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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**NOTICE PAPER**

No. 18

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 1999

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

- *1 **MR MOORE:** To present a Bill for an Act about the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program, and for other purposes.
- *2 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airports Act 1996*, and for other purposes.
- *3 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in relation to youth allowance and austudy payment, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR McGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to encourage the voluntary disclosure and exchange of information about year 2000 computer problems and remediation efforts, and for other purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).

* *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.*

- 5 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 6 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 7 **AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 14 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 15 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (CUSTOMS) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).

- 19 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 23 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 24 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (OFFICE OF THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER) BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 25 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 26 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 27 **GENERAL INTEREST CHARGE (IMPOSITION) BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *28 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 1999—Mr Martin*).
- *29 **BOUNTY (SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 February 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 30 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 31 **MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 1998-99—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—ATO'S INTERACTION WITH IN 1995-96, 1996-97 AND 1997-98—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **GUIDE ON KEY ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 February*

- 1999—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 36 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REGISTRATION BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **COMPANIES AND SECURITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.

- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.

- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.

- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.

- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
 Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 90 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
15 FEBRUARY 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MRS CROSIO:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and certain other liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency and for related purposes. (*Notice given 9 December 1998. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR SCHULTZ:** To move—That this House:
- (1) places on record concern about the lack of sufficient funding for clinical trials for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer;
 - (2) notes that over 8000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998 and that over 2700 women will die of breast cancer in that year; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to consider infrastructure funding which will give the foundation and security for planning and completion of quality, evidence-based research. (*Notice given 9 December 1998. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that the Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia concluded that the 1983 Survey of Health of Former Atomic Test Personnel cannot be regarded as an adequate epidemiological study;
 - (2) expresses concern that there has been no further official study into the health and mortality of Australian personnel who participated in British nuclear tests and subsequent clean-up operations;
 - (3) acknowledges that the USA accepts as radiogenic a range of cancers and other conditions experienced by military personnel who were exposed to ionising radiation;
 - (4) notes that studies of British nuclear veterans have been conducted by the UK National Radiological Protection Board in 1988 and 1993 and, more recently, through Dundee University for the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association;
 - (5) calls on the Minister for Defence to commission as a matter of urgency a rigorous health and mortality study of Australian atomic ex-service personnel and their children and grandchildren; and
 - (6) supports the involvement of independent researchers and representatives of the ex-service community in the design and conduct of such a study. (*Notice given 8 December 1998. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †4 **MS 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. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)

†5 **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.*)

†6 **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.*)

†7 **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.*)

- †8 **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.*)

- †9 **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.*)

- †10 **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.*)

- †11 **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. Time allotted to debate notices Nos. 5 to 11—remaining private Members' business time.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 11 February 1999

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

- (1) notes that 1999 is the International Year of the Older Persons;
- (2) notes the large number of middle-aged persons who have been retrenched in Australia and who have little chance of obtaining further employment;
- (3) recognises that aged care services should provide a continuity of care in which services come to the people;
- (4) further recognises that many older persons who have been retrenched will have used up their superannuation entitlements by retiring age and will need to fall back on the aged pension; and
- (5) agrees that more work needs to be done to preserve Australian jobs, so that people are free to make their own retirement decisions based on quality of life issues rather than be forced to retire due to a management decision of their employer. (*Notice given 10 February 1999.*)

Notices—*continued*

1 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)

- 2 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 3 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 4 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.)

- 5 **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 7 sitting days, including today.*)
- 6 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the article in the *Canberra Times* of 14 November 1998 and the feature broadcast on 3 December 1998 by ‘A Current Affair’ alleging the profligacy of the Parliament’s corporate administration;
 - (2) notes the considerable achievements of parliamentary staff in providing support services to honourable members under the present five department structure;
 - (3) notes the history of failed attempts to amalgamate the parliamentary departments dating back to 1910 that have failed because of either political factors or bureaucratic opposition to change;
 - (4) notes the reported savings made by several Commonwealth agencies, including the Departments of Defence and the Prime Minister and Cabinet, by the use of organisational restructuring and competitive tendering and contracting arrangements for the provision of corporate support services;
 - (5) agrees that the Commonwealth Parliament, as the pre-eminent institution of public sector accountability, should have a support structure that meets the requirements of economy, efficiency and effectiveness it expects and demands of all publicly funded agencies;
 - (6) agrees that there is scope for rationalising the present five departmental structure to achieve cost savings that can be re-allocated to needy areas of public expenditure; and
 - (7) requests the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, as the audit committee for the Parliament, to initiate an efficiency audit of the current parliamentary corporate support arrangements. (*Notice given 9 December 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 7 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations, as contained in Statutory Rules 1998, Nos. 338 and 353, made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 8 February 1999. Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed unless the motion is disposed of within 13 sitting days, including today.*)
- 8 **MR PYNE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) condemns the inappropriate use of resources by some student unions;
 - (2) opposes students being forced to fund student union political activity as a prerequisite for entry to university;
 - (3) acknowledges that all citizens, including students, should be free to choose whether or not they want to belong to a union; and

- (4) notes the contribution that responsive and responsible student unions can make to university campuses. (*Notice given 8 February 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)

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 6 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 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 6 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)

- 3 **LABELLING OF AUSTRALIAN GOODS:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998*) on the motion of Ms 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 6 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 4 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 1998** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 7 December 1998*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 5 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 1998*) on the motion of Mr Nehl—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 6 **AUSTRALIA-TURKEY RELATIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 1998*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—That this House notes:
- (1) the special relationship between Australia and Turkey, which developed out of mutual respect engendered by the horrific experiences of the First World War;
 - (2) that Turkey is a modern, secular state with which Australia should further enhance relations;
 - (3) the importance of Turkey as a trade and investment partner in its own right and as a base for Australian trade efforts in the Middle East and Central Asia;
 - (4) the significant contribution of Turkish migration to Australia’s economic, social and cultural development; and
 - (5) that Turkish speaking residents of Australia have contributed significantly to the Australian community by their approach to potentially divisive issues that could undermine harmony in our multicultural society. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 7 **BANK CLOSURES:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 1998*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 8 **RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 1999—Mr Hardgrave, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That this House:
- (1) draws the attention of the Government to the condition of the national rail track;
 - (2) commends the Government for its commitment of \$250 million to rail infrastructure but asks that it be expanded;
 - (3) calls for the declaration of national rail highway from Brisbane to Perth; and
 - (4) seeks removal of impediments to a seamless interstate rail system. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 9 **HOUSE SITTING ARRANGEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 1999*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)
- 10 **PROSTATE CANCER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Brough—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 15 February 1999.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence until 1.15 p.m. each Monday.

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 15 February 1999". 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

Thursday, 11 February 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mrs B. K. Bishop*).
 - 2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr Horne*).
 - 3 **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*).
 - 4 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
 - 5 **MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
 - 6 **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*).
 - 7 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DRUG AGENCY AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Sport and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
 - 8 **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*).
 - 9 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
 - 10 **MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

1, 8, 19, 25-27, 29, 30, 34, 40, 41, 43, 48, 56, 61, 71, 77, 78, 81-85, 87, 88, 90, 91, 100, 106, 107, 109-113, 115-118, 120-126, 128, 138, 141, 146-152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 162, 164-170, 180, 181, 184, 185, 187, 188, 191, 192, 194, 195, 197, 201, 208-216, 218, 224, 229-240, 244, 245, 247, 248, 251, 252, 254, 255, 262-267, 271-287, 294, 296, 299, 300, 303, 305-307, 320, 321, 323-329, 331, 332, 334, 336-337.

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339 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Did the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) relocate its divisional office for Grayndler from Ashfield to Haymarket; if so, (a) why and (b) will the divisional office for Grayndler be re-established within Grayndler's electoral boundaries; if so, when; if not, will the divisional office for Grayndler remain at Roden Cutler House in Haymarket.
- (2) Will the AEC relocate the divisional office for Lowe to Roden Cutler House in Haymarket.

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 340-357)—

- (1) How many employees in the Minister's Department have their principal conditions of employment set by (a) an award, (b) an industrial agreement, (c) a certified agreement and (d) an Australian workplace agreement.
- (2) What is the classification of each person in the Minister's Department employed under an Australian workplace agreement.

340 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister.

341 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

342 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer.

343 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

344 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

345 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

346 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

347 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

348 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

349 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

- 350 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- 351 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- 352 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- 353 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.
- 354 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 355 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 356 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 357 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 358 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is the Minister able to say whether the position of ABC (Qld) Radio and Television News Editor is, or will soon be, vacant; if so, (a) what circumstances led to the vacancy, (b) how will the vacancy be advertised, (c) what procedures and criteria will apply in determining a replacement and (d) when will the replacement be announced.
- 359 **MR O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Did the then Minister for Primary Industries and Energy issue a media release on 28 July 1998 stating that (a) he had called for a full report following the death en route of at least 346 of a shipment of 1200 cattle sent to Israel in June 1998 and (b) the exporter had been asked to show cause why his licence should not be suspended.
 - (2) Has he or his Department received a report on the incident; if so, (a) when, (b) will the report be made public and (c) did the report recommend the suspension or cancellation of the exporter's licence.
 - (3) What action has he taken with respect to the exporter's licence.
 - (4) Is it a fact that details of the incident have been known since the ship arrived in Israel on 1 July 1998 but that results of departmental investigations into the matter are yet to be made public; if so, why has there been a delay.
- 360 **MR O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What total core funding did his Department allocate to the Geelong Migrant Resources Centre in (a) 1994-95, (b) 1995-96, (c) 1996-97 and (d) 1997-98.
 - (2) What positions and programs at the centre were resourced by his Department in 1995-96.
 - (3) What funding was allocated for positions and programs at the centre in (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98.
- 361 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What were the primary and secondary sources of information on regional skills shortages and job vacancies in (a) January 1994, (b) January 1997, (c) January 1998 and (d) July 1998.
 - (2) What is the value of the information referred to in part (1) and how has it been used in policy planning across all Commonwealth departments.

- (3) If there have been changes in the sources of information has its accuracy been affected; if so, (a) how and (b) what measures have been taken in response.
 - (4) Did the abolition of the Commonwealth Employment Service affect the collection of regional data; if so, how.
- 362 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) How many area consultative committees (a) were operating before 2 March 1996 and (b) are operating in February 1999.
 - (2) What is the (a) name, (b) contact address and (c) telephone number of the (i) chairperson and (ii) executive officer of each area consultative committee.
 - (3) What levels of financial and other support (a) does his Department provide and (b) did the Department's predecessor provide before 2 March 1996 to each area consultative committee.
 - (4) What are the terms of each area consultative committee's charter for operation and responsibilities.
 - (5) Have the terms of the charters varied since 2 March 1996; if so, how.
 - (6) Have area consultative committees been given responsibility to collect data on regional skills shortages and job vacancies; if so, (a) what responsibility, (b) how successful has been the data collection, (c) how is the data made available to the public and (d) how is the data incorporated in a national information system.
- 363 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many persons have accessed the new temporary migration program since its inception.
 - (2) What are the work or skill categories of the persons who have entered Australia under the temporary migration program.
 - (3) In which locations have persons who entered under the temporary migration program settled.
 - (4) Has his Department investigated whether the temporary migration program is being used as an alternative to the employer nomination program or a means to avoid training unemployed Australians; if so, with what result.
 - (5) How many persons who entered under the temporary migration program have subsequently applied within Australia to change their migration status to allow them to stay permanently in Australia.
 - (6) What were the (a) countries of origin, (b) work or skill categories and (c) places of residence in Australia of the persons referred to in part (5).
 - (7) Are persons entering Australia under the temporary migration program discouraged from seeking to change their migration status after arrival; if so, how.
- 364 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report entitled *The cost of superannuation tax concessions* which was prepared by Access Economics and released by

the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia, Investment and Financial Services Association of Australia, Australian Stock Exchange and Financial Planning Association of Australia in September 1998.

- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to claims in Appendix 1 of the report that
 - (a) the Treasury TES model for costing superannuation tax concessions assumes that the income taxed as superannuation is otherwise taxable in the hands of the employee,
 - (b) the Australian Taxation Office and his Department therefore calculate the concession as the gap between an assumed marginal personal tax rate and the contributions rate of 15 per cent and
 - (c) the official marginal personal tax rate is not revealed but is likely to be around 40 per cent.
- (3) Is it a fact that the official marginal rate referred to in part (2) is not revealed; if so, why.
- (4) What is the official marginal rate referred to in part (2).
- (5) Will he respond to the report; if not, why not; if so, will he present his response to the Parliament or make it available to the public.
- (6) Does existing tax policy discriminate against superannuation rather than incur a cost in terms of forgone revenue; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Does the GST package specify life insurance as a financial supply but not other types of insurance.
- (2) Will death cover be exempt from, but disability cover attract, the GST; if so,
 - (a) will the distinction between the two forms of cover impose additional costs and reduction of benefits in respect of death and disability cover and
 - (b) is this consistent with a simple tax system.

366 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many voluntary participants in the work-for-the-dole scheme reside in postcode areas (a) 3039, (b) 3041, (c) 3055, (d) 3056, (e) 3057, (f) 3058, (g) 3059, (h) 3040, (i) 3044 and (j) 3046.

367 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What (a) are the existing staffing levels at the Perth Immigration Detention Centre under the supervision of Australasian Correctional Management and (b) were the staffing levels when the centre was operated and administered by Australian Protective Services.
- (2) How many staff are required to be on duty during the day at the centre.
- (3) What is deemed to be a safe ratio of prison officers to detainees.
- (4) What procedures have been established to ensure the safety of detainees and staff members in the case of an emergency.
- (5) How many staff members have resigned since control of the centre was transferred from Australian Protective Services to Australasian Correctional Management.

368 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the obligations of constitutional corporations to disclose the remuneration of their senior chief executive officers.

- (2) Will the Government revoke or modify the obligations referred to in part (1).
- 369 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 177, which small business organisation or organisations other than the Council of Small Business Organisations has provided an estimate that 50 000 jobs would be created if small businesses were exempt from federal unfair dismissal laws.
- (2) Are the one in twenty small businesses referred to in the answer to question No. 177 respondent to a federal industrial award and also constitutional corporations.
- 370 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 175, has the Government received advice of the progress of the complaint by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to the ILO which was lodged on 7 May 1998; if so, what is the progress of the investigation of the complaint.
- 371 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 333, has he provided the Attorney-General with an instrument of delegation in respect of the administration of Division 1 of Part XXII of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, what are the terms of the instrument; if not, on what basis does the Attorney-General administer the division.
- 372 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 172, will the Government inquire of all States their current position on the ratification of ILO Convention No. 162—Asbestos, 1986 with a view to taking further action to ratify the convention.
- 373 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is the Government or the Health Insurance Commission acting to prevent professional sportsmen and sportswomen from obtaining Medicare benefits; if so, (a) what action is being taken and (b) in what circumstances will professional sportsmen and sportswomen be precluded from obtaining Medicare benefits.
- 374 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Has his attention been drawn to a report of the New South Wales Parliament's Standing Committee on Social Issues regarding hepatitis C which was tabled in the Legislative Council on 11 November 1998; if so, (a) has he determined whether any aspects of the report can be pursued at the Commonwealth level and (b) will the Commonwealth Government take further action in combating hepatitis C.
- 375 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is legal aid available to native title respondents; if so, are applicants required to demonstrate financial hardship.
- (2) Is the legal aid referred to in part (1) available to corporations as well as individuals; if so, is a corporation which is respondent to a native title claim entitled to legal aid regardless of its income or profitability.

376 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Will the Government split the family relationships services program so that family and child mediation and child contact services remain within the Attorney-General's portfolio and family and child counselling, marriage and relationships education, family skills training and adolescent mediation and family therapy would move to the Family and Community Services portfolio; if so, why.
- (2) Did the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs recommend that the Australian Institute of Family Studies be relocated to the Attorney-General's Department; if so, will the Government implement the recommendation.

377 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has the Government decided upon an administrative model for a federal magistracy; if so, what will be the administrative structure.
- (2) Has the funding required to establish a federal magistracy been analysed; if so, with what results.
- (3) Has the Government considered alternatives to the establishment of a federal magistracy such as dual appointments of existing State magistrates or judges.

378 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Does the Government require child care centres which receive childcare assistance payments to meet minimum standards of practice.
- (2) Is the Government working towards national standards in the child care sector; if so, how is this being effected.

379 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What are Australia's obligations under its APEC individual action plan for (a) tariff and (b) non-tariff measures.
- (2) What progress has been made in fulfilling the obligations.
- (3) How does Australia's obligations and progress, measured by unweighted average tariff rates, compare to (a) Hong Kong, (b) New Zealand, (c) Singapore, (d) Taiwan and (e) the United States of America.

380 **MR GRIFFIN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a discussion paper on the role of authorised marriage celebrants published in 1997; if so, what steps have been taken to encourage inactive and uninterested marriage celebrants to resign.
- (2) What measures will be taken to ensure that only the best candidates are selected to be authorised marriage celebrants.
- (3) Will an interview by a skilled personnel practitioner be included in the selection procedure.
- (4) Will the provision of evidence that the applicant has studied and understands the celebrant's role be a criterion.
- (5) What advice for prospective applicants is available to ensure that they are adequately prepared for the selection procedure.

- 381 **MR MOSSFELD:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to complaints by public benevolent institutions that (a) while registration into the existing sales tax system is unnecessary and record keeping is minimal, under the proposed new system registration is necessary to reclaim GST and in some cases institutions will need to employ additional staff to keep records, (b) the financing costs involved in waiting for the return of GST paid to suppliers will impose an additional recurrent burden on institutions, (c) limits on the non-monetary components of employees' salary packages will substantially affect the manner in which institutions remunerate their employees and (d) the changes to the taxation system will result in a loss of approximately 10 per cent of their revenues from Government funding.
- 382 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did his Department assess applications for funding (a) for major projects from the Federation Fund and (b) from the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program; if so, in each case, (i) how many applications were made in each State and Territory (A) in total and (B) by or on behalf of indigenous organisations, (ii) will he provide a list of all applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations in each State and Territory, (iii) how many applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations were successful and (iv) will he provide a list of all successful applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations.
- 383 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Minister's Department assess applications for funding (a) for major projects from the Federation Fund and (b) from the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program; if so, in each case, (i) how many applications were made in each State and Territory (A) in total and (B) by or on behalf of indigenous organisations, (ii) will the Minister provide a list of all applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations in each State and Territory, (iii) how many applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations were successful and (iv) will the Minister provide a list of all successful applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations.
- 384 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Did the Minister's Department assess applications for funding (a) for major projects from the Federation Fund and (b) from the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program; if so, in each case, (i) how many applications were made in each State and Territory (A) in total and (B) by or on behalf of indigenous organisations, (ii) will the Minister provide a list of all applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations in each State and Territory, (iii) how many applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations were successful and (iv) will the Minister provide a list of all successful applications made by or on behalf of indigenous organisations.

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- 385 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Has his attention been drawn to the RSL's welfare priority list for 1998-99 and its proposal that the war widows' pension be reinstated to widows who remarried before May 1984; if so, (a) what is the estimated cost of the proposal and (b) will the proposal be implemented.

386 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will the Government compensate public benevolent institutions if they can no longer claim sales tax exemption under a goods and services tax; if so, what compensation will be provided.
- (2) Will the Government compensate public benevolent institutions for the extra administration required to administer a goods and services tax.

387 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What specific requirements must State Governments meet to be eligible to receive funding for revegetation schemes under the Natural Heritage Trust.
- (2) Has the Western Australian Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Cheryl Edwardes, (a) sought funding to purchase 870 hectares of land near Mt Lesueur National Park for revegetation purposes and (b) approved the owner's application to clear the land.
- (3) How many land clearing plans submitted by farmers have been approved by the WA Government since February 1998 and in what general locations are they.
- (4) Is the Minister satisfied with the State Government's handling of the matters referred to in the preceding parts; if not, what action will the Minister take.

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

- (1) Are businesses and services which are not ex-service organisations or non-profit community based organisations eligible to receive funding under the Veterans' Affairs Community Care Seeding Grants Program.
- (2) Are projects funded under the program required to be (a) specifically targeted at veterans and war widows and (b) generally available to all veterans and war widows living in a locality.
- (3) Is capital funding available under the program for recreational facilities that are located on private residential land; if so, do special restrictions or conditions apply.

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

- (1) Did his office write to a veteran, Mr A. J. Smith, on 8 April 1998 stating that a report to the Government on the treatment of disability pensions as income for social security pension purposes had been prepared by the Department of Social Security in consultation with his Department and was being considered by the Minister for Social Security.
- (2) Did the then Member for McPherson, Mr Bradfield, tell the House on 3 June 1998 that the report had been completed and had been put in the too-hard basket; if so, did he deny Mr Bradford's claims and tell the House that the interdepartmental review was being done, had not been completed and was not finished; if so, on what basis did he make the denial.
- (3) According to the records held by his department, on what dates were formal meetings of the interdepartmental review held and when was its report first received by his office.
- (4) What were the findings and recommendations of the review.

- 390 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For the latest year for which statistics are available, how many recruitment applications for full-time service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) (a) were received, (b) were rejected on medical grounds, (c) were accepted and (d) culminated in the applicant enlisting.
 - (2) What was the total cost to the ADF of the recruitment process referred to in part (1).
 - (3) During the period referred to in part (1), how many full-time ADF personnel in each service (a) retired, (b) resigned, (c) were made redundant or (d) departed for another reason.
 - (4) What was the total cost of redundancy benefits for those referred to in part (3)(c).
- 391 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the minimum age restriction applicable to (a) full-time service in the Australian Defence Force and (b) part-time service in the Reserves.
 - (2) What is the estimated number of uniformed personnel who are currently under 18 years of age.
 - (3) Are there restrictions on the tasks that can be performed by personnel who are under 18 years of age; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) when were the restrictions introduced.
- 392 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Under the Defence Reform Program, what is the target number of (a) full-time personnel and (b) reservists for the (i) RAN, (ii) Army and (iii) RAAF.
 - (2) How many positions in each category referred to in part (1) are to be designated as (a) combat-related and (b) non-combat-related.
- 393 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Have middle-ranking full-time Australian Defence Force officers been compulsorily redeployed into the Reserves in order to free up promotional opportunities for junior officers; if so, how many officers have been moved to the Reserves in 1998-99.
 - (2) Have longstanding officers serving in the Reserves had their services dispensed with as a result of the action referred to in part (1); if so, (a) how many officers and (b) what redundancy benefits did they receive.
- 394 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What Imperial and Australian medals are available to RAAF personnel who served (a) as signallers on Labuan Island during the Malayan Emergency, (b) with Nos. 3 and 77 Squadrons at Butterworth during Indonesian Confrontation and (c) with 79 Squadron at Ubon Thailand, after June 1965, during the Vietnam War.

- (2) What were the specific rules of engagement applicable to each period of RAAF service referred in part (1).
 - (3) Are the medal entitlements of RAAF personnel consistent with the rules of engagement applicable to each period of service referred to in part (1); if so, how is consistency established.
 - (4) Has the Department of Defence completed its further review of service entitlements for RAAF personnel at Ubon; if so, what (a) findings and recommendations did it make and (b) action has the Government taken as a result.
- 395 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Does the Government's *State of the Forests Report 1998* include a statement on page 5 that Australia is a net exporter by volume of wood-based forest products while stating on page 157 that it is a net importer of these products; if so, which statement is correct.
 - (2) For each year since 1989-90, what was Australia's actual balance of trade (a) by value and (b) by volume for (i) timber and wood products, (ii) pulpwood (woodchips) and (iii) paper, paperboard, wastepaper and pulp.
- 396 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) On what dates and at what locations has the Wood and Paper Industry Forum met since 1 October 1997.
 - (2) What was the actual expenditure on industry development assistance under the Wood and Paper Industry Strategy in (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98 and what is the estimated allocation for (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000.
 - (3) What concrete outcomes have been achieved under the strategy in terms of (a) value-adding and downstream-processing of woodchips, (b) opening export markets, (c) maximising import replacement, (d) building industry skills, (e) creating regional job opportunities and (f) encouraging increased plantation and farm forestry development.
 - (4) Does his recent decision to convene meetings of stakeholders to develop a Wood and Paper Industry Action Agenda confirm that both the existing Industry Forum and Industry Strategy are not operating effectively; if not, why is it necessary to have two separate bodies and two separate strategies.
- 397 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) How many companies have been granted a woodchip export licence that is currently in force and what is the maximum annual export volume applicable to the licences.
 - (2) How many timber companies are able to export woodchips without a licence and what is the estimated annual export volume applicable to these companies.
 - (3) Does a minimum sale price apply to woodchip exports; if so, under what circumstances can an exemption be obtained.
 - (4) Has he approved applications for the exemption referred to in part (3); if so, what are the details.

- 398 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did the Federal Court on 6 November 1998, on an appeal of the decision of the full bench of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) in relation to the Hunter Valley Rio Tinto No. 1 mine dispute, decide effectively in favour of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union.
 - (2) Did the Federal Court (a) decide that Justice Giudice and the full bench of the AIRC got the law wrong, (b) identify a number of errors in Justice Giudice's judgment and (c) send the case back to the full bench of the AIRC to reconsider it in the light of clarifications made on the law.
- 399 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Does he support Rio Tinto in its legal dispute with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) and other unions concerning the Hunter Valley Rio Tinto No. 1 mine.
 - (2) Did the unions, supported by the NSW Government and the Singleton and Muswellbrook local governments, argue before the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) that the Hunter Valley No. 1 dispute was damaging the economy.
 - (3) Did Justice Boulton of the AIRC agree that the dispute was damaging the economy.
 - (4) Is the concept of damage to the economy an attempt to assess public interest.
 - (5) Did Justice Boulton decide to arbitrate the case because the dispute was damaging the economy.
 - (6) Did he support Rio Tinto's move to appeal Justice Boulton's decision to the full bench of the AIRC.
 - (7) Was the President of the AIRC, Justice Giudice, appointed by the Howard Government.
 - (8) Did Justice Giudice quash Justice Boulton's decision.
 - (9) Was Justice Giudice's decision overturning Justice Boulton's decision given on the basis of public interest.
 - (10) Did the Federal Court, in deciding an appeal by the CFMEU, overturn the full bench decision and uphold Justice Boulton's decision for arbitration.
 - (11) Has he applied for a review of Justice Boulton's original decision on public interest grounds.
 - (12) Is he guided by the public interest in pursuing industrial relations issues.
- 400 **MR JULL:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many incidents of passenger disruption or "air rage" occurred on Australian commercial airliners during (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997 and (d) 1998.
 - (2) Have investigations revealed the cause of each incident.
 - (3) What penalties apply to passengers involved in incidents.

- (4) What action has been taken to minimise incidents.
- (5) What legislative provisions are available for dealing with disruptive passengers on (a) Australian-registered aircraft flying internationally out of Australian airspace and (b) foreign-registered aircraft in Australian airspace.

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- 401 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Will the Minister provide a list identifying each coal mine operating in the Hunter region, NSW, and its beneficial owner.
 - (2) What is the nature of the coal produced in the Hunter region.
 - (3) Where is the coal from the Hunter region exported.
 - (4) Has there been collusion in the sale of coal from the Hunter region.
- 402 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) What assessments will Centrelink use to test the literacy and numeracy of its clients.
 - (2) Will the assessments be given routinely to all young unemployed Australians.
 - (3) Who will administer the assessments and what training will they have.
 - (4) Will additional staff be employed to enable the assessments to be made.
 - (5) Will the assessments be made under proper test conditions.
 - (4) Will all Centrelink offices have a dedicated area for literacy assessments.
- 403 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—
- (1) Did ministerial responsibilities prevent her attending the International Olympic Committee World Conference on Doping in Sport; if so, what responsibilities.
 - (2) Is she satisfied with the outcome of the conference.
 - (3) What strategies will she implement to ensure that Australian sport and the Sydney Olympics are drug free.
 - (4) Will responsibility for the outcome referred to in part (3) be delegated to another person.
- 404 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the private health rebate advertising program.
 - (2) Will he provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
 - (3) Will private health cover become 30 percent cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
 - (4) What guidelines has he provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
 - (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.

- (6) What sum will a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
- (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, are now paying \$192.95.
- 405 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—On 20 January 1999, did an F-111 aircraft perform a low-level fly-past around Point Danger on the Queensland-New South Wales border and then past the surf beaches to the north before climbing steeply as it approached high-rise buildings further north; if so, (a) was the manoeuvre performed at very low altitudes a few hundred metres from the shore-line, (b) how many similar fly-pasts were performed, (c) how many aircraft were involved, (d) who authorised each flight, (e) what military purpose did each flight meet, (f) what safety precautions were taken and (g) how close to Coolangatta Airport were the flights.
- 406 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Was Tasmar, a drug used to treat Parkinson's Disease, withdrawn from sale in Australia on the basis of new evidence; if so, what was the evidence.
- (2) Has he received correspondence from sufferers of Parkinson's Disease who wish to continue using Tasmar despite the risks.
- (3) Is it a fact that Tasmar continues to be sold in the USA with additional warnings enclosed in the package.
- (4) Under what conditions would he allow Tasmar to be re-released for sale in Australia.
- 407 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many children (a) with disabilities and (b) suffering from diabetes became ineligible for child disability allowance in (i) 1994, (ii) 1995, (iii) 1996, (iv) 1997 and (v) 1998.

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- *408 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) When was the State/Territory Nominated Independent Migration Scheme established and what were its precursors.
- (2) How were the numbers of skilled migrants each State and Territory could nominate established.
- (3) Were State and Territory governments consulted before the numbers were allocated; if so, when were they consulted; if not, why were they not consulted.
- (4) What other individuals or organisations were consulted in each State and Territory before the numbers were allocated.
- (5) How many skilled migrants could each State and Territory nominate in each year of operation of the scheme.
- (6) How many skilled migrants were actually recruited under this scheme for each State and Territory in each year of operation of the scheme.

- (7) From which countries did skilled migrants come and what skills did each individual have to allow them to be recruited under this scheme.
- (8) Was the level of English language competence tested for each person who successfully came to Australia under this scheme.
- (9) Have persons recruited under the scheme had prior association with Australia such as other members of the family being already in Australia or the ownership of property or other investments in Australia.
- (10) How many persons recruited under the scheme settled in non-metropolitan Australia.
- (11) What was the policy basis for the establishment of this scheme to replace any precursor scheme.
- (12) Will the scheme be independently assessed for its social and economic value to Australia; if so, when.

*409 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What was the nature of the relationship between his Department and the Royal College of Physicians in the development of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Clinical Practice Guidelines.
- (2) Was a contract made between the parties to develop the guidelines; if so, (a) will he provide a copy of the contract, (b) did the College comply with all terms of the contract, (c) how was the contract enforced and (d) did the College produce the contract and provide it to the Department.
- (3) Were terms of reference prepared for the development of the guidelines; if so, (a) who prepared them and (b) will he provide a copy.
- (4) Did a Royal College of Physicians working group undertake (a) a survey of consumers' views, (b) a consumers' conference, (c) an open consensus conference and (d) multiple consumer and community representation on activities associated with the development of the guidelines.
- (5) Did the working party (a) use a consensus based model, (b) refuse to accept the submissions of consumers as evidence and (c) fail to invite relevant consumer groups to participate in developing guidelines.
- (6) Did the working group exclude all consumer submissions because they did not meet the National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines; if so, how were the views of consumers represented in the consultation process other than through the consumer representative on the working group.
- (7) Did the Consumers' Health Forum representative on the working group produce a separate document for circulation with the exposure draft of the guidelines; if so, was the document circulated with the exposure draft.
- (8) Did the exposure draft include cost-effectiveness studies; if not, why not.
- (9) Was a motion moved at the International Conference on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome in February 1998 to withdraw the exposure draft on the grounds that it (a) was scientifically and academically flawed, (b) was clinically inadequate, (c) did not support general or patient care and (d) contained no useful guidelines for continuing care of patients; if so, how did his Department respond.

- (10) Did the working group receive complaints from persons, consumer groups or professional organisations about the development of the guidelines; if so, (a) how did the working group respond and (b) what was the outcome.
- *410 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee considered the listing of Aricept (donepezil), a drug for the treatment of memory loss, as a pharmaceutical benefit item; if so, (a) when and (b) what did the results of clinical trials presented to the committee by the manufacturing company show.
 - (2) Are long-term clinical trials being conducted to ascertain the long-term effectiveness of Aricept in the treatment of memory loss; if so, (a) where are they being conducted and (b) when are they expected to be completed.
- *411 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does the Australian Defence Force use pyridostigmine bromide, a nerve agent pre-treatment tablet.
 - (2) What is the purpose of the tablet and what side effects does it have.
 - (3) Was the tablet taken by Australian troops during the Gulf War; if so, (a) were they warned of side effects and (b) did they take the tablets (i) voluntarily or (ii) under orders.
- *412 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—
- (1) What sum did the Australia Council grant to organisations for the employment of multicultural arts officers in each year from 1991-92.
 - (2) Will he provide details of the operation of the Australia Council's Community Development Program since its inception including the (a) total sum granted to organisations under the program, (b) names of organisations granted funds, (c) sum granted to each organisation, (d) period covered by each grant, (e) manner of selection of organisations, (f) individual, group or body specifically responsible for the selection of recipients and (g) criteria, guidelines or policies used in making selections.
 - (3) Has the Australia Council decided not to renew triennial funding for 6 multicultural arts officer positions at two organisations under the Community Cultural Development program; if so, what involvement did the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts or his office have in the decision.
- *413 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the statement in the National Competition Council's report entitled *Some impacts on society and the economy* that groups who become exposed to competition after previously being sheltered are often very vocal about explaining, and in some cases exaggerating, the potential costs to them about the loss of privileges.
 - (2) Is it a fact that operators of newsagencies are exaggerating the costs of reform to them and that existing arrangements are simply a privilege.
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Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.

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Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Melham, Mr Quick,
Mr Snowdon, Mr Wakelin.

Current inquiry:

Review of the Reeves Report on the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons,
Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield,
Mr Murphy, Mr St Clair.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Hawker (*Chair*),
Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Hull, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne,
Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiry:

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1997-98.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Dr Nelson (*Chair*),
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Current inquiry:

Indigenous health.

HOUSE: The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford,
Mr Somlyay.

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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Ms Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C. P. Thompson.

PRIVILEGES: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his nominee, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McLeay, Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott (nominee of the Leader of the House).

PROCEDURE: Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Gerick, Mr Price.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Hull, Mr Lloyd, Mrs J. S. McFarlane, Mr Rudd, Mr Sidebottom.

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AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION: Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Ray.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES: Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Somlyay, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr Melham, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator Reynolds, Senator Woodley.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brough, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Griffin, Ms Plibersek, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Senator Coonan, Senator Faulkner, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ms Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries:

Bentley, WA—CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research.

Pinjarra Hills, Qld—CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies Stage 2 Development.

Townsville—Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 2.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bartlett, Senator Faulkner, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Murray, Senator Synon.

Current inquiry:

Conduct of the 1998 federal election.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator MacGibbon (*Chair*), Mrs Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mr G. J. Evans, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Martin, Ms Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowden, Dr Southcott, Dr Theophanous, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Ferguson, Senator Harradine, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Quirke, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht, Senator Synon.

Current inquiries:

Bougainville peace process.

Loss of HMAS Sydney.

MIGRATION (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Dr Theophanous, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator McGauran (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowden, Mr Somlyay, Senator Allison, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy.

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Elson, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Senator Bourne, Senator Brownhill, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator O'Chee, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht.

Joint Select

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird, Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Murray. (*To report by 10 June 1999.*)

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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