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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 47

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **JACKIE KELLY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Tourist Commission Act 1987*.
- *2 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.

Orders of the day

- *1 **DIESEL AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS GRANTS SCHEME BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr Tanner*).
- *2 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AMENDMENT (DIESEL FUEL REBATE SCHEME) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr Tanner*).
- 3 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT (OMNIBUS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr Andren*).
- 4 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).

* 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.

- *8 **TELSTRA (TRANSITION TO FULL PRIVATE OWNERSHIP) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 22 June 1999*).
- *9 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 22 June 1999*).
- *10 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 22 June 1999*).
- *11 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 22 June 1999*).
- 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 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*) (*Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Mr Billson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Evans, viz.—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the House:*
- (1) expresses its concern that:
 - (a) the legislation is being dealt with in indecent haste and with inadequate consideration;
 - (b) the Government's claim that the legislation will 'solve the problem' of unacceptable content is not supported by the reality that the vast bulk of internet content is generated outside Australia;
 - (c) the proposals, including the idea of mandatory internet service provider filters, are unworkable and easily by-passed;
 - (d) the application of the narrowcasting classification regime to the regulation of internet content has not been thoroughly analysed and may well require revisiting in the future, in view of rapidly changing and converging technology; and
 - (e) the legislation does not include a sunset clause, or provision for review, given the speed of technological change in this area; and
 - (2) recommends that:
 - (a) efforts should be made by the Government to pursue international agreements on the regulation of internet content; and
 - (b) substantially more emphasis should be placed on end-user empowerment through information and education campaigns for parents, schools and guardians about the use of the internet and of end-user filter devices".
- 14 **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*).

- 15 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Sport and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 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 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
- 24 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 25 **SOCIAL SECURITY (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLIC) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 28 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).

- 29 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999—Mr Kerr*).
- 30 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 31 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *32 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *33 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—44TH AND 45TH QUARTERLY REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- *34 **BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1993-94 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *35 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1995-96 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 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 **AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT 1987—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.

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

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

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

- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.

- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.

- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.

- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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*).
- 123 **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

Presentation and statements

- *1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 101ST INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, BRUSSELS, AND A BILATERAL VISIT TO NORWAY: Report. (*Total time for statements—25 minutes.*)
- *2 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Report on Pine Gap Agreement and five treaties tabled on 11 May 1999. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

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

- †2 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of the efforts of the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition in working to obtain a debt free start in the new millennium for a billion people in impoverished countries;
 - (2) supports the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition's efforts to present a 370 000 signature petition to the G7 leaders meeting in Cologne on 19 June 1999; and
 - (3) supports the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition's efforts to encourage the G7 leaders to take effective steps to prevent high levels of debt building up again in impoverished countries. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 28 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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 15 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON MILITARY JUSTICE PROCEDURES IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Dr Theophanous, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Theophanous—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 16 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Mr Causley, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Causley—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 28 June 1999.*)
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**Notice given for Wednesday, 23 June 1999**

*1 **MR DANBY:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with sadness that 4 June 1999 was the tenth anniversary of the date of the Tiananmen Square massacre;
 - (2) expresses its sympathy to the families of those who died as a result of their participation in the democracy protests of 1989 in the People's Republic of China as well as those who have suffered for their efforts to advance human rights and democratic expression during the past decade;
 - (3) commends citizens of the People's Republic of China who peacefully advocate democracy and human rights; and
 - (4) deplores ongoing human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China and calls on the Government of that country to:
 - (a) re-evaluate the official verdict on 4 June 1989 Tiananmen pro-democracy activities and initiate open investigations on the 4 June event with the goal of providing a complete and accurate account of those events;
 - (b) treat fairly Chinese students who elected to stay in Australia after 4 June 1989 under special temporary visas and who have since returned to their homeland;
 - (c) release all prisoners of conscience, including those still in prison as a result of their participation in the pro-democracy protests of May and June 1989, provide just compensation to the families of those killed in those protests and allow those exiled on account of their activities in 1989 to return and live in freedom in the People's Republic of China;
 - (d) put an end to harassment, detention and imprisonment of Chinese citizens exercising their internationally recognised rights to the freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of religion; and
 - (e) proceed quickly to ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which it signed on 5 October 1998. (*Notice given 22 June 1999.*)
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Notices—continued

1 **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 28 June 1999.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 3 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

6 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 7 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 8 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 9 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

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- (1) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electorate.
- (2) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (3) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (4) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electorate. (*Notice given 1 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 10 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.)*
- 11 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.)*
- 12 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.)*
- 13 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.)*
- 14 **DR NELSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises the very high and entrenched levels of unemployment that exist within indigenous communities throughout Australia;
 - (2) recognises that fewer indigenous Australians actively participate in the labour market and have lower skill levels compared to the rest of the general population;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government's specific commitment of \$115 million towards tackling unemployment within indigenous communities in Australia; and

- (4) calls on governments at all levels to work in cooperation with indigenous communities and employers in addressing these critical problems. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

15 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House, noting with concern that:

- (1) the Oakdale colliery in New South Wales has been shut down reportedly because of the company's insolvency, with the result that 125 employees have lost their jobs;
- (2) these employees have lost not only their jobs but also many of the termination and other payments to which they were entitled;
- (3) the Oakdale incident is only one of a number of similar developments over the past three years which have affected more than 3000 employees with termination entitlements totalling more than \$35 million; and
- (4) the review of possible ways to deal with the effect of company insolvency on employee entitlements initiated by the Government more than one year ago is still not completed—

calls on the Government to arrange that the House proceed with the utmost urgency with passage of the Employee Protection (Wage Guarantee) Bill 1999, which is the only effective mechanism on offer at this time to resolve a severe and immediate threat to the livelihood and security of many working Australians and their families. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

16 **MR PYNE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) reaffirms the fundamental principles of human rights that must be practised by the entire international community;
- (3) condemns the false arrest and imprisonment of thirteen Iranian Jews on spurious espionage charges; and
- (4) calls upon Iranian authorities to immediately release the falsely imprisoned Iranian Jews. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 28 June 1999.*)
- 2 **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 28 June 1999.*)
- 3 **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 28 June 1999.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 June 1999.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 June 1999.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 June 1999.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 24 **SYDNEY OLYMPICS**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House:
- (1) continues to support the staging of the Sydney Olympics as an opportunity to showcase Australia, its people, culture and above all our sporting traditions;
 - (2) acknowledges the commitment, work and performance of Australia's athletes and sporting organisations as they prepare to participate in the 2000 Olympics;
 - (3) deplors the disrepute caused to the Olympic ideals by the continuing bribery allegations;
 - (4) notes the concerns expressed by the local and international community at the loss of integrity in the Olympic movement and its possible effect on the successful staging of Australia's 2000 Games; and
 - (5) requests that SOCOG calls on the IOC to fund any shortfall in sponsorship finances which may result from inappropriate action by IOC members. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)

- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 34 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 35 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (DEFENCE PURPOSES LEAVE) BILL 1999** (*Mr Bevis*): Second reading (*from 21 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 28 June 1999.*)
- 36 **FOOD LABELLING:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Ripoll—That this House:
- (1) notes the importance of food labelling in providing consumers with accurate nutritional information;
 - (2) recognises that food labelling regulations must contain enough information so that consumers can be confident a product is good value for money, meets their health and nutritional standards and falls within their cultural and religious requirements;
 - (3) recognises that nutritional and dietary related illnesses are matters of public health;
 - (4) expresses concern at the Howard Government's deregulation of food labelling controls;
 - (5) condemns the Howard Government's failure to acknowledge and respond to the level of community anxiety over food labelling deregulation; and
 - (6) calls upon the Howard Government to reverse its decision on food labelling deregulation, work towards greater protection and information for consumers and maintain the health department's role in regulating nutritional and dietary matters. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 37 **MARINE ENVIRONMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Neville—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 June 1999.*)
- 38 **WHEAT FREIGHT SUBSIDY:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Ms O'Byrne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 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 the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 28 June 1999". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 23 June 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
 - 2 **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*).
 - 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1999-2000** (*Treasurer*): Further consideration in detail—Schedule, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of the Treasury and Department of Finance and Administration (*from 22 June 1999*).
 - 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
 - 5 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 1999—Mr McMullan*).
 - 6 **STATUTE STOCKTAKE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*).
 - 7 **DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Swan, in continuation*).
 - 8 **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.

Questions unanswered

1, 90, 181, 201, 305, 307, 323, 374, 376, 404, 414, 450, 460, 461, 465, 480, 501, 505, 517, 518, 534, 538, 545, 565, 566, 572, 574, 577, 579, 582, 584, 585, 588, 592-594, 598, 600, 603-605, 607, 609, 614, 617, 621-640, 642-732.

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 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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764 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Has he received an expert report by Professor John Kaldor reviewing the methodology used by the Scotland-based Australian researcher Sue Rabbitt Roff on the health of British and New Zealand nuclear veterans and their families; if so, (a) on what date, (b) has Ms Rabbitt Roff been provided with a copy and given a chance to respond; if not, why not, (c) what was the cost of the report, (d) are copies available to the public; if not, why not, and (e) has he accepted Professor Kaldor's recommendations; if so, will he provide details of further action to be taken to address the situation of Australian military and civilian personnel who participated in British nuclear tests in Australia.

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

- (1) How many market-testing processes under the Commercial Support Program (a) have been concluded since March 1996 and (b) are planned for 1999-2000.
- (2) What was the (a) annual value of the contract, (b) identity of the successful tenderer, (c) reduction in the number of uniformed positions and (d) reduction in the number of civilian Department of Defence positions associated with each completed process referred to in part (1).
- (3) What is the cumulative reduction in (a) uniformed and (b) civilian personnel positions in each State and Territory since March 1996.

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

- (1) What was the 1998-99 national recruitment target for reservists for the (a) Navy, (b) Army and (c) Air Force.
- (2) How many reservists were recruited for the (a) Navy, (b) Army and (c) Air Force in 1998-99.
- (3) How many reservists (a) resigned, (b) transferred to the inactive reserve and (c) were dismissed from the (i) Navy, (ii) Army and (iii) Air Force reserves in 1998-99.
- (4) What is the 1999-200 national recruitment target for reservists for the (a) Navy, (b) Army and (c) Air Force.

- 767 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Will he provide details of cuts to student places and course work in the Faculty of Education and Languages, University of Western Sydney (Macarthur).
 - (2) Is a major international conference on “East Timor towards self-determination: The social and cultural questions” being hosted in Sydney on 15 and 16 July by the faculty referred to in part (1); if so, is he able to say what is the cost of the conference to the university in (a) direct expenses and (b) staff preparatory time.
- 768 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Is he able to say what is the exact nature of the covenant placed upon the site of Shepherd’s Hill Cottage in Newcastle.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to a use or proposed use of the site which may contravene the covenant.
- 769 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many parents caring for children with severe disabilities in Australia received the carer’s payment.
 - (2) Is it a fact that (a) many parent carers are required to leave the workforce and raise families in impoverished circumstances and (b) the eligibility criteria for the carer’s payment are extremely rigid; if so, will the Commonwealth relax the eligibility criteria.
- 770 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Under the Staying at Home Program, did the Prime Minister undertake to transfer funds from the residential sector of dementia care to the community sector to help maintain patients in familiar surroundings; if so, what is happening with the funds.
 - (2) Has funding been granted to an organisation in the electoral division of Capricornia to assist carers looking after dementia patients in their homes.
- 771 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) Did the prime Minister announce that additional funding would be provided to meet the needs of older people who have been caring for their children with disabilities for decades, over and above that provided in the existing Commonwealth/State disability agreement; if so, has the Commonwealth specified to the States how to spend the additional funding.
 - (2) Have community aged care packages been developed to meet the needs of high level clients at the Nursing Home Care Level in the electoral division of Capricornia; if so, will the packages become available in place of existing nursing home beds or in addition to them.
- 772 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Is it a fact that many aged care facilities in the Rockhampton region still only deal with clients requiring minimal support; if so, how will the Commonwealth enforce its residential care Ageing in Place policy.

773 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Has the NSW Parliament passed legislation related to the Regional Forests Assessments Agreement; if so, (a) when was the legislation passed, (b) when did he learn that the legislation had been passed and (c) is it a fact that the legislation received the support of the three major political parties in New South Wales.
- (2) Has the legislation received the federal Government's agreement; if not, (a) what hardship is being experienced by the timber industry in New South Wales as a result (b) when will the federal Government agree to the legislation.

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*774 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does Australia support microfinance institutions such as the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, CARD in the Philippines and SEWA in India.
- (2) What sum in foreign aid has Australia channelled to microcredit programs in each year since 1990 (a) in total and (b) to each country receiving this form of aid.
- (3) Has Australia adopted a strategy to maximise aid in the microcredit sector; if so, does the strategy include (a) formal linkages with official initiatives such as the ERAP Trust Fund in the Philippines and (b) supporting South-South technical cooperation in this area.

*775 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Has the number of staff employed at the RAN's Garden Island facility at Cowper Wharf Road and Macleay Street, Woolloomooloo decreased in recent years; if so, will the RAN allow public use of its Woolloomooloo car park; if not, why not.

*776 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the RAN own, or did it own, properties at 87-115 Brougham Street and 106-122 McElhone Street, Woolloomooloo.
- (2) Did the RAN sell the properties referred to in part (1); if so, what sum did it receive from the sale.
- (3) Have the properties been leased back to the RAN; if so, (a) at what cost and (b) for what term
- (4) How many of the properties are occupied.
- (5) How many of the properties have been occupied during the period since June 1998.
- (6) For what period has each property referred to in part (5) been occupied since June 1998.
- (7) Have some properties been unoccupied for lengthy periods; if so, why.
- (8) Will the RAN turn the vacant properties over to the NSW Department for Housing, or another body, for use as low cost housing.

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

- (1) Did his Department advise the Joint Committee on Migration in 1995 that there were approximately 78 000 names on the Person Alert List (PAL).
- (2) How many names are currently included on the PAL.
- (3) How many visitor visa applications have been rejected since June 1998 because the applicant was listed on the PAL.
- (4) How many visitor visa applications have been rejected in total since June 1998.
- (5) What is the estimated cost of maintaining the PAL.

*778 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) With which countries does Australia have working holiday visa arrangements.
- (2) What are the conditions governing the issue of a visa in each case.
- (3) Is Australia negotiating an agreement with Greece on working holiday visas; if so, what (a) stage have the negotiations reached and (b) provision will be made to exempt from service Greek Australians who would otherwise be eligible for military service in Greece.

*779 **MR COX:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth contribute towards funding South Australia's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (2) Is he able to say what sum the South Australian Government contributed towards funding South Australia's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.
- (3) Is he also able to say what total sum was spent on funding South Australia's public hospitals in 1991-92 and each subsequent financial year.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Managing fatigue in transport.

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

Current inquiries:

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

International financial market effects on government policy.

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

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

Current inquiries:

Employee share ownership in Australian enterprises.

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

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

Current inquiry:

Catchment management.

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 Brough, 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.

Melbourne—Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place.

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.

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, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*To report by 9 August 1999.*)

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*To report by 30 August 1999.*)

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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