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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 11

MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 1998

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

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;

* *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.*

- (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.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 3 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (END OF SALES TAX) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 4 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 5 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 6 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 7 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).

- 8 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX TRANSITION) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 9 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUTS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 10 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS REPORTING) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 11 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 12 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 13 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (BONUSES FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 14 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 15 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AGED CARE COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 16 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 17 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Crean*).
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mrs Stone*) on the motion of Dr Kemp—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lee, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:*
- (1) notes that Australia’s future economic and social prosperity depends on a well resourced, quality education and training system; and
 - (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) refusing to provide growth funds to support Australia’s vocational education and training needs;
 - (b) failing to meet its commitment to ‘enhance the role of TAFE’ and ‘reinvigorate the TAFE system’; and

(c) imposing a GST which will make education and training more expensive and less accessible”.

- 19 **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*).
- 20 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998** (*Minister for Forestry and Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr Swan*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- *28 **MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *29 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *30 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *31 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).

- *32 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *33 **CUSTOMS (ANTI-DUMPING AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998** (*Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *34 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998** (*Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *35 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *36 **JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *37 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *38 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- *39 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *40 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (CUSTOMS) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *41 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEVIES AND CHARGES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *42 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (EXCISE) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *43 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CUSTOMS) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *44 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *45 **MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *46 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).

- *47 **SALES TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *48 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *49 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *50 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DRUG AGENCY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Sport and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- *51 **NATIONAL MEASUREMENT AMENDMENT (UTILITY METERS) BILL 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr O'Connor*).
- *52 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr O'Connor*).
- *53 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 54 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *55 **WITNESS PROTECTION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *56 **CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *57 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—CONVENTIONS CONCERNING HOME WORK—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.

- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.

- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.

- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
 Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 103 **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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

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) deplores 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.*)
- 13 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.*)
- 14 **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 14 sitting days, including today.)

15 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.)*

Orders of the day

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

- (a) the moral and legal responsibility of insurance companies to honour policies in respect of storm damage and flood;
- (b) necessary legislative change to ensure pedantic definitional arguments are not used by companies to negate payments to policy holders;
- (c) the examination of the legislative base in the provision of flood insurance in the USA and UK and its potential relevance to Australia;
- (d) the ways in which insurance companies approached the interpretation of storm and flood damage in recent disasters in Wollongong, Katherine, Coffs Harbour and Townsville; and
- (e) existing Commonwealth and State or Territory government legislative support mechanisms to assist areas and victims affected by such disasters and whether changes are necessary to ensure rapid and effective relief. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 7 December 1998.)*

2 **IRANIAN BAHÁ'Í 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 today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Order of the day**

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mrs Gash, in continuation*) 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.

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11 November 1998

- 1 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
 - (1) What percentage of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) budget is directed to (a) compliance activity, (b) audit activity and (c) research into and implementation of tax reform projects.
 - (2) Has the Government directed the ATO to concentrate more staff and funds in the area of tax reform; if so, has extra funding been provided to the ATO for the purpose.
 - (3) Will the Government provide more funding to the ATO for compliance and audit activities.
- 2 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the Government act to curb the number of bank closures in regional and suburban centres; if so, how.
- 3 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
 - (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2249 (*Hansard*, 30 October 1998, page 10431), has more comprehensive data been made available by the Atlanta authorities regarding passenger and aircraft movements during and after the Atlanta Olympics; if so, (a) is he able to provide estimated passenger and aircraft movements at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport during and immediately after the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and (b) has he or his Department prepared a draft schedule to accommodate additional flights without breaching the hourly cap or night curfew; if not, will he ensure that a schedule is prepared urgently.
 - (2) If the comprehensive data referred to in part (1) has not been made available by the Atlanta authorities, will he pursue the matter.
- 4 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is the Sydney Airports Corporation Limited seeking tenders for the provision of security services at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, will the Commonwealth Government's competitive neutrality principles apply to the tendering process and, if so, what are the implications of the principles.
- 5 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service—Do Commonwealth legislation or regulations require members of the Australian Public Service to retire upon reaching a certain age; if so, (a) what provisions apply, (b) what retirement ages are specified and (c) will the Government amend or abolish the provisions.
- 7 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
 - (1) What are the voting rights of prisoners in Australia.

- (2) Is the Minister able to say whether the Supreme Court of Canada has found the disfranchisement of prisoners to be unconstitutional; if so, is the Minister able to say what was the basis of the finding.
- 8 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth contribute towards funding Victoria's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (2) Is he able to say what sum the Victorian Government contributed towards funding Victoria's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (3) Is he also able to say what total sum was spent on funding Victoria's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- 10 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did he undertake in the 1997-98 Budget to publish a discussion paper on the taxation of trusts.
- (2) Has he acted to prepare and publish a discussion paper on the taxation of trusts; if so, (a) what action has he taken and (b) at what cost; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Government established a backbench consultative committee on taxation; if so, (a) who are its members, (b) on how many occasions did it meet, (c) how many meetings did (i) he and (ii) the Minister for Finance and Administration attend, (d) what resources did (i) his Department and (ii) the Department of Finance and Administration supply to the committee and (e) at what cost to the Commonwealth.
- (4) How do discretionary family trusts operate and is it possible for a Member of Parliament to have his or her salary and electorate allowance paid into a family trust to minimise taxation.
- 11 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) act early on 8 April 1998 to garnishee child support payments from the redundancy payments to Patrick Stevedores employees dismissed on 7 April 1998; if so, did the (a) action accord with the Child Support Charter and (b) ATO adhere to normal procedures with respect to the operation of section 72A notices to recover arrears from redundancy payments.
- (2) When were (a) he and (b) the ATO advised of Patrick Stevedores' intention to dismiss its employees.
- (3) Was the ATO consulted concerning the dismissal of the employees and the associated tax treatment of their redundancy payments.
- (4) Does the ATO usually act within 12 to 24 hours to seek recovery from redundancy payments of arrears in accordance with section 72A notices.
- 12 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) For what social security entitlements are New Zealand citizens in Australia eligible under the terms of the International Social Security Agreement between Australia and New Zealand.

- (2) Does the waiting period for social security entitlements for New Zealand citizens in Australia differ from that applying to citizens from other nations; if so, (a) how and (b) why.
 - (3) Are persons entering Australia from Pacific island nations covered by the International Social Security Agreement between Australia and New Zealand.
 - (4) Under the agreement, what are the entitlements of Australian citizens entering New Zealand.
 - (5) What is the basis of the entitlements referred to in part (4) and how do they differ from those of New Zealand citizens entering Australia.
 - (6) Does the basis of the entitlements of Australian citizens entering New Zealand differ from citizens of other nations.
 - (7) For each category of social security entitlement for persons entering Australia and covered by the agreement, (a) how many recipients are there (i) in total and (ii) from each nation if the entitlement extends to Pacific island nations beyond New Zealand and (b) what was the cost to Australia in 1996-97.
 - (8) Is the Minister able to say how the costs to Australia referred to in part (7) compare with the corresponding costs in 1996-97 to New Zealand (a) in total and (b) for each comparable entitlement.
- 13 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Will he provide a list showing for each (a) office or (b) outreach office established after 1 May 1998 by (i) Employment National and (ii) a Job Network member the (A) exact address, (B) telephone number, (C) federal electoral division in which it is located, (D) name of the manager and (E) days and hours of opening.
 - (2) Will he provide a list showing which (a) office or (b) outreach office originally established by (i) Employment National and (ii) a Job Network member was not fully operating at 3 October 1998.
- 14 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) What is the period of contract for each organisation participating in the Job Network.
 - (2) When will the Department release tender notices for the next round of contracts.
 - (3) What was the cost of the tender process to the Department.
 - (4) How was the cost apportioned and was it subsumed within the Budget allocation for this tender round.
 - (5) What additional costs did the Department incur as a result of companies and organisations rejecting the Department's tender offer and how many tender offers were rejected.
 - (6) What is the Budget allocation for the next round of tendering.
 - (7) How many participants selected to take part in the Job Network have subcontracted their work to other organisations;
 - (8) With respect to each participant referred to in part (7), (a) who is the participant, (b) in which regions was the participant contracted to supply

services, (c) what level of flex services was the participant contracted to supply, (d) what are the names of the subcontracting companies or organisations who will complete the work, (e) has his Department approved each subcontracted company or organisation, (f) has his Department agreed to allow the participant to retain a portion of the sum provided under the original contract; if so, what is the (i) name of the participant and (ii) sum being retained in each case, (g) what additional costs did his Department incur as a result of the participant subcontracting work won in the initial tender process and (h) will his Department allow the participant to submit tender proposals in subsequent rounds.

15 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Which participants in the Job Network failed to open all services and activities for which they were contracted on 1 May 1998.
- (2) At which localities were full services and activities not operating on 1 May 1998.
- (3) Does the Job Network contract contain penalties for participants unable to meet a commitment to start operating on 1 May 1998; if not, why not; if so, has his Department invoked the penalties.

16 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Has a telephone hot line been established in his, or his immediate predecessor's office or Department since the inception of the work-for-the-dole scheme; if so, were complaints received on the hotline about the scheme or its projects; if so, (a) how many complaints have been registered about (i) the scheme and (ii) its projects and (b) will he provide details of the nature and extent of the complaints.

17 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many Job Network agencies accepted the Government's Job Network \$10 000 business marketing plan bonus offered before the 1998 federal general election.
- (2) Did any agencies refuse to accept the offer; if so, (a) on what basis did each refuse, (b) what are the implications for an agency who has refused the offer and (c) is his Department involved in a legal dispute over the offer in a federal court or tribunal.
- (3) Is his Department involved in a legal dispute over Freedom of Information interpretations to do with the tendering for the first round of the Job Network in a federal court or tribunal.

MR LATHAM: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 19-35)—

- (1) What measures has the Minister's Department undertaken which are categorised as positive discrimination programs, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic.
- (2) What are the details and funding commitments involved in each case.

19 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

20 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer.

21 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

- 22 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 23 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- 24 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- 25 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 26 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 27 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 28 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- 29 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 30 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- 31 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.
- 33 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 34 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 35 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 36 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to the answer to question No. 2166 (*Hansard*, 23 September 1997, page 8272), what are the details of the Export Market Development Grants paid in 1997-98 to companies in the (a) textile, clothing and footwear, (b) automobile, (c) music, (d) ship building, (e) book printing, (f) steel and metal fabrication, (g) pulp and paper, (h) food processing, (i) pharmaceuticals, (j) biotechnology, (k) mechanical and scientific instruments, (l) information technology, (m) building and construction, (n) environmental technology and (o) resource processing industries.
- 37 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to proposals by prominent Australian economists to reduce Australia's unemployment rate by freezing minimum wage movements; if so, does he support their proposal.
 - (2) Is his Department able to advise as to when earned income tax credits were first introduced in the USA; if so, what movements have there been in the minimum wage rate in the USA since that date.
- 38 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2630 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4225), will he ensure that any proposed rail link route between Glenfield, NSW, and the proposed second Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek will not involve land covering the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site at Glenfield.
- 39 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—What funding has the Government provided to the Macarthur Business Enterprise Centre since 1996 and what programs were involved.
- 40 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What were the (a) names, (b) positions and (c) qualifications of the persons who represented

Australia at the 22nd session of the World Heritage Bureau which commenced in Paris on 22 June 1998.

- 41 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did the World Heritage Bureau at its 22nd session in Paris in June 1998 review Australian properties which have been inscribed on the World Heritage List; if so, with what outcome.
 - (2) Did the Bureau consider Australian properties which have been nominated for the List but not inscribed on it; if so, with what outcome.
- 43 **MR LATHAM:** 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 in each subsequent financial year.
 - (2) Is he able to say what sum the New South Wales Government contributed towards funding New South Wales' public hospitals in 1991-92 and in each subsequent financial year.
 - (3) Is he also able to say what total sum was spent on funding New South Wales' public hospitals in 1991-92 and in each subsequent financial year.
- 44 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What was the value of (a) current investment assets, (b) non-current asset investments, (c) equity reserves and (d) investment income for each Australian university in (i) 1996 and (ii) 1997.
 - (2) What types of commercial holdings constitute the definition of university investments referred to in part (1).
- 45 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Was the conference of Arab universities held in Beirut from 2 to 5 March 1998 the last in a series of regional meetings to prepare the groundwork for the World Conference on Higher Education on the theme "Higher Education in the Twenty-First Century" which was to be held in Paris in October 1998.
 - (2) When and where have regional conferences been held since the conference which was held in Tokyo from 8 to 10 July 1997.
 - (3) Did Australia participate in any regional conferences other than the Tokyo conference.
 - (4) Who represented Australia at the world conference in Paris.
- 46 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) For each Australian university, what proportion of students is drawn from the bottom 25 per cent of suburbs or towns, as measured by socioeconomic status.
 - (2) What data other than that referred to in part (1) does his Department record for measuring the equity performance of universities and what are the details.
- 47 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Has the Government entered negotiations with the Ford Motor Company concerning the establishment of four-wheel drive manufacturing in Melbourne; if so, what are the details.

- 48 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs— What institutions other than those mentioned in the answer to question No. 2826 (*Hansard*, 30 June 1998, page 5535), have been approached to return Aboriginal human remains to Australia but have not agreed to return them.
- 49 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside within the postcode areas of (a) 2145, (b) 2148, (c) 2149, (d) 2160, (e) 2161, (f) 2163 (g) 2164, (h) 2165, (i) 2166, (j) 2171, (k) 2176 and (l) 2766.
- 50 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does he support the construction of Sydney's second international airport at Badgerys Creek on the outskirts of Sydney's western suburbs; if so, why; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Government's environmental impact study (EIS) on constructing Sydney's second international airport at Badgerys Creek been conducted in a manner which is (a) transparent, (b) comprehensive and (c) above reproach; if so, why.
 - (3) Will constructing Sydney's second international airport at Badgerys Creek add value to (a) Sydney's, (b) NSW's and (c) Australia's (i) transport and (ii) tourism infrastructure; if so, why.
 - (4) Did the NSW Environment Protection Agency (NSW EPA) find that (a) Badgerys Creek will have a disproportionate impact on photochemical smog in the area and would be a major source of the air pollutant nitrogen dioxide, (b) Badgerys Creek will generate noise that would expose many persons to levels which would exceed Australian standards, and (c) the draft EIS summary on Badgerys Creek did not demonstrate the real impacts on the community for any particular site option; if so, what is his response to the finding.
 - (5) Did Mr Neil Shepherd, the Director-General of the NSW EPA, state that there are serious deficiencies in the Commonwealth's approach to conducting an EIS on Badgerys Creek and that the EPA is concerned about the implications of this development for air quality in the Sydney basin; if so, what is his response to the statements.
 - (6) Have the NSW Government and Opposition both withdrawn their support from the construction of Sydney's second international airport at Badgerys Creek; if so, how will the airport be constructed without the support of the NSW Government.
 - (7) Did the independent auditor of the Badgerys Creek EIS find that the EIS was (a) deficient, (b) limited, and (c) ambiguous and that as a result of time and cost constraints imposed by the Department of Transport and Regional Development, it generally does not go into the degree of detail that could reasonably be expected for such a major proposal; if so, what is his response to the findings.
 - (8) Did the independent auditor of the Badgerys Creek EIS find that the EIS had failed to (a) examine the environmental effect of not building a new airport, (b) provide an adequate economic analysis of the development, (c) build

community confidence in the EIS, (d) identify how Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and a new airport at Badgerys Creek would operate together and (e) satisfactorily examine the impact that noise generated by the airport would have on Sydney's population, especially those living in Sydney's west; if so, what is his response.

- (9) Will he reopen the process of evaluating proposals for building the Sydney-Canberra Very Fast Train (VFT) to ensure that the Transrapid proposal is given further consideration alongside that of the Speedrail consortium; if not, why not.
- (10) Will he conduct an EIS into building Sydney's second international airport outside the Sydney basin and being served by the Sydney-Canberra VFT; if not, why not.

51 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) According to the Minister's most recent figures, how many pieces of official correspondence has the Minister received from (a) individuals, (b) organisations, and (c) companies registering (i) concern over the effect the parallel importing of CDs will have on the Australian music industry and (ii) approval of the decision to allow the parallel importing of CDs into Australia.
- (2) Will the Minister provide the name and address of every (a) individual, (b) organisation and (c) company that has registered (i) concern with his office over the effect the parallel importing of CDs will have on the Australian music industry and (ii) approval of the decision to allow the parallel importing of CDs into Australia; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Minister provide evidence that CD prices have dropped across Australia since the parallel importation of CDs was allowed; if not, why not.
- (4) Will the Commonwealth compensate the owners of Australian (a) independent record labels, (b) recording studios, (c) music magazines and newspapers, (d) live music venues and (e) music artists who lose their businesses and livelihoods as a result of allowing the parallel importation of CDs into Australia; if not, why not.
- (5) Are Australian CDs overpriced compared to the full-list price of CDs in other western nations; if so, why.
- (6) Is the Minister able to say whether the cost of a full-list price CD in (a) the USA is approximately A\$30 including state sales tax, (b) the UK is approximately A\$37 before VAT has been added and (c) Japan is approximately A\$34 including tax; if so, are Australian prices better; if not, why not.

52 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Did the Minister attend the recent Australian Record Industry Association (ARIA) awards in Sydney; if not, (a) did the Minister send a representative, (b) why did the Minister not attend and (c) did the Minister receive an invitation to attend.

- (2) If the Minister or a representative attended, what response did representatives and artists of the Australian music industry provide about the Government allowing the parallel importation of CDs.
 - (3) Did the Minister attend an event associated with the recent Pacific Circle Music Convention in Sydney; if not, (a) did the Minister send a representative, (b) why did the Minister not attend and (c) did the Minister receive an invitation to attend.
 - (4) If the Minister or a representative attended, what response did representatives and artists of the Australian music industry provide about the Government allowing the parallel importation of CDs.
- 53 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business— Did the 59th Labour Minister’s Council (LMC) Meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, held on 1 May, 1998, consider the issue of protecting workers’ entitlements in the event of their employer’s insolvency; if so, (a) was it agreed to refer the matter to the Departments of Labour Standing Committee (DOLAC) for detailed consideration including consultation with all affected parties and the preparation of a report, (b) what is the current status of the report, (c) when will it be completed, (d) when will it be presented to the LMC, (e) is he able to say how long the LMC will deliberate on the report before making recommendations; if not, why not, and (f) will he provide an update on which individuals and groups have been consulted during the report’s preparation; if not, why not.
- 54 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Before the 1998 federal general election, did the Government undertake to introduce legislation designed to protect absolutely the wage entitlements of Australian workers if their employer became insolvent; if not, why not.
 - (2) Will he introduce legislation to protect absolutely the wage entitlements of Australian workers if their employer became insolvent; if not, why not; if so, when.
- 55 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is it important after events of international significance regarding human rights for him or a representative of the Australian diplomatic corps to state the Commonwealth’s view of the event; if not, why not.
 - (2) Following the arrest of the former dictator of Chile, General Augusto Pinochet, in London on 17 October 1998, has (a) he, (b) the Australian High Commissioner to the UK or (c) a member of his Department expressed the Government’s support to the British Government for the action it had taken; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has (a) he, (b) the Australian Ambassador to Spain or (c) a member of his Department expressed the Government’s support to the Spanish Government for the steps it is taking to bring General Pinochet to trial on charges of mass murder; if not, why not.
 - (4) Has (a) he, (b) the Australian Ambassador to Chile or (c) a member of his Department expressed the Government’s support of the steps the British and

Spanish Governments have taken to bring General Pinochet to trial on charges of mass murder to the Chilean Government; if not, why not.

- (5) What is the Government's position on the arrest of General Pinochet and the attempt by the Spanish Government to extradite him to Spain to stand trial for the mass murder of Spanish citizens during his rule.
 - (6) Does the Government support in principle a judicial inquiry by either the Spanish or Chilean Governments into General Pinochet's role in the disappearances and deaths of over 3000 persons in Chile between 1973 and 1990.
- 56 **MRS CROSIO:** 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) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2149, (iv) 2160, (v) 2161, (vi) 2163 (vii) 2164, (viii) 2165, (ix) 2166, (x) 2171, (xi) 2176 and (xii) 2766.
 - (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.
- 57 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many staff were employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of the Department of Social Security on 2 March 1996.
 - (2) How many staff were employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of the Department of Social Security (i) immediately before and (ii) following the restructuring of the offices into the Centrelink network.
 - (3) How many staff are employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of Centrelink.
- 58 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) On the most recent data, how many community based child care centres are there in the electoral division of Prospect.
 - (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
 - (3) How many children are enrolled at each centre.
 - (4) What sum in 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) 2145, (b) 2148, (c) 2149, (d) 2160, (e) 2161, (f) 2163 (g) 2164, (h) 2165, (i) 2166, (j) 2171, (k) 2176 and (l) 2766 receive some level of financial childcare support from the Commonwealth and which payments do families receive.

- 59 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) On the most recent data, how many participants in work-for-the-dole schemes reside within the postcode areas of (a) 2145, (b) 2148, (c) 2149, (d) 2160, (e) 2161, (f) 2163 (g) 2164, (h) 2165, (i) 2166, (j) 2171, (k) 2176 and (l) 2766.
 - (2) Will the Minister also provide the name of each organisation running work-for-the-dole schemes which employ residents of each postcode area together with (a) the objectives and (b) location of each scheme.
 - (3) On the most recent data, how many recipients of (a) Austudy and (b) Abstudy reside within the postcode areas of (i) 2145, (ii) 2148, (iii) 2149, (iv) 2160, (v) 2161, (vi) 2163 (vii) 2164, (viii) 2165, (ix) 2166, (x) 2171, (xi) 2176 and (xii) 2766.
- 60 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) How many staff were employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of the Commonwealth Employment Agency (CES) on 2 March 1996.
 - (2) How many staff were employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of the CES (i) immediately before and (ii) following the restructuring of the offices into the Employment National network.
 - (3) How many staff are employed at the (a) Fairfield and (b) Cabramatta offices of Employment National.
- 61 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say, according to the most recent figures, (a) how many pirate CDs Australian Customs has seized coming into Australia and (b) the estimated value of the material seized, since the Government approved the parallel importation of CDs; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Government allocated extra resources or funding to Australian Customs for the detection and confiscation of imported pirate CDs; if not, why not.
 - (3) Is Australian Customs conducting an operation specifically designed to detect and seize imported pirate CDs; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the name of the operation, (b) when did it begin, (c) how many staff have been allocated to work on the operation, (d) is the operation ongoing or does it have a scheduled end-date and (e) what is its budget.
 - (4) Has the Minister directed Australian Customs to be alert specifically for imported pirate CDs since the Government approved parallel importation; if so, when was the direction made; if not, (a) why not and (b) will the Minister direct them accordingly.
 - (5) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to comments by Mr Michael Speck, Manager of Music Industry Piracy Investigations (MIPI), that triad gangs controlling CD distribution in Asia have unwittingly been granted an entry into the Australian music market by the Government's approval of parallel

importation; if so, what is the Minister's response; if not, will the Minister examine the comments and respond; if not, why not.

- (6) Has Australian Customs or the Australian Federal Police uncovered or detected any evidence to suggest that organised crime is importing pirate CDs following the Government's approval of parallel importation; if so, will the Minister provide details.
 - (7) Is Australian Customs' staff working with staff of MIPI, on any level, to detect and seize imported pirate CDs being imported into Australia; if not, (a) why not and (b) will the Minister direct Australian Customs to work with MIPI and coordinate its operations more closely with the agency; if not, why not.
- 62 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—Did he attend (a) the recent Australian Record Industry Association (ARIA) awards in Sydney or (b) an event associated with the recent Pacific Circle Music Convention in Sydney; if not, (i) did the Minister send a representative, (ii) why did the Minister not attend and (iii) did the Minister receive an invitation to attend.
- 63 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—
- (1) Is it the Government's position that the construction of Sydney's second airport at Badgerys Creek is an important part of (a) expanding and (b) improving Australia's tourism infrastructure; if so, (i) why and (ii) does she support the position.
 - (2) Does she support the construction of Sydney's second international airport at Badgerys Creek for tourism reasons; if not, why not; if so, why.
 - (3) Is there strong support within the Australian tourism sector for building Sydney's second airport at Badgerys Creek; if not, why not.
 - (4) Will she draw the attention of the Australian tourism industry of the (a) negative consequences for the people of western Sydney of building a 24 hour international airport at Badgerys Creek and (b) merits of other proposals for Sydney's second airport; if not, why not.
 - (5) Did she state in the House on 9 March 1998 that she supported the construction of Sydney's second international airport offshore on pylons outside Botany Bay and adjacent to La Perouse; if so, does she continue to support that position; if not, why not; if so, will she promote the position to Australia's tourism industry; if not, why not.
- 64 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—What is the average time from date of filing to date of hearing for matters filed in each registry of the Family Court for (a) property matters not exceeding a trial of one day's duration, (b) property matters with a trial of more than one day's duration, (c) child related matters of one day's duration and (e) child related matters of more than one day's duration.
- 65 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Have some registries of the Family Court, such as Brisbane, fallen behind others in dealing with property and child matters; if so, why.
 - (2) Is the Family Court meeting its own time standards; if not, what is it doing to rectify the problems.

- 66 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) On how many days did each justice and judicial registrar of the Family Court sit in the duty list and trial division in (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98.
 - (2) How many judicial days were available for the Family Court calendar to hear matters in (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98.
 - (3) For each Family Court registry, how many Fridays had listings comparable with other days of the week.
 - (4) Is it a fact that in some Family Court registries very few matters are listed for trial or hearing in the judicial duty list on Fridays; if so, why.
 - (5) Were most Family Court registries closed for a fortnight during October 1998 to enable judges to attend a judges conference in Melbourne and subsequently the National Family Law Conference in Hobart.
 - (6) Could both conferences referred to in part (5) have been held simultaneously or one immediately following the other; if not, why not.
- 67 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) During judges conferences, is a judge available at each Family Court to hear interim matters.
 - (2) How many judges were on duty at each location of the Family Court during the conference in (a) 1997 and (b) 1998.
- 68 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Are interim hearings for all matters within the Family Court, including decision on the interim residence of children, restricted to one hour's duration.
 - (2) Is it a fact that litigants may wait for up to 18 months for a final determination following an interim hearing; if so, is it also a fact that when matters are listed for final determination often they are not reached at the times set down for trial.
 - (3) When a matter is not reached are litigants required to wait a further 6 months for dates in which they can be heard even with priority given to certain matters.
 - (4) Is it a fact that adjourned hearings cost litigants considerable sums because of the material the Family Court requires to be filed.
- 69 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will the Government amalgamate the Federal and Family Courts as a cost saving and streamlining of the administration of the existing system; if not, why not.
- 70 **MR JULL:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will federal magistrates appointed to the Family Court be properly selected from the ranks of experienced practitioners to quell fears expressed from some sections of the Family Court.

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- 71 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth contribute towards funding Tasmania's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.

- (2) Is he able to say what sum the Tasmanian Government contributed towards funding Tasmania's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
 - (3) Is he able to say what total sum was spent on funding Tasmania's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- 72 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What criteria is the Government using to judge the success or failure of its law enforcement strategy to reduce the availability of illicit drugs.
 - (2) Does the Government undertake research on the market for illicit drugs; if so, what (a) methods are used and (b) research results are (i) publicly available, (ii) of restricted availability and (iii) not publicly available at all.
 - (3) If information is restricted or not publicly available, why is it withheld.
 - (4) What is the Government's estimate for (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98 of:
 - (i) the total street value of illicit drugs sold in Australia;
 - (ii) volume and street value of (A) illicit heroin, (B) cannabis, (C) 'ecstasy', (D) amphetamines, (E) anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs and (F) all other illicit drugs imported into Australia; and
 - (iii) volume and street value of (A) illicit heroin, (B) cannabis, (C) 'ecstasy', (D) amphetamines, (E) anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs and (F) all other illicit drugs grown or manufactured for sale within Australia;
 - (5) What was the effect on the street price of heroin in (a) Sydney, (b) Melbourne, (c) Adelaide, (d) Perth, (e) Darwin, (f) Hobart and (g) Brisbane of the seizure of 400 kg of heroin by the Australian Federal Police in New South Wales in mid-October 1998 and how was the effect ascertained in each case.
 - (6) What was the effect on the street price of 'ecstasy' in (a) Adelaide, (b) Melbourne, (c) Sydney, (d) Perth, (e) Darwin, (f) Hobart and (g) Brisbane of the seizure of 23 000 'ecstasy' tablets by the Australian Federal Police in Adelaide on 5 November 1998 and how was the effect ascertained in each case.
 - (7) Is it a fact that 'starter packs' of heroin are available on the streets of Melbourne for about the same price as a packet of cigarettes.
 - (8) How many Australians seek assistance from (a) Commonwealth, (b) State and (c) community sector agencies for assistance with ending dependency on heroin.
 - (9) How many persons referred to in part (8) (a) are able to gain access and (b) cannot be accommodated without delay, or at all, in detoxification programs.
 - (10) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the opinions of Major Watters, the Chair of its Drug Taskforce, on Ansett's decision to introduce needle disposal units in its airfleet; if so, what is the Government's response.

- (11) If the Minister is unable to supply the data requested in the preceding parts of this question because insufficient information is available to the Government, what action will the Government take to ensure that adequate information is available upon which to make public policy.
- 73 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many social security pensioners and allowance recipients, by type of payment, are recorded as being in receipt of a disability pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
 - (2) How many persons referred to in part (1) receive reduced social security payments because they receive a Department of Veterans' Affairs disability pension.
 - (3) Has the Minister's Department conducted a joint review with the Department of Veterans' Affairs of the income test treatment of disability pension recipients; if so, (a) what were the conclusions and recommendations of the review and (b) what action has the Government taken in response.
- 74 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many personnel, by rank, have been (a) discharged and (b) advised they will be discharged under the Chief of Air Staff Directive on RAAF Fitness Policy to the date of answering this question.
 - (2) How many personnel, by rank, have been (a) discharged and (b) advised they will be discharged under the Chief of the General Staff Directive on Army Individual Readiness to the date of answering this question.
 - (3) What specific medical conditions led to the discharge of the personnel referred to in parts (1) and (2).
 - (4) How many of the discharged personnel referred to in parts (1) and (2) (a) were members of the (i) Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB) and (ii) Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS), (b) by class of benefit, have received invalidity benefits from the (i) DFRDB and (ii) MSBS and (c) are awaiting determination of their invalidity entitlements from the (i) DFRDB and (ii) MSBS.
 - (5) What assistance does the ADF provide to personnel who are medically discharged to deal with the termination of their military career, relocate housing and families and, where applicable, obtain suitable civilian employment.
- 75 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many applications for the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 had been received at (a) 31 December 1997, (b) 31 March 1998, (c) 30 June 1998 and (d) 30 September 1998.
 - (2) How many veterans had (a) been granted and (b) received the medal at (i) 31 December 1997, (ii) 31 March 1998, (iii) 30 June 1998 and (iv) 30 September 1998.

- (3) How many medals have been awarded for each war or conflict to the date of answering this question.
- (4) What is the average time taken to finalise an application.
- (5) When the medal was announced in September 1997, did his Department purchase sufficient medals to satisfy the number of eligible applicants; if not, (a) when were further medals ordered and (b) at what cost.
- (6) How many (a) civilian and (b) military staff were involved in processing medal applications by serving and former Defence personnel at (i) 31 December 1995, (ii) 31 December 1996 and (iii) 31 December 1997.
- (7) Is there a delay in processing applications for medals; if so, what action will be taken to address the delays.

76 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Vietnam veterans live in the Far North Queensland region.
- (2) Is there an outposted office of the Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service at Smithfield in Cairns; if so, (a) when was it established and (b) has a full-time staff position at the office become vacant; if so, (i) when and (ii) has the Government decided not to fill the position; if so, why.
- (3) What is the location of the nearest office of the Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service to residents of Cairns.
- (4) If there is an office at Smithfield, (a) who owns the premises, (b) what annual rent is paid and (c) what is the duration of the lease.

77 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) According to the most recent information, what sum has been approved for projects under the Federation Fund (a) in total and (b) for each electoral division.
- (2) Will he provide a list showing the (a) name of each project for which funding has been approved, (b) date of approval and (c) sum to be received; if not, why not.
- (3) When will the process of approving projects for the allocation of funds under the Federation Fund be completed.
- (4) Will he explain the selection process by which each successful Federation Fund project is approved; if not, why not; if so, (a) is there a selection panel involved, (b) who are the individuals on the selection panel, (c) who chairs the selection panel, (d) are members on the panel remunerated for their work or do they participate in an entirely voluntary capacity and (e) if remuneration occurs, (i) what form does it take, (ii) what sum does each receive and (iii) how regularly is it received.

78 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth contribute towards funding Queensland's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (2) Is he able to say what sum the Queensland Government contributed towards funding Queensland's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.

- (3) Is he able to say what total sum was spent on funding Queensland's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.

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- 79 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it a fact that because the Western Sydney Orbital Road System has not been constructed a huge volume of heavy transport travels through residential areas of Western Sydney.
 - (2) Has funding of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System been delayed pending a decision on the construction of an airport at Badgerys Creek.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the hardship to residents and increasing costs to businesses and transport operations caused by the delayed construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
 - (4) What steps is he or his Department taking to ensure funding is provided to allow construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to proceed.
- 80 **MR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Did the ADF assist or take part in the staging of the 1998 Australian Football League (AFL) grand final; if so, (a) what form did the assistance or participation take, (b) what was the cost of each component of assistance or participation, (c) was the AFL asked to pay and (d) did the ADF or his Department receive any benefits from the AFL.
- 81 **MRS CROSIO:** 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) Prospect, (b) Fowler, (c) Reid, (d) Chifley, (e) Lindsay, (f) Werriwa, (g) Greenway, (h) Blaxland and (i) Parramatta 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.
- 82 **MRS CROSIO:** 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) Prospect, (b) Fowler, (c) Reid, (d) Chifley, (e) Lindsay, (f) Werriwa, (g) Greenway, (h) Blaxland and (i) Parramatta 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.
 - (3) Has Commonwealth funding or resources been allocated to assist State and Territory governments carry out rapid detoxification trials or programs since

2 March 1996; if so, (a) what funding or resources have been allocated and (b) why did the Commonwealth allocate the funding or resources.

- (4) Will he act to regulate the proliferation in Australia of private health clinics and organisations offering opiate addicts rapid detoxification cures before clinical trials of rapid detoxificants are completed by State and Territory authorities; if not, why not; if so, what action will he take.
- (5) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that (a) opiate addicts undergoing rapid detoxification treatment in private clinics are paying up to \$10 000 for the treatment which is not recoverable under private health insurance or Medicare, (b) rapid detoxification treatments, such as Naltrexone, are being marketed to the Australian public by private health clinics as instant cures when the actual cure rate is less than 50 per cent and (c) unscrupulous profiteers are moving into the rapid detoxification treatment industry without having the necessary expertise or experience; if so, will he act to regulate the (i) proliferation and (ii) advertising claims and marketing practices of the rapid detoxification industry; if not, why not.
- (6) What legal requirements and obligations apply to operators of rapid detoxification treatment programs and how are they enforced.
- (7) Are the requirements referred to in part (a) sufficient and (b) being policed effectively; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (8) Has his attention been drawn to comments by Dr Alex Wodak, Director of Alcohol and Drug Services at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, and NSW State MP, Mr Bill Rixon, that there is a black market in rapid opiate detoxificants such as Naltrexone; if so, will he act to combat the black market; if not, why not.
- (9) Will he provide the name of every (a) individual, (b) organisation, or (c) company that has registered concern with his office over the use of Naltrexone and other rapid detoxificants to treat opiate addicts in Australia; if not, why not.
- (10) Did he register concern with the Western Australian Government over its failure to adequately regulate a private trial of the drug Naltrexone by Dr George O'Neil; if so, (a) why did he register concern and (b) did four patients associated with Dr O'Neil's trial die.
- (11) Is the level of WA Government regulation governing Dr O'Neil's practice adequate; if so, why; if not, why not.

83 MRS CROSIO: To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has he monitored the actions the Swiss Government is taking to fight opiate addiction and the trade in illicit drugs following the completion of its three year, state-provided heroin trial; if not, why not.
- (2) Is it a fact that the trial's results concluded that giving prescribed amounts of heroin to addicts (a) improved their health, (b) cut crime rates and (c) saved society money.
- (3) Is it also a fact that following the trial's completion, the Swiss Government has committed itself to operating a permanent program that prescribes heroin to certain addicts under medical supervision; if so, does he support the Swiss Government's actions.

- (4) Is it also a fact that the Netherlands Government is carrying out an organised trial of prescribing heroin to addicts; if so, (a) when did it start, (b) when will it finish, (c) is he able to provide preliminary results from the trial and (d) will he monitor its results; if not, why not.
- (5) Is he able to provide information on other national governments (a) involved in or (b) having completed a trial that prescribes heroin to addicts as a means of controlling drug addiction and limiting the illegal drug trade's impact on society.

84 **MRS CROSIO:** 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) Prospect, (b) Fowler, (c) Reid, (d) Chifley, (e) Lindsay, (f) Werriwa, (g) Greenway, (h) Blaxland and (i) Parramatta 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.

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

- (1) What was the total cost to the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Australian Taxation Office (ATO) of implementing the superannuation contributions surcharge including salaries, systems, advertising, liaison, outrider agency costs, legal and accounting.
- (2) What is the estimated cost to the superannuation industry of implementing the surcharge provisions.
- (3) What sum was collected from surchargeable contributions in 1997-98.
- (4) What sum is estimated to be collected from surchargeable contributions in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001.
- (5) How many dead persons (a) have been levied with the surcharge and (b) will be required to pay the advance instalment.
- (6) What special arrangements have been made to allow dead persons to recover the advance surcharge instalment.
- (7) What are the details of the test cases the ATO is running on the surcharge and what will the test cases cost.
- (8) How many due surcharge assessments had not been issued by the ATO as at 12 November 1998.
- (9) How many surcharge assessments were issued to persons who did not provide their tax file number to their superannuation fund or the ATO.
- (10) What is the estimated number of persons who have been issued with a surcharge assessment but who earn less than the threshold income.

86 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
Is it a fact that a Senior Officer Grade A has been appointed to the Parliamentary Business Section of the Australian Taxation Office with effect from 14 December 1998; if so, (a) was the position advertised; if so, where, (b) what were the

selection criteria and where are they recorded and (c) who determined the salary and conditions of appointment.

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

- (1) What arrangements were made for representatives of the World Heritage Committee to visit Kakadu National Park.
- (2) What were the (a) names, (b) positions and (c) qualifications of the representatives.
- (3) Who accompanied the representatives.
- (4) Who met the representatives on the site or in its vicinity.

88 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many APS staff were employed (a) in total and (b) at each APS staff level in the Centrelink National Support Office in Tuggeranong, ACT, on (i) 1 July 1998, (ii) 1 July 1997 and (iii) 1 July 1996.
- (2) What area of office space was used by the Centrelink National Support Office in Tuggeranong on (a) 1 July 1998, (b) 1 July 1997 and (c) 1 July 1996.
- (3) How many APS staff were employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in (a) Tuggeranong and (b) Woden on (i) 1 July 1998, (ii) 1 July 1997 and (iii) 1 July 1996.
- (4) How many (a) Centrelink clients, (b) youth Allowance recipients, (c) Newstart allowance recipients, (d) family allowance recipients, (e) aged pension and (f) disability allowance recipients resided in the post code areas of (i) 2600, (ii) 2603, (iii) 2605, (iv) 2606, (v) 2607, (vi) 2900, (vii) 2901, (viii) 2902, (ix) 2903, (x) 2904, (xi) 2905 and (xii) 2906 on 1 July 1998.

89 **MS ELLIS:** 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 (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, and (b) Woden on (i) 1 July 1998, (ii) 1 July 1997 and (iii) 1 July 1996.
- (2) How many clients were managed by each case manager employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in (a) Tuggeranong and (b) Woden on (i) 1 July 1998, (ii) 1 July 1997 and (iii) 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 (i) Tuggeranong and (ii) Woden.

90 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What sum did his Department pay in (a) overtime and (b) travel allowance to (i) personal and (ii) electorate staff of each incumbent Member and Senator between 31 August and 3 October 1998.
- (2) What was the average monthly sum of (a) overtime and (b) travel allowance paid by his Department to (i) personal and (ii) electoral staff of each sitting Member and Senator in 1997-98.

- 91 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Will the Government act on the Productivity Commission's proposals on the funding of nursing homes.
 - (2) Did the Productivity Commission propose in respect of nursing homes that (a) Government funding be sufficient and (b) the industry have adequate and appropriate representation to assist the Government implement changes; if so, will the Government adopt the proposals and, if so, how.
 - (3) Did the Productivity Commission propose that coalescence should not proceed in its current form; if so, will she ensure that high-care nursing homes in New South Wales are refunded for the coalescence factor implemented from 1 July 1998.
 - (4) Will the Government address an anomaly in the subsidy rates relating to Other Cost Reimbursed Expenditure for New South Wales.
 - (5) Did the Productivity Commission identify deficiencies in the hostel system similar to those in the nursing home sector; if so, how will the Government address the deficiencies.
 - (6) Did the Productivity Commission propose that additional Government funding support be provided to smaller nursing homes in rural and remote areas; if so, will she ensure that the particular needs of nursing homes in regional centres, like Bathurst and Orange, also receive additional funding.
 - (7) Is it a fact that various State-related charges are not recognised in funding but have a significant impact on the viability of aged care facilities; if so, how will the Government take the charges into account.
- 92 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Melbourne 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.
- 93 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 94 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many family allowance supplement recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 95 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 96 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many sole parent pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075,

- (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 97 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many age pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 98 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 99 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.
- 100 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, what sum in childcare assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long and (c) community long day care in (i) Australia, (ii) Victoria and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083, (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090 and (J) 3752.
- 101 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What percentage of Medicare services was provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- 102 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- 103 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What was the total number of Medicare services provided during (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- 104 **MR JENKINS:** 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) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083, (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090 and (J) 3752 and what was the (I) expenditure on, (II) location of, and (III) purpose of, each grant.
- 105 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—What sums were provided to companies in Victoria for export assistance 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 grant.
- 106 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Attorney-General—On most recent data, what is the incidence of reported crime by type in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090 and (x) 3752.

107 **MR JENKINS:** 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 Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbuk and (iv) City of Darebin.

108 **MR LINDSAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in the postcode areas of (a) 4810, (b) 4811, (c) 4812, (d) 4814, (e) 4815, (f) 4816, (g) 4817, (h) 4818 and (i) 4819.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 109-126)— Did the Minister, his or her predecessor or his or her Department appoint a (a) former member of the Commonwealth Parliament or (b) member of the secretariats of the national offices of the Liberal Party of Australia, National Party of Australia, Australian Labor Party, Australian Democrats or Australian Greens as a (i) statutory appointment, (ii) consultant or (iii) other appointment to government boards or posts between 30 April 1996 and 31 August 1998; if so, in each case, (A) what was the person's name and the position to which he or she was appointed, (B) to which political party was he or she affiliated, (C) what remuneration was involved, (D) was the appointment (I) full-time, (II) part-time or (III) casual, (E) what fees were applicable and (F) with respect to (I) travel allowance, (II) vehicles, (III) telephones and (IV) attendance fees, (aa) what entitlements were claimable, (ab) how often were entitlements claimed and (ac) what sum was paid under each entitlement.

109 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

110 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

111 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

112 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

113 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

114 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

115 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

116 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

117 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

118 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

119 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

120 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

121 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

122 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

123 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

- 124 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 125 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 126 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 127 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many staff were employed at the (a) Preston and (b) Northcote offices of the Department of Social Security on 2 March 1996.
 - (2) How many staff were employed at the (a) Preston and (b) Northcote offices of the Department of Social Security (i) immediately before and (ii) following the restructuring of the offices into the Centrelink network.
 - (3) How many staff were employed at the Preston office of Centrelink on 6 November 1998.
 - (4) What changes to staffing numbers at the Preston Office of Centrelink will occur as a result of the Centrelink staffing announcement on 9 November 1998.
- 128 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many applications did his Department receive for the National Youth Roundtable before the original October 1998 deadline.
 - (2) What was the (a) age and (b) place and State of residence of each applicant referred to in part (1).
 - (3) Will the applications received before the October deadline be accorded priority over later applications.
- 129 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) On most recent data, how many participants in work-for-the-dole schemes reside within each federal electoral division.
 - (2) What is the name of each organisation running work-for-the-dole schemes in each federal electoral division and what are the (a) objectives and (b) location of each scheme.
- 130 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, how many recipients of (a) Austudy and (b) Abstudy reside within each federal electoral division.
- 131 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) On most recent data, how many participants in Green Corps schemes reside within each federal electoral division.
 - (2) What was the (a) number and (b) percentage of participants in Green Corps schemes in each federal electoral division who were (i) unemployed or (ii) tertiary students before taking part in the schemes.

- (3) What is the name of each organisation running Green Corps schemes in each federal electoral division and what are the (a) objectives and (b) location of each scheme.

132 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many staff were employed at the (a) Northcote, (b) Heidelberg, (c) Coburg and (d) Epping offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) on 2 March 1996.
- (2) How many staff were employed at the (a) Northcote, (b) Heidelberg, (c) Coburg and (d) Epping offices of the (CES) (i) immediately before and (ii) following the restructuring of the offices into the Employment National network.
- (3) How many staff are employed at the Preston office of Employment National.

133 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) What resources and funding are used to promote the code of conduct to Job Network clients.
- (2) How many staff in each region and State are allocated by his Department to monitor adherence to the code of conduct by Job Network members.
- (3) Do the staff referred to in part (2) have responsibilities other than monitoring adherence to the code of conduct; if so, (a) what are the other responsibilities and (b) what proportion of working time is spent on the other responsibilities.
- (4) What complaints have been lodged with his Department against Job Network members in each region and State on the basis of the code of conduct and what was the nature of the complaints.
- (5) How many Job Network contracts has his Department cancelled since 1 May 1998.
- (6) How many Job Network members have had allocations decreased since 1 May 1998 because of non-performance at specified milestones.

134 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When did the (a) Government and (b) Federal Office of Road Safety become aware that (i) many Hyundai Excels in Australia have a fault in the forward right-side wheel assembly which potentially threatens safety and (ii) Hyundai Excels with the same fault were recalled in the USA in 1996 because they were considered a safety risk.
- (2) What action did the (a) Government and (b) Federal Office of Road Safety take after learning of the fault's existence to ensure that the safety of Australian road users was protected.
- (3) What mechanisms does the Government employ to ensure that information about faults in vehicles detected in other countries is immediately available to relevant Australian authorities.
- (4) Did the Government order an immediate recall of Hyundai Excels upon learning of the fault's existence and the previous action of the US Government; if not, why not.

- (5) Did he or a Government representative ask Hyundai why they did not act on the matter as soon as the cars had been recalled in the USA; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the response.

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- 135 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) How many submissions were received in response to the public consultation paper on the West Australian Regional Forest Agreement.
 - (2) How and by whom have the submissions been evaluated.
 - (3) When will the agreement be signed.
- MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 136-139)—Did the Minister's Department or an agency for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility, or their predecessors, let or make contracts, grants or secondments between 1 July 1996 and 30 June 1998 to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia; if so, in each case, what are the details, including (a) the Department or agency involved and (b) the (i) purpose, (ii) date of approval and (iii) value or cost of the contract, grant or secondment.
- 136 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 137 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- 138 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- 139 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Industry, Science and Resources.
- 141 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did Australia accede on 6 August 1986 to Unesco's 1979 Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region.
 - (2) Was Australia the first country outside Europe to become a party to the convention.
 - (3) Which other countries outside Europe have acceded to the convention and when did they do so.
 - (4) Did Germany become a party to the convention on 8 December 1994.
 - (5) Was Germany the last country in Europe to become a party to the convention.
 - (6) Was a memorandum of understanding on recognition of academic qualifications signed in Canberra on 29 September 1998 between the Australian Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs and the Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the German Länder.
 - (7) What steps has Australia taken towards concluding such memorandums with other parties to the convention.

- 142 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Who are the members of the Productivity Commission inquiring into gambling.
 - (2) What are their qualifications and from which State does each come.
 - (3) What are the terms of reference of the inquiry.
 - (4) How far has the inquiry advanced.
 - (5) Will the inquiry conduct public hearings.
 - (6) When is the final report expected to be presented.
- 143 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Do the majority of aircraft accidents occur within a 10 kilometre radius of the point of take-off; if so, what does the statistic reveal.
 - (2) Have the probabilities of an aircraft accident occurring at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport been researched; if so, (a) what does the research reveal and (b) what are the probabilities of an accident occurring during (i) take-off and (ii) landing.
 - (3) How many aircraft accidents have occurred at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport in the last 40 years.
 - (4) What advice has his Department received on the probabilities of an aircraft accident occurring at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport during the next 40 years.
 - (5) If his Department maintains that it has not received any specific advice on these matters would he provide his reply on the basis of the information of which his Department is aware.
- 144 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Did an incident occur at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport during the afternoon of 21 March 1998 involving an Ansett aircraft which was required to abort its landing; if so, (a) what were the circumstances in which the aircraft aborted its landing, (b) what were the cross and down wind components at the time and (c) has the appropriateness of the selected operational runway in the prevailing wind conditions been investigated; if so, with what outcome.
- 145 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 99 (*Hansard*, 20 August 1996, page 3289), would he bring up-to-date the information which was provided on the number of (a) air safety incidents at or over Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and (b) occasions that the 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew has been breached since 3 May 1996.
- 146 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2452 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 150), what were the dates of the correspondence which Airservices Australia received from the professional organisation representing air traffic controllers at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport between April 1996 and May 1997.
 - (2) Has he, his predecessor, his Department or Airservices Australia received further correspondence from the professional organisation since May 1997 regarding the operation of the Long Term Operating Plan at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, (a) what were the dates of the

correspondence, (b) what was its subject matter and (c) what was the response.

- 147 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2453 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 150), will he advise of the dates on which he, his predecessor, his Department or Airservices Australia received complaints from the Australian International Pilots Association regarding the use of the East-West runway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport in cross wind conditions in excess of 15 knots.
 - (2) What was the nature of the complaints referred to in part (1) and what was the response in each case.
- 148 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Will he provide up-to-date information on the number of aborted take-offs at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport since the answer to question No. 1734 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 151).
- 149 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 2615 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4224), in the period since the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport was adopted on how many occasions have aircraft landed in cross winds in excess of 15 knots and what were the circumstances in which the landings occurred.
- 150 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 2615 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4224), on how many occasions have aircraft taken off in cross winds in excess of 15 knots since the Long Term Operating Plan at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport was adopted and what were the circumstances in which the take-offs occurred.
- 151 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 2616 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4224), since the Long Term Operating Plan was adopted (a) on how many occasions have pilots nominated a runway to land their aircraft at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport which was other than that nominated by Airservices Australia and (b) what were the circumstances in each case.
- 152 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2619 (*Hansard*, 24 June 1998, page 5280), how many failures to comply with air traffic control clearances occurred at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport in the two-year period before 4 February 1997.
 - (2) Have failures to comply with air traffic control clearances related to directions, requests or instructions made by air traffic controllers as part of their implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan occurred since 4 February 1997; if so, (a) how many and (b) in what circumstances.
- 153 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Is the Government aware of any independent studies which have been undertaken on the viability of the Long Term Operating Plan targets regarding flight paths over various areas of Sydney; if so, (a) what independent studies and (b) what did the studies reveal about the viability of the targets.

- 154 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he received submissions, representations, correspondence or other communication from Qantas Airways Limited or Ansett Australia claiming additional costs that have been incurred by the airlines as a result of the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, (a) who made the submissions, representations, correspondence or other communications and (b) what additional costs were claimed to have been incurred by those airlines.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to Australian or overseas research identifying language differences between foreign pilots and air traffic controllers as being a significant safety issue.
 - (3) What steps has the Government implemented to address the issue referred to in part (2) in view of the complexities of the LTOP.
- 155 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to studies proposing that the safest mode of operation for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and surrounding air space is one which maintains segregated air space; if so, (a) what studies and (b) what were the major recommendations of the studies with respect to developing segregated air space.
 - (2) Has the Government abandoned the use of segregated air space at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, why.
- 156 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 2618 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4224), what was (a) his Department's and (b) Airservices Australia's response to the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation report published in January 1997 entitled 'An analysis of incidents involving air crew failing to comply with air traffic clearances: June-August 1996'.
- 157 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2617 (*Hansard*, 28 June 1998, page 4224), what steps must be taken for Airservices Australia to obtain the information which I requested about how many times pilots have refused Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) based landing directions and will he direct Airservices Australia to take the steps.
 - (2) Have pilots refused LTOP based take-off directions since it was implemented; if so, (a) how many times, (b) what are the details of the circumstances in which the directions were refused and (c) what reasons did pilots provide for refusing the directions.
- 158 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What approximate quantity of fuel is carried by a Qantas Boeing 747 travelling from Sydney to Los Angeles when it takes off.
 - (2) What is the average tonnage of reserve fuel carried by a Qantas Boeing 747 landing at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 - (3) Is there a greater risk of ground fatalities in an accident which involves an aircraft heavily laden with fuel.

- 159 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority responsible for reviewing the operation of the airline industry with respect to the safety of persons on the ground; if not, will he ensure that the responsibility is included in the authority's charter.
- 160 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Are Mr David Lidbetter and Mr Kevin Hill community representatives on the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) Implementation Monitoring Committee for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 - (2) Is it a fact that Mr Lidbetter resides in an area affected by air traffic to the north of the parallel runways and Mr Hill in an area affected by air traffic to the south of the parallel runways.
 - (3) Is it also a fact that no member of the committee resides to the east or west of the airport.
 - (4) Have Messrs Lidbetter and Hill consistently and vigorously advocated implementation of the LTOP so that air traffic is removed from the parallel runways to the east-west runway.
 - (5) Who would be responsible in the event of an aircraft accident occurring as a result of the implementation of the LTOP.
- 161 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did his predecessor state about 28 July 1998 in connection with the fatal seaplane accident on 26 July 1998 that if persons were found to be responsible for the accident or negligent they would be dismissed.
 - (2) Who accepts responsibility for the development and implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 - (3) Will he dismiss the person or persons referred to in part (2) if a fatality occurs in and around the airport as result of the operation of the LTOP.
- 162 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Was a Qantas passenger jet forced to take evasive action to avoid a turboprop Metroliner freight plane about 10 p.m. on 22 July 1998; if so, (a) what were the circumstances and (b) will he review operating procedures for pilots crossing runways to ensure that pilots stop before crossing a runway and wait for permission to proceed from the control tower.
- 163 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
How many suburbs north of the Parramatta River suffer from aircraft noise above 70 decibels per noise event from aircraft flying to or from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
- 164 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What infrastructure developments relating to ground or air movement of aircraft are underway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 - (2) What further developments are anticipated.
 - (3) What is the cost of the developments which are (a) underway and (b) anticipated.
 - (4) Have developments which are underway or anticipated been treated as major development proposals under the *Airports Act 1996*; if not, why not.

- 165 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did Corrs Chambers Westgarth provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of its consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 166 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did BCG Media Pty Limited provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of its consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 167 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did Dr John Davies provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of his consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 168 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did Minter Ellison Lawyers provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of its consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 169 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did the National Institute of Labour Studies Incorporated provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of its consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 170 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2542 (*Hansard*, 5 March 1998, page 690), did Dr David Webb provide written advice with respect to the subject matter of his consultancy; if so, in each case, (a) on what date was the advice provided and (b) what were the major recommendations contained in the advice.
- 171 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of producing (a) *A guide to employers' rights in relation to industrial action, freedom of association and right of entry* and (b) the *Guide for the building and construction industry*.
 - (2) Has the Government published booklets regarding employee entitlements; if so, (a) what booklets and (b) at what cost in each case.
- 172 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has the Government considered ratifying ILO Convention No. 162 regarding the prevention and control of health hazards due to occupational exposure to asbestos; if so, what action will the Government take.

- 173 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 2834 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4236), while it is not possible to provide particular details of any organisation's bid or reasons for selection, will he provide details of the guidelines and or factors considered by his department in considering the bids submitted by organisations generally.
- 174 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) In contracting with other companies or individuals to provide employment services, did his Department inquire whether the companies or individuals intended to subcontract the services; if so, (a) what inquiries were made and (b) did the inquiries include ascertaining the commission which the companies and/or individuals intended to make on the sub-contracting arrangements; if so, what commissions will be obtained by the companies or individuals.
 - (2) If he will not provide the information sought in part (1), why not.
- 175 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 3048 (*Hansard*, 15 July 1998, page 6225) noting the Government's receipt of formal advice on 25 May 1998 of a complaint to the International Labour Organisation by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, is it a fact that the complaint was lodged on 7 May 1998 and the Government received notice foreshadowing the complaint; if so, when did the Government receive notice.
- 176 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Will the Government amend the Workplace Relations Act to reduce, diminish or restrict the remedy available to apprentices under the Act in respect of dismissal in harsh, unjust or unconscionable circumstances; if so, how.
- 177 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Did he issue a media release dated 26 July 1998 titled "Arrogant Democrats reject reform mandate" which claimed that the Democrats had already cost 50 000 Australians a job; if so, (a) does the claim imply that 50 000 Australians have (i) been dismissed from their employment or (ii) not obtained employment, as a result of action by the Democrats and (b) how was the figure of 50 000 obtained.
- 178 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Is it a fact that Commissioner Frank Palmer has retired from the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC); if so, (a) is it also a fact that no member of the AIRC has been based in Adelaide since his retirement and (b) what additional costs have been incurred in airfares and accommodation allowances for members of the AIRC and their staff in travelling to and staying in Adelaide to conduct AIRC hearings since his retirement.
- 179 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Are directors of community employment services which have been awarded employment placement contracts by the Government personally liable if the services become insolvent.

- (2) Will the Government guarantee debts incurred by those services to ensure that their directors are not personally liable for the debts.
- 180 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the administrative costs to the date of answering this question for the payment of childcare assistance to out of school hours centres.
 - (2) What is the lowest sum per week of childcare assistance being paid to an eligible parent.
 - (3) How many applications for childcare assistance does Centrelink have on hand.
 - (4) How many applications referred to in part (3) were received before 29 May 1998.
 - (5) Will all eligible applications for childcare assistance received before 29 May 1998 be backdated.
 - (6) Has Centrelink sent out multiple notifications of eligibility for childcare assistance to the same families.
- 181 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What processes were established to ensure that organisations tendering for round 13 of Home and Community Care (HACC) funding had consulted with other HACC and similar providers.
 - (2) How do tenderers demonstrate that they have consulted other providers.
 - (3) What checks does the Department of Family and Community Services make to ensure the requirement has been met.
 - (4) Is the Commonwealth reducing HACC funding to New South Wales by \$3 million in 1998-99.
 - (5) Is the Commonwealth insisting HACC client user-pay levels be raised to 20 per cent of the total program budget; if so, how will the client fee be collected from dementia sufferers.
- 182 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2622 (*Hansard*, 2 April 1998, page 2488), what issues or points of disagreement precluded the arrival at a consensus on the proposed joint venture between the Hurstville Council and the Australian Taxation Office to establish a childcare centre.
- 183 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) On what matters did Australia sponsor resolutions at the meeting of the Commission on Human Rights in April 1998.
 - (2) What was the text of resolutions which came to a vote.
 - (3) Which members (a) voted for the resolutions, (b) voted against the resolutions and (c) abstained from voting on the resolutions.
- 184 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Rockdale Medicare Office been closed; if so, (a) was the decision to close made by (i) himself, (ii) the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) or (iii) himself in consultation with the HIC and (b) what facts and circumstances were considered in reaching the decision.

- (2) How well was the office patronised and how did it compare to similar offices which have not been closed.
 - (3) If he consulted the HIC on the decision, (a) what was the nature of consultation, (b) when did the consultations occur and (c) did the consultations occur in the context of a predetermined Government policy as to which Medicare offices should be closed.
- 185 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is it a fact that most private health insurers used to provide coverage for domestic nursing care but have now removed coverage from their policies.
- 186 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to his answer to question No. 2236 (*Hansard*, 12 May 1998, page 3018) concerning the establishment of Medicare customer service centres, were the factors identified in the answer which are taken into account when evaluating whether to open a Medicare customer service centre applied in respect of the decision to close the Rockdale, NSW, Medicare Customer Service Centre; if so, what material facts did the Health Insurance Commission consider as relevant in applying each of the factors which they took into account; if not, (a) what factors were taken into account and (b) what were the relevant facts considered to be relevant to each factor.
- 187 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Did his office provide any direction, guidance or indication to the Health Insurance Commission on which Medicare customer service centres it should consider closing; if so, what are the details.
- 188 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2832 (*Hansard*, 25 May 1998, page 3625), has his attention been drawn to reports that waiting times for customers at Medicare offices have significantly increased since the recent closure of a number of Medicare customer service centres.
 - (2) Will he conduct an urgent review of waiting times for Medicare offices in New South Wales.
- 189 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2832 (*Hansard*, 25 May 1998, page 3664), did his Department or the Health Insurance Commission undertake an inquiry, review or otherwise consider the quality of service provided by Medicare customer service centres in New South Wales; if so, (a) what inquiries, reviews or consideration and (b) was the Hurstville Medicare Office included; if so, (i) when was it undertaken and (ii) what was the result.
 - (2) If no study, inquiry, review or consideration has been made of Medicare customer service centres, will he ensure that one occurs and that the Hurstville Medicare Office is included and the consequent demands made upon it resulting from the closure of the Rockdale and Sylvania Medicare offices.
- 190 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 2942 (*Hansard*, 30 June 1998, page 5536), did the National Health and Medical Research Council in its report on attention deficit

hyperactivity disorder (ADD) refer to an inconsistency between funding provided to parents to acquire the medication Ritalin, which is commonly prescribed in the treatment of ADD, but not to purchase the medication Dexamphetamine; if so, will the Government address the inconsistency.

- 191 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Did the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs undertake at a hearing of the Senate Employment, Education and Training Legislation Committee on 25 February 1998 to provide up-to-date school funding projections in real dollar terms; if so, (a) did he issue a direction in respect of the undertaking and (b) has the undertaking been fulfilled; if not, why not.
- 192 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 3086 (*Hansard*, 15 July 1998, page 6271), will the Minister inquire into the success of the 1998 World Expo in Lisbon, Portugal, in particular the trading and tourism opportunities available to participating nations; if not, why not.
 - (2) Would an inquiry similar to that referred to in part (1) assist the planning of Australia's exhibit for Expo 2000 in Hanover.
- 193 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Further to the answer to question No. 3084 (*Hansard*, 15 July 1998, page 6270), has a program for the shipment of spent nuclear fuel from the operation of the HIFAR reactor at Lucas Heights, NSW, been developed; if so, under the program (a) how many rods will be transported, (b) how many shipments are contemplated, (c) what are the proposed dates of the shipments, (d) what will each shipment cost and (e) what is the destination of each shipment.
- 194 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 2835 (*Hansard*, 2 June 1998, page 4236), in its submission to the review of resourcing needs of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) chaired by Mr Tony Ayers, AC, what additional resources did the AFP indicate were needed to properly undertake its duties and responsibilities.
- 195 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 2835 (*Hansard*, 2 June 1998, page 4236), has he received the report of Mr Tony Ayers, AC; if so what (a) were the major recommendations of that report and (b) is the Government's response.
- 196 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is it a fact that war widows in the USA and UK lose their benefits upon remarriage but regain them following divorce from or the death of the subsequent spouse.
 - (2) Will he introduce similar measures for Australian war widows.
- 197 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—What Government scrutiny takes place of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission in the election of board members and the administration of the organisation's accounts.

- 198 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What percentage of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 1994-95, (b) 1995-96, (c) 1996-97 and (d) 1997-98 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin.
- 199 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a call by the NSW Farmers' Association for Medicare provider numbers to be allocated to match population numbers in specific geographic areas; if so, (a) what is the feasibility of the proposal and (b) will he introduce it.
 - (2) Is it fact that existing incentives to attract medical practitioners to rural areas have failed.

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- 200 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Will he bring up-to-date the answer to question No. 2788 (*Hansard*, 14 May 1998, page 3522) concerning ILO Convention No. 169—Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, 1989.
- 201 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will he bring up-to-date the answer to question No. 2470 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 154) concerning legislation to implement the 1948 Genocide Convention with full domestic effect.
- 202 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many serving ADF personnel (a) were killed on duty, (b) suffered severe injuries, leading to quadriplegia, paraplegia or similar conditions and (c) suffered other reported injuries in (i) 1995-96, (ii) 1996-97 and (iii) 1997-98.
 - (2) What sums were payable, and how many ADF personnel or their dependants received assistance, under the Military Compensation Scheme in 1997-98 in terms of (a) weekly payments, (b) medical, hospital, pharmaceutical and other treatment costs, (c) household and attendant care services, (d) rehabilitation and return to work assistance, (e) death benefits, (f) lump sum payments for permanent impairment and (g) other benefits.
 - (3) How many ADF personnel were discharged as medically unfit in 1997-98 because of compensable injury or illness.
- 203 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the new Defence Long Service Medal been gazetted; if so, when; if not, why not.
 - (2) How many (a) members of the full-time forces, (b) officers in the reserve forces and (c) members of the reserve forces are estimated to meet the eligibility requirements of the medal.
 - (3) How many serving members will be ineligible for the medal because they have received the (a) Defence Force Service Medal, (b) Reserve Force Decoration or (c) Reserve Force Medal.
- 204 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many training providers (a) were granted and (b) still retain a contract under the mutual obligation agreement.

- (2) How many persons nationally have been referred to services provided under the mutual obligation agreement.
 - (3) How many training places have been allocated nationally under the mutual obligation agreement.
- 205 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is the Minister able to say when Telstra will erect a digital mobile telephone base station to serve Kandos and Rylstone, NSW.

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- 206 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his Department been made aware of an order by the Family Court on 28 October 1997, in the matter of ML6410 of 1989, that forthwith each party was to sign all documents and do such things as may be necessary, including the provision of certified photographs and a birth certificate, to obtain a passport and a visa for a child and until further order the passport was to be held by the child's father; if so, (a) when and by whom was his Department made aware of the order and (b) did it comply with the order; if not, why not.
 - (2) Did Justice Fogarty determine on 12 December 1997 that his Department had failed to comply with the terms of the order.
 - (3) Was the passport delivered to the child's father; if so, when.
 - (4) After 28 October 1997, did an officer of his Department refuse to deliver the passport to the child's father; if so, why.
- 207 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Has a section of the Commonwealth Electoral Act since 1922 precluded State and federal elections being held on the same day.
 - (2) On what occasions had State and federal elections previously been held on the same day.
 - (3) On what date, in what circumstances and with what result was consideration last given to repealing the section.
- 208 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the position of the Australian Government in relation to the detention in Great Britain of General Augusto Pinochet.
 - (2) Does the Government acknowledge that the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights adds significance to supporting the actions of the British, Spanish and European officials seeking to bring General Pinochet to justice.
 - (3) Is it appropriate for Australia to bring to Chile's attention matters pertaining to the violation of human rights by the Pinochet regime, particularly crimes against humanity and other forms of violation of human rights, as requested by bodies such as Amnesty International.
 - (4) Has the Prime Minister raised with APEC or the Chilean Government matters relating to human rights violations by General Pinochet.

- (5) Has his attention been drawn to the presence in Australia of former Chileans, many of whom have become Australian citizens, whose family members were killed or disappeared during the Pinochet regime, those responsible remaining free and untried.
 - (6) Will the Australian Government support the case of Manuel Moreno, an Australian citizen originally from Chile, whose son was executed during the Pinochet dictatorship.
- 209 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care— Further to the answer to question no. 804 (*Hansard*, 3 December 1996, page 7604), what proportion of (a) total health expenditure in Australia was funded by health insurance funds in each year since 1994-95 and (b) recurrent health expenditure was funded by health insurance funds for (i) public hospitals, (ii) private hospitals, (iii) medical services, (iv) dental services, (v) other professional services and (vi) all other services in each year since 1994-95.
- 210 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What steps did his Department take as proponent to ensure that the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) provided the Government and public with an objective, cost effective and high quality assessment of the proposed project.
 - (2) Is he satisfied with the steps taken by his Department.
 - (3) What did his Department estimate to be the total cost of the EIS.
 - (4) What was the actual cost.
 - (5) Did the Government obtain value for money.
 - (6) Was an extensive list of errors and inadequacies identified during a review of the EIS by reputable observers including the Commonwealth's appointed environmental auditor; if so, will his Department seek financial redress from the consultants who prepared the EIS; if not, why not.
- 211 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In March 1996, was the Government committed to an open, transparent and accountable environmental impact statement (EIS) process for Sydney's second airport; if so, is that still the case.
 - (2) Did the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, as the Commonwealth's appointed environmental auditor, note in its review of the EIS that access to information about the Badgerys Creek assessment process was provided only at times and under conditions imposed by his Department and that access was denied to important information about the work of sub-consultants; if so, (a) was his Department acting independently or under ministerial direction, (b) why did the Department act in this way and (c) were the actions consistent with an open, transparent and accountable EIS process; if so, how.
- 212 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Government exclude from consideration of the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) interaction between the proposed second airport and Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, why.

- (2) Would construction of the second airport at Badgerys Creek necessitate (a) tighter integration of aviation operations at both airports or (b) operation of the two airports in unison.
 - (3) Is it a fact that the operation of the two airports in unison would have a significant impact on areas of Sydney not currently affected by airport operations; if so, (a) was this adequately considered in the EIS process; if not, why not, (b) has the number of residents who would be affected been estimated; if not, why not, and (c) have studies been proposed, commenced or completed to identify the number of residents who would be affected and the degree to which they would be affected.
- 213 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the basis of the forward aviation demand forecasts used in the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS) and who prepared them.
 - (2) What percentage of international travellers in the forecasts were projected to come from Asia.
 - (3) Have economic conditions in Asia affected the projections referred to in part (2).
 - (4) Is his Department using revised aviation demand forecasts; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are they and (b) to what extent do they affect the need for a second Sydney airport.
- 214 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What requirements for dumping fuel are imposed on domestic and international air carriers and what is their legislative basis.
 - (2) Are penalties applied if the requirements are breached; if so, (a) what are they and (b) on how many occasions have they been applied since 1993.
 - (3) Is the Government able to eliminate the possibility of fuel dumping occurring over western and south-western areas of Sydney if an airport is constructed at Badgerys Creek.
- 215 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it usual practice to undertake a cost-benefit analysis as part of an environmental impact study.
 - (2) Can the purported benefits and environmental and social penalties associated with the proposal to build a second airport at Badgerys Creek be costed to enable cost-benefit analysis; if not, why not.
 - (3) Would the analysis referred to in part (2) assist decision making associated with an environmental impact statement (EIS); if not, why not.
 - (4) Is it a fact that a cost-benefit analysis was not used in respect of the Badgerys Creek EIS because the quantifiable costs far outweigh the benefits.
- 216 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a newspaper article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 21 November 1998 in which the chief of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport, Mr Tony Stuart, reportedly suggested that the airport has sufficient capacity to cater for future demand.

- (2) Did the environmental impact statement for Sydney's second airport consider the logistical, economic, environmental and social consequences of not building a second airport; if not, why not.
- (3) Did the Government base its assumptions on the future capacity of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport on a study, assessment or report; if so, (a) what study, assessment or report, (b) when was it produced and (c) how confident is the Government in its findings.

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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.

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

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- 246 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the National Competition Council recommended in a draft report of its review of subsections 51(2) and 51(3) of the Trade Practices Act that the exemption relating to standards contained in paragraph 51(2)(c) of the Act be removed.
 - (2) Did the Commonwealth and the Standards Association of Australia enter into a new memorandum of understanding in February 1998 covering the preparation of standards in Australia.
 - (3) Will the Government implement the recommendation referred to in part (1).
- 247 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Commonwealth announce after the special premiers' conference in November 1998 that it would give the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission statutory authority to formally monitor prices and take legal action against businesses taking pricing decisions in a manner inconsistent with tax reform.
 - (2) Is the Government taking steps to curb GST-based profiteering.
 - (3) Has the Government introduced formal monitoring of bank fees and charges; if not, how will the Government prevent profiteering by banks.
- 248 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Does the Government support the maintenance of a secure framework of finance regulation to ensure the confidence of local and international investors.
 - (2) Did he state on the ABC radio program 'The world today' on 27 November 1998 that all financial regulation policy was under review; if so, what is the effect of the uncertainty of Australia's financial regulation framework on the confidence of local and international investors.
- 249 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister 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 Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—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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- *302 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—If the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission presented him with a report in July 1998 recommending the enactment of a Federal Religious Freedom Act, will the recommendation be mentioned in the Commonwealth-written report for the meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General tentatively scheduled to be held in Darwin on 15 and 16 April 1999.
- *303 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Has his Department met with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) since 2 March 1996 to discuss employment, education and training issues; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) when were the (i) first and (ii) latest meetings held and (c) how regularly are the meetings held.
 - (2) Has his Department met with other organisations since 2 March 1996 to discuss employment, education and training issues; if so, (a) which organisations, (b) when were the (i) first and (ii) latest meetings held in each case and (c) how regularly are the meetings held.
 - (3) Which organisations did his Department regularly consult before 2 March 1996 on employment, education and training issues, especially as they related to Working Nation.
 - (4) How has the consultation process changed from 1993-96 to 1996-98.
 - (5) Has his Department allocated funds to assist the ACCI to communicate to employers the range of Job Network services available and how employers can access them; if so, (a) what sum was allocated, (b) when was the allocation approved, (c) what is the nature of the communication process between the ACCI and employers, (d) have departmental officers been seconded to the ACCI to assist the communication process; if so, in each case, (i) what is the substantive position of the officer and (ii) for what period has the officer been seconded and (e) how is the communication process being monitored for effectiveness.
 - (6) Has his Department allocated funds to assist other organisations to communicate to constituent bodies the range of Job Network services available and how these services can be accessed; if so, (a) which organisations and (b) how does the arrangement differ in each case from that entered into with the ACCI.
- *304 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services— Did the Government offer contract variations to members of the Job Network in August 1998; if so, (a) how many members decided not to pursue the variations, (b) were they from the not-for-profit community sector or the private sector, (c) what reasons did they give for not pursuing variations and (d) in which States, Territories and regions were they located.
- *305 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of closing the Medicare office in Belmont, NSW, including obtaining a release from the lease of its premises.
 - (2) How long did the lease have to expire.
 - (3) How many staff were employed in the office.

- (4) What was the total annual remuneration paid to the staff.
 - (5) What proportion of the staff is still employed by Medicare or Medibank Private.
 - (6) What was the projected operational cost of the office for the period of the lease.
 - (7) What is the projected operational cost for the Medibank Private office at Charlestown, NSW.
- *306 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Are there inequities in the subsidisation of small compared with large, and metropolitan compared with rural, nursing homes and hostels; if so, what steps is the Government taking to eliminate the inequities.
- *307 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Is there a mismatch between the local availability of, and demand for, nursing home and hostel beds; if so, what steps is the Government taking to make beds available where needed.
 - (2) Is it a fact that proportionally the aged population of the electoral division of Shortland is among the highest in Australia but that its per capita nursing home/hostel bed rate is half the national average; if so, why.
- *308 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What is the Government's position on self-determination for indigenous peoples domestically and internationally.
 - (2) Has the Government's position recently changed to an emphasis on self-management and self-empowerment; if so, (a) what is the rationale for the change, (b) where did the impetus for change originate, (c) which agency prepared the relevant Cabinet submission, (d) which other departments or agencies provided advice on the matter, (e) what consultative processes did the Government undertake with indigenous peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and other relevant interest groups before the change and (f) was ATSIC included in the process preceding the Cabinet decision; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has the Government or his Department attempted, or will they attempt, to influence other governments, particularly CANZUS governments, to downgrade the language of self-determination in the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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*).