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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 10

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1998

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.*


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 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

## Notices

- \*1 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.
- \*2 **MR REITH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, and for other purposes.
- \*3 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.
- \*4 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to law and justice, and for related purposes.
- \*5 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act 1903*, and for related purposes.
- \*6 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to human rights, and for related purposes.
- \*7 **MR M. A. J. VAILE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*, and for related purposes.
- \*8 **MR M. A. J. VAILE:** To present a Bill for an Act to make consequential amendments relating to the *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1998* and the *Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act 1998*, and for other purposes.
- \*9 **MR M. A. J. VAILE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts administered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and for related purposes.
- \*10 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Corporations Law and the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

\* 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.

- \*11 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.
- \*12 **MISS J. M. KELLY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Sports Drug Agency Act 1990*, and for other purposes.
- \*13 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Measurement Act 1960*, and for related purposes.
- \*14 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- \*15 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.
- \*16 **MR REITH:** To move—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be made:
  - (1) Omit standing orders 26 to 29.
  - (2) Standing order 302:  
Omit ‘select’.
  - (3) Omit standing orders 323 to 368 and substitute the following standing orders:

#### CHAPTER XXIV STANDING COMMITTEES

##### **Appointment**

**323** Standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament in accordance with the provisions of standing orders 324 to 331.

##### **General purpose standing committees**

**324** (a) The following general purpose standing committees shall be appointed:

- (i) Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and the Arts;
- (iii) Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration;
- (iv) Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations;
- (v) Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage;
- (vi) Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs;
- (vii) Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources;
- (viii) Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and
- (ix) Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services.

(b) A standing committee appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be empowered to inquire into and report on any matter referred to it by either the House or a Minister, including any pre-legislation proposal, bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or paper.

Annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General tabled in the House shall stand referred to the

relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to committees in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee:

Provided that:

- (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker;
- (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that department or authority is presented to the House; and
- (iii) if a committee intends to inquire into all or part of a report of the Auditor-General, it shall notify the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, in writing, of its intention.

(c) Each committee appointed under subparagraphs (a)(i) to (viii) shall consist of 10 members, six government and four non-government Members. A committee appointed under subparagraph (a)(ix) shall consist of 12 members, seven government and five non-government Members. Each committee may be supplemented with up to two members for a particular inquiry: provided that a maximum of one government and one non-government member may be appointed as supplementary members.

#### **Committee of Privileges**

**325 (a)** A Committee of Privileges shall be appointed to inquire into and report on complaints of breach of privilege or contempt which may be referred to it by the House under standing order 95 or by the Speaker under standing order 97A or any other matter referred to it pursuant to a resolution of the House.

(b) The committee shall consist of the Leader of the House or his or her nominee, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his or her nominee and nine other Members.

#### **Library Committee**

**326 (a)** A Library Committee shall be appointed to consider any matter relating to the provision of library services to Members referred to it by the House or by the Speaker.

(b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker and six other Members.

#### **House Committee**

**327 (a)** A House Committee shall be appointed to consider any matter relating to the provision of facilities in Parliament House referred to it by the House or by the Speaker.

(b) The committee shall consist of the Speaker and six other Members.

#### **Publications Committee**

**328 (a)** A Publications Committee shall be appointed to consider all documents presented to the House which have not been ordered to be printed by either House of the Parliament. The committee shall report from time to time in connection with documents presented to the House and may

make recommendations as to what documents ought to be printed and whether wholly or in part.

(b) The committee shall consist of seven Members.

(c) When conferring with a similar committee of the Senate the committee shall have power to inquire into and report on the printing, publication and distribution of parliamentary and government publications and on such matters as are referred to it by the relevant Minister.

#### **Committee of Members' Interests**

**329 (a)** A Committee of Members' Interests shall be appointed—

- (i) to inquire into and report upon the arrangements made for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of a Register of Members' Interests;
- (ii) to consider any proposals made by Members and others as to the form and content of the register;
- (iii) to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests;
- (iv) to consider what changes to any code of conduct adopted by the House are necessary or desirable;
- (v) to consider what classes of persons (if any) other than Members ought to be required to register and declare their interests; and
- (vi) to make recommendations upon these and any other matters which are relevant.

(b) The committee shall consist of seven Members, four government Members and three non-government Members: provided that, where the Opposition is composed of two parties, the committee shall consist of four government Members, two Members of the larger opposition party, and one Member of the smaller opposition party.

(c) The committee shall have power to call for witnesses and documents but shall not exercise that power, nor undertake an investigation of the private interests of any person, unless approved by not less than four members of the committee other than the chair.

(d) The committee shall, as soon as practicable after 31 December in each year, prepare and present to the House a report on its operations during that year and shall also have power to report from time to time.

#### **Standing Committee on Procedure**

**330 (a)** A Standing Committee on Procedure shall be appointed to inquire into and report on the practices and procedures of the House generally with a view to making recommendations for their improvement or change and for the development of new procedures.

(b) The committee shall consist of seven members, four government members and three non-government members.

#### **Selection Committee**

**331 (a)** A Selection Committee shall be appointed to arrange the timetable and order of business for private Members' business and

committee and delegation reports on each sitting Monday pursuant to standing order 101.

(b) The committee shall consist of the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip, the Third Party Whip, four government members and three opposition or other non-government members.

(c) Private Members' business which is to be accorded priority, the order of consideration and the times allotted for debate on each item and the time limits allotted for each Member speaking shall be approved by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the committee and in accordance with general principles adopted by the House after report by the committee.

(d) The Selection Committee may determine the order of precedence and times allotted for consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business and shall report its determinations to the House in sufficient time for its decisions to be published on the Notice Paper of the sitting Thursday prior to the Monday to which the determinations apply.

(e) Reports of the committee made pursuant to paragraph (d) shall be deemed adopted when presented and shall be printed in Hansard.

(f) Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee.

(g) For the purpose of private Members' business in this and any other standing or sessional order, a private Member is any Member of the House other than the Speaker or a Minister.

#### CHAPTER XXV OPERATION OF COMMITTEES

##### **Application**

**332** Except as provided in another standing or sessional order, or as otherwise ordered by the House, the provisions in standing orders 333 to 354 apply to all committees of the House.

##### **Appointment of members**

**333** Members shall be appointed to, or discharged from, a committee on motion moved on notice. Provided that, during a period when the House is not sitting and is not expected to meet for a further period of at least two weeks, the Chief Government Whip or Whips, in the case of a government member, or the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips, in the case of a non-government member, may nominate, by writing to the Speaker, the appointment or discharge of a member of a committee. The change in membership shall take effect from the time the Speaker receives the nomination from the relevant whip and the Speaker shall, at the next sitting, report the change to the House which shall resolve the membership of the committee.

For the purpose of consideration of a bill referred to a committee pursuant to standing order 217A, one or more members of a committee may be replaced by other Members by motion on notice. This does not affect the provision for a general purpose standing committee to be supplemented by up to two members.

**Speaker and Deputy Speakers**

**334** The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker or the Second Deputy Speaker shall not be appointed to serve on a committee except with his or her consent or as specified in a standing or sessional order.

**No Member to be on a committee if pecuniarily interested**

**335** No Member may sit on a committee if he or she has any direct pecuniary interest in a matter which is the subject of an inquiry before the committee. If the right of a Member to sit on a committee is challenged, the committee may report the matter to the House for resolution.

**Election of chair and deputy chair**

**336 (a)** A committee, before the commencement of business, shall elect a government member as its chair. The chair shall have only a casting vote.

**(b)** A committee shall elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.

**Quorum**

**337 (a)** Three members of a committee shall constitute a quorum of that committee. If at any time a quorum is not present, the chair shall suspend proceedings of the committee until a quorum is present or adjourn the committee.

**(b)** If, after the lapse of 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting of a committee, a quorum is not present, the members present may retire, and their names shall be entered in the minutes. The secretary of the committee shall notify members of the next meeting.

**Subcommittees**

**338 (a)** A committee shall have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.

**(b)** A committee shall 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.

**(c)** The quorum of a subcommittee shall be two members of that subcommittee.

**(d)** 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.

**Proceedings and sittings of committee**

**339 (a)** A committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings using any means approved by the House and in the following manner:

**(i)** in private meeting;

- (ii) by hearing witnesses, either in public or in private; and
- (iii) in the form of another meeting, discussion or inspection conducted in accordance with the practice of committees of the House.

(b) A committee or any subcommittee may adjourn from time to time, move from place to place and sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.

**Power to call for witnesses and documents**

**340 (a)** A committee or any subcommittee shall have the power to call witnesses and require that documents be produced.

(b) The chair of a committee or subcommittee shall direct the secretary of the committee or subcommittee to invite or summon witnesses and request or require the production of documents, as determined by the committee or subcommittee.

**Power to make use of records of previous committees**

**341** A committee or any subcommittee shall have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of similar committees appointed during previous Parliaments.

**Conferring with Senate committees**

**342** A committee shall have power to confer orally or in writing with a similar committee of the Senate.

**Records of proceedings and divisions**

**343 (a)** All proceedings of a committee or a subcommittee shall be recorded by the secretary of the committee. These records shall constitute the minutes of proceedings and shall be signed by the chair after confirmation by the committee or subcommittee.

(b) Any documents presented to the committee or subcommittee shall be signed by the secretary.

**Admission of visitors**

**344** When a committee or subcommittee is examining a witness, or engaged in other proceedings for the purpose of gathering information, visitors may be admitted. They shall withdraw if requested by the chair or if any member of the committee or subcommittee asks the chair to request their withdrawal. All visitors must withdraw when the committee or subcommittee is deliberating or taking evidence in camera.

**Admission of other Members**

**345** Members of the House may be present when a committee or subcommittee is examining a witness, or engaged in other proceedings for the purpose of gathering information, but shall withdraw if the committee or subcommittee so resolves. They shall always withdraw when the committee or subcommittee is deliberating or taking evidence in camera.

**Publication of evidence**

**346 (a)** A committee or subcommittee shall have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it or any document presented to it.

(b) The evidence taken by a committee or subcommittee and documents presented to it, and proceedings and reports of it, which have not been reported to the House, shall not, unless authorised by the House or the committee or subcommittee, be disclosed or published to any person other than a member or officer of the committee.

Provided that a committee may resolve to:

- (i) publish press releases, discussion or other papers or preliminary findings for the purpose of seeking further input to an inquiry; or
- (ii) divulge any evidence, documents, proceedings or report on a confidential basis to any person or persons for comment for the purpose of assisting the committee in its inquiry or for any administrative purpose associated with the inquiry.

**Power to report from time to time**

**347** A committee shall have leave to report from time to time.

**Chair to prepare report**

**348** The chair of a committee shall prepare a draft report and submit it to the committee.

**Consideration of draft report**

**349** At a meeting convened for the purpose, the chair shall present his or her draft report to the committee. The report may be considered at once, provided copies have been circulated in advance to each member of the committee. The report shall be considered paragraph by paragraph, and appendixes shall be considered in order at the conclusion of consideration of the report itself.

A member objecting to any portion of the report shall vote against it or move an amendment at the time the particular paragraph or appendix is under consideration.

If any member dissents from all or part of the report or wishes to attach a protest to a report, the member may add a protest or dissenting report to the main report.

**Alternative draft report**

**350** If any member, other than the chair, submits a draft report to the committee, the committee shall first decide upon which report it will proceed.

**Reconsideration**

**351** After the draft report has been considered, the whole or any paragraph may be reconsidered and amended.

**Chair to sign report**

**352** Every report of a committee shall be signed by the chair. Any protest or dissenting report shall be signed by the member or members protesting or dissenting.

**Report and minutes presented**

**353** The report of a committee, together with the minutes of the proceedings, shall be presented to the House by a member of the committee.



Provided that, if the House is not sitting when a committee has completed a report of an inquiry, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker. Upon receipt of the report by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker:

- (i) the publication of the report is authorised by this standing order; and
- (ii) the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of the report.

The report shall be presented to the House in accordance with this standing order as soon as possible.

#### **Consideration set down**

**354** Upon the presentation of a report, the report may be ordered to be printed with or without the documents accompanying it. Subject to any determinations of the Selection Committee pursuant to standing order 102B, its consideration may be set down for a subsequent sitting when a specific motion without notice in connection with it may be moved.

### **CHAPTER XXVA SELECT AND JOINT COMMITTEES**

#### **Select committees**

##### **Appointment**

**355** The House may appoint select committees by motion.

##### **Report from select committee**

**356** On the appointment of a select committee, a day shall be fixed for the reporting of its proceedings to the House, by which day the report of the committee shall be presented by a member of the committee, unless the House grants an extension of time. The report of the committee may be presented prior to the date fixed.

##### **Joint committees**

##### **Proposal to appoint**

**357** A proposal for a joint committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate agreed to by the House shall state the number of Members the House will appoint to serve on the committee and be forwarded to the Senate by message.

##### **Quorum of joint committee**

**358** The House may fix the quorum of its Members required to constitute a sitting of a joint committee. Subject to this a joint committee shall fix its own quorum.

##### **Appointment of Members**

**359** On receipt of a message from the Senate agreeing to appoint a joint committee in the same terms as agreed to by the House, the House will proceed to appoint the number of Members agreed upon to serve on the committee.

##### **Report of proceedings**

**360** The proceedings of a joint committee shall be reported to the House by one of the Members it has appointed to serve on the committee.

Provided that, if the House is not sitting when a joint committee has completed a report of an inquiry, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker. Upon receipt of the report by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker:

- (i) the publication of the report is authorised by this standing order; and
- (ii) the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of the report.

The report shall be presented to the House in accordance with this standing order as soon as possible.

#### **Consideration of bills by House members of joint committees**

**361** The House of Representatives members of a joint committee shall be considered to be a committee for the purpose of considering bills referred by the House under standing order 217A and shall operate under the provisions applying to general purpose standing committees.

#### **CHAPTER XXVB WITNESSES BEFORE THE HOUSE OR A COMMITTEE**

##### **Summoning of witnesses**

**362 (a)** Witnesses who are not Members may be ordered to attend before the House by summons under the hand of the Clerk of the House, or before a committee, by summons under the hand of the secretary of the committee.

(b) If a witness fails or refuses to attend or to give evidence, the House, on being acquainted with the matter, shall deal with it.

##### **Attendance of Member before the House or a committee**

**363 (a)** When the attendance of a Member is ordered by the House for examination by the House, the Member shall be summoned by the Speaker to attend in his or her place.

(b) If a committee desires the attendance of a Member as a witness, the chair shall, in writing, invite the Member to attend; but should the Member refuse to come, or to give evidence or information as a witness to the committee, the committee shall advise the House, and not again summon the Member to attend the committee.

##### **Charges against Members**

**364 (a)** No committee, except the Committee of Privileges and the Committee of Members' Interests, shall inquire into, or make findings in respect of, the conduct of any Member of the House, unless it is directed to do so by the House.

(b) If any information comes before any committee or any allegation is made to a committee, except the Committee of Privileges and the Committee of Members' Interests, charging any Member, the committee shall inform the Member concerned of the details of the charge and give the Member an opportunity to make any statement to it bearing on the matter. Unless the committee considers the matter is without substance, it shall report the matter to the House and shall not proceed further on that information or allegation without being directed by the House to do so.

**Attendance of Senators or officers of the Senate**

**365** When the attendance of a Senator, or any officer of the Senate, is desired by the House or any committee of the House, a message shall be sent to the Senate to request that the Senate give leave to the Senator or officer to attend for examination.

**Request by Senate for Member or officer to appear before the Senate or a Senate committee**

**366** Should the Senate request by message the attendance of a Member of the House before the Senate or any of its committees, the House may forthwith authorise that Member to attend, if the Member thinks fit. The House, if similarly requested by the Senate, may, if the House thinks fit, also instruct its own officers to attend the Senate or any of its committees.

**Witness entitled to protection**

**367** All witnesses giving evidence to the House, or any of its committees, are entitled to the protection of the House in respect of anything that may be stated by them in their evidence.

**Witness to be examined at the Bar of the House**

**368** A witness before the House shall be examined at the Bar unless the House otherwise orders.

**Examination of witnesses**

**368A(a)** When a witness appears before the House the witness shall be examined by the Speaker, and any questions addressed by the Members are taken to be put through the Speaker.

(b) During consideration in detail of a bill in the House, any Member may put questions directly to a witness.

(c) A Member of the House giving evidence to the House shall be examined in his or her place.

(d) The examination of witnesses before a committee or a subcommittee shall be conducted according to the mode of procedure agreed on by the committee.

**Officers not to give evidence without leave**

**368B** An officer of the House, or other staff employed to record evidence before the House or any of its committees, may not give evidence elsewhere in respect of any proceedings or examination of any witness without the leave of the House.

(4) Standing order 369:

Omit 'select'.

(5) Omit standing orders 385 to 389.

\*17 **MR REITH:** To move— That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted to operate during 1999:

(1) Standing order 101 be amended to read:

**Routine of business**

**101** The House shall proceed on the days indicated with its ordinary business in the following routine:

*Monday*

1. Presentation of, and statements on, reports from parliamentary committees and delegations. 2. Orders of the day for the resumption of debate on motions moved in connection with committee and delegation reports. 3. Private Members' business (debate to be interrupted at 1.45 p.m.). 4. Members' statements (at approximately 1.45 p.m.). 5. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.). 6. Presentation of petitions. 7. Private Members' business (in continuation for 1 hour). 8. Grievance debate (debate to continue for 1 hour and 20 minutes). 9. Notices and orders of the day.

*Tuesday*

1. Questions without notice. 2. Presentation of papers. 3. Ministerial statements, by leave. 4. Matter of public importance. 5. Notices and orders of the day.

*Wednesday and Thursday*

1. Notices and orders of the day. 2. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.). 3. Presentation of papers. 4. Ministerial statements, by leave. 5. Matter of public importance. 6. Notices and orders of the day.

- (2) Standing order 102C be amended to read:

**Precedence to motions regarding committee and delegation reports**

**102C** Following the presentation of reports pursuant to standing order 102A, the resumption of proceedings on motions relating to committee and delegation reports shall have precedence according to the order of priority and times allotted for debate determined by the Selection Committee, each Member speaking for a period not exceeding 10 minutes or any lesser period determined by the Selection Committee.

- (3) Standing order 104A be amended to read:

**Private Members' business—procedure**

**104A** In the period during which private Members' business is accorded precedence pursuant to standing order 104, notices and orders of the day relating to private Members' business shall be called on by the Clerk in the order in which they appear on the Notice Paper. When the time allotted by standing order 101, or by the Selection Committee, for an item of business has expired, consideration shall be interrupted by the Chair and the question before the Chair shall be put:

Provided that, where the Selection Committee has determined that consideration of a matter should continue on a future day, at the time fixed for interruption, or when debate has concluded, the Chair shall interrupt proceedings and further consideration of the matter shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

Notices by private Members of their intention to present bills shall stand referred to the Selection Committee which shall give priority to them over other notices and orders of the day and determine the order in which they are to be presented. Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding five minutes in support of it. The

bill shall then be read a first time and the motion for the second reading shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

If the motion for the second reading of any private Member's bill is agreed to by the House, further consideration shall be accorded precedence of other private Members' business and the Selection Committee may allot times for consideration of the remaining stages of the bill.

\*18 **MR REITH:** To move—That:

- (1) The following conditions apply to the disclosure of evidence taken *in camera* by a committee of the House:
  - (a) Committees may take evidence in the following manner:
    - (i) By written submissions, whether in hard copy or electronic form;
    - (ii) By oral evidence taken in public; and
    - (iii) In private session.
  - (b) A committee may, on its own initiative or at the request of, or on behalf of, a witness or organisation, hear evidence in private session. A witness shall be informed that it is within the power of the committee and the House to disclose all or part of the evidence subsequently. Publication of evidence would be the prerogative of the committee and it would only be disclosed if the majority of the committee so decided by resolution.
  - (c) Where a committee has agreed to take evidence *in camera*, and has given an undertaking to a witness that his or her evidence will not be disclosed, such evidence will not be disclosed by the committee or any other person, including the witness. With the written agreement of the witness, the committee may release such evidence in whole or in part.
  - (d) Where a Member of the House of Representatives discloses *in camera* evidence other than as prescribed, the House may impose a penalty on the Member following investigation and report of the matter by the Committee of Privileges.
  - (e) Evidence taken *in camera* which discloses a serious crime may, in respect to that part, be conveyed to the Speaker for appropriate action by the Chair, with the committee's approval.
  - (f) No person not being an officer of the committee when the evidence was given will have access to evidence taken *in camera*, unless authorised by the full committee.
  - (g) If a motion is to be moved in the House to release evidence taken *in camera* by one of its committees, notice must be given. Such notice will not be placed on the *Notice Paper* without the approval of the Speaker, who must consult the Attorney-General, the Chair of the relevant committee, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and report the outcome of that consultation to the House.
- (2) Unless otherwise ordered, this resolution have effect until the end of 1999.

\*19 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities Commission Act 1989*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities shall be as follows:

- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a member nominated by the Government Whips or the Leader of the Government in the Senate as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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 a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

- (l) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities appointed during previous Parliaments.
  - (p) 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.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

\*20 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority shall be as follows:
- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
  - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
  - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
  - (e) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (g) 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.

- (h) 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.
  - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the committee appointed during previous Parliaments.
  - (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
  - (q) 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.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

\*21 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 204 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund shall be as follows:
  - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.



- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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 a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (l) That the committee have power to examine and report on such annual and related reports as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (m) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (n) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (o) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (p) 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.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

\*22 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister.
- Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
- (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.

- (10) 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.
  - (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (15) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (17) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:
    - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
    - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments.
  - (18) 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.
  - (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.
- \*23 MR REITH:** To move—
- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to consider and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by:
    - (a) either House of the Parliament;
    - (b) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
    - (c) the Minister for Defence; or
    - (d) the Minister for Trade.
 Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

- (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be *ex officio* members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.

- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) 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.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

\*24 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
  - (a) regulations made or proposed to be made under the *Migration Act 1958*;
  - (b) all proposed changes to the *Migration Act 1958* and any related acts; and
  - (c) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

- (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be

nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) 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.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committee on Migration appointed in previous Parliaments.

- (17) 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.
- (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

\*25 **MR REITH:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
    - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
    - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
    - (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*;
  - (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
    - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
    - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*; and
  - (e) such matters relating to Australia's territories as may be referred to it by:
    - (i) either House of Parliament; or
    - (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island.

Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

- (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
- (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.

- (2) That the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) 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.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.



- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (15) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (17) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
  - (18) 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.
  - (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.
- \*26 **MR REITH:** To move—
- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
    - (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
    - (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
      - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
      - (ii) a Minister; and
    - (c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.
  - (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
  - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair to 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint not more than 3 subcommittees each consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) 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.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Consideration in detail (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Slipper*).
- 2 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 1 December 1998*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998** (*Minister for Forestry and Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr Swan*).
- \*5 **SPACE ACTIVITIES BILL 1998** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 2 December 1998*).
- \*6 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*7 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (END OF SALES TAX) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*8 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*9 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*10 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*11 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*12 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX TRANSITION) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*13 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUTS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*14 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS REPORTING) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*15 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).

- \*16 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*17 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (BONUSES FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*18 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*19 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AGED CARE COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*20 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- \*21 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 26 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).

- 30 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*31 **OPERATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*32 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*33 **DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*34 **AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.

- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.

- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.

- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):  
     Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 76 **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.*

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**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.*)

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### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**

#### **Notices given for Thursday, 3 December 1998**

\*1 **MRS BAILEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that food is a growth industry;
- (2) acknowledges that the 'food industry' comprises primary industry production, processing and manufacturing, retail and catering; and
- (3) calls on the Government to ensure a national uniform food regulatory system. (*Notice given 2 December 1998.*)

\*2 **MS KERNOT:** To move—That the amendments to the Civil Aviation Regulations, as contained in the Statutory Rules 1998, No. 234, made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 2 December 1998. Amendments will be deemed to have been disallowed unless the motion is disposed of within 15 sitting days, including today.*)

\*3 **MS HOARE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) reverts to the previous sitting arrangements introduced in 1994, which were abandoned by this Government in 1996, to allow for a more family-friendly workplace;
  - (2) notes the increased number of Members since the election, on both sides of the House, who have young families and/or recently formed partnerships;
  - (3) also notes the hundreds of Members' staff who are required to be here to work while the House sits until 11 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday evenings and the effect that these absurd working hours has on their families and private lives; and
  - (4) also notes that if it were to revert to the previous sitting pattern which includes sitting from the day's commencement through until adjournment at 8 p.m. there will be a loss of only three sitting hours per week in the House of Representatives chamber. (*Notice given 2 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.*)
- 12 **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. 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 Snowden, 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.*)





**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-recorded 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***Thursday, 3 December 1998**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Order of the day**

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Sciacca*) on the proposed Address in Reply.



## 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, 43-139, 141-216.

### *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 representing the Special Minister of State—
- (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.

*1 December 1998*

- 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.



*2 December 1998*

- 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 Assisting 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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- \*288 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has Natural Heritage Trust funding been allocated to the (a) Melaleuca Park Riparian Enhancement Project (\$9300), (b) Moggill Creek Catchment Project (\$74 000) and (c) Bushlands to Bay corridor (\$31 250); if so, in each

case, (i) on what date was the decision to allocate funds made, (ii) what procedures were followed in making the decision, (iii) what involvement did the Minister or his staff have in the process, (iv) on what date was the funding announced and (v) who made the announcement.

- (2) Did the Government identify each project referred to in part (1) as being entirely within the electoral division of Brisbane; if so, why, given that they are located in other electoral divisions.

\*289 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What progress has been made in (a) withdrawing or (b) modifying the declaration that Australia made on 30 September 1975 in ratifying the 1966 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.
- (2) What other countries have made a similar declaration.
- (3) On what dates and in what terms did they make their declarations.

\*290 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What progress has been made in (a) withdrawing or (b) modifying the reservations and declarations that Australia made on 13 August 1980 in ratifying the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- (2) What other countries have made similar reservations or declarations.
- (3) On what dates and in what terms did they make their reservations or declarations.

\*291 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What progress has been made in (a) withdrawing or (b) modifying the reservation that Australia made on 17 December 1990 in ratifying the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- (2) What other countries have made similar reservation.
- (3) On what dates and in what terms did they make their reservations.

\*292 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What progress has been made in (a) withdrawing or (b) modifying the declarations that Australia made (i) on 14 October 1958 in ratifying the 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and (ii) on 21 December 1991 in ratifying the 1977 Protocol I Additional to the 1949 Conventions and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflict.
- (2) What other countries have made similar declarations.
- (3) On what dates and in what terms did they make their declarations.

\*293 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Did the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission present the Attorney-General in July 1998 with a report recommending the enactment of a Federal Religious Freedom Act; if so, what is the timetable for the (a) consideration and (b) implementation of the recommendation.



\*294 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Did the Commonwealth in 1963 surrender to the State of Western Australia parcels of land comprising:
  - (a) portions of Swan Location 2039 and being (firstly) Lots 515 to 533, inclusive, 547, 578 to 582, inclusive, and part of Lot 534 on plan 2574 and (secondly) the portion numbered 577 on the map of Certificate of Title Volume 1056 Folio 756 being the whole of the land comprised in the said Certificate of Title Volume 1056 Folio 756;
  - (b) portions of Swan Location 2039 and being (firstly) Lots 509 on plan 2574 and (secondly) Lot 510 on plan 2610 (sheet 2) and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1058 Folio 823;
  - (c) portion of Swan Location 2039 and being part of the land coloured blue and marked “Drain Reserve” on plan 2574 and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1069 Folio 891;
  - (d) portions of Swan Location 2039 and being Lots 513 and 514 and part of the land coloured blue and marked “Drain Reserve” on plan 2574 and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1060 Folio 8; and
  - (e) portion of Swan Location 2039 and being part of the land on plan 2574 and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1064 Folio 265.
- (2) If so:
  - (a) was it a condition of the surrender that the land be set aside for purposes of public open space and for police purposes, the condition to be varied only by agreement of the Commonwealth; and
  - (b) has the Commonwealth varied the condition with the State of Western Australia; if so, (i) when and (ii) why.

\*295 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Do parts 5 and 6 of the *Airports Act 1996* require (a) aircraft noise, (b) air quality of emissions from aircraft in flight and (c) associated health issues to be included in the factors considered when developing an environmental strategy for an airport.
- (2) Did he advise the Sydney Airport Corporation (SAC) through their recently appointed consultants, Sinclair Knight Mutch Pty Ltd, to exclude (a) aircraft noise, (b) air quality of emissions from aircraft in flight and (c) associated health issues when preparing an environmental strategy for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, (i) will he provide details of correspondence between the SAC, the consultants and other persons relating to the advice and (ii) does he have the power to have the factors excluded from consideration; if so, under what authority.
- (3) If he did not provide the advice referred to in part (2), which of the factors referred to in part (1) will be included in the environmental strategy for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

- (4) If a factor referred to in part (1) is not at present included in the environmental strategy, will he ensure that it is included.
- (5) Will the environmental strategy be more effective if it includes the factors referred to in part (1).
- (6) Is he able to say what obligations parts 5 and 6 of the *Airports Act 1996* impose on the preparation of the environmental strategy.

\*296 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport in operation; if not, why not.
- (2) Is it a fact that the LTOP provides for 17 per cent of all flight departures to go north but in practice 34 per cent of all departures are to the north and over the electoral division of Lowe.
- (3) Is it also a fact that (a) Air Services Australia have replaced an ethic based on noise amelioration with a profit-based ethic, (b) the \$800 million road, rail, terminal and associated infrastructure-upgrades at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport are compromising the operation of the LTOP and (c) there is reluctance within Air Services Australia to implement the LTOP and noise sharing arrangement.

\*297 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that modes 6A and 8 outlined in the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport have not been implemented; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the combination of increased aircraft noise and north easterly winds during summer greatly exacerbate noise to the north of the airport, especially over the electoral division of Lowe, if the modes are not implemented before 1999.

\*298 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is it a fact that implementation of the of the instrument landing system for the east-west runway of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport would greatly improve the operation and use of the runway thus ensuring compliance with the Long Term Operating Plan; if so, has he expedited implementation of the system; if not, why not.

\*299 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the percentage of propeller aircraft movement at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport projected to reach 40 per cent of total aircraft movements; if so, when.
- (2) Is it a fact that the percentage of propeller air movements at the airport is 34 per cent and falling.
- (3) What is the proportion of (a) propeller, (b) two-engine and (c) jet aircraft landing at the airport on the most recent data.

\*300 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will the proposed second Sydney airport solve the aircraft noise impact on Sydney residents and the motor traffic servicing Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, how.

- \*301 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Following his announcement of a new chairperson for the Sydney Airport Community Forum, will the forum meet before Christmas 1998 to urgently address the concerns of those Sydney residents who are being unfairly exposed to aircraft noise.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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### **SPEAKER'S PANEL**

Mr Adams, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Causley, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.

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### **COMMITTEES**

*Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament*

#### **Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**SELECTION:** Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe.

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### **APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES:** Mr Somlyay (*appointed 2 December 1998, for a period of 3 years*).

**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*).