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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 36

THURSDAY, 13 MAY 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 2 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE) (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 3 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 1999—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hockey—That the bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, viz.—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for the financial uncertainty and hardship it has caused Do It Yourself superannuation fund trustees and fund members, many of which are operated by small businesses, in taking nearly 12 months since it announced its changes to introduce and debate this legislation.*
- 4 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 5 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 6 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr Truss*).

* 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.

- 7 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 8 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr Martin*).
- 11 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 12 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (CPI INDEXATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 13 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 16 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 17 **COMPENSATION FOR NON-ECONOMIC LOSS (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 18 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 19 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 20 **STATUTE STOCKTAKE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).

- 21 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 22 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 24 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1999-2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr Beazley*).
- 25 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
- 26 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
- 27 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 28 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *29 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, FEBRUARY 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 30 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JANUARY TO JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 31 **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **ELSEY LAND CLAIM NO. 132—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 35 **VISIT TO SANDAKAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 30 March 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Martin*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).
- 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, 31 MAY 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on review of Regulation 4.31B. (*Total time for statements—30 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- †1 **MR FORREST:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the significance of Murray River bridge crossings to the national economy;
 - (2) recognises the deteriorated condition of many existing bridge crossings and their urgent need of major capital for upgrading to meet modern safety and traffic load standards;
 - (3) commends the federal Government for its funding commitment of \$44 million for upgrading of bridge crossings at Corowa, Echuca and Robinvale and a further \$203 million for a new bridge and approaches on the Hume Highway at Albury and Wodonga;
 - (4) acknowledges the Murray River Crossings Transport Economic Study which clearly establishes the regional and national economic significance of all Murray River crossings and establishes a priority for the upgrading of bridges for the first time; and
 - (5) calls on the State Governments of Victoria and New South Wales to provide like funding for reconstruction of bridges requiring urgent replacement. (*Notice given 30 March 1999. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †2 **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. Time allotted for debate—40 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)
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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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 6 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TREATIES TABLED ON 26 MAY AND 11 NOVEMBER 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 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 31 May 1999.*)
- 7 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON LOSS OF HMAS SYDNEY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999—*

Dr Theophanous, in continuation) on the motion of Dr Theophanous—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 31 May 1999.*)

- 8 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON BOUGAINVILLE VISIT 15-18 MARCH 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr Jull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—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 31 May 1999.*)
- 9 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON DRAFT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—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 31 May 1999.*)
- *10 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 1999—Mr Sercombe, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—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 31 May 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 13 May 1999

- *1 **MR BEVIS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to ensure that leave for participation in activities as a member of the Australian Defence Force Reserves be one of the matters which can be taken to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission for conciliation and arbitration. (*Notice given 12 May 1999.*)

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of affordable, quality child care for Australian parents;
 - (2) deplores the lack of childcare facilities available to Members, Senators and staff working at Parliament House, noting that this lack of workplace child care has led to increased difficulties for parents working at Parliament House following the Coalition's attacks on child care over the past 3 years;

- (3) condemns the Howard Government for its massive attacks on child care and notes that in the course of the first Howard Government childcare funding was slashed by a total of \$800 million; and
 - (4) expresses its concern that these cuts have resulted in fee rises, the closure of childcare centres and women being forced out of the paid workforce, instead of providing families with a choice about how they care for their children. *(Notice given 12 November 1998. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 31 May 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 the next sitting Monday after 31 May 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 the next sitting Monday after 31 May 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 2 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 6 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.)*
- 7 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.)*
- 8 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.)*
- 9 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.)*
- 10 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 11 **MR PRICE:** To move—That orders of the day Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20, private Members' business, on the Notice Paper for 31 March 1999, stand referred to the Procedure Committee in conjunction with its inquiry into community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees. (*Notice given 31 March 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 12 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House, noting that:
- (1) the administration of the visitors' visa program is a matter of serious concern to a large number of Members of Parliament, especially the impression created that there is discrimination with respect to particular countries, such as China, Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam and India;
 - (2) representatives of the tourism industry and ethnic communities have expressed great concern about this matter in a number of public forums;
 - (3) the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs attempts to justify its discriminatory practices based on an assessment of risk factors which rely on a specific definition of non-returnees; and
 - (4) this definition of non-returnees is open to challenge as is demonstrated in the material provided by the Member for Calwell to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- calls upon the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to initiate an inquiry into the administration of the visitors' visa program which would include:
- (a) an assessment of the various categories which go into the definition of non-returnees and whether those categories legitimately apply;
 - (b) an overall assessment of all the countries which are listed under the risk factor in the light of any re-evaluation of the non-returnees category; and
 - (c) an evaluation of the practices of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs with respect to the administration of visitors' visas, including any misuse of the powers granted to officers in relation to visitors' visas. (*Notice given 11 May 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **INSURANCE INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998—Mr Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Martin—That this Parliament calls for the referral of an inquiry into the Australian insurance industry to the

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Public Administration and the issues to be considered to include:

- (a) the moral and legal responsibility of insurance companies to honour policies in respect of storm damage and flood;
- (b) necessary legislative change to ensure pedantic definitional arguments are not used by companies to negate payments to policy holders;
- (c) the examination of the legislative base in the provision of flood insurance in the USA and UK and its potential relevance to Australia;
- (d) the ways in which insurance companies approached the interpretation of storm and flood damage in recent disasters in Wollongong, Katherine, Coffs Harbour and Townsville; and
- (e) existing Commonwealth and State or Territory government legislative support mechanisms to assist areas and victims affected by such disasters and whether changes are necessary to ensure rapid and effective relief. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)

2 IRANIAN BAHA'I COMMUNITY: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That this House:

- (1) strongly condemns the recent grave attacks on the Iranian Baha'i community, including the brutal execution of Mr Ruhullah Rawhani in July in the absence of due legal process, raids on 500 Baha'i homes in an orchestrated nation-wide attempt to prevent Baha'i youth from receiving education, confirmation of death sentences against two Baha'i men and the detention and imprisonment of 16 other Baha'is for practising their faith;
- (2) calls on the Government of Iran to end its oppression of the Baha'i community, ensure the safety and early release of all those Baha'is imprisoned in Iran, immediately take steps to implement UN resolutions defining steps required of the Iranian Government and calling for the emancipation of the Baha'is and respect the principles of the International Covenants on Human Rights to which Iran is a party; and
- (3) expresses its deep disappointment that despite the consideration of this matter by both Houses of the Australian Parliament last year, the Iranian Government, far from taking action to remedy the situation, has intensified its persecution of Baha'is. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 2 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 3 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 4 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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-recorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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-recorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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-recorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 5 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 27 **STUDENT UNIONS**: 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 7 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 28 **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 1999** (*Mr Bevis*): Second reading (*from 29 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 31 May 1999.*)
- 29 **SYDNEY OLYMPICS**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House:
- (1) continues to support the staging of the Sydney Olympics as an opportunity to showcase Australia, its people, culture and above all our sporting traditions;
 - (2) acknowledges the commitment, work and performance of Australia's athletes and sporting organisations as they prepare to participate in the 2000 Olympics;
 - (3) deplors the disrepute caused to the Olympic ideals by the continuing bribery allegations;
 - (4) notes the concerns expressed by the local and international community at the loss of integrity in the Olympic movement and its possible effect on the successful staging of Australia's 2000 Games; and
 - (5) requests that SOCOG calls on the IOC to fund any shortfall in sponsorship finances which may result from inappropriate action by IOC members. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 30 **ASBESTOS EXPOSURE**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Zahra—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 31 May 1999.*)
- 31 **DRUGS:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999—Ms Plibersek, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 31 May 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, 31 May 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, 13 May 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the day

- 1 **OZONE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*from Senate*) (*Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr Jenkins*).
- 2 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 11 May 1999*).
- 3 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Ms Macklin*).



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

1, 8, 43, 71, 78, 85, 90, 107, 181, 201, 252, 305, 307, 323, 374, 376, 379, 380, 382, 394, 404, 414, 442, 443, 450, 460, 461, 465, 473, 480, 483-485, 491-493, 497, 500-502, 505, 511, 514, 515, 517-521, 523, 527-530, 534, 535, 538, 542, 543, 545, 550, 552, 559, 560, 564-566, 568-570, 572-574.

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

- (1) Did the Australian Government vote in support of the ILO's new Declaration on Fundamental Rights and Principles at Work at the 1998 ILO Conference.
- (2) Will the ILO's reports measuring compliance by countries to the new declaration be completed in the year 2000; if so, what action has the Australian Government taken to ensure compliance and commence preparing Australia's country report on the declaration.

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

- (1) Has the ILO accepted that two of its core labour standards are a prohibition on abusive child labour and a prohibition on forced labour; if so, has the Australian Government considered following the US Government's lead to devote additional funds to the ILO's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labour.
- (2) What sum has the Australian Government committed to the program in each year since its inception.

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

- (1) Has the Australian Government been involved in the development of the proposed ILO convention on child labour expected to be finalised at the ILO Conference in June 1999; if so, what are the details.
- (2) On the basis of work undertaken at the 1998 ILO Conference, will the Australian Government support the proposed declaration at the 1999 ILO Conference; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Australian Government considered the common policy of the World Bank's Multilateral Guarantee Agency and the Internal Finance Corporation to include in all their contracts a prohibition on the use of forced labour and exploitative child labour; if so, does the Australian Government incorporate a similar policy in its overseas aid agreement.

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

- (1) Does the Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 1999 propose an income test on lump sum compensation payments for pain and suffering.
- (2) Is it a fact that lump sum compensation payments historically have been regarded as intending to compensate an injured person for the suffering and loss of quality of life they have endured.
- (3) Does the Bill propose that periodic payments of lump sum compensation under \$2000 within a 28-day period will not be income tested; if so, is it common for compensation for pain and suffering to be paid in that manner.
- (4) Is it a fact that under the provisions of the proposed legislation lump sum compensation payments for pain and suffering will result in reduced social security and veterans' entitlements but that similar provisions will not apply to libel settlements, another form of compensation for pain and suffering; if so, why.

579 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Further to the answer to question No. 116 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4157) concerning the engagement of the Hon. Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, DBE, to undertake a review of the social security review and appeals system, (a) is she entitled to parliamentary superannuation benefits, (b) was membership of, or holding office in, a political party a factor which was considered in her selection, (c) how was she selected, (d) who was involved in her selection, (e) how were fees for the review determined, (f) on what basis was the fee of \$100 000 paid to her, (g) over what period was the review conducted, (h) was departmental support provided to the review; if so, what was its nature, (i) who drafted the report arising from the review, (j) was the sum of \$1647.95 referred to in paragraph (F)(I)(ac) of the answer in addition to the sum of \$100 000, (k) what was the destination of each trip made away from her home base and (l) what was the standard SES travel allowance payable for each trip to a destination away from her home base.

580 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 479 (*Hansard*, 31 March 1999, page 4100), in which he acknowledged that some employers willingly employ illegal workers, (a) which departments participate in the inter-agency Cash Economy Working Group, (b) what are its terms of reference, (c) how many times has it met since it was established and (d) what recommendations has it made to ensure that employers and employees meet their fair share of the tax burden.
- (2) Has the maximum penalty of \$10 000 which may be imposed on an employer who is convicted of having knowingly employed unlawful non-citizens been reviewed; if so, (a) when was the last occasion it was reviewed and (b) is there a formula to review the penalty.
- (3) Since his appointment as Minister, has his Department recommended the prosecution of employers for knowingly employing illegal labour; if so, did

the Director of Public Prosecutions refuse to act on the recommendations; if so, on what grounds.

- (4) Is it a fact that since 1988 only one employer has been convicted of being knowingly concerned in visitors working without permission but locations of illegal workers and overstayers increased to 12 679 in 1997-98; if so, (a) does this indicate a weakness in the Employer Awareness Campaign and (b) are his Department and associated enforcement bodies failing to rigorously pursue the possible prosecution of employers for disregarding the law.

581 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Further to the answer to question No. 487 (*Hansard*, 31 March 1999, page 4101) concerning the superannuation entitlements of Comcar drivers, did Mr Phil Gouldson, Mr Chris Gabriel and the local management of Comcar, in presenting the current Comcar drivers agreement to drivers for endorsement at a meeting held in Melbourne on 16 December 1997, (a) promise a one-off payment to drivers of approximately \$1000 for each year of service as additional superannuation payments and (b) state in response to a driver's question at the meeting that, as an example, a driver with 27 years' experience would receive approximately \$27 000 additional as a lump sum payment into the driver's superannuation account; if so, did the undertakings by Comcar management play a major role in the drivers' decision to accept the current Comcar agreement.

582 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) What applications have been received from each federal electoral division with respect to the capital upgrading grants for outside school hours care services since they were announced in the 1997-98 Budget.
- (2) Which applications referred to in part (1) were successful and what sum was granted in each case.

583 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) When was the National Council for the Centenary of Federation appointed.
- (2) Who are the members of the council.
- (3) How many times has the council met.
- (4) What is the attendance record of each member.
- (5) Are council members paid fees and travelling allowance; if so, (a) what is the nature of the payments, (b) what sums have been paid to each member since appointment and (c) on what basis were the payments made.
- (6) What is the remuneration package for the Chief Executive Officer of the National Council of the Centenary of Federation.
- (7) What sum has been paid in (a) fees and (b) travelling allowances to the Chief Executive Officer since appointment.

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

- (1) Does question B4 in the questionnaire for the survey conducted by Centrelink on Job Search Training ask specifically whether the Job Network was responsible for placing the respondent in employment; if not, why not.
- (2) Is it a fact that the questionnaire has no capacity to determine whether the Job Network was responsible for assisting a respondent find employment.

- 585 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Has the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business undertaken research into the success rate of employment services companies using Flex3 to place persons in employment since the introduction of the Job Network; if so, how do the outcomes compare with the performance of Employment Services Regulatory Authority employment services.
- 586 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Are there 95 parties to the Unesco Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954).
 - (2) Which countries have become parties since 1989.
 - (3) Was the Second Protocol to the Convention adopted by acclamation at the Diplomatic Conference at The Hague on 26 March 1999.
 - (4) Was the Australian representative a member of the drafting committee.
 - (5) Will the Second Protocol be signed at The Hague on 17 May 1999 in association with the 100th anniversary of the first Hague Peace Conference.
 - (6) Will Australia sign the instrument on 17 May 1999; if not, why not.
- 587 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is it a fact that the draft report of the National Competition Council on the review of subsections 51(2) and 51(3) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* recommends the removal of certain exemptions for intellectual property under the Act; if so, will he ensure similarly to his assurance concerning the protection of newsagencies' home deliveries that the removal will not endanger research and innovation in Australia.
- 588 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the proposed new tax system provide that a charitable organisation selling raffle tickets will be required to impose a 10 per cent goods and services tax on the sale of each ticket.
 - (2) Will commercial gambling operations be provided with goods and services tax concessions; if so, is the consistent with concerns he has expressed about gambling.
 - (3) Will he refer the matter to the Productivity Commission to be included in its review of gambling.
- 589 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it intended to close the Essendon Post Office or convert it to a licensed operation.
 - (2) Will the Minister ensure that the Essendon Post Office continues to remain open.
- 590 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Has Centrelink decided not to notify pensioners directly about changes to their entitlements.
 - (2) Are pensioners required to phone a central inquiry point for information about their entitlements.
 - (3) Are sufficient personnel available to deal promptly with pensioners' queries.

- (4) What are the delay times in responding to telephone queries to the Centrelink multilingual inquiry points.
 - (5) Has the number of staff been increased to deal with queries to the multilingual inquiry points.
- 591 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he able to provide the estimated cost of constructing the new Sydney airport.
 - (2) What is the breakdown of major expenses involved in building a new airport.
 - (3) Is he able to provide estimations of (a) what it would cost to relocate Perth Airport and (b) the time it would take to do so.
- 592 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is he able to say how many injuries were caused by accidents involving the use of cigarette lighters in Australia in 1998.
 - (2) How many of the accidents referred to in part (1) involved children.
- 593 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Are married couples entitled to prescriptions at no cost when more than 52 prescriptions are made in a single year.
 - (2) To how many free prescriptions are single persons entitled annually.
 - (3) Is reducing the free prescription rate for single persons being considered.
- 594 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Is the importation of cigarette lighters banned under regulation 4S of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1996 being investigated; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) How does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) ensure that imported cigarette lighters comply with regulation 4S.
 - (3) Has the ACS prosecuted importers for imports contravening the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.
 - (4) How many cigarette lighters are imported into Australia annually.
- 595 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 155 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165), does the concept of segregated air space involve aircraft landing from one direction and taking off from the opposite direction so that the paths of aircraft which are arriving and departing do not intersect either on land or in the air; if not, will he describe the concept which was supported by the study conducted by Ratner & Associates in 1992.
 - (2) Do any modes of operation under the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport involve the paths of arriving and departing aircraft crossing either on land or in the air; if so, which modes.
- 596 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 448 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4188), what are the “over the water” modes, other than Mode 4, which were

used for approximately 5.2 per cent of the non-curfew operating hours at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

- (2) Would a variation between Mode 4 and Mode 2 increase the total aircraft movements over water; if so, why has the variation in modes not been made.
- 597 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Has the Government conducted research on its own behalf or retained the services of another organisation to advise it on the steps required to outsource or privatise Centrelink's fundamental functions of assessing pension and benefit entitlements and the payment of those entitlements.
 - (2) Is the Government considering outsourcing or privatising any of Centrelink's functions; if so, which functions.
- 598 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 185 (*Hansard*, 30 March 1999, page 3958), will he provide a list of private health insurers providing coverage for domestic nursing care.
- 599 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy program been put to competitive tender; if so, (a) why, (b) how will a better service for refugees and humanitarian entrants be provided and (c) how will he ensure that the quality of service will not be undermined.
 - (2) Has he responded to the findings in the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs on competitive tendering of welfare service delivery, presented to the House on 29 June 1998, which advised against the further tendering of welfare services until the Government develops a contestability continuum; if so, what was his response; if not, why not.
- 600 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many Job Network sites (a) existed immediately after the Government introduced its new Jobs Network program and (b) providing services have been (i) closed and (ii) opened since the program began operating.
- 601 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Which companies have contracts with the Department of Defence for the carriage of explosives.
 - (2) Do all vehicles used by each company referred to in part (1) to carry explosives meet the required standards set out in Statutory Rules 1991, No. 329—Explosives Regulations.
 - (3) Do all company employees engaged in carrying explosives hold "secret" security clearance.
 - (4) Does each company carry a Commonwealth indemnity for carrying explosives under contract.
 - (5) Are all company employees engaged in carrying explosives trained to the level of explosive ordnance class I.

(6) What level of training is undertaken annually by drivers engaged in carrying explosives.

602 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Has the Commonwealth provided funding to Equal Vocational Employment Network (EVEN) Inc. and its associated organisation, Zenith Employment and Training; if so, (a) what sum did it provide in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98 and (iii) 1998-99, (b) on what programs, activities or products did EVEN and Zenith spend the funds and (c) was portion of the funds used to finance a proposed contract with the Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club under which EVEN/Zenith would assume responsibility for managing the club; if so, (i) what sums and (ii) on what items.

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603 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 369 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4178), does he assert that each organisation who is a member of or affiliated to the small business coalition believes that 50 000 jobs would be created if small businesses were exempt from federal industrial unfair dismissal laws; if not, which organisations make that assertion.
- (2) What percentage of businesses employing 15 people or fewer are (a) constitutional corporations, (b) respondents to a federal industrial award or (c) located in Victoria or a Territory.

604 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 498 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4196), how many officers responsible for serving members of the public were employed by the Commonwealth Employment Service in the electoral division of Barton on 1 July 1996.
- (2) How many case managers employed by employment service providers, undertaking work on behalf of the Commonwealth pursuant to the Government's employment service delivery model which was announced on 9 November 1998, are performing duties in, or concerning persons who are unemployed or are seeking employment assistance in, the electoral division of Barton.
- (3) Is the number of clients who receive service pursuant to the Government's service delivery model a relevant factor in determining the success of the model.
- (4) Will the Minister establish how many clients in total have been assisted through the new service delivery model in the electoral division of Barton since 1 July 1998; if not, why not.

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

- (1) What resolutions did Australia sponsor at the UN Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in April 1999.
- (2) What was the text of each resolution which came to a vote.

- (3) Which members (a) voted for, (b) voted against, and (c) abstained from voting on each resolution.
- 606 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say what are the length of the terms of office for members of the national parliaments elected in other English speaking countries.
 - (2) When were the current terms set for members of the State and Territory legislatures in Australia.
- 607 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) When was the Regional Assistance Program (RAP) introduced.
 - (2) What are the guidelines relating to its operation.
 - (3) Who is involved in the selection of RAP projects.
 - (4) With respect to each RAP project approved since 2 March 1996, (a) what was the project, (b) in which electoral division did it operate, (c) what sum was allocated to it and (d) how many (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual jobs did it generate.
- 608 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Under the Regional Assistance Program (RAP), what is the status of the memorandum of understanding between the departments governing the operation of area consultative committees.
 - (2) What is the nature of the (a) planning and funding process, (b) performance assessment and project evaluation tools, (c) simplified RAP guidelines and (d) updated Internet and email facilities relating to the operation of area consultative committees.
 - (3) Will Ministers and Members play a greater role in the announcement of projects funded under the RAP; if so, how.
 - (4) Have guidelines been established for area consultative committees to determine which Members will be consulted and involved in the preparation and announcement of projects funded under the RAP.
- 609 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did he refer in a speech on 20 April 1999 to the Area Consultative Committees Chairs National Forum to an employer organisation which is acting with the Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) to develop a series of seminars and build a template Australian Workplace Agreement; if so, to which employer organisation did he refer.
 - (2) What sum has the OEA spent on the exercise to the date of answering this question.
 - (3) Will the OEA provide funds for a series of seminars to be conducted in rural and regional New South Wales in conjunction with the OEA; if so, what sum.

- 610 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—
- (1) When did the Commonwealth organise and fund urban flood mitigation.
 - (2) What sum was allocated for each flood mitigation project in southwest and western Sydney in each year since the inception of funding.
 - (3) What was the total cost of each project referred to in part (2).
 - (4) Is the Minister able to say what is the unmet demand and estimated cost for flood mitigation in Greater Western Sydney.
- 611 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 551 about Holsworthy Correctional Centre, was the use of Defence Force Corrective Establishment standing orders as a means of indicating new punishments referred to in the Department of Defence's submission to the inquiry of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade into military justice procedures; if not, why not.
 - (2) What is the head of power in the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* that allows for the development of new punishments.
 - (3) Have the standing orders provided for new punishments.
 - (4) What is the specific standing order covering attitude adjustment training.
- 612 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many former crew members of HMAS *Melbourne* have initiated legal proceedings against the Commonwealth in connection with the HMAS *Voyager* disaster.
 - (2) How many of claims (a) have been resolved in favour of the applicant, (b) have been resolved in favour of the Commonwealth and (c) are still unresolved.
 - (3) What total sum in damages has been awarded against the Commonwealth.
- 613 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Will he provide details of all foreign awards that current and former Australian Defence Force personnel have permission to accept in respect of overseas military service after September 1945.
- 614 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many active reservists in the (a) RAN, (b) Army and (c) RAAF have 8 years or more service with the Australian Defence Force.
 - (2) How many reservists referred to in part (1) receive a subsidised housing loan under the Defence HomeOwner Scheme.
 - (3) What is the estimated annual cost of the subsidised loans referred to in part (2).
 - (4) What procedures are used to advise reservists of their potential housing loan entitlements before resignation or transfer to the inactive reserve.

- 615 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Under the Export Control (Hardwood Woodchips) Regulations, is there a national ceiling applicable to woodchip exports from regions not covered by regional forest agreements (RFAs); if so, what is the current ceiling
 - (2) Do existing State management plans impose a maximum limit on woodchip production and/or exports in regions covered by RFAs; if so, what are the details.
- 616 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it proposed to exclude the jewellery industry from the transitional arrangements to phase down the wholesale sales tax rate of 32 per cent before the possible implementation of a goods and services tax in July 2000; if so, why.
 - (2) Is a need to protect some industries from a sudden drop in the tax rate the reason for the transitional arrangements; if so, does the jewellery industry require similar protection; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the submission to his Department by the Jewellery Association of Australia (JAA) that the introduction of a 10 per cent goods and services tax would result in a drop in jewellery prices of between 6 and 10 per cent but only between 2 and 5 per cent under a transitional wholesale sales tax of 22 per cent; if so, what is his position on the JAA's submission.
 - (4) What evidence exists that a significant decrease in sales will not affect the jewellery industry before the proposed introduction of a goods and services tax in July 2000.
 - (5) Will the Commonwealth provide support for small businesses in rural areas affected by exclusion from the transitional arrangements; if so, what support.
- 617 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What criteria must be satisfied before a health service can be covered by the Medicare Benefits Scheme.
 - (2) Are chiropractic services covered by Medicare; if not, (a) why not, (b) when did a formal review last consider the inclusion of chiropractic services and (c) what is the Government's position on the inclusion of chiropractic and allied health services.
 - (3) Will the Government conduct formal reviews of the scope of the Medicare Benefits Scheme soon; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) by whom will they be conducted.
- 618 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Does Australia actively support the G-7's action and initiative on forgiving debt.
 - (2) What is the Government's position on the Jubilee 2000 campaign.
 - (3) Is Australia supporting the World Bank's Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Initiative; if so, how.
 - (4) Will Australia support the World Bank's comprehensive development framework; if so, how.

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- *619 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 112 (*Hansard*, 10 March 1999, page 3701) concerning the position of Administrator of Norfolk Island being an office of profit under the crown, have the Hon. Anthony John Messner's Commonwealth parliamentary superannuation entitlements been reduced because of his appointment as the Administrator of Norfolk Island; if so, by what sum; if not, why not.
- *620 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 315 (*Hansard*, 10 February 1999, page 2440) concerning a reciprocal social security agreement between Australia and Greece, is it a fact that the Government of Greece is not prepared to proceed with the Australian Government's proposal of April 1998 and wishes to negotiate further towards an agreement similar to those with other European countries.
 - (2) Is it a fact that the Australian Government is insisting on an agreement with Greece which is different from those with other European countries, in particular imposing a 49-year period rather than a 25-year period; if so, why.
 - (3) Is it a fact that the issue has been stalled for a number of years and is creating hardship for many persons.
 - (4) Will the Australian Government discuss the issue at a ministerial level with the Government of Greece to achieve a resolution.

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 inquiries:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

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.

Current inquiry:

Enforcement of copyright.

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 inquiries:

Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas.

Primary producer access to gene technology.

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).

Current inquiries:

The status of records held by Members of the House of Representatives.

Whether there was unauthorised disclosure of the 'Regional Banking Services: Money too far away' report of the Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration.

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.

Current inquiry:

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment Bill 1999.

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.

Current inquiry:

Provisions of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program Bill 1998. (*To report by 11 May 1999.*)

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.

Clayton, Vic.—CSIRO Clayton (Eastern Precinct) Development Works.

Darwin—Redevelopment of Darwin Naval Base Project.

Lucas Heights, NSW—Replacement nuclear research reactor.

North Ryde, NSW—CSIRO Riverside Corporate Park: Joint Research Complex for CSIRO Molecular Science and Food Science Australia.

Townsville—RAAF Base Townsville Redevelopment Stage 1.

Weston Creek, ACT—Staff Colleges Collocation Project.

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 Snowdon, 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:

Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief.
 Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America.
 Bougainville peace process.
 Military justice procedures.
 Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war.

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 Snowdon, 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*).