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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 30

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices

- *1 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979* and certain other Acts, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for other purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 2 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).

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

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

- 5 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Lee*).
- 6 **FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 7 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (TRANSFERS OF BUSINESS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 8 **INCOME TAX RATES AMENDMENT (RSAS PROVIDED BY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 9 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 18 February 1999*).
- 10 **OZONE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 March 1999*).
- 11 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 12 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 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 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 18 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (CPI INDEXATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 19 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).

- 20 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (DEMUTUALISATION OF NON-INSURANCE MUTUAL ENTITIES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *21 **DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- *22 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMMONWEALTH-STATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr Bevis*).
- *23 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMMONWEALTH-STATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS—CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *24 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (WINE EQUALISATION TAX) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *25 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (WINE EQUALISATION TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *26 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (WINE EQUALISATION TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *27 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (WINE EQUALISATION TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *28 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *29 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *30 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *31 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (LUXURY CAR TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *32 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *33 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (WINE EQUALISATION TAX AND LUXURY CAR TAX TRANSITION) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 34 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).

- 35 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 36 **DIGITAL BROADCASTING INDUSTRY—ACTION AGENDA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **SAFETY OF FIRE DOORS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 1999—Mr Tanner*) on the motion of Mr Hockey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON SPECIAL 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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.

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

- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.

- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.

- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.

- 108 **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.
- 109 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
 Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 110 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 29 MARCH 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on treaties tabled on 26 May and 11 November 1998. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the loss of HMAS *Sydney*. (*Total time for statements—30 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BEVIS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Corporations Law*, in order to help protect the entitlements of employees. (*Notice given 22 March 1999. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)

†2 **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) deplores 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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.)

†3 **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. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)

†4 **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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.*)
- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT ON MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—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 29 March 1999.*)
- 3 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 1999—Mr Nehl, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nehl—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 29 March 1999.*)
- 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING BANKING AND LIKE SERVICES IN REGIONAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 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 29 March 1999.*)

- 5 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FIFTH PROTOCOL TO GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES AND FIVE TREATIES TABLED ON 30 JUNE 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—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 29 March 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of affordable, quality child care for Australian parents;
 - (2) deplores the lack of childcare facilities available to Members, Senators and staff working at Parliament House, noting that this lack of workplace child care has led to increased difficulties for parents working at Parliament House following the Coalition's attacks on child care over the past 3 years;
 - (3) condemns the Howard Government for its massive attacks on child care and notes that in the course of the first Howard Government childcare funding was slashed by a total of \$800 million; and
 - (4) expresses its concern that these cuts have resulted in fee rises, the closure of childcare centres and women being forced out of the paid workforce, instead of providing families with a choice about how they care for their children. (*Notice given 12 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 29 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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 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 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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.)*

10 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.)*

11 **MS O'BYRNE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) draws to the attention of the Government the vital role that the Wheat Freight Subsidy plays in Tasmania in underpinning up to 1600 jobs in the baking, chicken, stockfeed and pork sectors; and
- (2) calls for the Government to extend the Wheat Freight Subsidy Scheme for a further three years on a calendar year basis to provide essential industry security. *(Notice given 11 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.)*

12 **MR MCLEAY:** To move—That this House deplores the complete disregard of mobile phone carriers for the rights and health of 500 000 hearing-impaired people shown by the failure of the carriers, particularly Telstra, to address the problem of GSM interference with hearing aids. *(Notice given 22 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.)*

13 **MR WILKIE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) requests the federal Government to introduce a noise amelioration program for the Perth International Airport to address areas currently affected by aircraft noise and bring Perth International Airport within the ambit of the

Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995 and the Aircraft Noise Collection Act 1995;
and

- (2) calls on the Government prior to or contemporaneously with the signing of the Perth International Airport Draft Master Plan to initiate a comprehensive social, economic and environmental study to examine the longer term ramifications of any proposed expansion of the airport with a view to implementing a compensation or other noise amelioration program for areas identified as being affected. (*Notice given 23 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **INSURANCE INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Martin—That this Parliament calls for the referral of an inquiry into the Australian insurance industry to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Public Administration and the issues to be considered to include:
- (a) the moral and legal responsibility of insurance companies to honour policies in respect of storm damage and flood;
 - (b) necessary legislative change to ensure pedantic definitional arguments are not used by companies to negate payments to policy holders;
 - (c) the examination of the legislative base in the provision of flood insurance in the USA and UK and its potential relevance to Australia;
 - (d) the ways in which insurance companies approached the interpretation of storm and flood damage in recent disasters in Wollongong, Katherine, Coffs Harbour and Townsville; and
 - (e) existing Commonwealth and State or Territory government legislative support mechanisms to assist areas and victims affected by such disasters and whether changes are necessary to ensure rapid and effective relief. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 29 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.*)
- 25 **ADELAIDE AIRPORT CURFEW BILL 1999** (*Mrs Gallus*): Second reading (*from 22 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 29 March 1999.*)
- 26 **CYSTIC FIBROSIS:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Sidebottom—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.*)
- 27 **STUDENT UNIONISM:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 March 1999—Mrs Gash, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 March 1999.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, 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, 29 March 1999". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25 March 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in continuation*).
 - 2 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (CUSTOMS) CHARGES BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
 - 3 **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*).
 - 4 **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*).
 - 5 **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*).
 - 6 **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*).
 - 7 **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*).
 - 8 **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*).
 - 9 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 March 1999*).
 - 10 **WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson, in continuation*).
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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

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- 495 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 210 (*Hansard*, 9 March 1999, page 3069), concerning the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS), has his Department or PPK Environment and Infrastructure Pty Ltd, the consultants involved in preparing the EIS, identified further work to be undertaken for the final EIS; if so, (a) what work, (b) is PPK Environment and Infrastructure undertaking the work; if not, who is, and (c) what is the estimated (i) time required to complete the work and (ii) date of completion.
- 496 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 212 (*Hansard*, 9 March 1999, page 3069), concerning the Badgerys Creek environmental impact statement (EIS), (a) what further work is being undertaken, (b) who is undertaking it, (c) what is the cost, (d) when will it be completed, (e) will noise affected areas and areas not previously thought to be affected by noise be more accurately identified and (f) how will the view of affected communities be able to have their views heard and considered.
- 497 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has he announced proposals to establish a federal magistracy, if so, (a) what are the benefits and (b) does the proposal include magistrates serving under the jurisdiction of the Family Court of Australia; if so, how many.
 - (2) Do magistrates serve under the Family Court of Western Australia.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to research which establishes that (a) greater client satisfaction is obtained by appearing before magistrates in the Family Court of Western Australia and (b) less than 5 per cent of matters proceed to the Family Court of Western Australia.
 - (4) Have comparisons been made between the Family Court of Australia and the Family Court of Western Australia on (a) the time it takes each court to handle matters and (b) the expenditure on legal representation by parties before each court; if so, what are the details.

- 498 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 264 (*Hansard*, 10 March 1999, page 3203), how many officers responsible for serving members of the public were employed in Centrelink customer service centres in the electoral division of Barton on (a) 1 July 1998, (b) 1 July 1997 and (c) 1 July 1996.
 - (2) How many clients were served by Centrelink customer service centres in the electoral division of Barton on (a) 1 July 1998, (b) 1 July 1997 and (c) 1 July 1996.
 - (3) How many case managers will be employed under the service delivery model which he announced on 9 November 1998.
 - (4) How many clients in total have been served through the new service delivery model since 1 July 1998.
- 499 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many applicants for visa subclass 804 (aged parent) were waiting for their cases to be finalised at 1 March 1999.
 - (2) How many subclass 804 visas will be allocated in 1999-2000.
 - (3) Have all applicants for subclass 804 visas been sent letters encouraging them to transfer to subclass 819 visas.
 - (4) What was the processing time at each overseas post for subclass 103 visas at 1 March 1999.
 - (5) How many applications for subclass 103 visas were undecided at 1 March 1999.
 - (6) How many applications referred to in part (5) are from (a) working age and (b) aged parents.
 - (7) Have all applicants for subclass 103 visas meeting the aged parent definition been sent letters encouraging them to transfer to subclass 113 visas.
 - (8) How many parent visa applications allocated to Group Three have been approved since General Direction No. 3 of 13 December 1996, under section 499 of the Migration Act, entitled “Order of consideration of applications for visas in the family stream” was issued.
 - (9) How many offshore parent visas have been issued in 1998-99 to the date of answering this question.
 - (10) How many applications for subclass 103 parent visas were awaiting decision at each overseas post at 1 March 1999.
 - (11) Are parent visas allocated globally or is each overseas post allocated a number.
 - (12) If each overseas post is allocated a number, (a) how many were allocated to each post for 1998-99 and (b) how were the allocations determined.
 - (13) If parent visas are allocated globally, are allocations made to each post initially to streamline administrative procedures; if so, how many were allocated to each overseas post for 1998-99.

- 500 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is it a fact that the Minister's Department includes disability compensation pensions paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for war related disease or injury as income under the means test for the age pension; if so, why.
 - (2) Before the general election in 1998, did the Government undertake to change the way the disability pension paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs was treated under the social security means test; if so, when will it implement the change.
 - (3) What would be the annual cost to the Commonwealth of exempting the disability pension paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs from the social security means test
 - (4) How many of Centrelink's (a) aged pension recipients and (b) other clients receive a disability pension paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 501 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum of Commonwealth funding was spent on advertising the private health insurance rebate incentives in regional and rural (a) newspapers, (b) radio and (c) television.
 - (2) Who decides which regional and rural outlets are chosen for advertising similar campaigns and what selection process is followed.
 - (3) Why were communities, like Oberon, NSW, with independent newspapers overlooked in the health insurance campaign.
- 502 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is it a fact that his Department exempts disability compensation pensions arising from war related disease or injury from the income test applying to the service pension; if so, why.
 - (2) How many clients of his Department receive a disability pension as compensation for war related diseases or injuries but do not qualify for a service pension because of the nature of their war service.
- 503 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Is Australian Electoral Commission material advertised in all country newspapers; if not, why not.
- 504 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it a fact that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has changed its practice from investigating every complaint against employers for nonpayment of compulsory superannuation contributions to gathering the information in a database and developing profiles of industries and employers where compliance is a problem; if so, (a) is the information used to conduct targeted investigation and education measures, (b) when was the practice of investigating every complaint changed, (c) how many complaints of nonpayment of compulsory superannuation contributions (i) were investigated annually under the previous practice and (ii) are conducted annually under the existing practice and (d) what effect will the change have on persons affected by noncompliance.

- (2) Will the Government ensure that the ATO acts on every reported breach of the superannuation guarantee regulations to protect the entitlements of Australian workers, particularly low-income workers.
 - (3) Will the Government provide legal aid to enable low-paid workers to act against their employers when the ATO has failed to act.
 - (4) What is the (a) cost of, and (b) number of ATO employees involved in, compliance activities concerning (i) PAYE taxpayers, (ii) business taxpayers and (iii) compulsory superannuation contribution by employers.
 - (5) Is the ATO's superannuation compliance unit adequately resourced.
- 505 **MR G. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Was 30 September 1998 the closing date for applications for Home and Community Care funding; if so, on what date will community groups who have applied for funding be advised whether they have been successful.
 - (2) Will compensation be provided to groups which are adversely affected by a delay in the announcement of funding.
- 506 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Is he able to say whether 339 out of the 626 members of the European Parliament signed a petition calling for the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Athens.

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- 507 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Has Telstra entered negotiations to increase its land holdings in Landsdale, WA; if so, (a) with whom is it negotiating and (b) what area of land is involved.
- 508 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is it a fact that totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) pension entitlements are not adjusted for movements in the consumer price index; if so, what steps is he taking to ensure recipients of TPI pensions regain an acceptable standard of living.
- 509 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Did the organisers of the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race consult an agency or authority for which he has portfolio responsibility before the race started; if so, (a) what information was provided and (b) did the agency or authority suggest then or subsequently that the timing of the race was dangerous or inappropriate in the circumstances.
- 510 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Was the Australian Maritime Safety Authority involved in assisting rescue operations during the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race; if so, (a) at what cost and (b) who paid.
 - (2) Has the Australian Maritime Safety Authority been involved in investigating the causes of the loss of life in the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race; if so, (a) at what cost and (b) who paid.
- 511 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the organisers of the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race consult an agency or authority for which the Minister has portfolio

responsibility before the race started; if so, (a) what information was provided and (b) did the agency or authority suggest then or subsequently that the timing of the race was dangerous or inappropriate in the circumstances.

- 512 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Did the organisers of the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race consult an agency or authority for which he has portfolio responsibility before the race started; if so, (a) what information was provided and (b) did the agency or authority suggest then or subsequently that the timing of the race was dangerous or inappropriate in the circumstances.
- 513 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—Did the organisers of the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race consult an agency or authority for which she has portfolio responsibility before the race started; if so, (a) what information was provided and (b) did the agency or authority suggest then or subsequently that the timing of the race was dangerous or inappropriate in the circumstances.
- 514 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—Does the Government propose to exempt the Sydney Olympics from a goods and services tax; if so, (a) why, (b) how would the exemption be administered, (c) who would determine what was and was not exempt, (d) would the exemption effectively result in Australian consumers subsidising the Sydney Olympics, (e) will she provide a list of exempt items and (f) would similar exemptions be available to other areas of sport and recreation and industry in general; if not, why not.
- 515 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—Is it a fact that (a) the Government paid \$1.2 million for tickets to the Sydney Olympics for entertaining visiting dignitaries and (b) it had initially asked for the tickets to be provided without cost; if so, (i) who initially raised the issue of free tickets with the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG), (ii) on what date was the issue first discussed, (iii) how many free tickets were requested, (iv) how many tickets were purchased, (v) for what events were the tickets purchased, (vi) what criteria apply to distributing the tickets, (vii) how many departmental officers are establishing the criteria, (viii) what is the cost of using departmental officers to establish the criteria, (ix) will the Government meet the (A) travel costs to and from Australia and (B) expenses of the visiting dignitaries; if so, what are the details and (x) will she publish a list of the recipients of the tickets.
- 516 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) How many ILO freedom of association conventions have been ratified by each country in the Asian Region.
 - (2) How many other ILO conventions have been ratified by each country in the Asian Region.
 - (3) When and where will the 13th ILO Asian Regional Conference be held.
- 517 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Who are the members of the Australian National Group who will make nominations for the election of 5 members of the International Court of Justice for the 9 year term beginning on 6 February 2000.

- (2) By what date does Australia have to lodge nominations.
 - (3) Which states have made declarations accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.
 - (4) Which states have included reservations in their declarations accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.
- 518 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) When will advertisements seeking expressions of interest in another round of community aged care packages appear.
 - (2) Will non-ethnic specific packages be provided in the local government area of Blacktown, NSW; if not, why not.
- 519 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Will the Government provide additional funding under special needs for aged care assistance to centres with large numbers of special care residents who need to use unsubsidised interpreters in many aspects of their care; if so, when.
 - (2) Will the Government provide special funding to centres with large numbers of special care residents requiring staff to be trained in sign language.
- 520 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Will the Government release the Productivity Commission's report on nursing home subsidies; if so, when.
- 521 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many assessments has the Aged Care Assessment Team completed in the local government area of Blacktown, NSW.
 - (2) How many of those assessed are awaiting placement in nursing homes, hostels or community care packages.
- 522 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Was the question of possible action for perjury against Mr Christopher Corrigan arising from evidence given by him in proceedings in the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) in February 1998 referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on or before 22 March 1999; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what action has the AFP or DPP taken.
 - (2) Was the question of possible action for perjury against a witness other than Mr Corrigan arising from evidence given by him or her in proceedings in the AIRC or the Federal Court of Australia in 1998 regarding the waterfront dispute referred to the AFP or the DPP on or before 22 March 1999; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what action has the AFP or DPP taken.
- 523 **MS ELLIS:** 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 (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.

- (2) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (1) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.
- (3) How many Centrelink customer service officers were located in the Centrelink customer service centres in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.
- (4) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (3) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.

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MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 524 -541)—Has (a) the Minister, (b) his or her predecessors or (c) the Department or an agency for which the Minister holds, or his or her predecessors held, portfolio responsibility, engaged Australasian Research Strategies, related companies or organisations or Mr Mark Textor to undertake research since 2 March 1996; if so, in each case, (i) what was the nature of the research, (ii) what was its purpose, (iii) what was its cost, (iv) was the outcome of the research supplied to a non-government organisation, individual or political party and (v) will the Minister release the outcome of the research.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

539 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

- 540 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 541 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 542 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of unlisted companies paid the full rate of company tax in 1997-98.
- 543 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Further to question No. 128 concerning the National Youth Roundtable, (a) what was the cost of the National Youth Roundtable held in Parliament House, Canberra, commencing 9 March 1999 and (b) how will members of the National Youth Roundtable be assisted to enable them to consult with their peers and local communities on the issues he raised in opening the Roundtable.
- 544 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to reports in the New Zealand media predicting that tens of thousands of New Zealanders will cross the Tasman in the next few years.
 - (2) Has his attention also been drawn to claims by economic forecasters Business and Economic Research that net migration from New Zealand in the next few years will reduce unemployment from 7.6 per cent to 5.7 per cent in 2001 sparing New Zealand some of the potential social costs and disruptions from underperforming and erratic economic management.
- 545 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Has the UK Government requested the extradition of Mr Peter Clarence Foster; if so, what sum has the Commonwealth spent in pursuing the request.
 - (2) Did counsel appearing for the Commonwealth in the Federal Court before Justice Spender state that all costs related to the extradition proceedings against Mr Foster had been met by the requesting country; if so, has the requesting country met all costs related to the proceedings; if not, what action will the Commonwealth take to rectify the misrepresentation.
 - (3) Has the Commonwealth established the period of imprisonment for which Mr Foster is liable if he is convicted of the offences for which his extradition has been sought.
 - (4) Is it a fact that (a) Mr Foster has spent 25 months in maximum security prison and 15 months solely waiting for the extradition proceedings and (b) the total period he has been detained is longer than the period referred to in part (3).
 - (5) Has the UK Government sought a waiver of the specialty assurance in relation to 13 charges listed in the original warrant for Mr Foster's extradition; if so, (a) is the Government considering the request, (b) what precedents exist for waiving specialty assurances, (c) what action will the Government take and (d) have Mr Foster or his solicitors been told of the seeking of a waiver; if not, why.

- (6) Is the Minister able to say whether charges brought by the British Serious Fraud Squad against Mr Foster's co-accused, Mr Christopher Williams, in September 1998 were dismissed.
- (7) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to answers by the Lord Chancellor in the UK House of Lords to questions by Lord Spens about the extradition of Mr Foster; if so, (a) do the answers contradict submissions made by the Commonwealth to Justice Spender in the Federal Court and (b) will the Minister clarify the situation.

546 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 426 in which he stated that he saw no reason to initiate an inquiry into the administration of the visitor visa program as it applied to Lebanon, Turkey, the People's Republic of China and Vietnam, has his attention been drawn to evidence on the matter presented at public hearings in February and March 1999 of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration in its inquiry into entry requirements for the Sydney Olympic Games.
- (2) Did his Department confirm before the committee that the four countries referred to in part (1) suffered from very high rejection rates with respect to the application of visitor visas; if so, is this consistent with fair administration of the program.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to evidence provided to the committee by representatives of the tourism industry expressing concern on the application of the Government's policy in relation to the countries, especially the People's Republic of China.
- (4) Has his attention been drawn, in particular, to the statement made by Mr Christopher Brown, Chief Executive of the Tourism Task Force, (*Hansard*, Joint Committee on Migration, 3 March 1999, page M 215) that Asia, on a racial basis, and the less developed parts of the world, on economic grounds, were most targeted in determining unsuitability for entry into Australia; if so, what is his response.
- (5) Has his attention also been drawn to protests against the visa system by representatives from the four countries and criticism of the Government in the ethnic media on the matter.
- (6) Does the evidence contribute to an impression that there is significant discrimination against persons from the four countries in relation to visitor visa applications.
- (7) Does he maintain his position that there is no need for an inquiry.

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*547 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Since Australia acceded to the 1979 Unesco Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the European Region, when and where have there been sessions of the Regional Committee responsible for promoting the application of the Convention.

- (2) Who represented Australia at the sessions.
 - (3) When and where will the next session be held.
 - (4) Who will represent Australia at the session.
- *548 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) When and where have there been sessions of the Regional Committee responsible for promoting the application of the 1983 Unesco Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific.
 - (2) Who represented Australia at the sessions.
 - (3) When and where will the next session be held.
 - (4) Who will represent Australia at the session.
- *549 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Is it a fact that more than 76 per cent of work-for-the-dole projects have been carried out in electoral divisions held by Coalition Members; if so, what action is he taking to ensure that national distribution of the projects is fairly balanced.
- *550 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has he received advice indicating whether the referendum procedure in section 128 of the Constitution permits amendment of the preamble as distinct from the Constitution itself within the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.
 - (2) Has he received advice on the validity of Sir Robert Garran's statement that the Constitution could be altered but not the Act in which the Constitution was incorporated.
 - (3) Has he received advice indicating whether an attempt to alter the preamble by referendum would be invalid because of the provisions of the *Colonial Laws Validity Act 1865* in effect by virtue of the Statute of Westminster and the *Australia Acts 1986*.
 - (4) Has he received advice indicating whether the *Australia Acts 1986* prevent the UK Parliament from amending the preamble.
 - (5) Has he received advice indicating whether the preamble can be amended by the Commonwealth at the request, or with the concurrence, of the parliaments of all States pursuant to placitum 51(xxxviii) of the Constitution and section 15 of the *Australia Acts 1986*.
 - (6) Has he received advice indicating that the approach referred to in part (5) was flawed; if so, on what grounds.
- *551 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to his answer to a question without notice about Holsworthy Correctional Centre (*Hansard*, 23 March 1999, page 3426), how many defence personnel were involved in inappropriate disciplinary action.
 - (2) Under what authority or law were the tours referred to in the answer conducted.
 - (3) In the light of the tours having been alleged to have been conducted for 7 years did his investigation reveal who was responsible.

- (4) Have charges been laid; if so, (a) in respect of how many persons and (b) what was the rank of each person charged.
- (5) If charges have not been laid, was the matter dealt with administratively; if so, (a) how many persons were dealt with and (b) what was the rank of each person dealt with.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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.

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.

Current inquiry:

Managing fatigue in transport.

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees.

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:

Military justice procedures.

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.*)

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*).