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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 26

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH 1999

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


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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**
**Notices**

- \*1 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.
- \*2 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about higher education, and for related purposes.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SOFTWARE DEPRECIATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr M.A.J. Vaile*).
- 2 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*3 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to referendums.

**Orders of the day—continued**

- \*3 **JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 4 **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*).

\* *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.*

**Notices—continued**

- \*4 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the reform of the financial sector, and for other purposes.
- \*5 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for transfers of business between some kinds of financial institutions.
- \*6 **MR ANDERSON:** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 8 March 1999, namely: Landscaping of Western Formal Gardens, Parliament House.

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 5 **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*).
- 6 **TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 7 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 8 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 12 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 13 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 14 **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*).

- 15 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 16 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 17 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 18 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr Smith*).
- 19 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr Smith*).
- 20 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr Smith*).
- 21 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 18 February 1999*).
- \*22 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Trade*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr Horne*).
- \*23 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 24 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*25 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO BURNS PHILP AND COMPANY LIMITED—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*26 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO SPEDLEY SECURITIES LIMITED—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 27 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS—PROGRESS REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, DECEMBER 1998 AND JANUARY 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**:

- Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 29 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 30 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 31 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REGULATION OF AQUATIC AIR PTY LTD—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 34 **BUREAU OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION—CESSNA 185E FLOATPLANE, VH-HTS, CALABASH BAY, NSW—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, NOVEMBER 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.

- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.

- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.

- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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 papers.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.

- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.



- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):  
     Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 97 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

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**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,  
22 MARCH 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Final report on Multilateral Agreement on Investment. (*Total time for statements—25 minutes.*)
- 2 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on communications to the external territories. (*Total time for statements—15 minutes.*)
- 3 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on alternative means of providing banking and like services in regional and remote Australia. (*Total time for statements—remaining time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- 1 **MRS GALLUS:** To present a Bill for an Act to impose a curfew and related restrictions on aircraft movements at Adelaide Airport, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 8 March 1999. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
  - †2 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to add cystic fibrosis to the list of recognised disabilities contained in the Child Disability Assessment Determination 1998. (*Notice given 8 March 1999. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)
  - †3 **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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)
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**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued****Order of the day**

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**
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- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 6 **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 5 sitting days, including today.*)
- 7 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 8 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That the House:
- (1) views with concern the continuing reductions in net immigration to Australia over the last few years, in particular the impact of these cuts on economic development, family reunion and humanitarian programs;
  - (2) notes that there are now calls for an increase in immigration from a diversity of sectors in the Australian community, such as industry, ethnic community organisations and political leaders;
  - (3) recognises the enduring importance of immigration to the development of Australia and to the maintenance of Australia's multicultural identity; and

- (4) calls upon the Government to substantially increase immigration in this planning year and to initiate an inquiry to the viability of fixing a five year increased immigration target, as suggested by industry groups and others. *(Notice given 15 February 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.)*

9 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) endorses the continuing protection of the law to prevent discrimination in the workplace;
- (2) acknowledges the disproportionate impact of unfair dismissal laws on the confidence of small business employers to employ additional people to their workforce;
- (3) condemns the continuation of unfair dismissal laws for businesses employing fewer than fifteen people; and
- (4) calls on the Senate to reverse its opposition to the removal of unfair dismissal laws. *(Notice given 15 February 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.)*

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

- (1) recognises the enormous pain, suffering and economic hardship which has been experienced, and which is still being experienced, by victims of asbestos exposure, and their families; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) immediately ratify ILO Convention No. 162 regarding the prevention and control of health hazards due to occupational exposure to asbestos;
  - (b) immediately legislate to:
    - (i) preserve the right to claim general damages for relatives of victims of asbestos related diseases upon the death of the claimant in all States and Territories save New South Wales;
    - (ii) remove time limits on claims for damages by those suffering claims for asbestos related disease;
    - (iii) allow the reuse of evidence to minimise the cost of litigation and court time; and
    - (iv) increase financial assistance for asbestos disease support groups; and
  - (c) instigate a national inquiry into the occupational use of asbestos to determine the:
    - (i) extent of knowledge held by government agencies on the lethal effects of asbestos;
    - (ii) extent of knowledge held by private companies using asbestos in their operations as to the lethal effects of asbestos;
    - (iii) nature of work practices which were employed in Australia in relation to the use of asbestos by both government agencies and private companies; and

- (iv) adequacy of the existing and ongoing arrangements for the payment of compensation to Latrobe Valley workers affected by asbestos exposure in light of the privatisation of the SECV, which for decades has been the region's largest employer as well as being an employer operating in an industry in which asbestos construction materials were extensively used. *(Notice given 8 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.)*

11 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the high number of self-funded retirees in Australia who are struggling financially at the present time;
- (2) recognises that the Howard Government's GST will create greater financial hardship for thousands of self-funded retirees because it taxes the essentials of life, will make people receiving low fixed incomes from superannuation or other measures pay the same rate of tax as people on higher incomes and offers inadequate financial compensation; and
- (3) investigates other means of offering financial assistance and incentive to struggling self-funded retirees distinct from a Goods and Services Tax. *(Notice given 8 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.)*

12 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its deep concern at the level of addictive drug taking in Australia;
- (2) calls on Australians and all Australian governments to enhance their attack on illegal drugs by all means at their disposal; and
- (3) encourages the development of preventive programs. *(Notice given 8 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.)*

13 **MR BARRESI:** To move—That the House:

- (1) continues to support the staging of the Sydney Olympics as an opportunity to showcase Australia, its people, culture and above all our sporting traditions;
- (2) acknowledges the commitment, work and performance of Australia's athletes and sporting organisations as they prepare to participate in the 2000 Olympics;
- (3) deplors the disrepute caused to the Olympic ideals by the continuing bribery allegations;
- (4) notes the concerns expressed by the local and international community at the loss of integrity in the Olympic movement and its possible effect on the successful staging of Australia's 2000 Games; and
- (5) requests that SOCOG calls on the IOC to fund any shortfall in sponsorship finances which may result from inappropriate action by IOC members. *(Notice given 9 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 11 **BREAST CANCER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Schultz—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 12 **MILITARY PERSONNEL EXPOSED TO RADIATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr L. D. T. Ferguson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 13 **FOOD REGULATORY SYSTEM:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Ms Bailey—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 14 **PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND STAFFING:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—

- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 15 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 28B:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 16 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 94:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 17 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 129:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 18 **PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER 143A:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 19 **PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER 145A:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 20 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 275A:** Resumption of debate (from 15 February 1999) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 21 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (WAGE GUARANTEE) BILL 1999** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading (from 8 March 1999). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 22 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP—50TH ANNIVERSARY:** Resumption of debate (from 8 March 1999—*Mr Adams, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson—That this House:
- (1) celebrates the 50th anniversary of Australian Citizenship;
  - (2) acknowledges the success of the postwar immigration policy and the massive contribution these new settlers have made to Australia;
  - (3) recognises the desirability of living in one of the world's most harmonious multicultural societies and applauds the diversity of our cultural mix;
  - (4) applauds those beneficiaries of our immigration program who have become citizens of this country; and
  - (5) encourages permanent residents to consider their commitments to this country and apply to take out citizenship in this, the celebratory year of the 50th anniversary of Australian Citizenship. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)
- 23 **SUICIDE:** Resumption of debate (from 8 March 1999) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That the House:
- (1) notes with deep concern the high level of suicide in Australia;
  - (2) expresses its dismay that young males, drug takers and residents of rural areas are particularly prone to take their lives;
  - (3) conveys its sympathy to the families and friends who have been touched by the tragedy of suicide; and
  - (4) commits itself as individuals and as a representative group of Australians to do everything possible to reduce the high level of suicide. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

- 24 **STUDENT HOSTELS:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Hull— That this House calls on the Government to make provision for recurrent funding for student hostels servicing the school access needs of students in remote areas of Australia. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 March 1999.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 22 March 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).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**

*Thursday, 11 March 1999*

*The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.*

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*).
- 3 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 4 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (CUSTOMS) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 18 February 1999*).
- 9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Ms Hall, in continuation*).
- 10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 11 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1998-99** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).

- 12 **ASSISTANCE FOR CARERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**  
*(Minister for Community Services):* Second reading—Resumption of debate  
*(from 17 February 1999—Mr McClelland).*
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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, 25, 29, 43, 61, 71, 77, 78, 82, 83, 85, 90, 91, 100, 107, 109, 110, 113, 115-117, 120, 122, 123, 126, 128, 141, 146-148, 154, 155, 181, 184, 185, 187, 188, 194, 195, 201, 209, 218, 240, 248, 252, 255, 262, 265-267, 294, 303, 305-307, 320, 323-325, 328, 341-348, 350-352, 354, 355, 357-361, 364-385, 387-394, 396, 398-404, 406, 407, 409-457.

### *8 March 1999*

- 458 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Has the Minister or his Department held discussions with the visiting delegation of the Hungarian President, such that Hungary will meet its nuclear energy needs from Australia in place of the former Soviet Union; if so, what are the details.
- 459 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has Australia held discussions with other countries about possible peace-keeping operations in East Timor; if so, what are the details.
- 460 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) How many general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practise in each electoral division.
  - (2) How many and what percentage of general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practising in each electoral division bulk-billed in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 461 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many services were (a) provided in total and (b) bulk-billed by (i) general practitioners and (ii) specialists, by specialty, in each electoral division in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 462 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the breakdown for each drug affected by Therapeutic Goods premiums of exemptions (a) applied for and (b) authorised since 1 February 1998.
  - (2) What price are consumers paying for each medication delisted from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme between 11 March 1996 and 21 October 1998.
  - (3) What is the average increase in the price paid by consumers for each medication delisted from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme between 11 March 1996 and 21 October 1998.
- 463 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—What proportion of Centrelink debt is (a) collected from

clients who have committed fraud or made an error and (b) attributable to Centrelink administrative and procedural error.

- 464 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Has the Commonwealth provided funding to Equal Vocational Employment Network (EVEN) Inc. and its associated organisation, Zenith Employment and Training; if so, (a) what sum did it provide in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98 and (iii) 1998-99, (b) on what programs, activities or products did EVEN and Zenith spend the funds and (c) was portion of the funds used to finance a proposed contract with the Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club under which EVEN/Zenith would assume responsibility for managing the club; if so, (i) what sums and (ii) on what items.
- 465 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) recently send a series of fact sheets on GST transitional arrangements, entitled 'Important tax reform information', to businesses across Australia in an unaddressed A4 envelope; if so, (a) how many envelopes were mailed out, (b) what was the total cost of mailing the information packs, (c) what was the cost of printing the fact sheets and covering letter and (d) which Appropriation Bill covered the funding for printing and posting the information packs.
  - (2) What is the total cost, including staff salaries, of maintaining and monitoring the ATO's (a) World Wide Web site at [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) and (b) faxback system.
  - (3) How many ATO staff are employed maintaining and monitoring the (a) web site and (b) faxback system.
  - (4) How many ATO staff are attached to the Tax Reform Business Education and Communication Project.
  - (5) What is the annual salary of each person referred to in part (4).
  - (6) What is the running cost of the project.
  - (7) Do other Tax Reform Project teams exist within the ATO; if so, (a) how many, (b) what are their specific responsibilities, (c) how many staff are attached to each project team, (d) what is each project's overall running cost and (e) which Appropriation Bill covers the funding for the project teams.
  - (8) How many GST fact sheets has the ATO produced in total.
  - (9) What are the titles of each GST fact sheet.
  - (9) What was the total cost of preparing the fact sheets.
  - (10) Which Appropriation Bill covered the funding for printing and posting the fact sheets.
- 466 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has action been taken to impose a moratorium on the activities of the National Competition Commission in relation to the retailing sector until parliamentary inquiries on the matter have been completed.
- 467 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Did the Department of Defence enter a contract in July 1998 with Drake International allowing them to employ approximately 140 workers at the South Queensland Logistic group at Enoggera, Qld; if so, (a) what was the term of the contract, (b)

what level of funding did the Department provide to enable the workers to be employed, (c) were 32 of the workers made redundant from 18 March 1999; if so, why and (d) has the Department reduced its funding under the contract; if so, (i) why and (ii) what is the level of the reduction.

*9 March 1999*

- 468 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Is the Centrelink office in Marrickville, NSW, downgrading its Arabic interpreter position from permanent full-time to part-time, 20 hours over three days each week; if so, why.
  - (2) How many Arabic-speaking clients (a) have used the interpreter's service since March 1998 and (b) are projected to use the interpreter's service between March 1999 and March 2000.
  - (3) What are the existing arrangements for interpreting community languages at the Marrickville Centrelink office.
  - (4) Will the existing arrangements change; if so, (a) what changes will be made and (b) when will they be made.
- 469 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did the McMahon Government close the Australian consulate in Dili on 31 August 1971; if so, is he able to state the reasons for the closure.
  - (2) Which persons served as consuls in Dili and between which dates did each serve.
  - (3) Were persons referred to in part (2) previously employed by Commonwealth departments or agencies; if so, in each case, (a) between which dates and (b) in what capacity were they employed.
- 470 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the seminar on 'The Parthenon Sculptures: Their History and Destiny' held at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington on 13 February 1999.
  - (2) Was a paper presented at the seminar by the chairman of the Unesco Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation.
  - (3) Did the UK and Greece have observers at the seminar.
  - (4) How many persons are employed at the Australian embassy in Washington.
  - (5) Did Australia have an observer at the seminar.
  - (6) Will a recommendation on the Parthenon Marbles come before the Unesco General Committee at its 30th session in October-November 1999.
- 471 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) On what dates and in what circumstances have Australian Ministers, other than Prime Ministers, had discussions with the Presidents of Indonesia.
  - (2) In which cases does his Department have records of the discussions.
- 472 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) On what occasions have there been recorded votes in (a) the Fourth Committee and (b) the General Assembly of the UN on the question of East Timor.
- (2) On each occasion how many members (a) voted in favour, (b) voted against, (c) abstained from voting and (d) were absent.
- (3) On each occasion what position was taken by (a) the permanent members of the Security Council, (b) the members of ASEAN, (c) Australia, (d) India, (e) Japan, (f) New Zealand and (g) Portugal.

473 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to research indicating the way in which social capital, including social trust, reciprocity and cooperation, has a positive impact on economic growth and social wellbeing.
- (2) In the development of accrual budgeting systems for the 1999-2000 Budget, what consideration has been given to (a) including social capital objectives and indicators among the outcome and output measures for Commonwealth agencies, (b) including social capital objectives and indicators as Third Party outputs and (c) the performance measurement of social capital indicators.

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

- (1) Was a 22-seat dining table purchased and delivered to Kirribilli House in 1998; if so, (a) what was the cost of purchasing the table, (b) from what materials was the table constructed, (c) from which company was the table purchased, (d) what processes were followed in selecting and purchasing the new table, (e) who was in charge of the selection and purchasing process in regards to the table, (f) was the table imported into Australia, (g) were the materials used in the construction of the table imported into Australia and (h) did the new dining table replace another table; if so, (i) what happened to the table it replaced and (ii) why was it necessary to replace the previous dining table.
- (2) Has an internal staircase been relocated in Kirribilli House; if so, (a) will he provide a complete list of the costs associated with the relocation, including (i) all labouring and construction costs, (ii) the cost of materials and (iii) consultation fees associated with the project, (b) was Mr Clive Lucas the architect who oversaw the relocation of the staircase, (c) why was the staircase relocated, (d) is the relocated staircase in keeping with the heritage status of Kirribilli House, (e) was the disturbance of heritage status the subject of consultations; if so, who was consulted; if not, why not, (f) will it be financially and logistically possible to return the internal staircase to its original position, (g) will he outline the process of selecting the (i) construction and (ii) architectural firms that were hired for the project and (h) which other companies were given the opportunity to tender.
- (3) Has an upstairs bathroom in Kirribilli House been enclosed to make it into a personal en suite for an attached bedroom; if so, (a) will he provide a complete list of the costs associated with the enclosure, including (i) all labouring and construction costs, (ii) the cost of materials and (iii) consultation fees associated with the project, (b) why was the bathroom enclosed, (c) is the enclosed bathroom in keeping with the heritage status of Kirribilli House, (d) was the disturbance of heritage status the subject of

consultations; if so, who was consulted; if not, why not, (e) will it be financially and logistically possible to return the enclosed bathroom to its original state, (f) will he outline the process of selecting the (i) construction and (ii) other firms that were eventually hired for the project and (g) which other companies were given the opportunity to tender.

- (4) Do the personal staff attached to Kirribilli House include (a) a manager, (b) two housekeepers, (c) a personal chef and (d) two gardeners; if so, (i) has there been a turnover of 10 staff among the positions since 1996; if so, why has there been this level of staff turnover and (ii) have two of the staff currently attached to Kirribilli House refused to sign a workplace agreement.
- (5) How many days has he resided at (a) Kirribilli House and (b) The Lodge since 2 March 1996.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 12 (*Hansard*, 11 February 1999, page 2437) concerning social security entitlements for New Zealand citizens, is it a fact that the Gold Coast has the highest concentration of New Zealand-born persons receiving entitlements under the terms of the international social security agreement between Australia and New Zealand.
- (2) How many persons receive each type of benefit paid under the international social security agreement between Australia and New Zealand in each small area labour market throughout Australia.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 12 (*Hansard*, 11 February 1999, page 2437) concerning social security entitlements for New Zealand citizens, what is the Government doing to alleviate the burden on Australian taxpayers caused by the imbalance in pension payments under the international social security agreement between Australia and New Zealand.
- (2) Did the Prime Minister raise the matter referred to in part (1) during recent bilateral discussions with the New Zealand Prime Minister; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Has the Australian National University (ANU) established an endowment for excellence; if so, (a) what funding supports the endowment and (b) how was the funding created.
- (2) Is it a fact that the major portion of funding is derived from the sale by the ANU of residential properties surplus to its needs; if so, (a) how were the properties funded when purchased, acquired or built, (b) were the properties purchased, acquired or built with funding under appropriations from the Commonwealth, (c) were the properties part of the capital stock of the ANU and used for purposes in which the ANU no longer engages or from which it has substantially withdrawn and (d) why were the funds not returned to the Commonwealth.

- (3) Does the ANU have a capital works program; if so, does it involve the construction of new buildings and facilities and the upgrading of existing buildings and infrastructure.
  - (4) If the funds accrued from the sale of surplus residential properties were not returned to the Commonwealth, were they used to fund the ANU's capital works program; if not, why not.
  - (5) Will he accede to or reject a request from the ANU for new funding for its capital works program in its annual allocation if funds derived from the sale of assets acquired or built under earlier capital works programs had not been returned to the capital works program.
  - (6) Can the ANU be prevented from investing in buildings, facilities or property from its annual allocation and selling them and placing the sums realised from the sale in some kind of investment account; if not, can other universities act in the same manner.
  - (7) Will he adjust the allocation made to the ANU to take account of an implicit transfer of funds from annual allocations to investment accounts.
- 478 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What processes have been established for regular payments from the Department of Finance and Administration to his Department for the anti-racism tolerance campaign.
  - (2) When was the (a) first, (b) second and (c) latest payment received for the campaign.
  - (3) When will the next payment be received.
  - (4) Have private sector sponsors contributed to the campaign; if so, have all private sector contributions been paid to his Department.
  - (5) Has all funding for the campaign been paid from the Department of Finance and Administration; if not, why not.
- 479 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Is it a fact that some employers willingly employ illegal workers to obtain cheap, cash-in-hand labour avoiding normal award entitlements including superannuation; if so, does this action constitute an avoidance of tax responsibilities to the Australian community which disadvantages complying taxpayers including other employers trying to compete in similar industries.
  - (2) Is the Government committed to locating, prosecuting and deporting persons overstaying their visas or working illegally in Australia.
  - (3) How many employers is his Department prosecuting for knowingly employing illegal labour.
  - (4) What are the maximum penalties for employers convicted of employing illegal labour.
  - (5) How many employers did his Department prosecute for employing illegal labour and with what outcome in each year since 1988.
- 480 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—



- (1) How many successful (a) Flex 1, (b) Flex 2 and (c) Flex 3 placements have been made in each of the 29 Job Network regions in each month since May 1998.
  - (2) What is the (a) name, (b) date of cessation, (c) name of the participant to which the contract was subsequently allocated and (d) operating regions of each national participant who has withdrawn from the Job Network since it commenced operating.
  - (3) What sum has the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business paid to national providers for Flex 3 payments.
  - (4) What portion of the sum referred to in part (3) has been paid by the providers for assistance to the unemployed such as wage subsidies, training and clothing and fare assistance.
- 481 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What was the final cost of the construction of facilities associated with the Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS) for the Civil Aviation Authority as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in its seventh report of 1993 at an estimated cost of \$50 million.

*10 March 1999*

- 482 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Have changes been made to flight paths for aircraft departing from Essendon Airport since 12 July 1998; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) why were the changes made.
  - (2) Has the number of aircraft departing from or arriving at Essendon Airport increased since 12 July 1998; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) what is the reason for the increase.
- 483 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Centrelink customer service officers were employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in Moreland, Vic., on (i) 1 January 1999, (ii) 1 January 1998 and (iii) 1 January 1997.
  - (2) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (1) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in Moreland, Vic., on (i) 1 January 1999, (ii) 1 January 1998 and (iii) 1 January 1997.
- 484 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On most recent data, what sum in child care assistance per child per annum was allocated to (a) family, (b) private long and (c) community long day care in the postcode areas of (i) 3039, (ii) 3041, (iii) 3055, (iv) 3056, (v) 3057, (vi) 3058, (vii) 3059, (viii) 3040, (ix) 3044 and (x) 3046.
- 485 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) agreed to fund at \$500 000 per annum a Centre for Excellence in Tax Compliance at the Australian National University (ANU) without giving other universities and research groups an opportunity to bid for the centre; if so, (a) is this consistent with the Government’s commitment to competition including the supply of

services to government, (b) why is the ATO not performing the work to be done by the centre and (c) will the position of head of the centre be advertised; if so, will the appointment process be conducted completely independently without Government involvement.

- (2) Does the ATO need to outsource its research; if so, is it required to follow an open tendering process.

486 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 112 concerning the appointment of the Hon. Anthony John Messner as Administrator of Norfolk Island, is the remuneration set by the Remuneration Tribunal of \$71 670 with a \$5 750 office holder's supplement and a district allowance of \$2 690 paid in lieu of Commonwealth parliamentary superannuation entitlements.

487 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Were arrangements made when developing the existing Comcar drivers' industrial agreement for improved superannuation payments including backdating of improved benefits; if so, have payments been made to the drivers in accordance with the arrangements.

488 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) On most recent data, how many age pension recipients reside in the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125 and (d) 3147.
- (2) On most recent data, how many (a) youth allowance recipients and (b) veterans reside in the electoral division of Chisholm.

489 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What Commonwealth funding was provided in (a) 1996-97 and (b) 1997-98 directly to programs aimed at the rehabilitation and treatment of drug users in the electoral division of Chisholm.
- (2) With respect to each program referred to in part (1), (a) what was its name, (b) who operated it, (c) in which suburbs did it operate, (e) what were its aims and objectives, (f) what funding did it receive and (f) in what year did Commonwealth funding commence.

490 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What were the waiting lists for non-emergency surgery at (a) Box Hill Hospital and (b) the Monash Medical Centre during (i) 1996-97 and (ii) 1997-98.
- (2) On most recent data, what are the waiting lists for health card holders seeking dental attention in the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125 and (d) 3147.

*11 March 1999*

\*491 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is it a fact that over 90 Gulf War veterans have applied for pensions related to service.
- (2) Is it also a fact that core symptoms being experienced by the veterans include chronic fatigue, gastrointestinal problems, diarrhoea, chest pain,

heart problems including irregular pulse and blood pressure, chronic headaches, eye pain, ear pain, stomach cramps, burning diarrhoea, urinary tract problems, burning semen, nausea, liver problems, kidney problems, bronchial problems, thyroid problems, sinus problems, anxiety, depression, mood swings, bleeding gums, chronic joint pain, muscle weakness, memory loss, reproductive problems, light sensitivity, dizziness, concentration loss, vision problems and bleeding bowels.

- (3) Are statements of principles in force to cover Gulf War illness under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.
  - (4) Will he instruct his Department to endeavour to contact all Gulf War veterans and encourage them to seek medical advice should they experience the symptoms listed in part (2); if not, why not.
  - (5) Will he ensure that his Department covers the costs of Gulf War veterans seeking medical advice about the symptoms; if not, why not.
- \*492 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are restrictions placed on the length of time that aircraft engineers may be required to work; if not, will he investigate the safety consequences of the absence of a restriction.
- \*493 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Is the Minister able to say when surveillance cameras were installed at the Port of Kembla; if so, (a) how long have the cameras been in operation, (b) how many cameras have ceased operation and why and (c) where are the cameras now located.
- \*494 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—Were tenders called for the relocation of Centrelink's call centre at George Street, Warilla, NSW; if so, (a) were tenders advertised or was the process conducted internally within Centrelink and (b) was the tender process completed; if not, why was it terminated.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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## COMMITTEES

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

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), 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 inquiries:*

Alternative means of providing banking and like services in regional and remote Australia.

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

**EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS:** Dr Nelson (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Dr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Gash, Ms Gillard, Mr Katter, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

*Current inquiries:*

Employee share ownership in Australian enterprises.

Issues specific to older workers seeking employment, or establishing a business, following unemployment.

**ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE:** Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Billson, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gerick, Mrs Irwin, Mr Jenkins, Dr Lawrence, Mrs D. S. Vale.

*Current inquiry:*

Review of the Department of the Environment's annual report for 1997-98.

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Ms Hall, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz. (Mr Jenkins and Mr Nugent to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into indigenous health.)

*Current inquiry:*

Indigenous health.

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

**INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES:** Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Lloyd, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra.

*Current inquiry:*

Effects on research and development of certain public policy reforms.

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS:** Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Ms Livermore, Mr Mossfield, Mr Ronaldson, Ms Roxon, Mr St Clair, Mrs D. S. Vale.

**LIBRARY:** The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Dr Washer.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe.

**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.

*Current inquiry:*

Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas.

**PRIVILEGES:** Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McLeay, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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.

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

**Joint Statutory**

**AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION:** Mr Forrest, Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, 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:** Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

*Current inquiries:*

Berlin—Australian Embassy—Refurbishment of heritage buildings—as a chancery and apartments.

Lucas Heights, NSW—Replacement nuclear research reactor.

**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, Mrs 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 (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*To report by 10 June 1999.*)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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