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

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 7TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, LIMA, PERU:** Report. (*Total time for statements—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Video explaining the Committee's report "unlocking the Future: The report on review of the Reeves Report on the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*". (*Total time for statements—1 minute.*)
- 3 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on effect of certain public policy changes in Australia's R&D. (*Total time for statements—15 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notices**

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an Aviation Noise Ombudsman and for related purposes. (*Notice given 30 August 1999. Time allowed—5 minutes*)
- †2 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That the House:
 - (1) notes the failure of the Howard Government's Tough on Drugs Strategy, in particular, that after two years there has been:
 - (a) an increase in drug use, with the average age of first users decreasing;
 - (b) no significant decline in the amount of illicit drugs entering Australia, even after a number of high profile "busts";

* *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.*

- (c) inadequate funding for community-based programs in those areas of greatest need, particularly the south-west of Sydney; and
 - (d) a lack of evidence that zero tolerance policies have achieved anything other than making the illicit drug trade the world's fastest growing industry; and
- (2) calls on the Government to take a more effective and creative approach to stemming the social tragedy being caused by the increasing use of heroin and other dangerous, addictive and illicit drugs. (*Notice given 24 August 1999. Time allotted for debate—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †3 **MR PYNE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) reaffirms the fundamental principles of human rights that must be practised by the entire international community;
 - (2) condemns the false arrest and imprisonment of thirteen Iranian Jews on spurious espionage charges; and
 - (3) calls upon Iranian authorities to immediately release the falsely imprisoned Iranian Jews. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)
- †4 **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. 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 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999*).
- 3 **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*).

- 4 **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*).
- 5 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT (BORDER INTERCEPTION) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 6 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 16 **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*).

- *17 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 9) 1999** (*Minister for Forestry and Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 18 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Mr Truss*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- *24 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—M Bevis*).
- 25 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *26 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 29 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- *30 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 31 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE JOBS, BETTER PAY) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September*

1999—*Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bevis, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for introducing a bill which:
 - (a) further entrenches unfairness and bias in the existing industrial relations system;
 - (b) ensures that the role of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission is further restricted and the independence of the Commission is compromised;
 - (c) reduces the minimum conditions available to all Australian workers by further undermining the award system as the dynamic framework for the protection and advancement of wages and conditions, through further award stripping;
 - (d) denies Australia’s lowest paid workers any further wage increase unless their award is stripped of basic entitlements such as long service leave, superannuation and paid jury service leave;
 - (e) further removes workplace and enterprise bargaining from the protection of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, placing it solely in the hands of the Office of the Employment Advocate, which is run by one the Ministers former senior personal political staffers;
 - (f) further weakens opportunities for employees to organise and bargain collectively;
 - (g) aggravates problems of inequality for women and the most vulnerable in the labour market;
 - (h) further restricts workers who are denied proper industrial protection in their state from accessing federal protection;
 - (i) prevents the Australian Industrial Relations Commission from conducting much of its traditional conciliation role;
 - (j) further dismantles the framework for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes;
 - (k) amends the termination of employment provisions to limit an employee’s right to pursue an application and extends the cost provisions;
 - (l) emphasises the punishment and prevention of industrial action rather than its resolution;
 - (m) unduly hinders the entry and inspection of premises by relevant organisations;
 - (n) demonstrates a lack of balance in freedom of association provisions;
 - (o) fails to ensure that Australia’s labour standards meet our international obligations;

- (p) continues to breach international standards as indentified by the ILO panel of experts' findings concerning the right to strike and to bargain collectively;
 - (q) has a short title which is deliberately misleading and fails to represent the actual intention and impact of the bill; and
 - (r) exposes workers to loss of award or agreement entitlements when ownership of a business is transferred;
- (2) also condemns the Government for its eagerness in tabling a bill that will specifically strip workers of their basic rights while failing to protect workers' legally accrued entitlements in cases of corporate insolvency; and;
- (3) recommends that a new bill be introduced which:
- (a) delivers fair and equitable outcomes for Australian workers;
 - (b) preserves basic conditions for all Australian workers;
 - (c) provides for an independent commission with the appropriate power to conciliate fairly and settle disputes; and
 - (d) provides jobs and income security".
- *32 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 35 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 36 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 37 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 38 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 39 **COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE USE OF THE TERM 'DRUG FREE'—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 25 August*

1999—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.

- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.

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

- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.

- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.

- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.

- 137 **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.
- 138 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1999)—*moved 2 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 139 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 140 **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*).
- 141 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Order of the day

- 1 **PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE BILL 1999** (*The Speaker*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999—Mr Lee*).
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 2 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 3 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 4 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.)

- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)

- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 18 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 19 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING CONVENTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 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 20 September 1999*)
- 20 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF REEVES REPORT ON ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999—Mr Lieberman, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lieberman—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 21 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SEMINAR ON ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN TREATY MAKING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999*)

- 22 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notices—continued

- 1 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)

4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*

9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*

10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

13 **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, Saddleir, 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

14 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

15 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

16 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 17 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House requests 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; amended 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 20 **DR 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

21 **MR MARTIN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the extreme hardship that will be caused to Australia's Defence Force personnel as a result of the new fringe benefits tax (FBT) reporting regime put in place as part of the Government's new tax system;
- (2) notes that the Government has decided to only exempt a few of the fringe benefits and allowances that Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel receive from the new FBT reporting regime;
- (3) notes the unique and harsh conditions that ADF personnel work under and the fact that the ADF is not an ordinary workforce and has never been treated that way by previous governments; and
- (4) calls on the Government to recognise the unique status of the ADF and to therefore exempt all ADF personnel from FBT reporting requirements in respect of the conditions and benefits they receive because of their service in the armed forces. (*Notice given 24 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

22 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the report of the National Inquiry into Children and the Legal Process in 1997 entitled "Seen and Heard", undertaken jointly by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the Australian Law Reform Commission, and its recommendation that Federal legislation be enacted to prohibit the mandatory detention of juvenile offenders;
- (2) notes the 1998 report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties into the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which was critical of mandatory sentencing;
- (3) further notes the introduction of a private Senator's bill entitled Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders) Bill 1999, and its planned reference to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for a public inquiry; and
- (4) calls on the Government to support the Senate inquiry and to ensure that Australia meets its stated human rights obligations. (*Notice given 24 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

23 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That:

- (1) recalling the Australian people's overwhelming decision in the 1967 Referendum to confer upon the Commonwealth Parliament responsibility for enhancement of the rights and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;

- (2) reaffirming the abhorrence of racism shared by the Australian people and their Federal and State Governments;
- (3) reaffirming Australia's recognition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the International Convention on the Prevention of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- (4) recalling the Parliament's commitment in October 1996 to the principles of racial tolerance; and;
- (5) recognising the profound economic and social disadvantage suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people—

this House:

- (a) affirms that the tabling of "Bringing them Home", the Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families, presents the nation with an unprecedented historical opportunity to render justice and restitution to Indigenous Australians, for the good of all Australians;
- (b) acknowledges the immense trauma inflicted upon the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia as a result of the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families under past government policies in place from before the time of Federation until the early 1900s;
- (c) affirms that these racially discriminatory policies and their continuing consequences are a matter of national shame;
- (d) affirms that current and future Federal and State governments are responsible for assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to rectify the ongoing effects of those policies;
- (e) affirms its commitment to a just and proper settlement of the grievances of people adversely affected by those policies; and
on behalf of the nation—
- (f) unreservedly apologises to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians for the separation policies;
- (g) calls upon Federal and State Governments to establish, in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, appropriate processes to provide compensation and restitution, including assistance for the reunification of families and counselling services;
- (h) calls on the Federal and State Governments to establish appropriate education programs to enhance community awareness of the history and continuing consequences of past practices and policies of racial discrimination; and
- (i) calls upon the Federal Government to declare a National Day in recognition and remembrance of the great suffering which flowed from the separation policies, and to affirm our nation's commitment to justice for Indigenous Australians, today and for the future. (*Notice given 25 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999*)

- 24 **MR HOLLIS:** To move—That the House:
- (1) expresses its sympathy at the loss of life of three Australian AusAID workers in the recent air crash in Fiji;
 - (2) commends AusAID for the work it is performing throughout the South Pacific, especially relating to population and development issues; and
 - (3) calls on the Australian Government to at least maintain current funding, but also consider increased aid for development work in the South Pacific. *(Notice given 26 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999)*
- 25 **MR MELHAM:** To move—That this House, noting the desire of the Australian community to satisfactorily resolve outstanding issues concerning the stolen generation referred to in the recommendations of the report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission entitled *Bringing Them Home*, calls on the Government to:
- (1) settle the stolen generation case currently before the federal court in the Northern Territory; and
 - (2) following consultation and agreement with appropriate representatives of the Stolen Generation, to:
 - (a) establish an alternate dispute resolution tribunal to assist members of the Stolen Generations by resolving claims for compensation:
 - (i) through consultation, conciliation and negotiation, rather than adversarial litigation; and
 - (ii) where appropriate and agreed to, deliver alternate forms of restitution; and
 - (b) set up processes and mechanisms which are adequately funded to:
 - (i) provide counselling;
 - (ii) record their testimonies;
 - (iii) educate Australians about their history and current plight;
 - (iv) help them to establish their ancestry and to access family reunion services; and
 - (v) help them to re-establish or re-build their links to their culture, language and history. *(Notice given 31 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999)*
- 26 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern regarding the aims and content of Migration Series Instruments (MSI) 244, which permits the transfer of asylum seekers from Migration Detention Centres to State prisons, where they are then held without charges or court proceedings;
 - (2) recognises that the actions permitted under MSI-244 constitute an arbitrary executive imprisonment of people, of the kind which Australia has condemned when it occurs in other countries;

- (3) recognises the concerns expressed by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Amnesty International, the Refugee Council of Australia, the Human Rights Commissioner and others, concerning the arbitrary powers of imprisonment given to immigration officers and detention centre officials under MSI-244;
- (4) notes that MSI-244 itself states that “there is no clear statutory basis for the selective transfer of detainees” to a State prison, and that this specific provision has never been approved by Parliament; and
- (5) calls upon the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to immediately withdraw MSI-244 and draft a new MSI, that only allows transfers of refugees claimants to State prison in circumstances when they are being charged with an offence under a State or Commonwealth law, other than breach of migration visa laws). (*Notice given 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999*)

27 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the progress that has been made by the States in moving towards truth in labelling for the egg industry;
- (2) requests the Commonwealth to show leadership and further facilitate all the States adopting national labelling standards; and
- (3) supports the phasing out of the practice of intense battery hen and egg farming. (*Notice given 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 2 **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 20 September 1999.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 4 **SYDNEY OLYMPICS:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 1999*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That the House:

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

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 September 1999.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)
- 26 **SELF-FUNDED RETIREES AND THE GST:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999—Mr Horne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—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.

(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)

- 27 **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CARERS:** Resumption of debate *(from 23 August 1999)* on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House:
- (1) understands the need to work towards addressing the needs of people with disabilities and their carers throughout Australia;
 - (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. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*
- 28 **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:** Resumption of debate *(from 23 August 1999)* on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—That this House acknowledges the value to all Australians of their country's growing trade and friendship with the People's Republic of China. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*
- 29 **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE BILL 1999** *(Mr Kerr):* Second reading *(from 30 August 1999)*. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*
- 30 **FAIR PRICES AND BETTER ACCESS FOR ALL (PETROLEUM) BILL 1999** *(Mr Fitzgibbon):* Second reading *(from 30 August 1999)*. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.)*
- 31 **HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH:** Resumption of debate *(from 30 August 1999—Mr Murphy, in continuation)* on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

32 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999*) on the motion of Ms Roxon—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;
- (3) urges all Members of this House, whether they be monarchists, republicans or direct election supporters, to participate honestly in the referendum campaign; and
- (4) deplures 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 September 1999.*)

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999*).
- 2 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report.
 - 2 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

First appeared on date shown

11 November 1998

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

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

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.

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.

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.

673 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.

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.

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. 694-708)—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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 June 1999

MRS CROSIO: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 746-752)—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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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 Electronic Data Systems 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

10 August 1999

- 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.
- 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.

11 August 1999

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.

12 August 1999

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.

23 August 1999

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 Finance and Administration—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.

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861 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) How many executive assistants working in his Department are (a) permanent public servants, (b) temporary public servants, (c) temporaries supplied by Kowalski Consulting and (d) temporaries supplied by other recruitment agencies.

- (2) Did his Department contract Kowalski Consulting for the provision of a large number of executive assistants; if so, (a) why and (b) when (i) did the contract commence and (ii) is it due to expire.
 - (3) What is the annual value of the contract with Kowalski Consulting and was it awarded through an open or selective tender process; if so, what were the details of the process; if not, why not.
 - (4) What is the median period of time that the temporaries from Kowalski Consulting have held a position with his Department.
 - (5) Are the temporaries from Kowalski Consulting employed under an award or certified agreement; if so, how do their entitlements compare with permanent Australian Public Service staff.
- 862 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many active reservists in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) are estimated to be (a) tertiary students, (b) unemployed, or (c) otherwise without employer provided superannuation coverage.
 - (2) What would be the estimated annual cost of the ADF making a superannuation contribution on behalf of active reservists equivalent to 7% of their ADF-provided pay and allowances.
- 863 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did Australia on 1 November 1973 deposit an instrument of acceptance in respect of the 1957 Statute of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, known as Hague 1 in the Hague Conference System.
 - (2) Did Australia on 20 July 1999 deposit an instrument of acceptance in respect of the accession of China to the 1970 Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, known as Hague XX in the Hague Conference System.
 - (3) In respect of what other conventions in the Hague system have instruments been deposited by (a) Australia or (b) China.
 - (4) Which departments are responsible for the conventions in the Hague system to which Australia is not yet a party.
- 864 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—How many workers' compensation claims relating to radiation exposure have been lodged by present or former employees of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation since 1991.
- 865 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has either the Australian Government Solicitor or his Department been requested to provide advice regarding the application to vehicles operating under the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS), established under the Interstate Road Transport Act, of load limit signs or other instructions issued under a law of a State or Territory which purport to limit the maximum axle-masses, gross vehicle mass or gross combination mass at which all vehicles may use a designated section of carriageway, or a bridge; if so, (a) when was that advice requested, (b) by whom was it requested, (c)

of whom was it requested, (d) to whom was the advice provided and (e) when was the advice provided.

- (2) Has advice been requested specifically regarding the application of such signs or instructions in a situation where FIRS vehicles are otherwise authorised to travel at axle-mass, gross vehicle mass or gross combination mass limits which differ from those provided under the law of a State or Territory; if so, (a) when was that advice requested, (b) by whom was it requested, (c) of whom was it requested, (d) to whom was the advice provided and (e) when was the advice provided.

MR PYNE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 867 - 868)—

- (1) Was the Chifley Government involved in bringing suspected war criminals and Nazi party members to Australia as part of the Employment of Scientific and Technical Enemy Aliens scheme (ESTEAs) between 1946 and 1951.
- (2) Were the backgrounds of prospective scientists covered up and were the objections of the Commonwealth Investigation Service and normal security clearances ignored.
- (3) Did the former deputy head of the Attorney-General's Department, Mr Andrew Menzies, give the ESTEA a clean bill of health in his 1986 government report; if so, is the Minister able to say whether Mr Menzies was misled and that his 1986 assertions that proper procedures were followed is incorrect.
- (4) Will the Government reopen the Special Investigations Unit and launch a full investigation into these allegations.

867 **MR PYNE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

868 **MR PYNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

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

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 607 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6323) concerning the Regional Assistance Program (RAP), what guidelines were used to select RAP projects prior to 12 May 1999.
- (2) Has his Department finalised the New National Policy Framework and the guidelines for RAP; if so, (a) what are they and (b) have they applied to the selection of RAP projects since 12 May 1999.
- (3) Has his Department finalised the development of a formal mechanism to evaluate the impact of RAP projects; if so, (a) who was engaged to develop the mechanism, (b) what was the cost of developing the guidelines and (c) what is the basis of the evaluation tool.

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

- (1) What classes of state-specific migration categories applied to the 1998-99 Immigration (Non-Humanitarian) Program.
- (2) In each category referred to in part (1), (a) how many person went to each State and Territory and (b) was a quota available to States and Territories.

- 871 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 585 (*Hansard*, 10 August 1999, page 6422), what is the nature of his Department's research into the success rate of employment services using Intensive Assistance Job Network to assist job seekers in gaining employment.
 - (2) Since the commencement of Intensive Assistance Job Network, (a) how many intensive assistance commencements have there been and (b) what has been the cost of those commencements.
 - (3) Since the commencement of Intensive Assistance Job Network, how many payments have been made for placements meeting the criteria of placement into a sustainable job and satisfying the conditions for an outcome payment.
- 872 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 579 (*Hansard*, 10 August 1999, page 6421), what names were raised and discussed with the then Minister for Social Security and the departmental Secretary, other than Dame Margaret Guilfoyle DBE.
 - (2) What contribution was made by the SOG B, SOG C and ASO4 to the development of the report drafted by Dame Margaret Guilfoyle DBE.
- 873 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an incident off Port Kembla on 19 May 1999 involving an alleged discharge of fertiliser by the bulk carrier MV *Roman Aboitiz*.
 - (2) Did the alleged discharge of fertiliser occur in Commonwealth waters.
 - (3) Is the discharge of fertiliser an offence under Commonwealth legislation; if not, why not.
 - (4) Which Commonwealth authorities were involved in the investigation of the alleged discharge of fertiliser.
- 874 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—What international (a) conventions, (b) treaties and (c) agreements have been implemented by federal legislation since his answer to question No. 764 (*Hansard*, 21 November 1996, page 380).

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- 875 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What sums did the Government budget for revenue from the sale of the remaining two-thirds of Telstra for (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001-02 and (d) 2002-03.
 - (2) What sums is the Government budgeting for revenue from the sale of the remaining 16.6% of Telstra for (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001-02 and (d) 2002-03.
 - (3) What reduction in Commonwealth debt arising from the sale of Telstra is assumed in the 1999 Budget.
 - (4) What is the revised estimate of debt reduction arising from the sale of 16.6% of Telstra.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 29 July 1999 reporting that the Government is proposing to divest a further \$188m worth of commercial office property in regional and metropolitan Australia.
- (2) Has his Department undertaken a study of the costs and benefits flowing from the further rationalisation of Commonwealth property holdings; if so, is the work available to Members of Parliament.
- (3) In what year will rental outgoings become a net cost to the Commonwealth, over and above the proceeds from the sale of property.
- (4) What are the estimates of proceeds from property sales and rental outgoings for each year until the year referred to in part (3) is reached, and beyond.

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

- (1) In relation to his press release announcing the Commonwealth Property Strategic Alliance shortlist, (a) what selection criteria were sent to those who expressed interest in the tender, (b) what were the relative weightings attaching to each selection criterion and (c) were the weightings made known to those companies that expressed interest.
- (2) Were the same criteria and weightings used to select the three proponents named in his press release applied to the rest of the field.
- (3) Were all three tenderers selected for the short list recommended by his Department.
- (4) Were tenderers added to, or deleted from, the short list recommended by his Department by him or his office.
- (5) What experience does each of the three tenderers have in property management.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to some medical specialists charging additional initial consultation fees for every referral required by patients for ongoing treatment of a continuing condition.
- (2) Do Medicare arrangements state that specialists can charge an initial consultation fee only once in a single course of treatment; if so, (a) does the practice referred to in part (1) contradict those arrangements and (b) what measures can be taken to enforce the Medicare provisions preventing multiple initial consultation charges.

MR KERR: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 879 - 880)—

- (1) Will the maritime seaphone service be discontinued in 2001.
- (2) Will the listening service for high frequency maritime distress voice traffic be discontinued in 2000.
- (3) Has consultation occurred with users in respect of the future of the services referred to in parts (1) and (2); if so, what.
- (4) Are alternative arrangements for the services proposed; if so, what.
- (5) Is the Government acting on advice with respect to the services; if so, from whom.

(6) Will the closure of the (a) seaphone service and (b) listening service for high frequency distress voice traffic affect maritime safety, if so, how.

879 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

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

MR KERR: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 881 - 882)—Does the Government have plans to encourage the development of a nationally integrated emergency service communications system, including the co-ordination of police, fire and other emergency services; if so, what strategy will the Government pursue; if not, why not.

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

882 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

883 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How long is the backlog of applications for review by the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT), accumulated since the amalgamation of the Immigration Review Tribunal and the Migration Internal Review Office.
- (2) What is the breakdown of the backlog by (a) application category and (b) registry or MRT office.
- (3) What criteria are being used to select and process the inherited backlog.
- (4) Have criteria been established for the processing of new applications; if so, are these applications simply being added to the backlog.
- (5) What are the estimated processing times for applications for review by (a) registry and (b) category.
- (6) How many appointments have been made to the MRT, by registry, as at 25 August 1999.
- (7) How many appointments referred to in part (6) are on a (a) part time and (b) full time basis.
- (8) What is the breakdown of appointees by registry.
- (9) How long is the tenure of the appointments.
- (10) What are the professional qualifications of each of the appointed MRT members.
- (11) Has a tribunal member been given the responsibility for training newly appointed members; if so, which member.
- (12) Will a next round of appointments be announced; if so, when.

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884 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) What guarantees can be given that the passage of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998 and the rewrite of the Oil Code will lead to (a) cheaper fuel in rural and regional Australia and (ii) more vigorous competition in the provision of petroleum products to regional markets.

- (2) Will deregulation of the petroleum industry see efficiency gains passed on to consumers in the form of lower retail fuel prices; if so, why; if not, what measures will be put in place to ensure regional consumers benefit from the industry's deregulation.
- (3) When does the Government aim to (a) finalise negotiations about the substance of the new Oil Code and (b) have the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998 enacted.
- (4) Is it proposed to lift restrictions on the wholesale price of petrol; if so, will the Government legislate to ensure that all daily terminal wholesale prices, plus transport costs, be made openly available to the public; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the purpose of the *Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act 1980* to restrain vertical integration by the major oil companies and so encourage competition; if so, how does the Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Amendment Regulation 1999 (No. 2), which aims to increase BP Australia Ltd's allocation of retail sites from 102 to 212, conform with the purpose of the Act.
- (6) Why is the Government introducing the retrospective Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 2) when the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998 is yet to be secured and the terms of the new Oil Code have not been finalised or agreed to by the petroleum industry.

885 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Will he provide details on the level and effectiveness of Government programs since 1996 designed to deal with hearing impairment within the indigenous community.
- (2) What funds have been allocated to hearing services since 1996, and what proportion of those funds was used to service the needs of the indigenous community.
- (3) What proportion of funding for hearing services was used in programs to prevent hearing impairment in Aboriginal children.
- (4) Will he provide details of hearing impairment programs to prevent the onset of hearing impairment for indigenous children.
- (5) Is he able to say how long it will be before it will be possible to provide preventive medicine for all newborn indigenous children so that they do not contract hearing impairment diseases.
- (6) Are future programs proposed to eradicate all acquired hearing impairment from the indigenous communities; if so, what are the details.

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

- (1) What percentage of flights (a) taking off from and (b) landing on the east-west runway over the electoral division of Barton between 1 January to 26 August 1999 have been between (i) 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. and (ii) 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- (2) To what extent were flights during those hours considered in the calculation of the Australian Noise Exposure Index applicable for the western end of the east-west runway.

- 887 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Further to the answer to question No. 155 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5073),
how is use of the crossing runway modes of operation at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport consistent with the concept of segregated airspace as developed from the study conducted by Ratner and associates.
- 888 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Further to the answer to question No. 448 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5103),
what percentage of over the water flights could be achieved by utilising a combination of mode 4 and mode 2 of the long-term operating plan.
- 889 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What portion of the funding of the National Health and Medical Research Council is allocated to (a) hepatitis C and (b) HIV research.

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- 890 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Have the Australian and New Zealand Governments consulted on the ratification of the 1989 Unesco Convention on Technical and Vocational Education since his answer to question No. 959 (*Hansard*, 13 May 1997, page 3407).
 - (2) Has the Australian Government consulted with any other members of the South Pacific Forum.
- 891 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Has the Australian National Training Authority Ministerial Council considered the 1989 Unesco Convention on Technical and Vocational Education since his answer to question No. 943 (*Hansard*, 17 June 1997, page 5513).
 - (2) When will the Council next meet.
- 892 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Will the Hawk lead in fighter be phased in as the fighter trainer at RAAF Base Williamtown during 2000.
 - (2) Has his Department conducted an environmental impact statement on the impact of the Hawk aircraft on the area around RAAF Base Williamtown and the Salt Ash Bombing Range; if so, do the noise levels of the Hawk aircraft vary significantly from the existing Machi trainer.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to letters to residents from the commander of RAAF Base Williamtown stating that the noise level contours for the Hawk aircraft are not the responsibility of the RAAF.
 - (4) If it is not the responsibility of the RAAF to determine noise level contours, (a) is it his and his Department's responsibility and (b) will he, as a matter of urgency order that noise level contours for the Hawk aircraft be determined for areas adjacent to RAAF Base Williamtown base and the Salt Ash Bombing Range.
 - (5) What measures will be taken by his Department to ensure that residents in the area around RAAF Base Williamtown and the Salt Ash Bombing Range will not be adversely affected by the variation in aircraft.

893 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Were laptop computers owned by Airservices Australia lost or stolen at the Mangalore Airshow or at any other time or place.
- (2) Did any laptop computer contain the names, addresses and credit card details of subscribers to Airservices Australia products; if so, how many (a) subscriber names and (b) credit card numbers were saved within the computer.
- (3) Was the loss or theft reported to (a) police and (b) the Privacy Commissioner; if so, (c) when and (d) what was the result of any investigation.
- (4) Were the subscribers whose records were contained in the laptop computers notified that persons not authorised by Airservices Australia could be accessing their details.

894 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What percentage of the total target population for the Disability Services Program (DSP) resided in the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, as those regions are defined by the Victorian Department of Human Services, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (2) What was the percentage distribution of DSP supported employment funding for each of the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (3) What was the percentage distribution of workers in DSP supported employment programs for each of the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (4) What was the percentage distribution of DSP Employment Placement funding for each of the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (5) What was the percentage distribution of workers in DSP Employment Placement programs for each of the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.

- (6) What was the percentage distribution of funding for advocacy under the DSP across the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (7) What was the percentage distribution of workers in DSP employment programs across the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (8) What was the total funding for the DSP for each of the Victorian regions of (a) North Metropolitan, (b) Eastern Metropolitan, (c) Southern Metropolitan, (d) Western Metropolitan, (e) Barwon South West, (f) Grampians Metropolitan, (g) Loddon Mallee, (h) Hume and (i) Gippsland, including the respective sub-regions, in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.

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895 **MS KERNOT:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Midwife Team Program at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, been cut.
- (2) How many families use the program annually.
- (3) What annual funding was provided to the program by the Commonwealth.
- (4) Have Commonwealth funds for the program been withdrawn; if so, why.

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896 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What sum was spent by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97 and (c) 1997-98 on engineering and scientific software, including purchase and lease costs, contributions to joint development and grants to develop software.

897 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Have contracts been finalised with agents in Norway and Sweden working on behalf of his Department to process visas from Scandinavian countries for students wishing to study at Australian universities; if not; what is being done to address concerns raised by agents since early 1999 relating to (a) the level of student fees, (b) the level of medical examinations required for short duration courses, (c) processing times, (d) panel doctors, (e) administrative assistance, (f) additional costs, including couriers and (g) single and continuing points of contact for enquiries.
- (2) Has a response been forwarded to the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee addressing its concern over the impact of the Scandinavian visa issue.
- (3) Have agents refused to negotiate contracts for activities on behalf of his Department beyond 1 October 1999; if so, what is the departmental assessment of the impact of the refusal.

- (4) What will be the impact on student visa processing from Scandinavia after processing is transferred to the Bonn centre after 1 October 1999, including the impact on (a) processing times, (b) handling queries and (c) student numbers.
 - (5) Has his Department evaluated the competitiveness of Australia as a student destination in terms of (a) fees charged for visas compared with Canada, USA, UK and NZ, (b) requirements for extensive and expensive medical reports for all students and (c) delays in processing and approval; if so, what are the details.
 - (6) Has action been taken to address shortcomings raised by agents in Scandinavia about members of medical panels and their suitability and effectiveness in providing medical assessments for student visas; if so, what.
- 898 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Have there been communications between the Federal and Western Australian Governments concerning the 1974 Convention on the Settlement of International Disputes between States and Nationals of other States since his answer to question No. 1349 (*Hansard*, 14 May 1997, page 3667); if so, (a) when, (b) in what manner and (c) with what outcome.

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- 899 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will the term of the Race Discrimination Commissioner expire at the end of September 1999.
 - (2) Will the Government replace the Race Discrimination Commissioner; if not, is it the Government's intention to have the functions of the Race Discrimination Commissioner performed by one of the commissioners of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as an additional responsibility; if so, why.
- 900 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What sum has the Government spent on its "Freedom of Association" advertising campaign.
 - (2) What is the total funding allocation for the campaign.
 - (3) For how long will the campaign run.
 - (4) Is the campaign part of a larger advertising campaign to sell the Government's Second Wave industrial relations legislation; if so, (a) what will be the total cost to sell the Government's Second Wave industrial relations legislation, (b) what will be included in the remainder of the campaign and (c) for how long will it run.
- 901 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to the reports on page one and page fourteen of the Tuesday, 17 August edition of the *Australian Financial Review*, entitled "Inside the tax schemes of Australia's rich and famous"; if so, what action is the Australian Taxation Office taking to address the tax schemes described in this report and ensure that those mentioned pay their fair share of tax.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the Government publication entitled “Tax Reform - Not a New Tax, a New Tax System of August 1998” which refers to \$500m for small and medium businesses to minimise the start up costs of a GST.
- (2) Will he provide (a) a breakdown of the organisations, small businesses, or other purposes to which the \$500m has been allocated and (b) details of the criteria that have been used in determining how the \$500m has been allocated.
- (3) What sum is going to (a) individual small businesses, and to which individual small businesses, and (b) business associations, and to which business associations.
- (4) How do small businesses that are interested in accessing the funds go about applying for it.
- (5) What action has the Government taken to advise small businesses around Australia of the availability of the funds.

903 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Have sites been identified and excised from Kakadu National Park; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Have negotiations been entered into with companies regarding excision of sites; if so, with whom.

904 **MS HALL:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs’ inquiry into strategies to strengthen marriage and relationships in 1998 recommend the improvement of processes for the appointment and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants as a useful adjunct to the success of the Government’s marriage education proposals.
- (2) Was a draft proposal for the appointment, accreditation and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants submitted to his department in 1997.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to the matters referred to in parts (1) and (2); if not, will he investigate.

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

- (1) Are young members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) paid wages based on rank and duties.
- (2) Does the Government propose to change the terms and conditions of young members of the AFP.
- (3) Is there a proposal to introduce junior rates of pay for the AFP; if so, (a) when and (b) by what process.

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

- (1) Did Australia on 25 August 1998 ratify the 1993 Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption, known as Hague XXXIII within the Hague Conference system.
- (2) Did the Convention enter into force for Australia on 1 December 1998.
- (3) With which countries has Australia made, or is Australia preparing to make, arrangements under the Convention.
- (4) For which conventions in the Hague Conference system is his department responsible.

*907 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many (a) refugees or (b) other categories of migrant has Australia received from Africa each year since 1990.
- (2) Is he able to provide the details referred to in part (1) by country of origin; if not, why not.
- (3) Does Australia submit prospective refugees and other individuals seeking permanent entry to HIV/AIDS tests; if so, (a) when did the Commonwealth begin testing and (b) are other medical conditions tested for.
- (4) How many (a) refugees and (b) other categories of migrants have been refused entry on the basis of being tested HIV positive or suffering from full-blown AIDS since testing began by (i) year and (ii) country.
- (5) Have there been incidents related to the Commonwealth's insistence that prospective refugees and other categories of migrants from (a) African or (b) other nations submit themselves to HIV/AIDS and other medical testing before being granted entry into Australia; if so, (i) what form did the incidents take, (ii) when and where did the incidents take place, (iii) was violence or the threat of violence involved and (iv) were individuals involved in carrying out the testing procedures (A) in danger or (B) evacuated or replaced because of threats or danger to their well being.
- (6) Has the Government received (a) complaints or (b) representations, either in an official or unofficial capacity, from representatives of (i) African or (ii) other governments regarding the Commonwealth's policy on testing prospective refugees and migrants for HIV/AIDS and other medical conditions; if so, (c) what governments made complaints or representations, (d) when were they made and (e) what was the Commonwealth's response.
- (7) Is he able to say whether the NZ Government submits refugees and other individuals seeking permanent entry into that country to (a) HIV/AIDS tests or (b) testing for other medical conditions; if not, why not.
- (8) If the NZ Government does not submit refugees and other individuals seeking permanent entry into that country to HIV/AIDS tests, has the Australian Government approached New Zealand at any level and in any official or unofficial capacity in order to suggest that such testing should take place; if not, why not; if so, (a) when were approaches made, (b) by whom and (c) what was the response of the NZ Government.
- (9) Does the Australian Government provide New Zealand with assistance in regard to testing prospective (a) refugees and (b) other categories of

migrants to that country for various medical conditions before they enter that country; if so, (a) what form does the assistance take, (b) when did provision of assistance begin and (c) did the NZ Government request Australia's assistance in this regard or did the Commonwealth offer it.

*908 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is there a settled policy for deciding which government levies are to be subject to GST; if not, (a) will discussions have to take place with the States before a policy can be agreed on to ensure a consistent application to all similar levies and charges and (b) how will the GST apply to government levies and charges.
- (2) Will he provide the full list of government levies and charges that will be subject to the GST, and those that will not.

*909 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the GST apply to payments of taxes and other charges, except those taxes and other charges that are excluded from the GST by a determination of the Treasurer; if so, (a) how many determinations has he made and (b) what taxes and charges have been excluded from the GST by the determinations.

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

- (1) Was the issue of microeconomic reform one of his stated reasons for his involvement with the Patrick Stevedores v. MUA dispute.
- (2) If so, was one aspect of microeconomic reform the lowering of costs to importers and exporters via a greater per hour crane lift at Melbourne and other Australian ports.
- (3) What was the price of loading and unloading a (a) full, (b) half and (c) quarter container with Patrick Stevedores (i) prior to the Patrick - MUA dispute and (ii) now.

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

- (1) Since the conclusion of the waterfront dispute is he able to say whether the Chairman of Lang Corporation or Patrick Stevedores has made comments relating to the cost to importers and exporters of importing and exporting goods; if so, (a) do the statements relate to prices for Australian importers and exporters and (b) what are the prices.
- (2) Has the Government made approaches to Patrick Stevedores or Lang Corporation about the need to pass on the benefits of the increased productivity, particularly the higher crane rate lift, to Australian importers and exporters.

*912 **MR MORRIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many (a) citizens and (b) non-citizens have been deported for committing serious crimes since March 1996.
- (2) Of the persons referred to in part (1), (a) to which countries were they deported; (b) what racial or cultural groups are represented; (c) what crimes were committed and (d) what sentences were served.

*913 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to World Health Organisation (WHO) Environmental Health Criteria Series Volumes 100-187 No. 171 entitled 'Diesel Fuel and exhaust emissions' which warns that diesel exhaust is probably carcinogenic to humans, and that inhalation of diesel exhaust contributes to both neoplastic and non-neoplastic diseases, including asthma.
- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to WHO press release WHO/57 31 July 1998 stating that European Ministers of Environment and Health are discussing and adopting the European Charter on Transport, Environment and Health; if so, will he be drafting, discussing and adopting a similar Charter for Australia; if so, when.
- (3) Is the consumption of diesel fuel promoted by reducing the diesel fuel excise.
- (4) Is diesel fuel exempt from the goods and services tax (GST).
- (5) Will he maintain or increase the diesel fuel excise in light of the WHO's findings.
- (6) Has the Government's attention been drawn to a 1998 report by the Scientific Review Panel of the California Air Resources Board recommending that diesel exhaust be classified as a toxic air contaminant; if so, has the Government (a) heeded the findings of the report that long term occupational exposure to diesel exhaust was associated with an increase in the incidence of lung cancer and (b) taken action to warn truck drivers, plant operators, rural workers, the transport industry and the general public of the increased risk of lung cancer that these workers have been shown to be exposed to; if so, what.
- (7) Is he able to say whether (a) the US Environmental Protection Authority has proposed listing diesel exhaust as a probable human carcinogen and (b) in 1990 California identified diesel exhaust as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer.
- (8) Will the Government adopt the Californian Air Resources Board proposals for controls on diesel emissions, including the use of economic incentives to encourage the introduction of cleaner engines and the replacement of diesel with alternative fuels.
- (9) Will the Government adopt measures in line with those that the Californian Air Resources Board now requires for the reduction of emissions of toxic air contaminants (TACs) from diesel exhausts; if so, will the Government take steps to reduce the emission of TACs from diesel engines by introducing regulations that (a) introduce standards that restrict the amount of particulate matter that can be emitted by new diesel cars, trucks and buses, (b) control the emission of oxides of nitrogen from diesel cars, trucks and buses and (c) introduce roadside testing of diesel vehicles for particle emissions.
- (10) Is the Government introducing more stringent emission standards for heavy vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act; if so, is it a fact that it will not be until 1 January 2006 that new vehicles will be required to meet the

new standards and 1 January 2007 before all vehicles will be required to meet the new standard.

- (11) Is it also a fact that the (a) current ADR 70/00 emission standard for diesel vehicles was introduced with a lead time of 15 months and (b) GST will be introduced in only one year.
- (12) Is he able to say whether the two basic policy directions given in the Inquiry into Urban Air Pollution in Australia by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering were (a) reduce vehicle use, and (b) clean up the vehicles; if so, has the Government taken steps to implement those policy directions.
- (13) Has his attention been drawn to (a) warnings in the Inquiry into Urban Air Pollution in Australia that fine particle emissions may rise from current levels and could accelerate if diesel vehicles become more prevalent and (b) the statement by Dr D. Brand to the Senate Inquiry into The GST and a New Tax System that medical evidence is mounting on the dangers of fine particles in diesel exhausts; if so, what action is the Government taking to heed these warnings.
- (14) Was the Senate inquiry into the GST and a New Tax System informed that the flow-on effects of the diesel excise reduction would be significant, including the demise of the gaseous transport fuels industry and the collapse of the Government's policy to encourage the use of natural gas in Sydney and Melbourne.
- (15) Has the Government taken steps to implement the recommendation given in the Inquiry into Urban Air Pollution in Australia that the Government should encourage the use of vehicles using cleaner fuels in urban areas; if so, what.

*914 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a report by US Congressional Research Service in 1995 titled "*World Oil Production After Year 2000: Business As Usual or Crisis?*", that warned Australia could sustain its current oil production for no more than 10 years and that deficient world oil productive capacity could cause an oil crisis within 15 years; if so, will the Government respond to the report; if so, when.
- (2) Has the Minister's attention also been drawn to a statement made in *World Oil*, October 1995, that unscientific reserve claims for political reasons may obscure the fact that most large, economic oil fields have been found, and permanent oil shock is inevitable early in the next century.
- (3) Will predicted shortages of oil have a profound impact on the Australian economy; if so, what measures will the Government take.

*915 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Will the CSIRO retrench 37 staff from the Forest Products Laboratory at Clayton, Vic., as an outcome of the organisation's triennial plan for the period 2000-03.

- (2) Does Australia have a large and entrenched trade deficit in paper and wood products; if so, what reason has the management of CSIRO given for reducing research funding to the Forests Products Laboratory.
- (3) What are the details of the specific research projects that will be (a) terminated and (b) rescheduled as a result of the funding reduction.
- (4) Has the Minister asked CSIRO management to reconsider funding for the Forest Products Laboratory; if not, why not.

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

- (1) As at 30 June 1999 what total funding had been provided to each State and Territory since March 1996 under the Farm Forestry Program component of the Natural Heritage Trust.
- (2) What is the allocation for Farm Forestry Program funding for (a) 1999-2000 and (b) subsequent years under (i) the Natural Heritage Trust and (ii) other Commonwealth programs.
- (3) For each region what is (a) the Commonwealth identifier, (b) title, (c) proponent, (d) location of proponent and (e) funding amount of all Farm Forestry Program grants made to 20 September 1999 under the Natural Heritage Trust.

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

- (1) What is the estimated total area of old growth forest in each State and Territory, according to data held by the National Forest Inventory for the most recent reporting period.
- (2) What is the estimated (a) range and (b) average amount of carbon stored, in tonnes per hectare, in Australia's old growth forests.

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

- (1) What are the respective powers and functions of the Commonwealth and State Governments as detailed in the Forests Industry Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with Western Australia on 4 May 1999.
 - (2) Has the Commonwealth since sought to amend or terminate the MOU; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) Does the Commonwealth remain committed to contributing \$20m towards a South West FISAP, as he announced on 4 May 1999; if not, what are the details of any variation proposed by the Commonwealth.
 - (4) Subsequent to the WA Premier's announcement of 27 July 1999 that logging of old growth karri and tingle forests will cease when current contracts expire, does the Commonwealth consider that the South West region requires additional structural adjustment funding; if so, what further measures are proposed to assist affected workers and communities.
 - (5) What estimated sum will the Commonwealth provide under FISAP to WA in 1999-2000 for (a) business exit assistance, (b) worker assistance, industry development assistance and (d) rescheduling assistance.
 - (6) What sum has the Commonwealth provided under FISAP to WA since 4 May 1999.
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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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.

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.

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 Lloyd (*Chair*), Mr Brough, Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Mr Prosser, 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 Murphy, Mr Ronaldson, Ms Roxon, Mr St Clair, Mrs D. S. Vale.

Bill referred:

Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 1999. (*To report by 9 December 1999.*)

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, Mr Lawler, 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—

Development of 90 apartments.

Redevelopment of Darwin Naval Base Project.

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.

St Lucia, Qld—CSIRO/University of Queensland joint building project.

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*): Senator Watson (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowden, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bourne, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy.

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Elson, Mr 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.
- Review of ten proposed treaty actions tabled on 11 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*).

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