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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**NOTICE PAPER**

No. 56

MONDAY, 23 AUGUST 1999

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING****COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Presentation and statements**

- 1 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on review of the Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report for 1997-98. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)
- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 23—Amendments proposed to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

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

†2 **MRS GASH:** To move—That the House:

- (1) understands the need to work towards addressing the needs of people with disabilities and their carers throughout Australia;

* *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.*

- (2) recognises the particular difficulties for people with disabilities and their carers and the need for respite care services and facilities in regions such as Gilmore and Macquarie;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government's specific commitment of over \$1.7 billion to the Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement to assist them in their primary areas of responsibility and to increase the support for carers of people with disabilities; and
 - (4) calls on governments at all levels to cooperate with one another to identify, fund and maintain services and facilities for respite care for people with disabilities and their carers. (*Notice given 30 June 1999. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF ASSETS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 August 1999—Ms Hall, in continuation*).
- 3 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 4 **TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Bevis*).
- 5 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Bevis*).
- 6 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999—Mr Kerr*).
- 8 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 1999—Mr Melham*).

- 9 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 12 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Crean*).
- 13 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE JOBS, BETTER PAY) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 14 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1998 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999*).
- 15 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr Truss*).
- 16 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 17 **SOCIAL SECURITY (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (FINE ENFORCEMENT) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 20 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 21 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 22 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and*

- Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 24 June 1999—*Ms Macklin*).
- 23 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 11 August 1999—*Mr Horne*).
 - 24 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Swan*).
 - 25 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999).
 - 26 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Horne*).
 - 27 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 24 June 1999—*Ms Macklin*).
 - 28 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 24 June 1999—*Ms Macklin*).
 - 29 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 28 June 1999—*Mr Smith*).
 - 30 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Horne*).
 - 31 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Horne*).
 - 32 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Horne*).
 - 33 **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*).
 - 34 **FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Swan*).
 - 35 **AUTHORISED NON-OPERATING HOLDING COMPANIES SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 30 June 1999—*Mr Swan*).

- 36 **GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 37 **LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 38 **RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVIDERS SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 39 **SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 40 **TRADEX SCHEME BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 41 **TRADEX DUTY IMPOSITION BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 42 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (TRADEX) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 43 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 44 **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*).
- 45 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- *46 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 47 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 48 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 49 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **BUDGET PAPER NO. 1 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 51 **BUDGET PAPER NO. 2 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **SECOND SYDNEY AIRPORT PROPOSAL—SUPPLEMENT TO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION—REPORT ON JUNIOR RATES OF PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Bevis*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.
- 54 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF FAMILY SERVICES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—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.
- 60 **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.

- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.

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

- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.

- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.

- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.

- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.

- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.

145 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*).

146 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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- 1 PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE BILL 1999** (*The Speaker*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999—Mr Lee*).

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 the next sitting Monday after 23 August 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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 17 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FIVE TREATIES TABLED ON 11 MAY 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 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 23 August 1999.*)
- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 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 23 August 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—continued

Notices given for Monday, 23 August 1999

- *1 **MR EMERSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) expresses its concern about widening inequality in Australia;
 - (2) notes the increasing evidence that the earliest years of childhood are vital in determining the life chances of young people;
 - (3) recognises that early intervention in the form of parenting programs, home visiting and literacy and numeracy programs are valuable in improving the life chances of young people; and
 - (4) acknowledges that the Commonwealth has an important role to play in the funding of early intervention programs. (*Notice given 12 August 1999.*)
- *2 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To move—That the House:
- (1) welcomes the report entitled “Final report of the Health and Medical Research Strategic Review Committee: The virtuous cycle—Working together for health and medical research” and its recommendations for implementation;
 - (2) notes the important link between Australia’s health and medical research capability and the delivery of a cost-effective and equitable health care system;
 - (3) recognises the excellent work and the high level of commitment among those working in the medical research field;

- (4) applauds the Federal Government's specific commitment to increasing annual funding for health and medical research, through the National Health and Medical Research Council, by more than doubling funding of base research with an investment of a further \$614m over the next six years; and
 - (5) urges the Federal Government to pursue reforms proposed in the final report. (*Notice given 12 August 1999.*)
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Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 23 August 1999.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 3 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

5 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 6 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 7 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 8 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.)*

9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.)*

10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

13 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with concern that the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Badgerys Creek Airport proposal does not contain an examination of the extent to which a very fast train link between Sydney and Canberra—and eventually from Canberra to Melbourne—would reduce domestic air traffic

at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport and therefore negate the need to make an immediate decision on building a second international airport in the Sydney basin;

- (2) recognises that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will attract an estimated 77 000 extra daily vehicle movements on western Sydney's already congested roads and the disastrous economic, social and environmental problems that such a traffic explosion would cause;
- (3) notes with concern that the EIS auditor, the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC), has revealed that a cost-benefit analysis of the Badgerys Creek Airport proposal does not support the construction of an airport at this site;
- (4) acknowledges that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will endanger the Greater Blue Mountains area being declared a World Heritage site; and
- (5) recognises that 10 of the 11 councils that will be affected by the proposed Badgerys Creek airport and both the NSW State Government and Opposition are against the airport's development. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

14 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with concern the Government's apparent lack of concern regarding the economic, social and environmental impacts of the proposed development of a 24-hour airport at Badgerys Creek;
- (2) recognises that the residents of Mount Druitt, Rooty Hill, Whalan, Tregear, Emerton, Dharruk, Hebersham, Oxley Park, St Clair, St Marys, Plumpton, Doonside, Minchinbury, Shalvey, Willmot, Bidwell, Blackett, Hassall Grove, Glendenning, Marsden Park, Lethbridge Park, Colyton, Erskine Park, Eastern Creek and Blacktown will be adversely affected by the construction of the airport;
- (3) notes that the State Government, State Opposition and 10 Western Sydney Councils are opposed to the construction of an airport on this site;
- (4) acknowledges that alternative sites for an airport have not been fully investigated;
- (5) acknowledges that alternative options for a more efficient use of existing Sydney airports have not been fully investigated;
- (6) acknowledges that the draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is fundamentally flawed in regards to its terms of reference and its outcomes;
- (7) recognises that the full EIS has not been an open and transparent process; and
- (8) regrets the failure of the Government to release the final EIS. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

15 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that during the 1996 election campaign, the Government promised the people of Western Sydney an open, transparent and accountable process in determining the future for the Badgerys Creek airport site;
- (2) notes with concern that the release of the final Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Badgerys Creek airport has been continually delayed by the Government, despite its stated intentions to release it, in clear breach of their election promises;
- (3) acknowledges that the residents of Ashcroft, Bonnyrigg, Busby, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Cartwright, Edensor Park, Green Valley, Heckenberg, Hinchinbrook, Lansvale, Liverpool, Miller, Mt Pritchard, Sadleir, St Johns Park, Warwick Farm and Wakely have the right to be fully informed of the impact of the construction of a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek;
- (4) recognises that 10 Western Sydney councils, the State Government and the State Opposition are opposed to the construction of the Badgerys Creek airport;
- (5) acknowledges the growing concern by the people of Western Sydney about the potential impact of the airport and their falling confidence levels in the EIS process and the manner in which the Government is handling the development of Sydney's second airport; and
- (6) recognises that the Government has failed to examine in detail alternative proposals to Badgerys Creek for the second airport's location and alternative proposals for more efficient use of existing airport infrastructure in Sydney. *(Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.)*

16 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will unfairly shift many of the environmental and social problems currently facing the residents living in the vicinity of Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport on to the residents of western Sydney;
- (2) notes that by the time an international airport built at Badgerys Creek is fully operative, the population in Sydney's greater west that will surround the development and be affected by its operations will have reached close to 2 million;
- (3) notes the already high levels of air pollution endured by the people of western Sydney and the increasing rates of respiratory illness suffered by the area's population and that a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek would only exacerbate the problem; and
- (4) questions the suggested job growth figures that will eventuate following the development of an airport at Badgerys Creek. *(Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.)*

17 MR MOSSFIELD: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the ongoing opposition by local residents to the building of an airport at Badgerys Creek by many Western Sydney MPs including Government and Opposition parties and local government groups;
- (2) notes that opposition to the proposed airport was made a key issue in most Western Sydney electorates by all party candidates during the last federal election;
- (3) recognises that the serious and justifiable concerns expressed by residents of inner Sydney to the noise and pollution effects caused by Kingsford-Smith Airport cannot be solved by simply moving the whole problem out to and onto Western Sydney residents;
- (4) acknowledges that both the NSW Carr Government and the Chikarovski Opposition oppose the building of an airport at Badgerys Creek;
- (5) challenges the claim of massive job creation by any such building of Badgerys Creek and declares that existing employees would merely transfer their worksite from Kingsford-Smith to Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the Government to quickly abandon the Badgerys Creek airport proposal and place any new second airport outside the Sydney basin. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

18 MR K. J. THOMSON: To move—That the House:

- (1) following the findings of the Dawson Royal Commission into the Longford gas explosion, condemns the Kennett Government for its failure to give legislative backing to the National Standard for Control of Major Hazard Facilities;
- (2) notes that if the Kennett Government had passed legislation as the federal and Western Australian Governments have done the disaster may well have been averted;
- (3) notes that the Oil and Gas platforms in Bass Strait are the subject of the national standard but not Longford, which is only 120 kilometres away, because it is under State jurisdiction; and
- (4) condemns the Kennett Government for contributing to the Longford tragedy by failing to implement workplace safety reform. (*Notice given 30 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

19 MR PYNE: To move—That this House directs the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade to specifically inquire into and report on the question of religious persecution in Iran, including the prosecution of the thirteen imprisoned Jews, as part of the committee's present inquiry into Australia's efforts to protect and promote freedom of religion and belief. (*Notice given 30 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

- 20 **MRS GASH:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises the very high risk of homelessness amongst young people in several areas of regional Australia;
 - (2) recognises that this is a problem amongst young people in regions such as Gilmore and Macquarie;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government's specific commitment of over \$45 million towards reducing that risk and providing appropriate accommodation services; and
 - (4) calls on governments at all levels to cooperate with one another to identify, fund and implement programs of assistance for our young people. (*Notice given 30 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 21 **MS ROXON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Republic Referendum and its bipartisan recommendations;
 - (2) notes the importance of the referendum that goes to our identity as a nation and our system of government;
 - (3) notes that our stable democracy would continue and be strengthened if this referendum question were to be approved by the people of Australia;
 - (4) urges the Prime Minister and all Members of this House, whether monarchists, republicans or direct election supporters, to participate honestly in the referendum campaign; and
 - (5) deplores misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue. (*Notice given 9 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 22 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That the House calls for a parliamentary committee inquiry into the ways and means by which the Commonwealth can advise and assist employees recently made redundant due to the insolvency of their employer, or facing the threat of redundancy, including:
- (1) how to organise themselves into co-operative organisations to either purchase or lease the company for which they work when it becomes insolvent or nears insolvency, if after a rigorous analysis of the company's finances such action is deemed to be prudent, sensible and standing a genuine chance of success and thereby maintain their employment;
 - (2) how to make the required reforms to the financial structure of the company in question in order to make it economically viable; and
 - (3) what management training programs may be necessary in order for employees to successfully administer their business and avoid insolvency in the future. (*Notice given 11 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 23 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That the House urges the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to conduct a full-scale inquiry into the medical profession, focussing on:

- (1) anti-competitive practices, particularly among surgeons and specialists;
 - (2) reform of medical training practices, particularly within the College of Surgeons; and
 - (3) areas where the medical profession does not comply with trade practices law. (*Notice given 11 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 24 **MS ROXON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes the importance of the referendum on 6 November 1999 that goes to our identity as a nation and our system of government;
 - (2) notes that our stable democracy will continue and be strengthened if this referendum question were to be approved by the people of Australia;
 - (4) urges all Members of this House, whether they be monarchists, republicans or direct election supporters, to participate honestly in the referendum campaign; and
 - (5) deplors misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue, such as:
 - (a) the misrepresentation of the current powers of the Prime Minister to dismiss a Governor-General;
 - (b) suggesting that the new constitutional arrangements would be unworkable or undemocratic;
 - (c) understating the significance of the public nomination process;
 - (d) mischaracterising the non-partisan role of the Commonwealth Parliament in appointing the President; and
 - (e) the use of the preamble issue to distract from the question of whether Australia should have an Australian Head of State. (*Notice given 11 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 23 August 1999.*)
- 2 **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 23 August 1999.*)
- 3 FOOD REGULATORY SYSTEM:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 February 1999*) on the motion of Fran 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 23 August 1999.*)
- 4 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 23 August 1999.*)
- 5 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 6 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 7 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 8 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 9 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 10 **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 23 August 1999.*)

- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 23 August 1999.*)
- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 23 August 1999.*)
- 13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 23 August 1999.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 15 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.)

- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 17 **SYDNEY OLYMPICS**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House:
- (1) continues to support the staging of the Sydney Olympics as an opportunity to showcase Australia, its people, culture and above all our sporting traditions;
 - (2) acknowledges the commitment, work and performance of Australia's athletes and sporting organisations as they prepare to participate in the 2000 Olympics;
 - (3) deplores the disrepute caused to the Olympic ideals by the continuing bribery allegations;
 - (4) notes the concerns expressed by the local and international community at the loss of integrity in the Olympic movement and its possible effect on the successful staging of Australia's 2000 Games; and
 - (5) requests that SOCOG calls on the IOC to fund any shortfall in sponsorship finances which may result from inappropriate action by IOC members. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)

- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 31 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 32 **BROADBAND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999—Mr I. E. Macfarlane, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lindsay—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 33 **JUBILEE 2000 DEBT COALITION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999*) on the motion of Ms J. S. McFarlane—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 34 **TIDAL ENERGY STATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Charles— 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 35 **TELSTRA'S 013 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999—Mr Barresi, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rudd— That this House:
- (1) note mounting customer dissatisfaction across Australia at the deterioration of Telstra's 013 directory assistance services;
 - (2) note, in particular, (a) customer irritation at increasing delays in operator response times, (b) operators cutting off customers before being able to provide further clarifying information on inquiries, (c) the intrusion of Telstra advertising of its 12456 '75 cents plus call costs' service in addition to (d) the plethora of other Telstra advertising forced on Telstra customers before finally being given access to the telephone numbers they are seeking;
 - (3) acknowledge the impact of Telstra staff reductions on the quality of 013 services; and
 - (4) direct the Australian Communications Authority to amend its performance standards for Telstra to require Telstra to provide a simple 013 directory service with proper staffing levels and without audio advertisements for other services. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 36 **UNEMPLOYMENT WITHIN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 37 **TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999*) on the motion of Mr Danby—That this 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) deplures 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
- 38 **PARLIAMENT HOUSE SWITCHBOARD SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 1999—Mr McMullan, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McMullan—That the House take note of the paper. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 23 August 1999.*)
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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 this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Order of the day

- 1 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLIC) 1999 AND PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 1999—Ms Hall, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

First appeared on date shown

11 November 1998

1 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

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

9 December 1998

323 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the former Tasmanian Liberal Government and the former Member for Braddon provide him information about proposed magnesite mining and processing in Tasmania and related energy options for Bass Strait; if so, what information.
- (2) Did he indicate to the former Member for Braddon that (a) he would personally take an overview of the proposal and (b) Mr Bob Mansfield of the Government's special projects team would be asked to take a leading role in advancing the proposal.
- (3) Is the proposed Crest Resources \$1 billion magnesite project in Tasmania on the Government's special projects priority list; if not, why not.

10 February 1999

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

- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the private health rebate advertising program.
- (2) Will he provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
- (3) Will private health cover become 30 percent cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
- (4) What guidelines has he provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
- (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.

- (6) What sum will a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
- (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, are now paying \$192.95.

18 February 1999

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

8 March 1999

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

attached to each project team, (d) what is each project's overall running cost and (e) which Appropriation Bill covers the funding for the project teams.

- (8) How many GST fact sheets has the ATO produced in total.
- (9) What are the titles of each GST fact sheet.
- (9) What was the total cost of preparing the fact sheets.
- (10) Which Appropriation Bill covered the funding for printing and posting the fact sheets.

24 March 1999

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

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

- (1) In undertaking normal value investigations overseas, what specific steps does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) take, in addition to examining so-called audited accounts, to check the veracity of an exporter's claims.
- (2) Do the steps referred to in part (1) include reference to third parties or independent and credible trade and industry sources; if not, why not; if so, will the Minister provide specific examples.
- (3) Does the ACS recognise the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) and its purpose to provide data on perceptions of corruption within countries by national surveys.
- (4) Does the ACS make allowances and adjustments to quantify the reliability of audited accounts supplied by exporters from countries which suffer from crony capitalism or corruption.
- (5) Is it a fact that (a) Indonesia scored sixth lowest of the 100 countries ranked on the 1998 Corruption Perception Index and (b) Australian paper producers contend that it has a high level of corruption; if so, has the ACS allowed for possible corruption in Indonesia during its recent inquiries concerning Indonesia; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (6) Does the ACS apply regulations to the conduct of its officers undertaking overseas investigations.
- (7) Are ACS officers cautioned about the essential need to remain at arm's length from former colleagues who may represent the interests of foreign exporters from time to time as consultants or lobbyists.
- (8) Does the ACS permit its officers to rely upon the statements of former colleagues in the circumstances referred to in part (7).

- (9) Does the ACS impose checks and balances to detect undue influence in the circumstances referred to in part (7); if so, what are they; if not, why not.
- (10) Is it a fact that the public file report of the ACS officer who conducted the overseas inquiries in Indonesia for the inquiry into dumping of coated papers contains comments and words of appreciation for a former ACS officer who is now a consultant; if so, how does the ACS explain the comments.
- 566 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) How does the Australian Customs Service (ACS) determine normalcy in its consideration of normal values in overseas investigations when the country in question is markedly disturbed by economic, political or social crises with resultant impact on local markets from lack of demand and excess manufacturing capacity.
- (2) Is it a fact that in Indonesia (a) exchange rates fluctuate by as much as 26 per cent in a day and regularly move more than 10 per cent in either direction in a week, (b) volatile currency movements cause the currency to decline to a small percentage of its original value, (c) inflation rates reach as much as 8 per cent in a month and then turn negative, (d) interest rates reach 50 per cent per annum, (e) the banking system is collapsing with 60 to 80 per cent of loans non-performing, (f) many of the country's enterprises are technically insolvent and (g) the currency is artificially supported by substantial foreign aid including significant funding by the International Monetary Fund.
- (3) Does the ACS use weighted averages in the circumstances referred to in part (1); if so, is this approach adequate in the circumstances referred to in part (2).
- (4) Do the circumstances referred to in part (2) warrant the use of a surrogate country to establish normal values; if not, why not.

12 May 1999

- 604 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 498 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4196), how many officers responsible for serving members of the public were employed by the Commonwealth Employment Service in the electoral division of Barton on 1 July 1996.
- (2) How many case managers employed by employment service providers, undertaking work on behalf of the Commonwealth pursuant to the Government's employment service delivery model which was announced on 9 November 1998, are performing duties in, or concerning persons who are unemployed or are seeking employment assistance in, the electoral division of Barton.
- (3) Is the number of clients who receive service pursuant to the Government's service delivery model a relevant factor in determining the success of the model.

- (4) Will the Minister establish how many clients in total have been assisted through the new service delivery model in the electoral division of Barton since 1 July 1998; if not, why not.

31 May 1999

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 522, (Hansard, 12 May 1999, page 4342), did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) or a person from the DPP's office discuss the allegations of perjury against Mr Corrigan with the Attorney-General, the Minister, another Minister or a staff member of a Minister's office; if so, in each case, (a) when, (b) by what means did the discussion occur and (c) what was said by each participant.
- (2) Has the DPP or a person from the DPP's office discussed the matter with another person; if so, in each case, (a) when, (b) by what means did the discussion occur and (c) what was said by each participant.
- (3) Has the DPP received or despatched correspondence about the matter other than the letters referred to in the answer to question No. 522; if so, in each case, (a) on what date, (b) from or to which person and (c) with what contents.
- (4) Did the DPP raise the matter with the Australian Federal Police or take other steps to seek further information on the matter; if not, why not.
- (5) Was the DPP's decision not to proceed based on an absence of sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case of perjury; if so, what was the nature of the unavailable evidence which in the DPP's view rendered the prospects of a successful prosecution unlikely.
- (6) Was the DPP's decision not to proceed based on a question of law; if so, what was the nature of the legal impediment.

1 June 1999

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

- (1) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel received (a) Defence HomeOwner housing loans, (b) Defence Service Homes housing loans, (c) Home Purchase and Sales Expense Allowance (HPSEA), (d) Child Education Allowance, (e) Opportunity Seat Available Travel (OPPSAT), (f) subsidised married quarter or living quarter accommodation, (g) subsidised Board in barracks and similar accommodation and (h) funeral costs and expenses in the latest year for which data is available.
- (2) What is the estimated annual cost to the ADF for the provision of each benefit referred to in part (1).
- (3) Will each benefit referred to in part (1) be identified on group certificates under the provisions of the Government's A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits Reporting) Act; if so, what are the implications for ADF personnel.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 650-673)—

- (1) Has the Minister or a department or agency administered by the Minister provided grants to the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) or bodies related to the NFF since 2 March 1996; if so, (a) in each case, (i) what was the nature of the grant and (ii) for what purpose was it provided and (b) what total sum was provided.
 - (2) To what boards, committees or other bodies for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility have (a) Mr Donald McGauchie (b) Dr Wendy Craik or (c) other officers or staff of the NFF been appointed since 2 March 1996.
 - (3) What sums has the Commonwealth paid in (a) sitting fees, (b) board fees, (c) travel costs and (d) related expenses with respect to each appointment referred to in part (2).
- 650 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
- 652 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- 656 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.
- 658 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- 660 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 661 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 663 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.
- 671 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.
- 672 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services.
- 673 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.

2 June 1999

- 679 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Has the Australian Student Traineeship Foundation (ASTF) provided the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) with 18 school/industry liaison officers; if so, (a) was a selection process involved and, if so, what was its nature, (b) has the ACCI been provided with funding for 8 school/industry liaison officers with State and Territory Chambers of Commerce and Industry and 7 with industry associations; if so, (i) what is the nature of the funding and (ii) who are the 7 industry associations and (c) are ACCI liaison officers also attempting to enrol employers as members of the ACCI; if so, is this acceptable to the Commonwealth.
 - (2) Did the ASTF also enter into a project with the National Farmers' Federation; if so, were other employer organisations considered for an ASTF project.

- (3) Did the ASTF *Networker* magazine for March 1999 contain a promotion for the ACCI with member information; if so, (a) why, (b) does the magazine provide similar advertising for every other employer and employee organisation; if not why not and (c) did the ACCI pay the ASTF for the promotion.
- (4) How many copies of the magazine are printed.
- 681 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—
- (1) Has the Government outlaid Commonwealth funds for a luxury “skybox” at Stadium Australia and a box at the Superdrome where basketball will be staged; if so, (a) further to the answer to question No. 515 (*Hansard*, 13 May 1996, page 4456), does the sum of \$850 000 referred to in part (a) of the answer include the boxes at Stadium Australia and the Superdrome; if not, what is the additional cost of the boxes, (b) is the Government’s use of the boxes confined to the Olympic Games and (c) what criteria apply to use of the boxes by the Prime Minister and other Ministers.
- (2) Does the sum of \$850 000 cover all hospitality costs which will be incurred by the Prime Minister and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- (3) Have the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade finalised criteria for the distribution of tickets available to the Government for use at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games; if so, what are the criteria.

3 June 1999

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

7 June 1999

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

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

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

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

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 691-712)—Has a Department or agency for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility entered a contract with or made a grant or payment to an organisation registered under subparagraph (a) 188(1)(a) or (b) 188(1)(b) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, in each case, (i) which organisation, (ii) what sum was received and (iii) in what State or Territory is the organisation located.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

705 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General.

706 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

708 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

712 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.

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

- (1) Did he or his representative receive correspondence from the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or his representatives in relation to funding of the Federation Square project in Melbourne; if so, (a) did the letter threaten to withdraw federal funds from the project and (b) will he present the letter to the House.
- (2) Did he or his representatives communicate with the Victorian Government in relation to the project; if so, what advice did he or his representative provide to the Victorian Government.

- (3) Did he or his representative (a) make reference to the federal funding for the project or (b) raise the issue of employment conditions for workers who were likely to work on the project.
- (4) Did any form of the communication referred to in part (2) involve correspondence; if so, does he intend to present the correspondence to the House.
- (5) Did he have any communication with the Office of the Employment Advocate in relation to the project; if so, what was the nature of the communication.

8 June 1999

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

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

9 June 1999

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

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

- (6) Who was involved in the 3 May 1999 session involving business, academic and media representatives on the research results and why were unions excluded.

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

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

726 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Are members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) being offered fixed term appointments (FTA).
- (2) How many FTAs did the AFP Commissioner offer in 1995.
- (3) What do the AFP's policy and guidelines state shall be the criteria for FTA renewals.
- (4) Are FTAs being made to individual AFP members at position or salary levels lower than that which the individual AFP members currently occupy; if so, does this (a) comply with the original intentions of the introduction of the fixed term employment provisions for AFP members and (b) amount to constructive dismissal of the officers concerned.
- (5) What compensation will the members referred to in part (4) receive.
- (6) Will their other lawful entitlements be affected.
- (7) Were 1995 FTAs offered at a lower position or salary level.

728 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) On how many occasions since 1990 have public servants within his Department appealed to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission for alleged discrimination in their employment.
- (2) Is it a fact that trainee public servants have no appeal rights against decisions affecting their permanency.
- (3) Since 1990 how many trainee public servants assigned to his Department have not been accepted for permanent positions within the Department.
- (4) How does his Department's record of appointing trainee public servants to permanent positions compare with that of other Department's.

21 June 1999

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.

MRS CROSIO: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 742-756)—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.

746 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

751 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

752 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

754 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

756 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Attorney-General.

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.

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.

22 June 1999

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

23 June 1999

- 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.

29 June 1999

782 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Did a recent decision of the High Court restore the powers of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal to review the decisions of trustees; if so, will he seek advice on the constitutionality of the Takeovers Panel proposed to be established on enactment of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Bill 1998.
- (2) Does the Corporate Law Economic Reform Bill 1998 propose that the powers assigned to the Takeovers Panel would prevent parties from taking matters to the courts during the bid period.
- (3) Is he able to say whether parties involved in takeovers would be prevented from taking action in the courts if the unamended Corporate Law Economic Reform Bill 1998 was enacted.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 601 (*Hansard*, 21 June 1999, page 5477), does DAS Operations Pty Ltd trading as DAS Distribution subcontract some carriage of explosives for his Department.
- (2) Does the expression 'competent and fully trained' used in the answer to part (5) of question No. 601 encompass training to level of explosive ordnance class I for DAS Distribution and/or subcontractors.

30 June 1999

786 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office conduct an internal investigation into problems experienced with the 1998 computer processing system; if so, did the investigation identify the length of delays experienced in the processing of individuals' returns and amendments; if so, what were the lengths of the delays.

787 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—When judging claims regarding compensation for detriment caused by defective administration, does the Australian Taxation Office measure its performance against benchmarks; if so, what is the benchmark for an acceptable time to process an amended assessment after the completion of an audit.

- 788 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Australian Taxation Office employ guidelines which set out timeframes for acknowledging correspondence from taxpayers; if so, what are the details of the guidelines.
- 790 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many persons received the Disability Support Pension (DSP) in each year since 1990.
 - (2) What was the total cost of the DSP in each year since 1990.
 - (3) What are the eligibility requirements for the DSP.
 - (4) Do DSP entitlements differ from other forms of income support in (a) payment rates, (b) indexation arrangements, (c) taxation arrangements, (d) income and asset testing, (e) eligibility for concession cards and (f) mutual responsibility arrangements; if so, in each case, how.
 - (5) Are job seekers receiving DSP counted in the official unemployment figures.
 - (6) Do job seekers receiving DSP receive job placement training and assistance.
 - (7) What other measures does the Government take to ensure that persons with disabilities maximise their participation in the (a) workforce and (b) education and training system.

9 August 1999

- 791 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims that in recent years individuals and companies may have been wrongly granted plant breeder's rights.
 - (2) Has his attention also been drawn to claims involving the granting of plant breeder's rights for Australian native species.
 - (3) Is it a fact that (a) plant breeder's rights were granted for a variety of waratah called 'Cardinal' in 1994 and (b) the variety was known to exist in 1955 and was recognised as a variety of common knowledge before the enactment of the *Plant Variety Rights Act 1987*; if so, will the grant be revoked.
 - (4) Will he investigate whether plant breeder's rights are being granted wrongly and examine the role of the Plant Breeder's Rights Office and the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994* itself.
- 792 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did the Coastal Surveillance Task Force chaired by Mr Max Moore-Wilton present 18 recommendations to the Government.
 - (2) Were certain recommendations based wholly or in part on material prepared by Air-Vice Marshal Alan Heggen (Ret); if so, (a) which specific recommendations and (b) what findings supported each recommendation.
 - (3) Did the Coastal Surveillance Task Force consider Auditor-General's audit report No. 32 of 1997-98, a performance audit of the management of boat people.

- (4) Did the first recommendation of report No. 32 propose that a memorandum of understanding be signed between Coastwatch and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- (5) Is it fact that the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs continues to oppose the negotiation of a memorandum of understanding with Coastwatch.
- (6) Did the task force consider the first recommendation of report No. 32 but fail to recommend that it be followed; if so, (a) why and (b) was the recommendation mistaken in proposing a memorandum of understanding as a means to improve the efficiency of surveillance operations against boats carrying illegal immigrants; if so, how.
- (7) Did the task force recommend the establishment of an Information Oversight Committee; if so, (a) what agencies are to be represented on the committee, (b) will the focus of the committee be strategic or operational, (c) what role will constituent agencies play in deciding the committee's program, (d) which agencies will (i) determine the objectives of the committee's intelligence program, (ii) plan its annual work program and (iii) evaluate its performance and (e) will mechanisms exist to enable Coastwatch to direct the committee's intelligence programs to support operations which are planned or under way.
- (8) Did the task force recommend the provision of \$2 million in assistance towards controlling potential illegal immigrants transiting Indonesia and Papua New Guinea; if so, (a) will the funds (i) come from a new appropriation or (ii) be diverted from assistance programs which have already been approved and (b) have the governments of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea been consulted about the recommendation; if so, what was their response.
- (9) Was National Jet Systems awarded a contract in 1994 to provide aerial surveillance capacity to Coastwatch for a nine year period at a cost of \$300 million; if so, (a) what is the current annual cost of the contract, (b) what performance requirements did the contract impose on National Jet Systems in terms of (i) total flying hours per annum, (ii) equivalent surface area to be covered per annum, (iii) average availability of aircraft per month and (iv) average systems malfunctions per sortie and (c) has the contract been altered; if so, in each case, (i) what was the nature of the alteration and (ii) what change in performance was specified.
- (10) Did the task force recommend the addition of two aircraft and an IFR rated helicopter; if so, what will be the contract specifications in terms of (a) total flying hours per annum, (b) equivalent surface area to be covered per annum, (c) average availability of aircraft per month and (d) average systems malfunctions per sortie.
- (11) Was approval given to Coastwatch during 1997-98 to replace its information technology systems to eliminate obsolescence and achieve Y2K compliance; if so, (a) what functions were approved for the new system, (b) what was the cost of the approved system and (c) when was the new system implemented.
- (12) Did the task force recommend the creation of a National Surveillance Centre; if so, (a) what information technology functions additional to those

approved for Coastwatch in 1997-98 will be implemented, (b) what is the estimated cost of the additional functions and (c) when will the additional functions become operational.

- (13) Did the Intelligence Branch of the Australian Customs Service receive additional funding in 1997-98 to improve its ability to securely exchange information with other Commonwealth law enforcement agencies; if so, (a) what functions were approved, (b) what did they cost and (c) when did they become operational.
- (14) What use will be made by the National Surveillance Centre proposed by the task force of the Intelligence Branch's improved communications links.
- (15) Will additional communication functions be provided for the National Surveillance Centre; if so, (a) which functions, (b) what will they cost and (c) when will they become operational.
- (16) What will be the relationship between the intelligence function of the National Surveillance Centre and the Intelligence Branch of the Australian Customs Service.
- (17) Will functions be transferred from the Intelligence Branch to the National Surveillance Centre; if so, (a) which functions and (b) how many staff will be transferred.
- (18) How many additional staff will be recruited for the analytical function of the National Surveillance Centre and what is the estimated cost.
- (19) Did Coastwatch conduct trials of satellite communications equipment during 1997-98; if so, what was the result.
- (20) Did Coastwatch write an operational specification for the equipment; if so, (a) when was the specification completed and (b) when did Coastwatch first propose purchasing equipment based on the specification.
- (21) Did the task force recommend that the position of Director General, Coastwatch, be filled by a seconded Australian Defence Force (ADF) officer; if so, (a) on what grounds, (b) for what term of appointment and (c) what criteria will be used to select suitable ADF officers.
- (22) Will additional ADF personnel be seconded to Coastwatch; if so, what will be their roles.
- (23) Did the task force assess the effects of various levels of seconded ADF personnel on the functioning of the Australian Customs Service chain of command.
- (24) Did the task force assess the Department of Defence's claims that the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) will be useful for detecting boats which might be carrying illegal immigrants; if so, (a) did the task force determine the suitability of the existing JORN search arcs for meeting the requirements of the task force's eleventh recommendation and (b) what recommendations did the task force make to the Department of Defence on the matter.
- (25) Did the task force assess the requirements for liaison between Coastwatch and (a) the Australian Fishing Management Authority, (b) the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, (c) the Australian Federal Police, (d) the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and (e) Environment Australia.

- (26) What are the existing liaison arrangements between Coastwatch and each agency referred to in part (25).
- (27) What was the task force's assessment of each arrangement referred to in part (26).
- (28) What proportion of (a) aerial surveillance hours and (b) Coastwatch's 1998-2000 appropriations are devoted to (i) illegal immigration control and (ii) other Coastwatch functions.

793 **MR ZAHRA:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) received complaints or expressed concerns about the behaviour of (a) Croft Health Care Pty Ltd, (b) Croft Health Care Vic. Pty Ltd, (c) Croft Health Care Properties Pty Ltd, (d) G&L Croft Pty Ltd, (e) Millennium Aged Care Pty Ltd, (f) Ringwood Drive-in Shopping Centre Pty Ltd, (g) Croft Management Services Pty Ltd, (h) Gracedale Manor Pty Ltd, (i) P&C Nominees Pty Ltd, (j) Sixty Ninth Octex Pty Ltd, (k) Private Hospital Management Systems Pty Ltd and (l) Third Ocwood Pty Ltd; if so, in each case, (i) what was the nature of the complaints or concerns and (ii) what action did ASIC take.
- (2) Is he able to say whether there are instances of a company referred to in part (1) not meeting all its requirements under corporations law; if so, in each case, (a) which company, (b) which requirement was not met and (c) when did the breach occur.

794 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) What sum has the Commonwealth paid to the Australian Maritime Museum in each year since it opened.
- (2) What was the purpose of the payments referred to in part (1).

795 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the federal Government have responsibility to ensure that foreign aid projects instigated by a State government meet Australia's international obligations.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to allegations that the Victorian Department of State Development's food aid package to the Tanerang region of Indonesia does not meet Australia's international obligations, in particular to the recommendations of the (a) WHO Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, (b) 1998 International Review of Food Aid, (c) UN International Children's Emergency Fund, (d) Declaration on the Rights of the Child and (e) Beijing Women's Conference resolutions.
- (3) Does the Government share the concerns; if so, what action will be taken with regard to this matter.

796 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—How many Australian ex-servicemen who were Japanese prisoners of war were alive on 30 June 1999.

797 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Government's modelling of the impact of the Goods and Services Tax and its other tax changes on consumers reveal that prices will only rise by 1.9%; if so, did the modelling include the impact of rises in parking meter fees by local government.

798 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff positions will be dedicated to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) related tasks referred to in the Portfolio Budget Statement for the Australian Taxation Office in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001 -02 and (d) 2002-03.
- (2) What will be the total cost of staff in each year referred to in part (1).
- (3) How many staff will be sourced (a) internally and (b) via external recruitment for GST related tasks.
- (4) What will happen to staff currently dealing with sales tax.
- (5) Will the ATO achieve the savings necessary to reduce staffing expenditure from \$996 762 000 in 1999-2000 to \$ 879 060 000 in 2002-03.

799 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What performance measures does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) have to monitor the impact of outsourcing of ATO Information Technology to EDS from 1 July 1999.
- (2) Do performance measures include monitoring the time taken to fix a problem identified by a staff member.
- (3) Is there a difference between the performance measures (a) before and (b) after the outsourcing of information technology, including time taken to fix a problem; if so, what.

800 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is the ATO allowed to provide advice, public education or information to the public concerning the goods and services tax (GST) and other elements of the Government's tax package without having it cleared by either the Treasury or Ministerial Committee on Government Communications; if so, what; if not; does the requirement to clear advice and information compromise the independence of the ATO.

801 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 154 (*Hansard*, 30 March 1999, page 4778), how many incidents where language differences have been a factor have been reported since March 1996.
- (2) How often do Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) inspectors conduct random inspections of foreign operators at their first port of call in Australia to assess the ability of the pilot in command to understand and speak the English language.
- (3) How many random inspections referred to in part (2) have been conducted by CASA inspectors since March 1996.
- (4) What percentage of foreign operators which have entered into Australia since March 1996 have been subjected to random inspections referred to in part (2).
- (5) Do Air Operator's Certificates issued to foreign operators contain a condition that the pilot in command, and any other crew member making a radio transmission from the aircraft, must be able to read, speak and understand the English language; if so, are operators other than the pilot in command ever subjected to random inspections carried out by CASA inspectors; if not, why not.

- 802 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 157 (*Hansard*, 10 March 1999, page 3703), has progress been made to introduce a system which will result in Airservices Australia being advised of the reasons why pilots have had an operational requirement for other than the runway nominated in accordance with the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA); if not, why not; if so, what are the indications which have been received by Airservices Australia in relation to this system.
 - (2) Will the system also record the number of times pilots have refused LTOP based landing directions at KSA; if not why not.
 - (3) If the answer to part (2) is yes, and the system has already been established, how many times have pilots refused LTOP based landing directions at KSA.
 - (4) What steps must be taken for Airservices Australia to obtain the information which I requested as to whether pilots have refused LTOP based take-off directions since it was implemented and will he direct Airservices Australia to take those steps.
- 803 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to question No. 1735 (*Hansard*, 28 August 1997, page 7369), will he direct the appropriate body to keep and maintain consolidated records in relation to complaints made by air traffic controllers employed at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if not, why not.
- 804 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services— Further to the answer to question No. 2619 (*Hansard*, 24 June 1998, page 5365), has the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation (BASI) conducted an ongoing study of compliance incidents since 24 June 1998 to determine if trends emerge as to why pilots sometimes fail to comply with air traffic control clearances at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if not, why not; if so, what trends has BASI identified.
- 805 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the answer to question No. 156 (*Hansard*, 11 February 1999, page 2632) in part state that International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standard phraseologies have been adopted to the maximum extent possible; if so, will he give similar importance to the ICAO recommendation that compliance with published noise abatement procedures should not be required in adverse operating conditions such as when the crosswind component, including gusts, exceeds 15 knots; if not, why not.
 - (2) Will he amend the Australian Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Sydney noise abatement procedures so the use of runways is only allowable where there is a crosswind component of no greater than 15 knots; if not, why not.
- 806 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation Systemic Investigation into Factors Underlying Air Safety Occurrences in Sydney Terminal Area Airspace find that it was desirable for an independent external consultant in fatigue management to be contracted to devise a shift schedule based

primarily on safety, but which also recognises the non-work commitments of controllers and the resource constraints of management.

- (2) If so, has a new shift schedule has been devised since August 1998; if not, why not.
- 807 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Will a period of twelve months stability in Sydney transport infrastructure and operations, including Sydney airspace operations, be implemented prior to the heavy demands that are likely to be placed on the transport system during the Olympics in October 2000; if not, why not.
- 808 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Have previous studies on the possibility of the RAAF Base at Richmond being used as a second Sydney Airport identified that the Windsor to Richmond road and rail line are constraints for the expansion of the airport to the south.
 - (2) Has a preliminary study been undertaken as to whether that road and that railway line could be placed underground hence opening up the potential area for expansion of that air base into the property of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.
 - (3) If such an expansion could occur would it make the site a more attractive proposition as a site for Sydney's second airport.
- 809 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Is he able to say what views were expressed by (a) government, (b) worker and (c) employer representatives at the 87th session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva, 1 to 17 June 1999, concerning a new convention aimed at an immediate universal ban on the worst forms of child labour.
- 810 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Does the Charter of Care for the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) contain a commitment to endeavour to keep waiting times below 10 minutes.
 - (2) If so, has the HIC undertaken a survey of customer service centres to ascertain waiting times during the peak lunch hour period; if so, (a) at which customer service centres have studies or surveys been undertaken and (b) what was the result of the study or survey in each case.
- 811 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Has the Government undertaken negotiations with banks with a view to banks removing or reducing the fees that they charge pensioners for accessing their pension payments; if not will the Government commence negotiations.
- 812 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Will he bring up to date his answer to question No. 2610 (*Hansard*, 26 May 1998, page 3769) concerning the recognition of Taiwan as the Republic of China.
 - (2) Is he able to say when members of the South Pacific Forum established diplomatic relations with (a) the People's Republic of China or (b) Taiwan.

- (3) Is he also able to say when and in what circumstances members of the Forum have contemplated switching relations (a) from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China or (b) from the People's Republic of China to Taiwan.
 - (4) Has the subject of recognition of Taiwan been considered at any meeting of the South Pacific Forum since his predecessor's answer to question No. 23 (*Hansard*, 21 August 1990, page 1210).
- 813 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Further to the Minister's detailed response to question No. 2088 (*Hansard*, 24 September 1997, page 8450), what standards apply to regulation of content of advertising material contained in (a) the print media and (b) outdoor advertising.
 - (2) What mechanisms exist for members of the public to complain about inappropriate advertising material contained in the (a) print media and (b) outdoor advertising.
 - (3) Is the Government considering amending either the standards or complaint procedures, if so, what changes are being considered.
- 814 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did he state in his "Safeguarding the future: Australia's response to climate change" ministerial statement on 20 November 1997 that the Government will be bringing forward the phase out of leaded petrol ahead of 2010, with details of implementation to address social equity issues; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) What is the new date for the phase out of leaded petrol.
 - (3) Has the Government consulted motoring organisations and the petroleum industry to develop options for meeting the adjustment needs of owners of leaded petrol vehicles; if so, what are the options; if not, why not.
- 815 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Are persons under age 60 but in receipt of income support excluded from the proposed one-off Aged Persons Savings Bonus; if so, why.
 - (2) Are retirees and those on support payments, who are aged under age 60 excluded from the bonus; if so, why.
 - (3) Has he received advice that the age 60 limit is not discriminatory; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) Is it possible to include certain groups of payments within the guidelines so that those genuinely retired under age 60 are included in the bonus provisions; if not, why not.
- 816 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did Australia Post offices cease from 26 February 1999 to provide a range of common Australian Taxation Office (ATO) forms when the ATO entered into a contract with the Australian Newsagents Federation.
 - (2) How many (a) post offices across Australia provided tax forms prior to the contract and (b) newsagencies now provide tax forms.

- (3) How many communities have not had a local access point for tax forms since the agreement, due to a lack of an affiliated newsagent.
 - (4) What sum will the ATO save by providing tax forms through newsagents rather than Australia Post offices.
 - (5) Is it appropriate that under the new arrangements, residents of many small regional communities without an affiliated newsagent can only access the tax forms by contacting the ATO; if so, why.
- 817 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the drug Aricept Donepezil and its benefits to those suffering from Alzheimers disease.
 - (2) Is the drug listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); if not, why not.
 - (3) Is further proof required by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to have Aricept Donepezil placed on the PBS; if so, what.
 - (4) Does the Government have evidence of widespread use and benefits of the drug around the world.
 - (5) Is the Government considering further reassessment of Aricept Donepezil under the PBS.
- 818 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Commonwealth responsible for the construction of on and off ramps on national highways.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to the damage being caused to the economic development of the Ingleburn industrial estate in south-west Sydney by the absence of on and off ramps to the F5 highway south of Brooks Road, Ingleburn.
 - (3) Is the Government taking action to construct the ramps referred to in part (2); if so, (a) what action and (b) when will they be constructed.
- 819 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Has Australia undertaken negotiations to establish international agreements regarding the collection of indirect taxes from the exchange of electronic commerce; if so, (a) what action and (b) what progress has been made.
- 820 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What (a) natural and (b) cultural properties have been placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.
 - (2) At which sessions has the World Heritage Committee placed the properties on the list.
 - (3) At which sessions has the Committee reviewed the list.
 - (4) Which properties have been retained on the list.
- 821 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many persons with disabilities have received labour market assistance since the Job Network commenced in May 1998, either through (a) the Job

Network or (b) services within the Family and Community Services (FACS) portfolio, including the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service (CRS).

- (2) How many persons on a disability support pension (DSP) have received labour market assistance since the Job Network commenced in May 1998, either through (a) the Job Network or (b) services within the FACS portfolio, including the CRS.
- (3) How many persons identified in part (2) as being assisted through the Job Network were provided with (a) Flex 1, (b) Flex 2 or (c) Flex 3 assistance.
- (4) How many persons on a DSP provided with assistance through (a) the Job Network or (b) services within the FACS portfolio, including the CRS, have achieved some job outcome, either as (i) full-time or (ii) part-time employment.
- (5) Are statistics kept on the numbers and percentage of persons who, having been granted DSP, subsequently move off it into employment, training or education; if not, why not; if so, what do the figures reveal.

822 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Did the Longford Royal Commission furnish its report on 28 June 1999.
- (2) Has the Minister's attention been directed to passages in the report concerning the shortcomings of the fire equipment and the absence of adapters at the Esso Gas Plant accident on 25 September 1998.
- (3) What progress has been made since the Minister's answer to question No. 447 (*Hansard*, 30 March 1999, page 4785) on the project to develop an Australian Standard on the European STORZ-type coupling.

823 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will the Government act to protect employee entitlements in the event of employer insolvency by requiring that compulsory occupational superannuation contributions be paid on a more frequent and regular basis.
- (2) Does the Superannuation Guarantee Act provide that, unless required by an industrial award, the payments referred to in part (1) are only required to be made after the end of each financial year.

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

- (1) Has the Government consulted with the States about ratification of ILO Convention 173, Part 111, Protection of Workers Claims by a Guarantee Institution; if so, what consultation has been undertaken.
- (2) Will the Government use the external affairs power of the Constitution to enact legislation to give effect to a wage earner protection fund, based on ILO Convention 173, Part 111, Protection of Workers Claims by a Guarantee Institution.

825 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to question No. 577 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6322), did Australia, at the June 1999 International Labour Conference, vote in favour of a new Convention and Recommendation on the

worst forms of child labour; if so, will the Government pursue the early ratification of the Convention.

- 826 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 678 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6338) concerning the Government's indigenous employment policy, has the Government continued to fund the operations of indigenous employment managers with the ACTU; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Government had discussions with representatives of ACCI concerning the possibility of extending the placement of indigenous employment managers with ACCI beyond the expiration of the current contract in December 1999.
 - (3) Will the Government continue to place indigenous employment managers with employer or union organisations.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether indigenous employment managers placed with ACCI to assist in creating employment opportunities for indigenous people devote time to recruiting members to ACCI; if so, is this an appropriate use of taxpayer funds; if not, will he ensure that the practice ceases.
- 827 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—For each year since 1995-96, how many doctors bulk-billed (a) Australia wide, (b) in each State and Territory, and (c) in the electoral Division of Batman.
- 828 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Did Chubb Security, or any associated company, access Commonwealth funds under the New Apprenticeship Scheme and worker incentive payments for the purpose of training security officers; if so, (a) was the training related in any way to requirements in any State or Territory to changes in licensing requirements, (b) what sums were paid to Chubb Security or any associated company in each State and Territory, (c) how many employees were included and (d) how many employees in each State and Territory were (i) existing and (ii) new apprentices or trainees.
- 829 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Does his Department have evidence that Australia's visa regime and visitor visa policy is having a negative impact on the number of persons seeking to visit Australia; if so, does detailed information exist to show the extent to which visas are a motivating factor in a traveller's decision on which travel destination is selected.
- 830 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Does his Department's approach to processing visitor visa applications vary from country to country; if so, why.
 - (2) Does departmental data suggest that nationals of some countries have a greater propensity to apply under the Migration Regulations for an extended stay in Australia than do nationals of other countries.
 - (3) Is there a view in his Department that visitors from some countries deliberately seek to mislead departmental officers into granting a visitor visa and then seek to change status on-shore.

- (4) Is there evidence that persons from a particular country who apply on-shore to change their status pursue the Protection Visa stream; if so, what is the (a) success rate and (b) average cost to the Department of processing those applications.
- (5) Are there major differences in the health and character checks undertaken by his Department between applications for visitor visas and applications for permanent residence.

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

- (1) Has he accepted recommendation 1 of the expert report by Professor John Kaldor reviewing British and Australian studies of nuclear test veterans recommending that formal contact be established with the UK National Radiological Protection Board and Sue Rabbitt Roff to propose that cross-matching be undertaken of the two sets of multiple myeloma cases; if so, what action has the Government taken to pursue this proposal; if not, why.
- (2) Has he accepted recommendation 5 to establish registers and protocols for ongoing health assessments of Australian Defence Force personnel involved in deployments that have the potential to lead to hazardous exposures with long-term health consequences; if so, what will be the nature of such protocols and registers; if not, why not.
- (3) Did he announce that the Government will establish a scientific contact point on the health effects of ionising radiation; if so, how will he address Professor Kaldor's concern that any clearing house would need to be managed under a structure that would assure its clients of the independence of any advice that it provided.

832 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Which States have implemented administrative or legislative measures in line with the National Forest Policy Statement to provide approved private plantations and farm forestry projects with secure timber harvesting rights subject to appropriate conditions being met and what are the details of those measures.
- (2) Has the Commonwealth taken action to ensure that all remaining States introduce similar measures; if so, what.
- (3) Do States provide a specific legal mechanism to allow landowners to separate the ownership of trees from the ownership of the land on which they grow; if so, (a) which States, (b) what are the details of the mechanisms and (c) has the Commonwealth taken action to ensure that all remaining States introduce similar mechanisms; if so, what.
- (4) Has the Commonwealth conducted any review or studies since 1996 of the competitive impact on the plantation and farm forestry sector of State government pricing policies for timber harvested from native forests; if so, what are the details.
- (5) Has the Commonwealth conducted any review or studies since 1996 of the impact of local government planning codes and rating systems on the plantation and farm forestry sector; if so, what are the details.

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- 833 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What were the (a) names, (b) positions and (c) qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the second meeting of governmental experts preparing the draft Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage (Paris, 19-24 April 1999).
 - (2) What international bodies and other countries were represented at the meeting.
 - (3) What is the timetable for adoption and ratification of the Convention.
- 834 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was the 100th anniversary of the first Hague Peace Conference celebrated at The Hague on 17 May 1999.
 - (2) As part of the celebrations did the Government of the Netherlands stage an opening for signature ceremony for the Second Protocol (The Hague, 1999) to the Unesco Convention for the Protection of Cultural Properties in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954).
 - (3) Who represented Australia at the ceremony.
 - (4) Which countries have become parties to the Convention since his answer to question No. 586 (*Hansard*, 7 June 1999, page 4982).
 - (5) Which countries have signed the Second Protocol.
 - (6) Which department is responsible for the Protocol.
 - (7) Which Ministers must approve the Protocol.
 - (8) What is the timetable for Australia to sign the Protocol.
- 835 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Will the Minister bring up-to-date the information provided in the answer to question No. 1398 (*Hansard*, 13 May 1997, page 3439), concerning the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 1970).
- 836 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has action been taken with respect to the findings and recommendations made in the 1995 Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney report “Falling on deaf ears” concerning noise exposure calculation methods and compensation for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) aircraft noise; if so, what.
 - (2) How many residences are within the 25 Australian Noise Exposure Index (ANEI) contour shown in the Airservices Australia 1998 ANEI chart for the area surrounding KSA.
 - (3) How many residences are within the 25 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) contour shown in the ANEF for the year 2010.
 - (4) How many of the residences referred to in part (3) are in the electoral division of Grayndler, and how many of those (a) have been acquired, (b) have been insulated by the Sydney Airport Insulation Project, and (c)

remaining residences will receive noise compensation and when will they receive compensation.

837 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government have a policy in regard to the north west African state of Western Sahara.
- (2) Has the Government's attention been drawn to alleged human rights abuses in this area; if so, what assistance has the Government provided to the UN in order to stop the abuses from occurring.
- (3) Has the Government made representations to the Moroccan Government about the alleged human rights abuses in the Western Sahara.
- (4) Will the Government (a) re-introduce its contingent to the UN mission in the area and (b) consider sending independent observers to monitor the UN referendum scheduled for July 2000.
- (5) Has the Government provided humanitarian assistance to the Saharawi people who have been described as refugees.

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

- (1) Were 6 persons removed from the Maribyrnong Detention Centre and taken to Port Philip Prison following a rebellion by detainees on 22 July 1999.
- (2) Have at least 4 of those persons made allegations claiming to have been assaulted by officers of the centre's security service and the police, including an allegation that they were kicked and bruised by officers at the time they were being detained and taken to the prison.
- (3) Has the Commonwealth Ombudsman initiated an inquiry into the events that took place at the centre on that day, following an official complaint by the Member for Calwell.
- (4) Will he ensure that there will be no cover up of the incident and no attempt to falsely shift the blame for the incident on to the persons who were taken to Port Philip Prison.
- (5) Have the detainees been charged with any criminal offence; if not, will he act to seek immediately the release of the persons from Port Philip Prison and return them to the detention centre; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to community concern over a rebellion by detainees at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre on 22 July 1999 which led to the general destruction of a large amount of equipment and other material in the main section of the centre.
- (2) Has his Department issued a public statement about the incident offering an explanation on the causes of the rebellion.
- (3) Has his attention also been drawn to earlier protests by detainees at the centre, including a letter signed by 55 persons and sent to Amnesty International on 15 July 1999.
- (4) Does he support the claim made by his Department that only seven persons were responsible for the damage.

- (5) Is his Department carrying out an internal investigation into the matter; if so, will he release immediately the preliminary report of the investigation; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Commonwealth Ombudsman's inquiry into the matter receive the full co-operation of his Department.

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840 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What sum in rent assistance was paid by the Commonwealth in (a) total and (b) each State and Territory in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
- (2) Within each State and Territory what sum in rent assistance was paid to recipients in (a) the capital city and (b) outside the capital city in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
- (3) How many rent assistance recipients were there in each State and Territory in (a) 1985-86, (b) 1990-91, (c) 1995-96, (d) 1996-97, (e) 1997-98, (f) 1998-99 and (g) 1999-2000 (projected).
- (4) Within each State and Territory how many persons receiving rent assistance in (a) 1985-86, (b) 1990-91, (c) 1995-96, (d) 1996-97, (e) 1997-98, (f) 1998-99 and (g) 1999-2000 (projected) were living (i) in and (ii) outside the capital city.
- (5) What was the average sum in rent assistance received by recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city in each State and Territory in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
- (6) How many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients in each State and Territory pay more than \$172.26 each fortnight in rent.
- (7) Within each State and Territory how many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$172.26 each fortnight in rent.
- (8) How many single/sharing rent assistance recipients in each State and Territory pay more than \$138.93 each fortnight in rent.
- (9) Within each State and Territory how many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$138.93 each fortnight in rent.
- (10) How many rent assistance recipients who are members of a couple in each State and Territory pay more than \$211.86 each fortnight in rent.
- (11) Within each State and Territory how many rent assistance recipients who are members of a couple living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$211.86 each fortnight in rent.

841 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Does Telstra have an arrangement with a Melbourne-based company, United Customer Management Solutions Pty Ltd (UCMS), for UCMS to communicate with Telstra customers on financial matters, including the provision of refunds on UCMS cheques.
 - (2) What is the basis of the financial arrangements between Telstra and UCMS.
 - (3) Does Telstra pay a fee to UCMS to handle Telstra business with customers; if so, why.
 - (4) Are privacy provisions in place to protect Telstra customers from a breach of their rights to privacy in their relationship with their provider; if so, what.
 - (5) Does UCMS provide full details of the origins of cheque refunds sent to customers in order to avoid confusion over what might appear to be a windfall cheque from an unknown source; if not, why not.
 - (6) Does UCMS provide telephone contact numbers on documents sent to Telstra customers to enable customers to follow-up inquiries; if not, why not.
- 842 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is the Perth International Telecommunications Centre site at Landsdale, W.A., large enough to provide full protection for the sensitivity of Telstra’s radio frequency and communication network; if so, is a buffer zone required.
- 843 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Does Telstra consider there to be a difference between a buffer zone and a requirement for land surrounding its Perth International Telecommunications Centre, Landsdale site in W.A. to have restrictions on development; if so, what are the restrictions.
- 844 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—How many members of the Special Air Services had their medical classification downgraded from “Forward Everywhere” to “Medically Unfit” as a result of operational activity, in each year from 1979 until 1998.

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- 845 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 730 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6344), what export insurance on the national interest account did the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) provide to (a) Algeria, (b) Iraq, (c) Iran, (d) Libya, (e) Sudan, (f) Syria and (g) Yemen in each financial year since 1978-79.
 - (2) What contingent liabilities are being carried by the Government on the national interest account or EFIC insurance written for exports to (a) Algeria, (b) Iraq, (c) Iran, (d) Libya, (e) Sudan, (f) Syria and (g) Yemen.
- 846 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) What sum did Australia earn through exports to (a) Denmark, (b) Norway, (c) Sweden, (d) Finland and (e) Iceland in the financial years (i) 1995-96, (ii) 1996-97, (iii) 1997-98 and (iv) 1998-99.

- (2) What sum did Australia spend on imports from (a) Denmark, (b) Norway, (c) Sweden, (d) Finland and (e) Iceland in the financial years (i) 1995-96, (ii) 1996-97, (iii) 1997-98 and (iv) 1998-99.

847 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When did Australia first establish an embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- (2) Did the Howard Government close the Australian Embassy in Denmark; if so, (a) when and (b) why.
- (3) Did the Danish Government issue an official response to the Commonwealth's decision to close its embassy in Copenhagen at the time; if so, what was it.
- (4) Will the Howard Government re-establish an Australian Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark; if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) what circumstances have changed since the embassy was first closed.
- (5) At the time of its closing, (a) what was the address of the Australian Embassy in Copenhagen, (b) what was the total annual running cost, including staff salaries, of operating the mission and (c) how many staff were employed at the embassy.
- (6) At the time of its closing, did the Commonwealth rent or own the building in which the embassy was located.
- (7) If the Commonwealth owned the building, did it sell it once the embassy was closed; if so, (a) for what price was it sold, in Australian dollars.
- (8) If the Commonwealth maintained ownership in the event it decided to re-open the embassy at a later date, has it been rented throughout the period since it was closed; if so, (a) by whom and (b) for what annual rent, in Australian dollars; if not, why not.
- (9) If the building that housed the embassy was sold when the mission was closed, has the Commonwealth decided where it will locate a new embassy; if so, where; if not, (a) how long before a site is located and (b) when will a new Australian Embassy be opened in Denmark.
- (10) Will the Commonwealth purchase or rent a new building for its new embassy in Denmark; if it has purchased a building, (a) for what sum, in Australian dollars, was it purchased and (b) from whom; if it will rent a building, (c) for what sum, in Australian dollars, and (d) from whom.
- (11) Before the embassy was closed, was the residence of the former Australian Ambassador located at the same site; if not, (a) where was it located and (b) did the Commonwealth sell it when the mission was closed; if so, for what price was it sold, in Australian dollars; if it maintained ownership of the residence, has it been rented throughout the period since the embassy was closed; if so, by whom and for what annual rent, in Australian dollars; if not, why not.
- (12) If the residence of the former Australian Ambassador to Denmark was sold when the mission was closed, has the Commonwealth decided where it will locate the new Ambassador's residence; if so, where will it be located; if not, how long before a site is located.
- (13) Will the Commonwealth purchase or rent a new residence for the new Australian Ambassador to Denmark; if it has purchased a building, (a) for

what sum, in Australian dollars, was it purchased and (b) from whom; if it will rent a building, (c) for what sum, in Australian dollars, and (d) from whom.

- (14) What will be the estimated cost of completely refitting both (a) the new Australian Embassy in Denmark and (b) the residence of the new Australian Ambassador to Denmark in order to bring both buildings up to the standard required for an Australian Embassy and Ambassador's residence.
- (15) How many staff will be employed at the new Australian Embassy in Denmark.
- (16) Was the decision to close the mission ill considered; if not, why not.
- (17) Does the closure and subsequent re-opening of the Australian Embassy in Denmark portray Australia's foreign policy in Europe, particularly in relation to Scandinavia, as unplanned, haphazard, thoughtless and undermine Australia's credibility in dealing with nations in that region; if not, why not.
- (18) Has he decided upon the new Australian Ambassador to Denmark; if so, who; if not, (a) when will he make a decision and (b) will he rule out announcing a former Liberal or National Party State or Federal Member of Parliament or Senator as the new Australian Ambassador to Denmark; if not, why not.

848 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When did Australia first establish an embassy in Damascus, Syria.
- (2) Will the Howard Government close the Australian Embassy in Syria; if so, (a) when and (b) why.
- (3) Has he received correspondence from the Syrian Government or its representatives registering an opinion on this decision; if so, is he able to say what is the Syrian Government's opinion; if not, why not.
- (4) What is the address of the Australian Embassy in Damascus and what is the total annual running cost, including staff salaries, of operating the mission.
- (5) At the time of his decision to close the embassy how many staff were employed at the embassy.
- (6) Does the Commonwealth rent or own the building in which the embassy was located.
- (7) If the Commonwealth owns the building, will it sell it once the embassy is closed; if so, (a) for what price is it expected to be sold, in Australian dollars.
- (8) If the Commonwealth intends to maintain ownership in the event it decides to re-open the embassy at a later date, will it be rented after it is closed; if so, what annual rent, in Australian dollars, will it seek.
- (9) Is the residence of the Australian Ambassador located at the same site; if not, (a) where is it located and (b) will the Commonwealth sell it when the mission is closed; if so, for what price does it expect to sell it, in Australian dollars; if it will maintain ownership of the residence, will it be rented after the Ambassador departs; if so, what annual rent, in Australian dollars, will it ask.

- (10) Did he state in June 1998 that Australia valued its relations with Syria and looked forward to achieving a deeper dialogue on a range of political and economic issues; if so, how will Australia's relationship with Syria progress and develop without Australia maintaining its embassy in Damascus.
 - (11) Does the closure of the Australian Embassy in Syria so soon after announcing his hopes for a close and developing relationship between Australia and Syria portray Australia's foreign policy in the Middle East, particularly in regards to Syria, as unplanned, haphazard, thoughtless and undermine Australia's credibility in dealing with nations in that region; if not, why not.
 - (12) How many persons annually access the Australian Embassies in (a) Syria, (b) Jordan and (c) Israel, seeking to travel to Australia as (i) a visitor, (ii) a permanent resident, (iii) a refugee or (iv) other categories.
- 849 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has the Commonwealth purchased a piano for the use of the Australian Consul-General to New York; if so, (a) what sum did the piano cost, in Australian dollars, (b) what type of piano is it, (c) when was the piano purchased, (d) is the piano located in the Consul-General's office or in the Consul-General's private residence.
 - (2) Was the piano purchased for use by visiting Australian pianists when giving recitals for guests of the Australian Consul-General to New York; if so, (a) on how many occasions since the piano was purchased have visiting Australian pianists performed with it and (b) who were the pianists; if not, for what reason was it purchased.
 - (3) Does the Consul-General to New York or his wife use the piano.
- 850 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the circumstances under which a retired individual or couple can access an approved long-dated or lifetime annuity and still claim the aged pension.
 - (2) Is it possible for an individual with \$100 000 in assets, apart from the family home, to invest in a complying income stream and still claim the full age pension.
 - (3) Is it possible for a couple who retire with \$500 000 in superannuation to invest \$200 000 in a qualifying annuity and still qualify for a part aged pension.
 - (4) If sums invested in qualifying annuities have been excluded from the means test is there a limit on the amount that can be invested.
 - (5) If there is no limit on the amount that can be invested in a complying annuity, can a couple invest (a) \$300 000, (b) \$500 000, (c) \$700 000 or (d) \$1m and still qualify for a part pension.
 - (6) Are tests carried out before approving companies or individuals to provide long-dated annuities; if so, what.
 - (7) Are large income earners who pay little or no tax in Australia able to be major equity holders in companies that provide long-dated annuities.

- (8) What impact will the new rules have on the number of persons receiving the aged pension.
- (9) Did the Minister state that she does not want to see \$1 000 000 retirees on the aged pension; if so, what assurances can the Minister give that this is not occurring.

851 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will Goods and Services Tax (GST) be levied on funding provided to Lifeline Youth Services, Queensland, from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, the State Department of Youth and Community Care or other sources; if so, will Lifeline Youth Services be compensated; if so, how.
- (2) Will recycled clothing sold through markets and shops by Lifeline Youth Services, Queensland, be subject to a GST.

852 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 789 (*Hansard*, 10 August 1999, page 6438), are Australia Post employees authorised to conduct passport interviews; if so, which employees.
- (2) Has there been a change in policy since 1996 regarding who can conduct the interviews; if so, when did his department change its policy.
- (3) Is training given to Australia Post personnel in regard to the issuing of passports; if so, (a) what training is given and (b) is it (i) conducted by Passports Australia personnel on a one on one basis with Australia Post employees, (ii) conducted by Australia Post personnel on a one on one basis with Australia Post employees or (iii) in the form of a training video.
- (4) Does Passports Australia conduct a regular review process to ensure that passport interviews are conducted in line with Passports Australia's policy.
- (5) When passport renewal forms are lodged at a Post Office does Passports Australia require the person renewing the passport to attend an interview; if so, what mechanism does Passports Australia have to ensure that the interview is conducted in line with its guidelines.

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*853 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—What proportion of the business critical systems within the Defence Housing Authority are currently assessed as being (a) Y2K compliant, (b) back online, (c) under repair or testing, and (d) under assessment.

*854 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff positions existed in the Cannington and Perth Tax Offices in (a) 1997-98 and (b) 1998-99.
- (2) How many full-time equivalent staff positions will be in the Cannington and Perth Tax Offices in 1999-2000.
- (3) Are positions being transferred from the Cannington and Perth Tax Offices during 1999-2000; if so, (a) how many and (b) where will those transferred positions be placed.

- (4) Are redundancies planned for the Cannington and Perth Tax Offices in 1999-2000; if so, how many.
- *855 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many applications for visitor's visas were received from Indonesian citizens in (a) 1997-98 and (b) 1998-99.
 - (2) How many applications for visitor's visas have been received from Indonesian citizens in 1999-2000, as at 23 August 1999.
 - (3) How many applications for visitor's visas by Indonesian citizens referred to in parts (1) and (2) were rejected in each year.
 - (4) Are Indonesian citizens considered high risk for overstay of visitor's visas; if so, why.
 - (5) Are other policies to limit visitor's visas to Indonesian citizens being implemented by his Department; if so, what are the policies.
- *856 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—How does the Australian Bureau of Statistics assesses the price increases of (a) groceries and (b) house prices for the purpose of calculating the rise in the Consumer Price Index.
- *857 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a speech given by the Assistant Treasurer titled "The Government's approach to superannuation" on 28 May 1999 in Brisbane, where the Assistant Treasurer announced that the Government is committed to allow, by the year 2000, employees in accumulation funds to move their benefits between funds; if so, what measures are proposed and when will they be introduced into the Parliament.
 - (2) Did the Assistant Treasurer state that the Government had become aware that superannuation investment rules were being circumvented by some arrangements; if so, (a) of what arrangements is the Government aware, (b) when did the Government become aware of the arrangements and (c) what is the cost to Government revenue of the circumventing arrangements.
 - (3) Will the Government introduce legislation giving effect to proposals to allow the splitting of superannuation assets in the event of divorce; if so, when
 - (4) Will funds with fewer than five members be allowed to invest up to 100% of their assets in business premises leased to members or the employer-sponsor of the fund; if so, (a) what impact will the proposal have on the requirement for trustees to maintain a diversified investment strategy and (b) could the proposal see 100% of a fund's assets invested in one particular asset.
- *858 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) As part of a campaign by Jubilee 2000 Debt Reduction Coalition, are members of the public sending money in the form of cheques to him, via their local Member of Parliament, to be used to reduce foreign debt in Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC).
 - (2) What sum has been forwarded to him for this purpose.
 - (3) Has he used this money to reduce crippling foreign debt in HIPC.

- (4) Is the Government taking other measures to reduce the level of foreign debt in HIPC; if so, what.
- (5) Will he follow the lead set by European countries such as the United Kingdom in reducing the foreign debt in HIPC by writing off amounts owed to the Australian Government.

*859 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) How many applications for Centenary of Federation grants were submitted from the electoral divisions of (a) Macarthur, (b) Gilmore, (c) Cunningham and (d) Throsby.
- (2) How many applications for Centenary of Federation grants submitted from the electoral divisions of (a) Macarthur, (b) Gilmore, (c) Cunningham and (d) Throsby were successful.

*860 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Sydney Airport Corporation made payments to organisations or individuals since 1997 for the purposes of (a) media lobbying and (b) membership of tourism-related associations; if so, what was the size and purpose of the payment in each case.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiries:

Impact of the decision by ABC Radio to discontinue its radio racing service.
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:

ANAO audit report No. 37 1998-99 on the management of Tax File Numbers.

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 inquiries:

Enforcement of copyright.

Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning.

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: Fran 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. (Mr Griffin and Dr Washer to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology.)

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 inquiry:

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

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 Boswell, Senator Calvert, 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 Snowden, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Woodley.

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

Current inquiries:

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.

Review of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries:

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:
 Division of Building Construction and Engineering Development Works.
 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 Boswell, Senator Faulkner, Senator Mason, Senator Murray.

Current inquiry:

Conduct of the 1998 federal election.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Ferguson, (*Chair*), Fran Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mr G. J. Evans, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Brownhill, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Quirke, Senator Schacht.

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 Adams, Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

Current inquiries:

Entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
 Review of State-specific migration mechanisms.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bourne, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson.

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Elson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bourne, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

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

Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

Review of ten proposed treaty actions tabled on 11 August 1999.

Joint Select

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*To report by 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: Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years from and including 12 August 1999*).

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