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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 45

MONDAY, 21 JUNE 1999

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on military justice procedures in the Australian Defence Force. (*Total time for statements—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of the Department of the Environment's annual report for 1997-98. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- 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. Time allowed—5 minutes*)
- †2 **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;

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

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

- (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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

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

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

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).

### Notice

- 1 **MR FAHEY:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne. (*Notice given 9 June 1999.*)

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 2 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE) (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 3 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE) (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **SOCIAL SECURITY (FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND RELATED MATTERS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*7 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT (OMNIBUS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 8 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 31 May 1999*).
- 9 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 15 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).

- 16 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Sport and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 17 **PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 18 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr Truss*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **STATUTE STOCKTAKE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 24 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 27 **SOCIAL SECURITY (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 28 **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*).
- \*29 **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLIC) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).

- \*30 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- \*31 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999—Mr Kerr*).
- 32 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 33 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 34 **BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Brereton*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.

- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.

- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.

- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.

- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.

- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.

- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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*).
- 119 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

### Contingent notices of motion

- Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.
- Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
- Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.
- Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence:* Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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.*)
  - 14 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORT NO. 34, 1997-98: NEW SUBMARINE PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 June 1999.*)
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued****Notice given for Monday, 21 June 1999**

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

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
  - (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
  - (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
  - (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
  - (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
  - (6) calls on the federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 10 June 1999.*)
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**Notices—continued**

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 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.)*

**6 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.)***7 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.*)

8 **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.*)

9 **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.*)

10 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

**Questions from citizens**

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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.)*
- 11 **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.)*
- 12 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House notes:
- (1) that the national taxation debate is no 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.)*
- 13 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House, noting the disproportionate compliance cost impact the Coalition-Democrat GST deal will have on small retailers:

- (1) considers amending the terms of reference of the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector to allow the committee to take into account the way in which the GST deal puts smaller retailers at a further disadvantage vis-à-vis larger retailers; and
  - (2) resolves that:
    - (a) part (a) of the committee's terms of reference should read "the degree of industry concentration within the retailing sector in Australia, with particular reference to the impact of that industry concentration on the ability of small independent retailers to compete fairly in the retail sector both at present and in a post-GST environment";
    - (b) submissions be invited from parties interested in commenting on the issues raised by the expanded terms of reference; and
    - (c) the committee's reporting date be extended to 31 October 1999. (*Notice given 8 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 CHARLES:** To move—That the House of Representatives supports the proposal of Tidal Power Australia for a tidal energy station at Doctors Creek, Derby, WA, to supply the electric power needs of Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Western Metals and Broome in an environmentally sensitive manner with true renewable and non-polluting energy. (*Notice given 9 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.*)
- 15 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the success of post war immigration policy but in doing so recognises the importance of maintaining integrity in the immigration system due to the massive contribution new settlers have made to Australia in the past and will continue to make in the future;
  - (2) applauds the endeavours of successive governments to maintain the integrity of the immigration system by stopping illegal migrants and seeking to prevent employers employing illegal workers by requiring an employer to request proof of work rights from prospective employees;
  - (3) views with the utmost concern the activities of people smugglers, who take money from people trying to enter Australia illegally, knowing that the people will be detained and sent back with nothing to show for their money;
  - (4) supports the need to return people who have no legal rights to be in Australia whilst continuing to honour the nation's international protection of refugee obligations;
  - (5) welcomes the bipartisan manner in which the Parliament facilitated the temporary safe haven given in Australia to Kosovars; and
  - (6) rejects any suggestion that there will be an amnesty for illegals coming to Australia and reaffirms the commitment of the Australian Parliament to prosecute to the fullest those in any way engaged in people smuggling. (*Notice given 9 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 BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 1998*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That this House:
  - (1) strongly condemns the recent grave attacks on the Iranian Baha'i community, including the brutal execution of Mr Ruhullah Rawhani in July in the absence of due legal process, raids on 500 Baha'i homes in an orchestrated nation-wide attempt to prevent Baha'i youth from receiving education, confirmation of death sentences against two Baha'i men and the detention and imprisonment of 16 other Baha'is for practising their faith;
  - (2) calls on the Government of Iran to end its oppression of the Baha'i community, ensure the safety and early release of all those Baha'is imprisoned in Iran, immediately take steps to implement UN resolutions defining steps required of the Iranian Government and calling for the emancipation of the Baha'is and respect the principles of the International Covenants on Human Rights to which Iran is a party; and
  - (3) expresses its deep disappointment that despite the consideration of this matter by both Houses of the Australian Parliament last year, the Iranian Government, far from taking action to remedy the situation, has intensified its persecution of Baha'is. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 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 Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr L. D. T. Ferguson—That this House:
- (1) notes that the Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia concluded that the 1983 Survey of Health of Former Atomic Test Personnel cannot be regarded as an adequate epidemiological study;
  - (2) expresses concern that there has been no further official study into the health and mortality of Australian personnel who participated in British nuclear tests and subsequent clean-up operations;
  - (3) acknowledges that the USA accepts as radiogenic a range of cancers and other conditions experienced by military personnel who were exposed to ionising radiation;
  - (4) notes that studies of British nuclear veterans have been conducted by the UK National Radiological Protection Board in 1988 and 1993 and, more recently, through Dundee University for the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association;
  - (5) calls on the Minister for Defence to commission as a matter of urgency a rigorous health and mortality study of Australian atomic ex-service personnel and their children and grandchildren; and
  - (6) supports the involvement of independent researchers and representatives of the ex-service community in the design and conduct of such a study. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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.*)



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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS** (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

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

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1999-2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999—Mr O'Keefe, 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*).
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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

*First appeared on date shown*

*11 November 1998*

- 1 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What percentage of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) budget is directed to (a) compliance activity, (b) audit activity and (c) research into and implementation of tax reform projects.
  - (2) Has the Government directed the ATO to concentrate more staff and funds in the area of tax reform; if so, has extra funding been provided to the ATO for the purpose.
  - (3) Will the Government provide more funding to the ATO for compliance and audit activities.

*23 November 1998*

- 90 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) What sum did his Department pay in (a) overtime and (b) travel allowance to (i) personal and (ii) electorate staff of each incumbent Member and Senator between 31 August and 3 October 1998.
  - (2) What was the average monthly sum of (a) overtime and (b) travel allowance paid by his Department to (i) personal and (ii) electoral staff of each sitting Member and Senator in 1997-98.

*24 November 1998*

- 181 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What processes were established to ensure that organisations tendering for round 13 of Home and Community Care (HACC) funding had consulted with other HACC and similar providers.
  - (2) How do tenderers demonstrate that they have consulted other providers.
  - (3) What checks does the Department of Family and Community Services make to ensure the requirement has been met.
  - (4) Is the Commonwealth reducing HACC funding to New South Wales by \$3 million in 1998-99.
  - (5) Is the Commonwealth insisting HACC client user-pay levels be raised to 20 per cent of the total program budget; if so, how will the client fee be collected from dementia sufferers.

*25 November 1998*

- 201 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will he bring up-to-date the answer to question No. 2470 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 154) concerning legislation to implement the 1948 Genocide Convention with full domestic effect.

*2 December 1998*

- 252 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How many drug related prosecutions have been initiated under Commonwealth law in Western Australia in each financial year since 1992-93.
  - (2) How many cases in each year referred to in part (1) resulted in convictions.

*7 December 1998*

- 305 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What was the cost to the Commonwealth of closing the Medicare office in Belmont, NSW, including obtaining a release from the lease of its premises.
  - (2) How long did the lease have to expire.
  - (3) How many staff were employed in the office.
  - (4) What was the total annual remuneration paid to the staff.
  - (5) What proportion of the staff is still employed by Medicare or Medibank Private.
  - (6) What was the projected operational cost of the office for the period of the lease.
  - (7) What is the projected operational cost for the Medibank Private office at Charlestown, NSW.
- 307 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Is there a mismatch between the local availability of, and demand for, nursing home and hostel beds; if so, what steps is the Government taking to make beds available where needed.
  - (2) Is it a fact that proportionally the aged population of the electoral division of Shortland is among the highest in Australia but that its per capita nursing home/hostel bed rate is half the national average; if so, why.

*9 December 1998*

- 323 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did the former Tasmanian Liberal Government and the former Member for Braddon provide him information about proposed magnesite mining and processing in Tasmania and related energy options for Bass Strait; if so, what information.
  - (2) Did he indicate to the former Member for Braddon that (a) he would personally take an overview of the proposal and (b) Mr Bob Mansfield of the Government's special projects team would be asked to take a leading role in advancing the proposal.

- (3) Is the proposed Crest Resources \$1 billion magnesite project in Tasmania on the Government's special projects priority list; if not, why not.

*8 February 1999*

374 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Has his attention been drawn to a report of the New South Wales Parliament's Standing Committee on Social Issues regarding hepatitis C which was tabled in the Legislative Council on 11 November 1998; if so, (a) has he determined whether any aspects of the report can be pursued at the Commonwealth level and (b) will the Commonwealth Government take further action in combating hepatitis C.

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

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

*9 February 1999*

394 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What Imperial and Australian medals are available to RAAF personnel who served (a) as signallers on Labuan Island during the Malayan Emergency, (b) with Nos. 3 and 77 Squadrons at Butterworth during Indonesian Confrontation and (c) with 79 Squadron at Ubon Thailand, after June 1965, during the Vietnam War.
- (2) What were the specific rules of engagement applicable to each period of RAAF service referred in part (1).
- (3) Are the medal entitlements of RAAF personnel consistent with the rules of engagement applicable to each period of service referred to in part (1); if so, how is consistency established.
- (4) Has the Department of Defence completed its further review of service entitlements for RAAF personnel at Ubon; if so, what (a) findings and recommendations did it make and (b) action has the Government taken as a result.

*10 February 1999*

404 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the private health rebate advertising program.
- (2) Will he provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.

- (3) Will private health cover become 30 percent cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
- (4) What guidelines has he provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
- (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.
- (6) What sum will a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
- (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, are now paying \$192.95.

*15 February 1999*

414 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Have the daily subsidies paid to aged care providers to cover the cost of providing care to residents been increased since the introduction of the Resident Classification Scale (RCS); if so, (a) what increases have been made and (b) what percentage of the initial subsidy under the RCS do the increases represent.
- (2) Have the increases referred to in part (1) been provided uniformly across States and RCS levels; if not, what increases have been made in respect of each State and RCS level.
- (3) What was the cumulative percentage increase in (a) the CPI, (b) average weekly earnings and (c) nursing salaries in each State public hospital system since the introduction of the RCS.
- (4) What is the difference between nursing wage rates in the acute and aged care sectors in each State.
- (5) Has she received representations from the private nursing home industry in Western Australia about the increases in subsidies paid to providers; if so, (a) what was the basis of the representations and (b) will the Government change existing funding levels for providers in Western Australia or the overall funding mechanism following the representations.
- (6) Does the funding mechanism for aged care providers recognise increased costs incurred by providers in order to comply with (a) Commonwealth and State legislative changes and (b) arbitrated decisions of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission in terminating a bargaining period and making an order under section 170MX of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.
- (7) Is it a fact that residential aged care providers are finding it increasingly difficult to attract and retain qualified nursing staff because of a lack of Commonwealth funding and the difference between wage rates in the acute and aged care sectors.
- (8) Is it a fact that aged care providers are not being provided sufficient resources to enable them to achieve accreditation; if not, why not.

*18 February 1999*

- 450 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) How many staff were employed by (a) Ministers, (b) Senators and (c) Members (i) in total and (ii) at each classification level at 1 July in each year since 1988.
  - (2) How many staff were employed at each classification level by Ministers at 15 February 1999.

*8 March 1999*

- 460 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) How many general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practise in each electoral division.
  - (2) How many and what percentage of general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practising in each electoral division bulk-billed in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 461 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many services were (a) provided in total and (b) bulk-billed by (i) general practitioners and (ii) specialists, by specialty, in each electoral division in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 465 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) recently send a series of fact sheets on GST transitional arrangements, entitled 'Important tax reform information', to businesses across Australia in an unaddressed A4 envelope; if so, (a) how many envelopes were mailed out, (b) what was the total cost of mailing the information packs, (c) what was the cost of printing the fact sheets and covering letter and (d) which Appropriation Bill covered the funding for printing and posting the information packs.
  - (2) What is the total cost, including staff salaries, of maintaining and monitoring the ATO's (a) World Wide Web site at [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) and (b) faxback system.
  - (3) How many ATO staff are employed maintaining and monitoring the (a) web site and (b) faxback system.
  - (4) How many ATO staff are attached to the Tax Reform Business Education and Communication Project.
  - (5) What is the annual salary of each person referred to in part (4).
  - (6) What is the running cost of the project.
  - (7) Do other Tax Reform Project teams exist within the ATO; if so, (a) how many, (b) what are their specific responsibilities, (c) how many staff are attached to each project team, (d) what is each project's overall running cost and (e) which Appropriation Bill covers the funding for the project teams.
  - (8) How many GST fact sheets has the ATO produced in total.
  - (9) What are the titles of each GST fact sheet.
  - (9) What was the total cost of preparing the fact sheets.

- (10) Which Appropriation Bill covered the funding for printing and posting the fact sheets.

*9 March 1999*

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

- (1) How many successful (a) Flex 1, (b) Flex 2 and (c) Flex 3 placements have been made in each of the 29 Job Network regions in each month since May 1998.
- (2) What is the (a) name, (b) date of cessation, (c) name of the participant to which the contract was subsequently allocated and (d) operating regions of each national participant who has withdrawn from the Job Network since it commenced operating.
- (3) What sum has the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business paid to national providers for Flex 3 payments.
- (4) What portion of the sum referred to in part (3) has been paid by the providers for assistance to the unemployed such as wage subsidies, training and clothing and fare assistance.

*10 March 1999*

483 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many Centrelink customer service officers were employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in Moreland, Vic., on (i) 1 January 1999, (ii) 1 January 1998 and (iii) 1 January 1997.
- (2) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (1) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in Moreland, Vic., on (i) 1 January 1999, (ii) 1 January 1998 and (iii) 1 January 1997.

*22 March 1999*

501 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What sum of Commonwealth funding was spent on advertising the private health insurance rebate incentives in regional and rural (a) newspapers, (b) radio and (c) television.
- (2) Who decides which regional and rural outlets are chosen for advertising similar campaigns and what selection process is followed.
- (3) Why were communities, like Oberon, NSW, with independent newspapers overlooked in the health insurance campaign.

505 **MR G. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Was 30 September 1998 the closing date for applications for Home and Community Care funding; if so, on what date will community groups who have applied for funding be advised whether they have been successful.
- (2) Will compensation be provided to groups which are adversely affected by a delay in the announcement of funding.

*23 March 1999*

- 517 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Who are the members of the Australian National Group who will make nominations for the election of 5 members of the International Court of Justice for the 9 year term beginning on 6 February 2000.
  - (2) By what date does Australia have to lodge nominations.
  - (3) Which states have made declarations accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.
  - (4) Which states have included reservations in their declarations accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.
- 518 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) When will advertisements seeking expressions of interest in another round of community aged care packages appear.
  - (2) Will non-ethnic specific packages be provided in the local government area of Blacktown, NSW; if not, why not.
- 523 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Centrelink customer service officers were employed in the Centrelink customer service centres in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.
  - (2) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (1) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.
  - (3) How many Centrelink customer service officers were located in the Centrelink customer service centres in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.
  - (4) How many of the Centrelink customer service officers referred to in part (3) were involved in “point-of-contact” service to clients in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT and (b) Woden, ACT on 22 March 1999.

*24 March 1999*

- MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 534 and 538)—  
Has (a) the Minister, (b) his or her predecessors or (c) the Department or an agency for which the Minister holds, or his or her predecessors held, portfolio responsibility, engaged Australasian Research Strategies, related companies or organisations or Mr Mark Textor to undertake research since 2 March 1996; if so, in each case, (i) what was the nature of the research, (ii) what was its purpose, (iii) what was its cost, (iv) was the outcome of the research supplied to a non-government organisation, individual or political party and (v) will the Minister release the outcome of the research.
- 534 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- 538 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

545 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the UK Government requested the extradition of Mr Peter Clarence Foster; if so, what sum has the Commonwealth spent in pursuing the request.
- (2) Did counsel appearing for the Commonwealth in the Federal Court before Justice Spender state that all costs related to the extradition proceedings against Mr Foster had been met by the requesting country; if so, has the requesting country met all costs related to the proceedings; if not, what action will the Commonwealth take to rectify the misrepresentation.
- (3) Has the Commonwealth established the period of imprisonment for which Mr Foster is liable if he is convicted of the offences for which his extradition has been sought.
- (4) Is it a fact that (a) Mr Foster has spent 25 months in maximum security prison and 15 months solely waiting for the extradition proceedings and (b) the total period he has been detained is longer than the period referred to in part (3).
- (5) Has the UK Government sought a waiver of the specialty assurance in relation to 13 charges listed in the original warrant for Mr Foster's extradition; if so, (a) is the Government considering the request, (b) what precedents exist for waiving specialty assurances, (c) what action will the Government take and (d) have Mr Foster or his solicitors been told of the seeking of a waiver; if not, why.
- (6) Is the Minister able to say whether charges brought by the British Serious Fraud Squad against Mr Foster's co-accused, Mr Christopher Williams, in September 1998 were dismissed.
- (7) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to answers by the Lord Chancellor in the UK House of Lords to questions by Lord Spens about the extradition of Mr Foster; if so, (a) do the answers contradict submissions made by the Commonwealth to Justice Spender in the Federal Court and (b) will the Minister clarify the situation.

*30 March 1999*

565 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) In undertaking normal value investigations overseas, what specific steps does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) take, in addition to examining so-called audited accounts, to check the veracity of an exporter's claims.
- (2) Do the steps referred to in part (1) include reference to third parties or independent and credible trade and industry sources; if not, why not; if so, will the Minister provide specific examples.
- (3) Does the ACS recognise the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) and its purpose to provide data on perceptions of corruption within countries by national surveys.

- (4) Does the ACS make allowances and adjustments to quantify the reliability of audited accounts supplied by exporters from countries which suffer from crony capitalism or corruption.
- (5) Is it a fact that (a) Indonesia scored sixth lowest of the 100 countries ranked on the 1998 Corruption Perception Index and (b) Australian paper producers contend that it has a high level of corruption; if so, has the ACS allowed for possible corruption in Indonesia during its recent inquiries concerning Indonesia; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (6) Does the ACS apply regulations to the conduct of its officers undertaking overseas investigations.
- (7) Are ACS officers cautioned about the essential need to remain at arm's length from former colleagues who may represent the interests of foreign exporters from time to time as consultants or lobbyists.
- (8) Does the ACS permit its officers to rely upon the statements of former colleagues in the circumstances referred to in part (7).
- (9) Does the ACS impose checks and balances to detect undue influence in the circumstances referred to in part (7); if so, what are they; if not, why not.
- (10) Is it a fact that the public file report of the ACS officer who conducted the overseas inquiries in Indonesia for the inquiry into dumping of coated papers contains comments and words of appreciation for a former ACS officer who is now a consultant; if so, how does the ACS explain the comments.

566 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) determine normalcy in its consideration of normal values in overseas investigations when the country in question is markedly disturbed by economic, political or social crises with resultant impact on local markets from lack of demand and excess manufacturing capacity.
- (2) Is it a fact that in Indonesia (a) exchange rates fluctuate by as much as 26 per cent in a day and regularly move more than 10 per cent in either direction in a week, (b) volatile currency movements cause the currency to decline to a small percentage of its original value, (c) inflation rates reach as much as 8 per cent in a month and then turn negative, (d) interest rates reach 50 per cent per annum, (e) the banking system is collapsing with 60 to 80 per cent of loans non-performing, (f) many of the country's enterprises are technically insolvent and (g) the currency is artificially supported by substantial foreign aid including significant funding by the International Monetary Fund.
- (3) Does the ACS use weighted averages in the circumstances referred to in part (1); if so, is this approach adequate in the circumstances referred to in part (2).
- (4) Do the circumstances referred to in part (2) warrant the use of a surrogate country to establish normal values; if not, why not.

31 March 1999

572 **MR GRIFFIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is it a fact that the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (ADEC) approved the use of the pharmaceutical Tasmar (Tolcapone) but subsequently reversed its decision; if so, on what grounds did ADEC (a) originally approve the use of Tasmar and (b) reverse its decision.
- (2) Does ADEC's decision accord with the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's recommendation to allow Tasmar to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; if so, how.
- (3) In reversing its original recommendation regarding Tasmar, what (a) specialist opinions did ADEC rely on and (b) other options did ADEC canvass.
- (4) What consideration did ADEC give to allowing Tasmar to remain listed.
- (5) Was consideration given to the condition that patients were fully informed of the risk of liver toxicity and consented to the risk, as occurs in parts of the USA.
- (6) Did his delegate decide to allow limited access to Tasmar under the Special Access Scheme; if so, (a) was he consulted about the delegate's actions or decision, (b) what specialist opinions did his delegate rely on in making his decision and (c) what other options were considered by his delegate.
- (7) How does the recently reported risk of liver toxicity of 3 patients in 100 000 for Tasmar compare with other drug approvals for pharmaceutical compounds to treat serious illnesses.
- (8) What is his position on the acceptability of slightly higher risks of toxicity for a pharmaceutical designed specifically to treat serious and devastating diseases such as Parkinson's Disease than for a more general pharmaceutical.
- (9) Is it a fact that as a result of the decisions on Tasmar, Australians suffering Parkinson's Disease can obtain this drug legally in Australia if they can afford to buy it directly from the manufacturer.
- (10) In which countries, in addition to the USA and New Zealand, is Tasmar available to sufferers of Parkinson's Disease.
- (11) Is it a fact that as a result of the decisions on Tasmar (a) some Australians suffering Parkinson's Disease are travelling to New Zealand, obtaining the pharmaceutical there and bringing a 3 month supply back to Australia which is permissible under Therapeutic Goods Administration and Australian Customs Service rules and (b) the unsubsidised price of the pharmaceutical, or a trip to New Zealand to buy it, is not affordable or practical for most sufferers of Parkinson's Disease; if so, what is his position on this outcome.
- (12) Will he (a) reconsider the issue personally and (b) exercise ministerial discretion to resubmit the matter to ADEC for further consideration.

574 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has he or his Department engaged Australasian Research Strategies to conduct research; if so, (a) what matters are to be, or were, canvassed in the research, (b) who has received a copy of the research report, (c) is the report

available to the public; if so, at what cost, (d) was the research put to tender; if so, (i) what criteria and process were used to select the successful tender and (ii) was the cheapest tender accepted, (e) did any of the States or Territories contribute to the cost of the research, (f) what was the cost to the Commonwealth and (g) what percentage of the cost was borne by the Commonwealth and each of the contributing States and Territories.

*11 May 1999*

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Does question B4 in the questionnaire for the survey conducted by Centrelink on Job Search Training ask specifically whether the Job Network was responsible for placing the respondent in employment; if not, why not.

- (2) Is it a fact that the questionnaire has no capacity to determine whether the Job Network was responsible for assisting a respondent find employment.
- 585 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Has the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business undertaken research into the success rate of employment services companies using Flex3 to place persons in employment since the introduction of the Job Network; if so, how do the outcomes compare with the performance of Employment Services Regulatory Authority employment services.
- 587 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is it a fact that the draft report of the National Competition Council on the review of subsections 51(2) and 51(3) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* recommends the removal of certain exemptions for intellectual property under the Act; if so, will he ensure similarly to his assurance concerning the protection of newsagencies' home deliveries that the removal will not endanger research and innovation in Australia.
- 588 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the proposed new tax system provide that a charitable organisation selling raffle tickets will be required to impose a 10 per cent goods and services tax on the sale of each ticket.
  - (2) Will commercial gambling operations be provided with goods and services tax concessions; if so, is the consistent with concerns he has expressed about gambling.
  - (3) Will he refer the matter to the Productivity Commission to be included in its review of gambling.
- 590 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Has Centrelink decided not to notify pensioners directly about changes to their entitlements.
  - (2) Are pensioners required to phone a central inquiry point for information about their entitlements.
  - (3) Are sufficient personnel available to deal promptly with pensioners' queries.
  - (4) What are the delay times in responding to telephone queries to the Centrelink multilingual inquiry points.
  - (5) Has the number of staff been increased to deal with queries to the multilingual inquiry points.
- 592 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is he able to say how many injuries were caused by accidents involving the use of cigarette lighters in Australia in 1998.
  - (2) How many of the accidents referred to in part (1) involved children.
- 593 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Are married couples entitled to prescriptions at no cost when more than 52 prescriptions are made in a single year.
  - (2) To how many free prescriptions are single persons entitled annually.
  - (3) Is reducing the free prescription rate for single persons being considered.

- 594 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Is the importation of cigarette lighters banned under regulation 4S of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1996 being investigated; if so, what are the details.
  - (2) How does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) ensure that imported cigarette lighters comply with regulation 4S.
  - (3) Has the ACS prosecuted importers for imports contravening the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.
  - (4) How many cigarette lighters are imported into Australia annually.
- 595 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 155 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165), does the concept of segregated air space involve aircraft landing from one direction and taking off from the opposite direction so that the paths of aircraft which are arriving and departing do not intersect either on land or in the air; if not, will he describe the concept which was supported by the study conducted by Ratner & Associates in 1992.
  - (2) Do any modes of operation under the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport involve the paths of arriving and departing aircraft crossing either on land or in the air; if so, which modes.
- 598 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 185 (*Hansard*, 30 March 1999, page 3958), will he provide a list of private health insurers providing coverage for domestic nursing care.
- 599 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy program been put to competitive tender; if so, (a) why, (b) how will a better service for refugees and humanitarian entrants be provided and (c) how will he ensure that the quality of service will not be undermined.
  - (2) Has he responded to the findings in the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs on competitive tendering of welfare service delivery, presented to the House on 29 June 1998, which advised against the further tendering of welfare services until the Government develops a contestability continuum; if so, what was his response; if not, why not.
- 600 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many Job Network sites (a) existed immediately after the Government introduced its new Jobs Network program and (b) providing services have been (i) closed and (ii) opened since the program began operating.

*12 May 1999*

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 369 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4178), does he assert that each organisation who is a member of or affiliated to the small business coalition believes that 50 000 jobs would be created if small businesses were exempt from federal industrial unfair dismissal laws; if not, which organisations make that assertion.
  - (2) What percentage of businesses employing 15 people or fewer are (a) constitutional corporations, (b) respondents to a federal industrial award or (c) located in Victoria or a Territory.
- 604 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 498 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4196), how many officers responsible for serving members of the public were employed by the Commonwealth Employment Service in the electoral division of Barton on 1 July 1996.
  - (2) How many case managers employed by employment service providers, undertaking work on behalf of the Commonwealth pursuant to the Government's employment service delivery model which was announced on 9 November 1998, are performing duties in, or concerning persons who are unemployed or are seeking employment assistance in, the electoral division of Barton.
  - (3) Is the number of clients who receive service pursuant to the Government's service delivery model a relevant factor in determining the success of the model.
  - (4) Will the Minister establish how many clients in total have been assisted through the new service delivery model in the electoral division of Barton since 1 July 1998; if not, why not.
- 605 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What resolutions did Australia sponsor at the UN Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in April 1999.
  - (2) What was the text of each resolution which came to a vote.
  - (3) Which members (a) voted for, (b) voted against, and (c) abstained from voting on each resolution.
- 607 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) When was the Regional Assistance Program (RAP) introduced.
  - (2) What are the guidelines relating to its operation.
  - (3) Who is involved in the selection of RAP projects.
  - (4) With respect to each RAP project approved since 2 March 1996, (a) what was the project, (b) in which electoral division did it operate, (c) what sum was allocated to it and (d) how many (i) full-time, (ii) part-time and (iii) casual jobs did it generate.
- 609 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did he refer in a speech on 20 April 1999 to the Area Consultative Committees Chairs National Forum to an employer organisation which is

acting with the Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) to develop a series of seminars and build a template Australian Workplace Agreement; if so, to which employer organisation did he refer.

- (2) What sum has the OEA spent on the exercise to the date of answering this question.
  - (3) Will the OEA provide funds for a series of seminars to be conducted in rural and regional New South Wales in conjunction with the OEA; if so, what sum.
- 613 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Will he provide details of all foreign awards that current and former Australian Defence Force personnel have permission to accept in respect of overseas military service after September 1945.
- 614 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many active reservists in the (a) RAN, (b) Army and (c) RAAF have 8 years or more service with the Australian Defence Force.
  - (2) How many reservists referred to in part (1) receive a subsidised housing loan under the Defence HomeOwner Scheme.
  - (3) What is the estimated annual cost of the subsidised loans referred to in part (2).
  - (4) What procedures are used to advise reservists of their potential housing loan entitlements before resignation or transfer to the inactive reserve.
- 616 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it proposed to exclude the jewellery industry from the transitional arrangements to phase down the wholesale sales tax rate of 32 per cent before the possible implementation of a goods and services tax in July 2000; if so, why.
  - (2) Is a need to protect some industries from a sudden drop in the tax rate the reason for the transitional arrangements; if so, does the jewellery industry require similar protection; if not, why not.
  - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the submission to his Department by the Jewellery Association of Australia (JAA) that the introduction of a 10 per cent goods and services tax would result in a drop in jewellery prices of between 6 and 10 per cent but only between 2 and 5 per cent under a transitional wholesale sales tax of 22 per cent; if so, what is his position on the JAA's submission.
  - (4) What evidence exists that a significant decrease in sales will not affect the jewellery industry before the proposed introduction of a goods and services tax in July 2000.
  - (5) Will the Commonwealth provide support for small businesses in rural areas affected by exclusion from the transitional arrangements; if so, what support.
- 617 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What criteria must be satisfied before a health service can be covered by the Medicare Benefits Scheme.

- (2) Are chiropractic services covered by Medicare; if not, (a) why not, (b) when did a formal review last consider the inclusion of chiropractic services and (c) what is the Government's position on the inclusion of chiropractic and allied health services.
- (3) Will the Government conduct formal reviews of the scope of the Medicare Benefits Scheme soon; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) by whom will they be conducted.

*31 May 1999*

621 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is it a fact that approximately 253 million litres of used oil are generated in Australia annually.
- (2) What means are used to dispose of used oil.
- (3) Was a meeting held in April 1998 between representatives of the Australian waste oil refinery industry, the Department of the Treasury, the Australian Customs Service and Environment Australia; if so, did the meeting agree that Environment Australia would propose a tax concession to assist used oil recyclers to remain financially viable.
- (4) Did Commonwealth and State environmental authorities agree to meet on 15 May 1998 to address problems facing the oil recycling industry and advise the Oil Recyclers Association of the outcomes the week after the meeting.
- (5) What environmental risks are associated with burning untreated waste oil.
- (6) Does the Government support further recycling of used waste oil; if so, what steps will the Minister take to encourage it.
- (7) Has the Government considered using economic incentives for the collection, storage and treatment of used oil; if so, what incentives, will they be implemented; if so, when and what immediate and long term effects will they have on the used oil recycling industry.
- (8) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the prospect of the used oil recycling industry closing down if economic incentives proposed by the Oil Recyclers Association are not acted upon.

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

- (1) What is the Government's official position on the issue of third world debt highlighted by groups like the Jubilee 2000 Coalition International.
- (2) Are third world countries in debt to Australia; if so, in each case, (a) which country is indebted, (b) what sum is involved, (c) when was the debt incurred and (d) on what terms was it incurred.
- (3) Will the Government consider cancelling debts of third world countries; if not, why not; if so, which debts.

623 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Is assistance under the Pig Producers Exit Plan (PPEP) available to pig producers receiving assistance under the Family Farm Restart Scheme (FFRS); if not, (a)

why not and (b) will the Government consider extending coverage of the PPEP to recipients of assistance under the FFRS; if not, why not.

- 624 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is his Department reviewing the status of a number of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated pension recipients; if so, (a) why, (b) who is conducting the review and (c) is the review ongoing.
- 625 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—What funding is available through his Department in 1999-2000 for the (a) Joint Venture Scheme, (b) Community Care Seeding Grants Program, (c) Residential Care Development Scheme, (d) Healthy Lifestyle Encouragement grants, (e) Never too late! grants, (f) health promotion grants, (g) grants-in-aid, (h) Their service—Our heritage commemoration program and (i) Claims Assistance Grants Scheme.
- 626 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Does Job Futures/Job quest continue to offer services at 1 Monitor Road, Merrylands, NSW 2160; if not, (a) why is the service advertised on the Job Network website and (b) does a Job Network placement agency operate in the local government area of Holroyd to assist in alleviating the serious unemployment rate in the area.
  - (2) Will the Government increase Job Network services in the area.
- 627 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the estimated total sum of taxation concessions provided annually to excluded superannuation funds.
  - (2) What is the estimated total sum of taxation concessions which will be provided annually to excluded superannuation funds which opt to invest 100 per cent of their funds in their principal business premises.
- 628 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the (a) Victorian National Parks Association's offer of a number of grazing licences in Victoria's Alpine National Park at an annual fee equivalent to \$16 per head of stock and (b) Victorian Government's decision to reject the offer in favour of fees equivalent to \$5 per head per season.
  - (2) Will he refer the matter to the National Competition Council for investigation as a possible breach of National Competition Policy.
- 629 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the catchment areas for the proposed Centrelink call centres for (a) Maryborough, Qld, and (b) Port Augusta, SA, referred to in the Minister's Department's 1999-2000 portfolio budget statements.
  - (2) What are the populations of the catchment areas for the proposed (a) Maryborough and (b) Port Augusta call centres.
  - (3) How many Centrelink customers reside in the catchment areas for the proposed (a) Maryborough and (b) Port Augusta call centres.
  - (4) Will each of the proposed call centres be part of the national network of call centres or will it take calls only from a defined rural area.

- 630 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Has the Commonwealth provided financial support to Pacific Dunlop since 1989; if so, (a) what sum and (b) for what purpose.
- 631 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) How many work-for-the-dole projects are operating in the electoral divisions of (a) Throsby, (b) Cunningham, (c) Gilmore and (d) Hughes.
  - (2) With respect to each project in each electoral division referred to in part (1), (a) what organisations are involved in running the project, (b) where is the project located, (c) how many (i) voluntary and (ii) compulsory participants are engaged in the project and (d) what is the expected duration of the project.
  - (3) Have participants in the projects been injured requiring hospital and/or medical attention.
  - (4) What arrangements exist to cover (a) hospital or medical attention costs and (b) provision of compensation when participants are injured.
- 632 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—
- (1) What actions have the governments of the Commonwealth, States and Territories taken to implement the platform of action adopted by governments at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4-15 September 1995).
  - (2) What steps has the Government taken to decide the composition and size of the Australian delegation to the Fifth World Conference on Women (New York, 5-9 June 2000).
- 633 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does his Department acknowledge that unacceptable noise levels affect a number of residential properties on Nelson Bay Road, Williamtown, NSW, in direct line with the flight path of the runway at RAAF Williamtown.
  - (2) Will he (a) authorise a survey of the area to determine how many properties are affected and (b) consider the acquisition of properties identified by the survey as adversely affected.
- 634 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Will his Department pay 'solatium' to all residents of Slades Road, Williamtown, NSW, whose homes have been compulsorily acquired by his Department because of excessive noise levels.
  - (2) Does his Department accept that the quality of life of the residents, who are mostly aged, has been diminished by the forced acquisition and subsequent relocation.
- 635 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is it a fact that (a) a heritage study is being conducted on the Stockton Rifle Range and (b) agents have been commissioned to dispose of assets at the site before the heritage study has been completed; if so, will he ensure that (i) the appointment of agents to dispose of assets is terminated and no disposals occur until the results of the study have been fully and fairly

considered and (ii) the site will be preserved in its entirety if the study finds that the site and its appointments have heritage significance.

- (2) Did the Government undertake before the 1998 general election to give the site to a trust and have it returned to its former use as an active rifle range; if so, will he ensure that the undertaking is delivered.

636 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Further to her answer to a question without notice concerning an agreement with the NSW Government for home and community care funding (*Hansard*, 17 February 1999, page 3004), has she signed the agreement; if not, are frail aged and persons with disabilities in New South Wales being disadvantaged as a result.
- (2) When did she receive the application for home and community care funding from the Hon. Faye Lo Po' or her Department.
- (3) When did she respond to the Hon. Faye Lo Po' requesting further information.
- (4) Will she release the funding; if so, when.

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

- (1) What is the filing fee for an unfair dismissal application in the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC).
- (2) Is the AIRC collecting a filing fee for unfair dismissal applications; if not, (a) on what date did it cease collecting the fee and (b) what total sum was collected in filing fees for unfair dismissal claims between 16 February 1999 and the date the fee ceased to be collected.

638 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Has the Sydney Airport Corporation or a predecessor organisation undertaken a study or investigation into the drainage system of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and the surrounding environment; if so, did the study identify pollutants being transferred from the airport site into the Cook's River; if so, will the Government take urgent action to prevent the pollution.

639 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to question No. 605, what were the (a) positions and (b) qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the session of the UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva in April 1999.

640 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 522, (*Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 4342), did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) or a person from the DPP's office discuss the allegations of perjury against Mr Corrigan with the Attorney-General, the Minister, another Minister or a staff member of a Minister's office; if so, in each case, (a) when, (b) by what means did the discussion occur and (c) what was said by each participant.
- (2) Has the DPP or a person from the DPP's office discussed the matter with another person; if so, in each case, (a) when, (b) by what means did the discussion occur and (c) what was said by each participant.

- (3) Has the DPP received or despatched correspondence about the matter other than the letters referred to in the answer to question No. 522; if so, in each case, (a) on what date, (b) from or to which person and (c) with what contents.
- (4) Did the DPP raise the matter with the Australian Federal Police or take other steps to seek further information on the matter; if not, why not.
- (5) Was the DPP's decision not to proceed based on an absence of sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case of perjury; if so, what was the nature of the unavailable evidence which in the DPP's view rendered the prospects of a successful prosecution unlikely.
- (6) Was the DPP's decision not to proceed based on a question of law; if so, what was the nature of the legal impediment.

*1 June 1999*

- 642 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether organochlorides are used in common hydrocarbon fuels such as unleaded petrol, diesel and avgas.
  - (2) Is the Minister also able to say whether (a) studies have been conducted in Australia or elsewhere to show the effect of organochlorides on living organisms and (b) links have been identified between organochlorides and specific orders such as chronic fatigue syndrome.
- 643 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel received (a) Defence HomeOwner housing loans, (b) Defence Service Homes housing loans, (c) Home Purchase and Sales Expense Allowance (HPSEA), (d) Child Education Allowance, (e) Opportunity Seat Available Travel (OPPSAT), (f) subsidised married quarter or living quarter accommodation, (g) subsidised Board in barracks and similar accommodation and (h) funeral costs and expenses in the latest year for which data is available.
  - (2) What is the estimated annual cost to the ADF for the provision of each benefit referred to in part (1).
  - (3) Will each benefit referred to in part (1) be identified on group certificates under the provisions of the Government's A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits Reporting) Act; if so, what are the implications for ADF personnel.
- 644 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) On what dates since his answer to question No. 2409 (*Hansard*, 14 May 1998, page 3500) has he written to the Premier of New South Wales or has the Premier written to him concerning the nomination of the Sydney Opera House for inscription on the World Heritage List.
  - (2) Will the nomination be lodged in time to be considered at the next session of the World Heritage Bureau.
- 645 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—On what occasions, by what means and with what outcomes have steps been taken to thwart complex tax haven

avoidance schemes since the answer to question No. 1717 (*Hansard*, 17 August 1989, page 209).

646 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What are the names, qualifications and terms of the members of the Australian National Commission for Unesco.
- (2) When and where (a) did the Commission last meet and (b) will it next meet.
- (3) Did Prime Minister Fraser open the fifth session of the World Heritage Committee at the Sydney Opera House on 26 October 1981.
- (4) Did the Australian delegate to the World Heritage Committee's 20th session (Merida, Mexico, 2-7 December 1996), 21st session (Naples, Italy, 1-6 December 1997) and 22nd session (Kyoto, Japan, 30 November-5 December 1998) inform the Committee of the Australian Government's wish to host the 24th session of the committee in Australia.
- (5) Will the Government formally invite the committee to hold its 24th session at the Sydney Opera House in the year 2000.

**MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 647-675)—

- (1) Has the Minister or a department or agency administered by the Minister provided grants to the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) or bodies related to the NFF since 2 March 1996; if so, (a) in each case, (i) what was the nature of the grant and (ii) for what purpose was it provided and (b) what total sum was provided.
- (2) To what boards, committees or other bodies for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility have (a) Mr Donald McGauchie (b) Dr Wendy Craik or (c) other officers or staff of the NFF been appointed since 2 March 1996.
- (3) What sums has the Commonwealth paid in (a) sitting fees, (b) board fees, (c) travel costs and (d) related expenses with respect to each appointment referred to in part (2).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 658 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- 659 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.
- 660 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 661 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 662 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 663 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 664 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care.
- 665 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 666 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.
- 667 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer.
- 668 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.
- 669 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.
- 670 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation.
- 671 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.
- 672 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services.
- 673 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.
- 674 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation.
- 675 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism.
- 676 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Do restrictions, stemming from the East Timor electoral process and associated violence, apply to the issuing of visas to Indonesians wishing to travel to Australia; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) do the restrictions apply to previously successful applicants who met the conditions of a previously issued visa.

*2 June 1999*

- 677 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) What proportion of the additions to the reserve system for the proposed West Australian Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) consists of (a) old growth forest, (b) regrowth forest and (c) woodlands or scrub.
  - (2) How many hectares of forest included in the original deferred forest areas have now been excluded from the proposed reserve system.

- (3) How many hectares of forest outside the original deferred forest areas have now been included in the proposed reserve system.
  - (4) What are the locations of the places on the interim list of the National Estate in the RFA region that are now outside the announced reserve system and what advice did the Australian Heritage Commission provide on the significance of the places.
- 678 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did Mr Ian Knop and a team from Profile Ray and Berndtson conduct a survey in connection with the Indigenous Employment program; if so, what were the (a) nature, (b) cost and (c) findings of the survey.
  - (2) Has his Department signed a memorandum of understanding with employers offering to employ indigenous persons; if so, what is its nature.
  - (3) Is his Department involved in a strategy with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) to place project officers in each State to assist the Indigenous Employment Program; if so, (a) what is the nature of the strategy, (b) how was the ACCI selected, (c) were other employer organisations approached or considered and (d) has the ACCI received a grant from the Commonwealth for its involvement; if so, what sum.
  - (4) Are project officers engaged in the ACCI project also recruiting members to the ACCI in competition with other employer organisations; if so, will he allow this to continue.
- 679 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Has the Australian Student Traineeship Foundation (ASTF) provided the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) with 18 school/industry liaison officers; if so, (a) was a selection process involved and, if so, what was its nature, (b) has the ACCI been provided with funding for 8 school/industry liaison officers with State and Territory Chambers of Commerce and Industry and 7 with industry associations; if so, (i) what is the nature of the funding and (ii) who are the 7 industry associations and (c) are ACCI liaison officers also attempting to enrol employers as members of the ACCI; if so, is this acceptable to the Commonwealth.
  - (2) Did the ASTF also enter into a project with the National Farmers' Federation; if so, were other employer organisations considered for an ASTF project.
  - (3) Did the ASTF *Networker* magazine for March 1999 contain a promotion for the ACCI with member information; if so, (a) why, (b) does the magazine provide similar advertising for every other employer and employee organisation; if not why not and (c) did the ACCI pay the ASTF for the promotion.
  - (4) How many copies of the magazine are printed.
- 680 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Who conducted the pilot study, referred to in his Department's discussion paper entitled "The hidden workforce: Illegal workers in Australia and those

that would join them”, which led to Centrelink finding a small number of a sample group, whose visitor visas had expired, drawing social welfare payments.

- (2) How many persons were included in the sample group.
  - (3) How many of the sample group were found to be drawing social welfare payments.
  - (4) What total sum in welfare payments had the persons referred to in part (3) obtained fraudulently.
  - (5) Does the Crimes Act provide penalties for employers employing persons without work rights; if so, (a) what is the nature of the penalties and (b) when were the penalties last reviewed.
  - (6) Is he able to say what civil and criminal penalties may be imposed on employers in the USA who knowingly recruit persons without work rights and continue to employ them.
  - (7) Is the possession of a tax file number satisfactory evidence of the right to work in Australia; if not, why not.
  - (8) How often is an employer required to notify the Australian Taxation Office of the tax file numbers of new employees.
  - (9) Is the requirement referred to in part (8) adequate to prevent unscrupulous employers and illegal workers being detected.
  - (10) Has his Department considered removing the right of Australian relatives to sponsor migration or visits from overseas if the relatives have previously sponsored persons who failed to depart Australia lawfully.
- 681 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—
- (1) Has the Government outlaid Commonwealth funds for a luxury “skybox” at Stadium Australia and a box at the Superdrome where basketball will be staged; if so, (a) further to the answer to question No. 515 (*Hansard*, 13 May 1996, page 4456), does the sum of \$850 000 referred to in part (a) of the answer include the boxes at Stadium Australia and the Superdrome; if not, what is the additional cost of the boxes, (b) is the Government’s use of the boxes confined to the Olympic Games and (c) what criteria apply to use of the boxes by the Prime Minister and other Ministers.
  - (2) Does the sum of \$850 000 cover all hospitality costs which will be incurred by the Prime Minister and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
  - (3) Have the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade finalised criteria for the distribution of tickets available to the Government for use at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games; if so, what are the criteria.

*3 June 1999*

682 **MR LINDSAY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many resident/resident applications were granted funding by Legal Aid since 1 June 1998.

- (2) How many successful resident applications for legal funding were made by (a) men and (b) women since 1 June 1998.
- (3) How many men have applied for legal aid in Family Law matters since 1 June 1998.
- (4) How many men have applied for legal aid in Family Law matters since 1 June 1998 but were unsuccessful on (a) financial grounds or (b) merit.
- (5) Does Legal Aid treat a resident/resident application by a financially eligible father, who receives only fortnightly contact and lives in the same suburb as the mother with no history of domestic violence, as being not a substantial issue and therefore not eligible for funding on lack of merit.
- (6) Since the *B and B* case, how many resident/resident orders excluding consent orders, expressed (a) in raw numbers and (b) as a percentage, has the Family Court ordered in cases where the contact with both parents is at least 40 per cent.

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

- (1) Which states have signed the Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted in Rome on 17 July 1998.
- (2) When and where did each state sign the Statute.
- (3) Which signatory states have ratified, accepted or approved the Statute.
- (4) When did each state deposit its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.
- (5) Which states have acceded to the Statute.
- (6) When did each state deposit its instrument of accession.

684 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) Did the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (18 December 1979, New York) enter into force (a) generally on 3 September 1981 and (b) for Australia on 27 August 1983.
- (2) Are states parties to the convention required by Article 18 of the convention to submit a report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (a) within one year after the entry into force for the state concerned and (b) thereafter at least every four years.
- (3) On what dates has Australia submitted reports to the committee.
- (4) On what date will Australia next submit a report to the committee.
- (5) Where and when was the last session of the committee held.
- (6) What were the qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the session.
- (7) On what dates has Australia nominated an expert for election to the committee and with what result.
- (8) When will the next meeting of states parties be convened to elect members of the committee.
- (9) Does Australia propose to nominate an expert for membership of the committee at the next meeting of states parties.

7 June 1999

- 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.

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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.

*8 June 1999*

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 (*Hansard*, 7 June 1999, page 4980) 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

*9 June 1999*

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 530 (*Hansard*, 7 June 1999, page 4980) concerning Mr Mark Textor and Australasian Research Strategies and related companies, what are the remaining two stages of the outstanding work for which Australasian Research Strategies was engaged to perform for his Department by 22 May 1998.
- (2) What was the nature of the tender process used by his Department to select Australasian Research Strategies to perform the work.
- (3) What portion of the contract price of \$340 000 plus a maximum of \$35 000 for travel has been approved for payment.
- (4) On engagement, who did his Department and/or Australasian Research Strategies consult on the nature of the research on attitudes to workplace reform.
- (5) What was the nature of the research work performed by Australasian Research Strategies for the first and second stage of the report and how was it conducted.
- (6) Who was involved in the 3 May 1999 session involving business, academic and media representatives on the research results and why were unions excluded.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to Senate question No. 636 (*Senate Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 4928), was the fee for connecting Kirribilli House via cable to the Foxtel television network \$1575; if so, is it a fact that Foxtel's regular quotation for installing a cable connection to a house in the suburb of Kirribilli is either \$79.95 or \$29.95 if the subscriber agrees to receive the service for a minimum of 12 months; if so, why did the Official Establishments Program pay \$1575.
- (2) Was a quotation for the installation obtained from Foxtel before the cable connection was made; if so, (a) by whom and (b) by what process was the quotation obtained.
- (3) Did he, his office, his personal staff at Kirribilli House or officers within the Official Establishments Program query the installation price; if not, why not.

723 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has a permanently sited information centre been established to dispense news and information on the proposed second Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek to concerned local residents; if so, where; if not, (a) why not and (b) will an information centre be established.
- (2) If an information centre is not to be established, why not.
- (3) If an information centre will be established, (a) when will it be established and (b) will it also dispense information in languages other than English.
- (4) Was an information centre opened to dispense news and information for concerned local citizens when the Howard Government resurrected the Holsworthy area as a possible site for Sydney's second airport development; if so, (a) where was it located and (b) when was it closed.

724 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has he or his predecessor received formal or informal advice from his Department or Airservices Australia about the interoperability of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek; if so, did the advice (a) include a suggestion that the use of the east-west runway at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport for departures would need to be minimised and use concentrated on the north-south runway pushing more planes into the Bennelong funnel and (b) conclude that one of the two airports would require aircraft to depart at lower altitudes.

725 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Was a publication entitled *Investing Money—Your choices; information to help you plan your retirement* produced at Commonwealth expense; if so, (a) what was the cost of producing it, (b) how many copies were produced, (c) how is the publication being distributed, (d) to whom is it being distributed and (e) is the publication a Government initiative for the International Year of Older Persons; if so, what other publications (i) have been or (ii) will be published and distributed for the International Year of Older Persons.

- 726 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Are members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) being offered fixed term appointments (FTA).
  - (2) How many FTAs did the AFP Commissioner offer in 1995.
  - (3) What do the AFP's policy and guidelines state shall be the criteria for FTA renewals.
  - (4) Are FTAs being made to individual AFP members at position or salary levels lower than that which the individual AFP members currently occupy; if so, does this (a) comply with the original intentions of the introduction of the fixed term employment provisions for AFP members and (b) amount to constructive dismissal of the officers concerned.
  - (5) What compensation will the members referred to in part (4) receive.
  - (6) Will their other lawful entitlements be affected.
  - (7) Were 1995 FTAs offered at a lower position or salary level.
- 727 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is it proposed that the service of civil marriage celebrants will be subject to the goods and services tax; if so, will (a) marriage certificates attract the tax and (b) compensation be paid for the increased administration entailed.
- 728 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) On how many occasions since 1990 have public servants within his Department appealed to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission for alleged discrimination in their employment.
  - (2) Is it a fact that trainee public servants have no appeal rights against decisions affecting their permanency.
  - (3) Since 1990 how many trainee public servants assigned to his Department have not been accepted for permanent positions within the Department.
  - (4) How does his Department's record of appointing trainee public servants to permanent positions compare with that of other Department's.
- 729 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—How many veterans (a) reside in the electoral division of Chisholm and (b) residing in the electoral division of Chisholm have applied for legal aid since 1996.

*10 June 1999*

- 730 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What claims have been paid by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) arising from activities in the (a) Algerian, (b) Iraqi, (c) Iranian, (d) Libyan, (e) Sudanese, (f) Syrian and (g) Yemeni markets in each financial year since 1978-79.
  - (2) What other funds has EFIC spent in pursuing export opportunities in each market referred to in part (1) in each financial year since 1978-79.
- 731 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Has his attention been drawn to recent allegations in Senate Estimates hearings concerning the deportation of Ms Zhu Quingping to China; if so, is he able to say

(a) what aircraft was used to transport Ms Quingping to China, (b) if the aircraft was civilian, which airline operated it and (c) was there a medical team on board the aircraft.

732 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is there a discrepancy between the statement in the answer to part (1) of question No. 2758 (*Hansard*, 30 November 1995, page 4511) that the proportion of total health expenditure funded by health insurance funds was 11.2 per cent in 1993-94 and the statement in the answer to question No. 209 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165) that the proportion of total health expenditure funded by private health insurance funds was 32.8 per cent in 1994-95; if not, why not.
- (2) Further to the answer to question No. 209, why is he no longer able to produce data showing the proportion of total recurrent health expenditure funded by private health insurance.
- (3) What impact is the lack of information referred to in part (2) having on the quality of health policy development.

*21 June 1999*

\*733 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 21 (*Hansard*, 8 February 1999, page 2125) in which he referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of his Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.

\*734 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 24 (*Hansard*, 9 February 1999, page 2264) in which he referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of his Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.

\*735 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Further to the answer to question No. 25 (*Hansard*, 25 March 1999, page 2125) in which the Minister referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of the Minister's Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.

- \*736 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 26 (*Hansard*, 8 March 1999, page 3412) in which he referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of his Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.
- \*737 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 30 (*Hansard*, 16 February 1999, page 2924) in which he referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of his Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.
- \*738 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Further to the answer to question No. 31 (*Hansard*, 9 December 1998, page 1809) in which the Minister referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of the Minister's Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.
- \*739 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Further to the answer to question No. 33 (*Hansard*, 10 December 1998, page 1998) in which he referred to positive discrimination measures within the internal management practices of his Department, for those measures which are available to and impact on the general public (a) what measures has the Department implemented which could be categorised as positive discrimination, that is, providing preference to certain citizens on the basis of their gender, sexuality, age, race, place of birth or some other personal characteristic, and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.
- \*740 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 34 (*Hansard*, 9 March 1999, page 3514), (a) what specific measures has his Department undertaken that facilitate the equitable participation of migrants, both citizens and non-citizens, in Australian society and (b) what are the details and funding commitments in each case.
- \*741 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Are there plans for further development of the Telstra site at Landsdale, WA; if not, is it intended to develop plans for further development.

- (2) Will Telstra require expansion of the land it holds at the site; if so, what are its plans for land acquisition.

**MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*742-\*759)—Does the Minister's Department operate a library or libraries; if so, (a) what sum was spent on purchasing new books for departmental libraries in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98 and (iii) 1998-99 and (b) will the Minister provide a list of the title and author of each book purchased by departmental libraries in 1998-99.

- \*742 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister.
- \*743 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- \*744 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer.
- \*745 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- \*746 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- \*747 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- \*748 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- \*749 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- \*750 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- \*751 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- \*752 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- \*753 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.
- \*754 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- \*755 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.
- \*756 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- \*757 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- \*758 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- \*759 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- \*760 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum was allocated to each federal electoral division in New South Wales under the Black Spots Program in (a) total since 1996 and (b) the most recent funding allocation round.
- (2) Further to his statement in an answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 11 May 199, page 4118) about the allocation of more than \$700 000 in funding under the Black Spots Program to 5 problem areas in the electoral division of Bennelong, will he (a) provide details of each problem area and (b) the sum allocated in each case.

- \*761 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answers to questions Nos. 426 (*Hansard*, 23 March 1999, page 4145) and 546 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5119), in 1997-98 how many visitors from (a) Argentina, (b) the People's Republic of China, (c) Lebanon, (d) Taiwan, (e) Turkey, (f) the United Arab Emirates and (g) Vietnam remained in Australia on a new visa issued through refugee/humanitarian processes.
  - (2) What was the nature of the visa categories for the persons from each country referred to in part (1) who made a legal departure on a new visa.
- \*762 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) tendered for contracts in the field of applied dynamics since 1989; if so, in each case, (a) what was the contract for, (b) who were the successful tenderers and (c) what sum was involved.
  - (2) What total sum has DSTO spent on procuring library material concerning applied dynamics since 1989.
- \*763 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What sum was raised from the partial privatisation of Telstra.
  - (2) How has the sum referred to in part (1) been allocated.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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### SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

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### COMMITTEES

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

#### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** Mr Lieberman (*Chair*),  
Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Melham, Mr Quick,  
Mr Snowdon, Mr Wakelin.

*Current inquiry:*

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

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

*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, Ms 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—

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.

*Current inquiry:*

Entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**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 Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon. (*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.*)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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