *278 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did his Department commission independent studies which concluded that vertical profiling of meteorological and air quality conditions was essential to achieve an accurate assessment of the impacts of the construction of Badgerys Creek airport; if so, (a) when were the studies undertaken and (b) were the results from the studies taken into consideration in the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS); if not, why not.
 - (2) Was the EIS allowed to proceed without vertical profiling of meteorological and air quality conditions; if so, why.
- *279 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will the Commonwealth compensate the residents of western Sydney for loss of lifestyle, amenity and property value if the Badgerys Creek proposal proceeds; if so, how.
- *280 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What studies were used in the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement to determine the archaeological significance of the proposed site and when were they undertaken.
 - (2) How contemporary were the studies.
 - (3) How much of a site needs to be surveyed for an accurate assessment of Aboriginal heritage to be undertaken.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether a survey of 4 per cent of a proposed site meets internationally accepted standards.
 - (5) How much of the Badgerys Creek site was surveyed and are there proposals to survey more of the site.
 - (6) Did the survey include sub-surface indicators; if not, why not.

- *281 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) consider social, spiritual, cultural, health and psychological aspects of the Aboriginal environment; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether the factors referred to in part (1), in conjunction with archaeology, make up the Aboriginal cultural value of a location; if not, why not.
 - (3) Did the EIS consider the significance of Aboriginal bush foods, materials and medicines within the proposed airport site; if not, why not.
- *282 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Was the NSW Parks and Wildlife Service document entitled ‘Aboriginal Cultural Heritage—Standards and Guidelines Kit’ (1997), prepared for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage in New South Wales, used in the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement; if not, why not.
- *283 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did his Department engage a team of consultants to consider the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the proposed airport site at Badgerys Creek; if so, did the team include an appropriately qualified heritage practitioner; if not, why not.
- *284 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—If the Badgerys Creek airport proposal proceeds, will the Commonwealth act consistently with NSW legislation in relation to the removal or disturbance of Aboriginal sites or relics encountered during the airport’s construction.
- *285 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is it a fact that the impacts of the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek will extend well beyond the nominal airport boundaries; if so, has the environmental impact statement avoided considering the wider impacts; if so, why.
- *286 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Does the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement present costings for the management, mitigation and monitoring of the impacts of the proposed airport development; if not, why not.
- *287 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement take into account the potential loss of heritage items; if not, why not; if so, to what extent does it do so.
 - (2) Will the Kelvin Park Homestead be lost if construction of the airport proceeds.
 - (3) What heritage items other than Kelvin Park Homestead would be lost if construction proceeds.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: (*Member to be appointed*).

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: Dr Theophanous (*elected
23 November 1998, for a period of 3 years from and including 23 November
1998*).

PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Charles (*appointed 24 June
1996*) and Mr McLeay (*appointed 23 November 1998*).