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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 42

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 1999

The House meets this day at 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (CLOSELY HELD TRUSTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999*).
- 2 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (ULTIMATE BENEFICIARY NON-DISCLOSURE TAX) BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 3 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (ULTIMATE BENEFICIARY NON-DISCLOSURE TAX) BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 4 **AVIATION FUEL REVENUES (SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 5 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (AVIATION FUEL REVENUES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 6 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (AVIATION FUEL REVENUES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (LIFETIME HEALTH COVER) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 8 **STEVEDORING LEVY (COLLECTION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).

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

- 9 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 10 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 11 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 12 **PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 13 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 14 **ACIS (UNEARNED CREDIT LIABILITY) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 15 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (ACIS IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 31 May 1999*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr Truss*).
- 23 **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*).

- 24 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **STATUTE STOCKTAKE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 29 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 30 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Sport and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 31 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 32 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 33 **SOCIAL SECURITY (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 34 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 35 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 36 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 37 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 May*

- 1999—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 39 **SYDNEY HAILSTORM OF 14 APRIL 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Fitzgibbon*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the papers.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.

- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.

- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.

- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.

- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.

- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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*).
- 121 **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.



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 13 May 1999—Mr Swan*) 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 11 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 12 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF REGULATION 4.31B—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—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 21 June 1999.*)
- *13 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FIVE TREATIES TABLED ON 16 FEBRUARY 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 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 21 June 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notice given for Tuesday, 8 June 1999

- *1 **MR RIPOLL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the importance of food labelling in providing consumers with accurate nutritional information;
 - (2) recognises that food labelling regulations must contain enough information so that consumers can be confident a product is good value for money, meets their health and nutritional standards and falls within their cultural and religious requirements;
 - (3) recognises that nutritional and dietary related illnesses are matters of public health;
 - (4) expresses concern at the Howard Government's deregulation of food labelling controls;
 - (5) condemns the Howard Government's failure to acknowledge and respond to the level of community anxiety over food labelling deregulation; and
 - (6) calls upon the Howard Government to reverse its decision on food labelling deregulation, work towards greater protection and information for consumers and maintain the health department's role in regulating nutritional and dietary matters. (*Notice given 7 June 1999.*)

Notices

- 1 **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 21 June 1999.*)

2 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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 1999.*)

3 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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 6 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

7 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

8 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

9 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that a series of entitlement anomalies arising from the Vietnam War remain unresolved despite the Coalition's 1996 election undertakings;
- (2) expresses disappointment that these anomalies were not properly addressed during the Government's secretive and unsatisfactory 1997 and 1998 overseas service reviews;
- (3) welcomes the announcement on 30 March 1999 that an independent panel will review the outcome of the Vietnam End of War List in relation to the six veterans whose awards were downgraded to a Commendation;
- (4) welcomes the announcement on 5 May 1999 that medals and repatriation entitlements for defence service in South East Asia from 1955 to 1975 will be the subject of an independent review;

- (5) requires that this review properly consider all outstanding issues regarding Australian service in Vietnam, including (a) merchant navy service on MV/HMAS Boonaroo and Jeparit, (b) Qantas military charter flights, (c) the provision of medical care by civilian nurses and other health workers and (d) civilians involved in the hazardous transport of vehicle parts to Cambodia, via Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), as part of American aid projects; and
 - (6) seeks an assurance that the review panel will have full access to relevant official records and will provide adequate opportunity for public input by interested organisations. (*Notice given 31 May 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 10 **MR NEVILLE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the necessity of preserving the sustainability of the Australian fishing stocks;
 - (2) recognises the economic potential of quality seafood exports;
 - (3) commends the industry for its work on by-catch reduction devices (BRDs) and turtle exclusion devices (TEDs) and the protection of nursery grounds;
 - (4) acknowledges the value of the vessel monitoring system (VMS) as a cost-efficient method of vessel location and crew safety and especially of regulating closures by strategic area locations rather than by time; and
 - (5) calls for sanity and equity in balancing the protection of the marine environment and the legitimate expectations of fishermen, their families and those communities reliant on them. (*Notice given 31 May 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 11 **MR HARDGRAVE:** To move—That this House acknowledges the value to all Australians of their country's growing trade and friendship with the People's Republic of China. (*Notice given 31 May 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 12 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

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- (1) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electorate.
- (2) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (3) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (4) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electorate. (*Notice given 1 June 1999. Notice will be removed*

from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.)

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

- (1) recognises the vital and growing role electronic information transmission plays in education, research and business activity throughout Australia;
- (2) further recognises that the availability of adequate capacity, high quality and appropriately priced bandwidth—for the electronic transmission of information—is an important strategic issue for the development of the information economy in Australia;
- (3) notes that regional areas throughout Australia have a poorer electronic information infrastructure than metropolitan areas, and the gap is widening; and
- (4) acknowledges the urgent need to provide affordable broadband electronic communications to Australia's regional centres and, in particular, to our regional universities. *(Notice given 3 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.)*

14 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) that the national taxation debate is not longer about 'tax reform' but merely about 'tax change'—and not change for the better;
- (2) the Coalition-Democrat tax deal will, in the official estimate of the Treasurer, cost at the very least \$20 billion over the first three years of the next century—in terms of the erosion of the Commonwealth budget surplus caused by the ANTS package, as modified by the Australian Democrats;
- (3) the GST fiasco on food alone will create enormous compliance burdens for 370 000 small businesses, in the estimate of the Tax Commissioner, and will, in the words of the Premier of Victoria, be 'just diabolical' for businesses such as milkbars and small family-run supermarkets; and
- (4) as a result of the GST food fiasco, the States will be required to keep indefinitely a range of state taxes and duties amounting to \$2.5 billion which the Government promised prior to the last election would be abolished. *(Notice given 3 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 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 21 June 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 21 June 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 21 June 1999.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 1999.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 1999.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 June 1999.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 11 **MILITARY PERSONNEL EXPOSED TO RADIATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999—Mr Snowdon, 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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 16 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 129:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and

- (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 17 **PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER 143A:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 18 **PROPOSED NEW STANDING ORDER 145A:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
- (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
- (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 27 **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) deplores the disrepute caused to the Olympic ideals by the continuing bribery allegations;
 - (4) notes the concerns expressed by the local and international community at the loss of integrity in the Olympic movement and its possible effect on the successful staging of Australia's 2000 Games; and
 - (5) requests that SOCOG calls on the IOC to fund any shortfall in sponsorship finances which may result from inappropriate action by IOC members. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 30 **MURRAY RIVER BRIDGE CROSSINGS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr Forrest—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
- 31 **MOBILE PHONES—INTERFERENCE WITH HEARING AIDS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr McLeay—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

32 **OLDER PERSONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

33 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 1998** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 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 21 June 1999.*)

34 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (WAGE GUARANTEE) BILL 1999** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 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 21 June 1999.*)

*35 **DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mr St Clair, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

*36 **POPULATION POLICY:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mr Hollis, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andren—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

*37 **IRISH IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—That this House acknowledges the strong and vital contribution made to the values which underpin Australian society by Irish immigrants and their descendants. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)

Notice given for Monday, 21 June 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 or arbitration. (*Notice given 1 June 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. 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

Tuesday, 8 June 1999

The Main Committee meets at 4.30 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1999-2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mrs D. M. Kelly, in continuation*).
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
- 4 **DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Swan, in continuation*).
- 5 **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, 90, 181, 201, 252, 305, 307, 323, 374, 376, 394, 404, 414, 443, 450, 460, 461, 465, 480, 483, 501, 505, 517, 518, 523, 534, 538, 543, 545, 565, 566, 572, 574-579, 581, 582, 584, 585, 587-590, 592-595, 597-601, 603-605, 607-609, 611, 613, 614, 616-618, 621-684.

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685 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Did his office provide me with mock-ups of the new accrual accounting format for the Budget which included forward estimates on a function and subfunction basis.
- (2) Did his Department prepare similar forward estimates for inclusion in previous Budget papers.
- (3) Did his Department on or about 7 May 1999 decide it would not be able to comply with deadlines for the production of the 1999-2000 Budget papers.
- (4) Who decided that the forward estimates information would not be provided in the 1999-2000 Budget.
- (5) Will forward estimates information be provided in future years.
- (6) Did he or his office become aware that the information his senior adviser had informed me would be included was not to be included; if so, (a) when and (b) who made the decision not to inform me and why.
- (7) Have any departments prepared forward estimates on an output and outcome basis for 1999-2000; if so, (a) which departments and (b) which departments have released them publicly.
- (8) Have any departments failed to prepare forward estimates on an output and outcome basis for 1999-2000; if so, (a) which departments and (b) why.
- (9) Have any departments prepared forward estimates on an output and outcome basis for 1999-2000 and not released them publicly; if not, why not.

686 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What were the terms of the \$1 billion line of credit provided to the Indonesian Government through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) after the 1997 Asian financial crisis.
- (2) What measures has the IMF put in place to ensure funds flowing from this line of credit have been used appropriately to stabilise Indonesia's financial system.

687 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the Australian Government taken steps to (a) prevent the Indonesian military arming para militias in East Timor and (b) disarm para military groups in East Timor; if so, what steps.
- (2) Is he satisfied that the undertakings on disarming militia given by the Indonesians at the recent Bali meeting are being honoured; if not, why not.

688 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many training exercises has the Australian Defence Force participated in with Indonesian Armed Forces since 2 March 1996.
- (2) What did each of the exercises referred to in part (1) involve.
- (3) What sum did each exercise cost.

689 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Is he considering the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; if so, when will the Government respond to the report.

690 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Is action being taken to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; if so, what action.

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 691-713)—Has a Department or agency for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility entered a contract with or made a grant or payment to an organisation registered under subparagraph (a) 188(1)(a) or (b) 188(1)(b) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, in each case, (i) which organisation, (ii) what sum was received and (iii) in what State or Territory is the organisation located.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

701 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

702 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

703 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

704 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

- 705 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 706 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 707 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 708 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 709 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 710 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.
- 711 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 712 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.
- 713 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism.
- 714 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—On a state by state basis:
- (1) How many employers have been surveyed by Wallace Consulting on behalf of the Office of Employment Advocate (OEA).
 - (2) How many surveys have been returned.
 - (3) What have respondents indicated in answer to (a) question 24—Does your organisation attempt to discourage employees from joining unions in any way and (b) question 25—Please consider whether any of the following occur at your workplace. Please indicate for each whether it does occur, may occur, or definitely does not occur: Managers regard union members favourably; Managers discriminate against union members; Organisation refuses to negotiate with unions; Organisation does not hire union members; Organisation retrenches union members first if possible; Organisation refuses unions access to workforce for purposes of recruitment; Organisation refuses to deduct union fees from wages.
 - (4) Has the OEA investigated any breaches of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* arising from responses to this survey.
 - (5) Will he table results of the survey; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 715 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Has the Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) received complaints for alleged employer breaches of provisions of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the alleged breaches.
 - (2) Has the OEA launched any prosecutions as a result of alleged breaches of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* by employers; if so, what are the nature and location of the prosecutions.
 - (3) Has the OEA received complaints for alleged breaches by employees of provisions of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the alleged breaches.
 - (4) Has the OEA launched any prosecutions as a result of alleged breaches of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* by employees; if so, what are the nature and location of the prosecutions.

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

- (1) Did he or his representative write to the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation or his representatives in relation to funding of the Federation Square project in Melbourne; if so, (a) did the letter threaten to withdraw federal funds from the project and (b) will he present the letter to the House.
- (2) Did he or his representative seek legal advice (a) before or (b) after sending the letter; if so (i) from whom was the advice sought, (ii) what sum did the advice cost and (iii) why was such advice sought; if not, why not.
- (3) Did he or his representative have any communication with the Office of the Employment Advocate in relation to the project referred to in part (1); if so, what was the nature of the communications.

717 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) Did he or his representative receive correspondence from the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or his representatives in relation to funding of the Federation Square project in Melbourne; if so, (a) did the letter threaten to withdraw federal funds from the project and (b) will he present the letter to the House.
- (2) Did he or his representatives communicate with the Victorian Government in relation to the project; if so, what advice did he or his representative provide to the Victorian Government.
- (3) Did he or his representative (a) make reference to the federal funding for the project or (b) raise the issue of employment conditions for workers who were likely to work on the project.
- (4) Did any form of the communication referred to in part (2) involve correspondence; if so, does he intend to present the correspondence to the House.
- (5) Did he have any communication with the Office of the Employment Advocate in relation to the project; if so, what was the nature of the communication.

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*718 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to recent allegations in Senate Estimates hearings concerning the deportation of an eight and a half month pregnant woman to China; if so, is he able to say what (a) are her whereabouts and (b) is her condition.
- (2) Has the woman had contact with officers of his Department since her deportation; if so, (a) what was the nature of the contact, (b) when did the contact occur and (c) are there letters, notes, memoranda or other correspondence concerning the contact; if so, will he provide copies of the correspondence; if he will not, why not.
- (3) Has he or his Department had contact with the relevant officials of the People's Republic of China concerning the matter before and since the deportation; if so, (a) what was the nature of the contact, (b) when did the

contact occur and (c) are there letters, notes, memoranda or other correspondence concerning the contact; if so, will he provide copies of the correspondence; if he will not, why not.

- (4) Did the Government undertake to protect and preserve the woman's physical safety before she was deported; if so, what measures has his Department taken to fulfil the undertaking.
- (5) Was the woman sedated at or about the time she was deported; if so, (a) by whom, (b) with what medication, (c) what dose was administered (d) did officers of his Department forcibly restrain her to enable sedation to be administered; if so, who were they and (e) will he take steps to prevent a recurrence; if so, what steps.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to statements made in the House (*Hansard*, 2 June 1999, page 4696) by the Member for Moreton about whether the Brisbane City Council should receive funding for an application under the Regional Assistance Program (RAP) if it has refused to participate in the work-for-the-dole scheme.
- (2) Has Brisbane City Council applied for a grant under the RAP for a small business enterprise program; if so, has an organisation or individual, including the Member for Moreton, made official or unofficial representations to him, his Department or his staff suggesting that the application be rejected.
- (3) Is it the Government's position that a body should not be entitled to RAP funding if it is unwilling to sponsor or support a work-for-the-dole project.

*720 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 521 about aged care assessments, in relation to the balance of 369 persons assessed or re-assessed by the Aged Care assessment Team, what steps are being taken to ensure that this large number of persons outstanding are able to be placed in hostels, nursing homes or Community Options/Community Aged Care Packages

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 Snowden, 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 inquiries:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's supervision and prudential regulation of those areas of the financial services sector for which it is responsible.

International financial market effects on government policy.

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 inquiries:

Catchment management.

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 Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator MacGibbon, Senator Ray.

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

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

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

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

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

Current inquiries:

Australian government purchasing policy.

Community Education and Information Programme.

Corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises.

Review of Auditor-General's audit reports—

No. 34, 1997-98—New Submarine Project.

1997-98—Fourth quarter.

1998-99—

First and second quarters.

Third and fourth quarters.

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 Snowden, Dr Southcott, Dr Theophanous, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Ferguson, Senator Harradine, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Quirke, Senator Reynolds, Senator Schacht, Senator Synon.

Current inquiries:

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 Snowden, Mr Somlyay, Senator Allison, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy.

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

Current inquiries:

Agreement between Australia and Fiji on Trade and Economic Relations.

Agreement between Australia and India on the Promotion and Protection of Investments.

Agreement between Australia and Lithuania on the Promotion and Protection of Investments.

Agreement on Mutual Recognition in relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings between Australia and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Agreement with the USA to further extend the Agreement relating to the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap.

Amendments to the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

Joint Select

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Hawker, Mr Pyne. (*Senators to be appointed*). (*To report by 9 August 1999*.)

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 30 August 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*).