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No. 67

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Act 1999*, and for other purposes.
- *2 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the conduct of, and the disclosure of information by, life companies, life brokers and life insurance advisers, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- *1 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 194 (*from 22 September 1999*).
- 2 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999*) on the motion of Dr Kemp—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M.J. Evans, viz.—* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
 - (1) notes that the quality of Australian education institutions is of prime importance to our future, both economically and culturally; and
 - (2) condemns the Government for damaging the quality of Australian education by:
 - (a) punitive cuts to universities;
 - (b) a lack of commitment to equity issues; and
 - (c) mismanagement of the education export industry.”
- 3 **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*).

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

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

- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- *9 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 193 (*from 22 September 1999*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999** (*Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Brereton*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999—Mr Ronaldson*).
- 17 **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*).

- 18 **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*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 25 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 26 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 27 **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".

- *28 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- *29 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- *30 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY LEVIES REGULATIONS (VALIDATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- *31 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 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 **FURTHER 1998 BUDGET MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 195 (*from 22 September 1999*).
- 36 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 192 (*from 20 September 1999*).
- 37 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 38 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 39 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 40 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *41 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—CORPORATE PLAN—JULY 1998-JUNE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *42 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *43 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—1999 GRANTS BOOK—CORRIGENDA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.

- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.

- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.

- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.

- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.

- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.

- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.

- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.

- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1999)—*moved 2 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Evans*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1999)—*moved 22 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
- 143 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 144 **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*).
- 145 **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

Presentation and statements

- *1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN:** Report. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- *2 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on immigration entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. (*Total time for statements—15 minutes.*)
- *3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on a visit to the Northern Defence Bases. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- *4 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Bougainville peace process. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)
- *5 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 25—Treaties tabled on 11 August 1999. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

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

†2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes*)

†3 **MRS ELSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges the financial sacrifice made by parents, one of whom choses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;
- (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
- (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and
- (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5 years of age. (*Notice given 20 September 1999. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time*)



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 2 **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 27 September 1999.*)

- 3 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 4 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 5 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 6 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 September 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 17 **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 Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowdon—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 27 September 1999.)

- 18 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999—Mr Lloyd, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—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 27 September 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notices given for Thursday, 23 September 1999

- *1 **MR HORNE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges the oyster industry as a responsible industry that is a large employer of people both directly and indirectly in regional Australia;
 - (2) recognises that regional jobs are rapidly diminishing and the loss of a viable oyster industry would result in the loss of thousands of jobs in coastal Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria; and
 - (3) calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to exclude oyster farmers from having to value their oyster crop as an asset and therefore be considered as income for taxation purposes starting in the year 2000-2001. (*Notice given 21 September 1999.*)
- *2 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) supports the United Nations Organisation of African Unity Referendum for the Western Sahara;
 - (2) applauds the efforts of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and his special envoy for Western Sahara Mr James Baker to ensure that a free and fair Referendum is held in Western Sahara to allow its people to exercise their right to self-determination; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to reintroduce its contingent to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). (*Notice given 21 September 1999.*)
- *3 **MR HOLLIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) calls on the Government to reverse the decision on the transmitters at Cox Peninsula near Darwin; and
 - (2) urges the Government to recommence broadcasting from Cox Peninsula as a matter of urgency. (*Notice given 22 September 1999.*)
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Notices—continued

- 1 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 2 **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 27 September 1999.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 September 1999.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 September 1999.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)*

7 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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)*

8 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

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

- (1) notes that during the 1996 election campaign, the Government promised the people of Western Sydney an open, transparent and accountable process in determining the future for the Badgerys Creek airport site;
- (2) notes with concern that the release of the final Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Badgerys Creek airport has been continually delayed by the

Government, despite its stated intentions to release it, in clear breach of their election promises;

- (3) acknowledges that the residents of Ashcroft, Bonnyrigg, Busby, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Cartwright, Edensor Park, Green Valley, Heckenberg, Hinchinbrook, Lansvale, Liverpool, Miller, Mt Pritchard, Sadleir, St Johns Park, Warwick Farm and Wakely have the right to be fully informed of the impact of the construction of a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek;
 - (4) recognises that 10 Western Sydney councils, the State Government and the State Opposition are opposed to the construction of the Badgerys Creek airport;
 - (5) acknowledges the growing concern by the people of Western Sydney about the potential impact of the airport and their falling confidence levels in the EIS process and the manner in which the Government is handling the development of Sydney's second airport; and
 - (6) recognises that the Government has failed to examine in detail alternative proposals to Badgerys Creek for the second airport's location and alternative proposals for more efficient use of existing airport infrastructure in Sydney. *(Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)*
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)*
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999*)

- 21 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999)*
- 22 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999)*
- 23 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999*)

24 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999*)

25 **DR NELSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes Tuesday 12th October is the day of Six Billion People;
- (2) notes uncontrollable population expansion will lead to increasing pressure on the world leading to serious environmental and social problems;
- (3) while respecting cultural sensibilities, calls for a realistic approach to family planning, including access to information on family planning; and
- (3) stresses the issues of population and development are interconnected. (*Notice given 20 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999*)

26 **MRS ELSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises the widespread community support for the Government’s “Work for the dole” program;
- (2) acknowledges the vital role played by the hundreds of community groups and local organisations throughout the nation that conduct local work for the dole projects;
- (3) recognises the social value and community contribution of the work carried out by participants; and
- (4) welcomes the Government’s commitment to expanding Work for the dole, as outlined in the 1999-2000 Budget initiative to double the number of Work for the dole places to 50 000 next year—providing hope, experience and opportunity for more young Australian jobseekers. (*Notice given*

20 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999)

- 27 **MR NEHL:** To move—That this House acknowledges that the people of Tibet have seen significant beneficial changes in their standard of living during the 1990's. (*Notice given 20 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999)*)

Orders of the day

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

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 September 1999.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 September 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)

- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 22 **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) deplores ongoing human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China and calls on the Government of that country to:
 - (a) re-evaluate the official verdict on 4 June 1989 Tiananmen pro-democracy activities and initiate open investigations on the 4 June event with the goal of providing a complete and accurate account of those events;
 - (b) treat fairly Chinese students who elected to stay in Australia after 4 June 1989 under special temporary visas and who have since returned to their homeland;
 - (c) release all prisoners of conscience, including those still in prison as a result of their participation in the pro-democracy protests of May and June 1989, provide just compensation to the families of those killed in those protests and allow those exiled on account of their activities in 1989 to return and live in freedom in the People's Republic of China;
 - (d) put an end to harassment, detention and imprisonment of Chinese citizens exercising their internationally recognised rights to the freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of religion; and
 - (e) proceed quickly to ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which it signed on 5 October 1998. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.)

- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)

- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 30 **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) deplores 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 31 **AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 1999** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 20 September 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 27 September 1999.)

- 32 **DRUGS STRATEGY:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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";
 - (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND IRANIAN JEWS:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 34 **HOMELESSNESS AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 27 September 1999". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).



BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 23 September 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

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 **EAST TIMOR—UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL—RESOLUTION, 15 SEPTEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Nugent, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 5 **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.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS continued

Orders of the day—*continued*

6 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).

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 in the Notice Paper.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1, 404, 450, 460, 461, 465, 538, 643, 650, 660, 661, 663, 673, 682, 686, 690, 697, 701, 703, 705, 708, 746, 752, 782, 786-788, 790, 792, 793, 798-803, 805, 807, 813-816, 823, 827, 833, 837, 840, 847-850, 857, 858, 860, 862-865, 868, 869, 871-875, 878, 882-885, 887-904.

20 September 1999

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.

21 September 1999

919 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Has the Government produced a glossy A4 double sided pamphlet entitled Federal Assistance for Government Schools; if so, does the pamphlet include an open letter to all parents.
- (2) Has the pamphlet been sent to (a) all public and (b) non public primary and high schools.
- (3) What was the cost of (a) producing and (b) distributing the pamphlet.

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

- (1) Has the Government modelled the budgetary effect of allowing pensioners to pay for private health insurance out of income earned over and above the current maximum fortnightly allowable limit above which any income earned reduces the pension; if so, what were the findings of that modelling; if not, (a) why has such modelling not been conducted and (b) will the Government conduct such modelling.
- (2) Does the pensioner age group place a great demand on the public health system and would encouraging this group to earn a supplement income, pension unpenalised, to cover health insurance premiums, relieve the burden on the public health system.
- (3) If so, what action will the Government take to help pensioners to help themselves in terms of private health insurance.

921 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has Centrelink changed the way recipients of the Parenting Payment Single are reviewed so that only parents earning income must lodge a review every 12 weeks; if so, why.

- (2) What type of information are recipients of Parenting Payment Single now required to include in the 12 weekly reviews.
 - (3) Is it necessary for Centrelink to have this information for working parents but not for non-working parents; if so, why.
 - (4) Does treating non-working recipients of Parenting Payment Single more favourably than working recipients encourage parents not to take financial responsibility for themselves and their families; if so, to what extent; if not, why not.
 - (5) What measures are in place to review the effect of changing the way entitlement to Parenting Payment Single is reviewed.
- 922 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 425 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5101), has his attention been drawn to comments of Mr J. Bosnjak, Chairperson of the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board, on page 24 of the Monday, 16 September 1999 edition of the *Daily Telegraph*, regarding the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
 - (2) Are there plans to speed up the release of finances to complete the proposed orbital road.
 - (3) Would many of the present road users who would make use of the Orbital be diverted off the suburban roads presently in use.
 - (4) Does he or his Department have alternative plans to assist the road transport bottlenecks in the Western Sydney region.
- 923 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention be drawn to recommendations of the Green Paper New Knowledge, New Opportunities and the effects on university research funding.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether there will be massive funding cuts to the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and other young universities.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether the cuts at UWS will reduce public funding for research by \$2.3 million a year.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether the cuts will (a) reduce the number of postgraduate research students at UWS from 700 to 200 and (b) make it almost impossible for postgraduates to conduct high level research in Sydney between Strathfield and the Blue Mountains.
 - (5) Will the industry related research capacity of Greater Western Sydney (GWS) be eroded by the cuts.
 - (6) Is he able to say whether the cuts will reduce the opportunities for a research career for residents in GWS.
 - (7) What steps is the Minister and the Department taking to ensure that the cuts are not made to UWS funding.

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

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the impending closure of the Analogue Mobile Phone System (AMPS) is causing some hearing aid wearers to fear that they will not be able to continue in business because the CDMA system is not available outside Sydney and Melbourne.
- (2) Has Telstra informed the hearing impaired of published results in relation to assessments of GSM and CDMA digital mobile phone systems; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Minister regulate for an exemption from the phaseout of the AMPS service until a mobile system can be used with teletypewriter phones and carriers have complied with the education requirements in the Analogue Closure Plan.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say (a) whether GSM digital mobile phones make an unbearable noise in some hearing aids and (b) that information literature treats CDMA technology as being equal to GSM technology for the hearing impaired; if so, will the Minister's Department take action on this matter.
- (5) Is it a fact that the CDMA network will not be available in several capital cities until October.
- (6) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the superior range, speech quality and noise suppression characteristics of AMPS and CDMA mobile networks compared with the GSM system; if so, will compensation be offered to the hearing impaired and rural users where disadvantage and complications have occurred.
- (7) Will an appropriate education process be included in the Analogue Phaseout Plan.
- (8) Will Telstra have a competitive advantage with the introduction of CDMA equivalent to its assumed advantage of the AMPS; if so, will the Government provide equal access to the hearing impaired by maintaining the AMPS beyond 31 December 1999.
- (9) Is the Minister able to say whether mobile phone carriers have passed the responsibility of mobile phones for the hearing impaired on to audiologists and the Deafness Forum of Australia; if so, what action will the Government take.
- (10) Are mobile phone carriers telling the hearing impaired to buy high immunity C2 type hearing aids which cost \$2 500 per aid; if so, (a) who will pay, (b) will carriers share the burden and (c) can closure of AMPS be delayed.
- (11) Is the Minister able to say whether (a) Telstra is claiming that CDMA phones could be used with suitable (i) medium immunity C1 type hearing aids, (ii) hands free handsets or (iii) personal inductive coupling loops and (b) CDMA and AMPS handsets are suitable for the hearing impaired.
- (12) Are hearing impaired persons entitled to unencumbered mobile phone services.

- (13) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to complaints by the hearing impaired about (a) hearing aid interference on Adelaide radio stations, (b) the closure of AMPS services and (c) the delay in CDMA services for Adelaide.
- (14) Is the Minister able to say whether hearing impaired mobile phone consumers are told that GSM and CDMA mobile phones will not cause interference within one metre of C1 type hearing aids.
- (15) Is there is a process for regulating compliance with the new Therapeutic Goods Administration standards for electromagnetic immunity; if so, what are the requirements.
- (16) Do the performance and economic reasons given for closure of the AMPS network in 1992 still exist.
- (17) Will the Government review the decision to close the AMPS after consulting with mobile phone carriers.
- (18) Will (a) compensation be paid for loss of access to a mobile phone system or (b) an adequate CDMA education program for the hearing impaired be funded.

925 **MR WILTON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is Moorabbin Airport the second busiest airport in terms of aircraft movements in Australia.
- (2) What are the hours of operation of the control tower at Moorabbin Airport.
- (3) Do night-time operations at Moorabbin Airport frequently fail to conform with the regulations set down by Air Services Australia.
- (4) What is the total annual operating cost of the control tower at Moorabbin Airport.
- (5) Will he take action to ensure that all after hours aircraft activity at Moorabbin Airport complies with the existing regulations.

926 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is the Minister able to provide figures showing what proportion of petroleum by volume of the total petroleum retail market is retailed by (a) BP, (b) Caltex/Ampol, (c) Shell and (d) Mobil.
- (2) Of the companies referred to in part (1), is the Minister able to provide figures showing, as a proportion of the Australian petroleum retail market, the amount of petroleum by volume retailed by service stations (a) directly operated by those companies and (b) which operate on a commission agency relationship with those companies.

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*927 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the potential problems caused by the introduction of the new tax system and its effects in relation to oyster farmers.
- (2) Have oyster growers since 1997 been seeking special consideration in valuing their stock as an asset with respect to their taxable income.

- (3) Is it a fact that oysters cannot be treated as ordinary livestock as it is very difficult to place a value on them until they are harvested or sold.
 - (4) Will the valuation of oyster crops for taxation purposes each year be difficult, particularly for small farmers.
 - (5) Will standing crops and timber be exempt from valuation for taxation purposes.
 - (6) Will action be taken to exempt oyster farmers from having to undergo year-end tax valuations; if so, what.
- *928 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Can flights over water be maximised at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport using Mode 2 of the Long Term Operating Plan; if so, why has Mode 2 not been utilised.
- *929 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What was the total sum of Government expenditure in relation to the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport Community Forum in (a) 1997-98 and (b) 1998-99.
 - (2) How many resolutions by the Sydney Airport Community Forum in 1996-99 were (a) carried and (b) implemented by the Government.
- *930 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did he receive a briefing from his Department or the Navy prior to issuing his media statement of 22 January 1999 about the HMAS *Sydney* harassment case; if so, on what date and in what form was the briefing provided.
 - (2) Did he request and receive a briefing from the Chief of the Navy at the conclusion of the investigation; if not, why not.
 - (3) When and how did he first become aware that the outcome of the case was actually a management initiated early retirement.
 - (4) Will he ensure that future serious allegations against senior Navy officers are investigated independently of the chain of command; if so, what are the details of the changed procedures.
- *931 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In each State and Territory how many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel without dependants currently occupy living-in accommodation (LIA) classified as being (a) level 1, (b) level 2, (c) level 3, (d) level 4 and (e) level 5.
 - (2) What is the estimated annual cost of the reduction in accommodation charges for LIA levels 1 and 2 that took effect from 8 July 1999.
 - (3) What is the estimated annual cost of allowing personnel occupying levels 1 and 2 LIA the option of living off-base and claiming Rent Allowance.
 - (4) How many personnel have claimed compensation on the basis that they entered into a binding lease for off-base accommodation, in line with the ADF circular dated 27 May 1999, but were subsequently directed to remain in living-in accommodation pending the outcome of a further review.

- *932 **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 FISAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with Victoria on 16 August 1998.
 - (2) Has the Commonwealth since sought to amend this MOU; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) Has he given private undertakings to Mt Beauty Timbers that the Commonwealth would meet one-third of the cost of retooling the firm's mill if the State Government provided the rest of the funds.
 - (4) Has the Victorian Government agreed to provide funding to Mt Beauty Timbers; if not, what reasons have they given.
- *933 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What has been the cost of the Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) since its inception.
 - (2) How many Special Air Services Regiment (SASR) soldiers have been killed or injured maintaining the unit's operational readiness.
 - (3) What sum has the Government spent on rehabilitating and deprogramming SASR soldiers as a result of physical or mental disability.
 - (4) Has the use of gas and pyrotechnics changed since the early operations of the Counter Terrorist Unit; if so, is it due to a high casualty rate.
 - (5) Was the work considered hazardous; if so, what were the hazards.
 - (6) Is the CTU considered to be non-operational; if so (a) is the rate of death and serious injury acceptable for a non-operational CTU, and (b) will injured soldiers be eligible to receive appropriate benefits, including a service pension.
- *934 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Will the research budgets of universities be reduced as a result of the proposal in the Green Paper entitled *New Knowledge, New Opportunities* to reduce recurrent funding for Doctors of Philosophy (PhDs) to a maximum of 3.5 years; if so, by what amount.
 - (2) Does the Green Paper propose funding for public or private research organisations which have a research management plan to train PhD students; if so, what sum is expected to be moved from university funding to the CSIRO and private providers of research.
 - (3) Does the Green Paper propose the same level of recurrent funding for arts and science PhDs; if so will the differential in HECS be maintained.
 - (4) Is he able to provide recent figures on the extent of increases in basic research funding, in real terms, in (a) the United States of America, (b) Canada, (c) the United Kingdom and (d) Japan, and how does this compare with the reduction in funding projected for Australia in the budget for the Australian Research Council.
- *935 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—
- (1) What was the staff establishment of the National Museum, grouped by classification, at 1 June 1999.

- (2) What will be the expected staff allocation grouped by classification, at 13 December 1999.

*936 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) Will the National Museum run at an operational deficit of approximately \$4m in its first year of opening; if not, what is the expected operational deficit or surplus.
- (2) In the event the expected outcome is an operational deficit, how will the Government fund the deficit.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

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 inquiry:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

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.

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.

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 Snowden, 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 Snowdon, 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*).