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No. 76

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1999

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE THIRD ROUND AUSTRALIA-CHINA BILATERAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE: Report. (*Total time for statements—5 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence (Re-establishment) Act 1965* in relation to protection of the civil employment of members of the Reserve Forces. (*Notice given 30 September 1999. Time allowed—5 minutes*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

* *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.*

†3 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that there needs to be a greater recognition by all adults of the needs of younger people;
- (2) recognises that there needs to be a nation-wide recognition that young people can gather together without being regarded as potential law-breakers;
- (3) recognises that security personnel need to be far better trained to deal with young people in shopping centres and other public places and that such training enable the security personnel to better determine the correct method of handling young people in public places and shopping centres;
- (4) recognises that adults need to be more publicly exposed to young people and listen uncritically to the views they express and respect young people for the views they hold even if they are not agreed with;
- (5) recognises that Parliament supports the provision of an increase in technical high schools where young people can expand their practical talents where they are not necessarily academically inclined;
- (6) recognises that Parliament recognises the need for increasing dramatically the number of careers advisers available to young people for assistance prior to their leaving school and seeking full time employment; and
- (7) conduct a Parliamentary inquiry into the foregoing in order that proper national policies can be recommended to Government that will assist the advancement of young people of the future. (*Notice given 27 September 1999. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

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

- (1) notes the recent report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, "Pregnant and Productive: It's a Right not a Privilege to Work while Pregnant";
- (2) recognises that a significant level of discrimination against pregnant women still exists in many workplaces;
- (3) acknowledges the vital importance of families in Australian society; and
- (4) calls on all employers in Australia to be aware of, and sensitive to, their responsibility to their female employees to ensure they do not suffer discrimination on the grounds of pregnancy. (*Notice given 30 September 1999. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 3 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 4 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Dr Stone*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Macklin, 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 expresses its concern about the nature of the bill and its contribution to the stripping back of Government support for Australian women and the community organisations that represent them, in particular:*
 - (1) the weakening of industrial relations legislation and organisations that aim to improve women’s employment prospects and workplace treatment, particularly through the Workplace Relations Act and reductions in the power of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission;
 - (2) the weakening of organisations that exist to provide women with suitable avenues of redress for discrimination, including the Affirmative Action Agency and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission;
 - (3) failure to respond to major reports, particularly the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Report, *Pregnant and Productive*;
 - (4) failure to send appropriate representation to international forums discussing women’s policy, particularly to the recent International Labour Organisation’s conference on maternity leave provisions;
 - (5) the weakening of the role of government organisations that aim to improve the sensitivity of government policies to women, particularly the Office of the Status of Women;
 - (6) the de-funding of community groups which represent women, including the Girl Guides, the Women’s Electoral Lobby, the Older Women’s Network and the Catholic Women’s League;
 - (7) failure to consult with a wide range of women’s organisations, particularly through the reduction in the numbers now attending the national round table consultations;
 - (8) cuts to child care, education and health-services which women depend upon to be able to work, to raise a family and to improve their living standards;

- (9) the development of taxation policies which do not deliver an equal benefit to women and which redistribute more of the burden of taxation onto women through the Goods and Services Tax; and
- (10) the de-funding of the social safety net by stealth which impacts significantly on women as women are more dependent upon social security and the Government's refusal to release a secret welfare discussion paper containing plans to cut payments to sole parents and people with disabilities".
- 5 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 September 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 6 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 September 1999—Mr Swan*).
- *7 **CUSTOMS (TARIFF CONCESSION SYSTEM VALIDATION) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 14 October 1999*).
- 8 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 September 1999*).
- 11 **APPROPRIATION (SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 12 October 1999*).
- 12 **APPROPRIATION (SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 2) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 12 October 1999*).
- 13 **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*).
- *14 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1999 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 15 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 16 **CRIMES AT SEA BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 September 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 17 **CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS (CONSUMER PROTECTION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr Melham*).

- *18 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *19 **TRADEX SCHEME BILL 1999 [NO. 2]** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *20 **TRADEX DUTY IMPOSITION (GENERAL) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *21 **TRADEX DUTY IMPOSITION (CUSTOMS) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *22 **TRADEX DUTY IMPOSITION (EXCISE) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 23 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- *28 **PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 14 October 1999*).
- *29 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 14 October 1999*).
- *30 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) AMENDMENT BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 14 October 1999*).
- 31 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 32 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 33 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 34 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).

- *35 **COMCARE AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *36 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *37 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *38 **NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **EAST TIMOR—UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL—RESOLUTION, 15 SEPTEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 September 1999—Mr Sciacca*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—2ND QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1998-99—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **REPORT ON VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA AND MEETING OF CAIRNS GROUP AND APEC AND AUSTRALIA'S APEC INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN**

- 1999—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the papers.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.

- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.

- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.

- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.

- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.

- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.

- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.

- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.
- 145 **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.
- 146 **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.
- 147 **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.
- 148 **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.
- 149 **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*).
- 150 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 151 **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*).
- 152 **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.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 2 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 11 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON IMMIGRATION ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 12 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A VISIT TO THE NORTHERN DEFENCE BASES:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of

Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

- 13 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mr Jull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 14 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 25—TREATIES TABLED ON 11 AUGUST 1999:** (*from 27 September 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 18 October 1999.*)
- 15 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON S.206(D) INQUIRY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 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 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Monday, 18 October 1999

- *1 **MS GAMBARO:** To move—That this House:
- (1) welcomes the Government's commitment to provide \$9.2 million to fund education and increase awareness to consumers about asthma;
 - (2) notes the development of best practice in asthma management plans and integrating care for people with asthma;
 - (3) recognises the increased funding to research to improve our understanding of asthma; and
 - (4) welcomes the promotion of improving the understanding of the effects of asthma on 2 million Australians. (*Notice given 14 October 1999.*)
- *2 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to remove discrimination against same sex couples in respect of superannuation benefits. (*Notice given 14 October 1999.*)

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 18 October 1999.)*
- 2 **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 18 October 1999.)*
- 3 **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 18 October 1999.)*

4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.)*

5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)

6 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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

7 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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.)

- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 20 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 21 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) welcomes the UN-OAU progress in the organisation of a free and fair referendum in Western Sahara, to enable its people to exercise their right to self-determination;
 - (2) calls upon Morocco to fully cooperate with the UN-OAU and abide by the agreements and UN resolutions setting the referendum date for 31 July 2000
 - (3) urges the Government to extend all its assistance to the UN mission for Western Sahara (MINURSO); and
 - (3) establish official contacts with the Sahrawi Independence movement the Polisario. (*Notice given 28 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the*

Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.)

22 DR THEOPHANOUS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the report “Going for Gold Immigration Entry Arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games” by the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, has made significant criticism of the visitor visa system and has warned of the potential embarrassment that this will create during the Sydney Olympic Games;
- (2) notes that the Committee believes “that the higher refusal rates in some countries, and the difference between the ETA and non-ETA countries could produce embarrassing publicity detrimental to Australia’s international image”;
- (3) notes that the representatives of the tourism industry and other witnesses believe that the system is highly intrusive for those applying from non-ETA countries, in so far as applicants are required to give many assurances and much information—far in excess of what is necessary for a tourist visa;
- (4) notes that the Report confirms that those applying under the non-ETA (a system mostly from third world countries) system was subject to a much higher rejection rate for visitor visas and that the system is widely perceived as highly discriminatory—these aspects of the system have been admitted by the Minister and his Department;
- (5) notes that the Committee further recommended “That an independent review analyses the effect of the visa application fee on applications and the effect on Australia’s image as a potential tourist destination”; and
- (6) calls upon the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and the Government to totally overhaul the current discredited visitor visa process and to develop as a matter of urgency in the lead up to the Olympic Games, a fairer non-discriminatory system. *(Notice given 29 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.)*

23 MR WILTON: To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises the economic importance of Moorabbin Airport to the economic development of south-eastern Melbourne;
- (2) expresses its concern that the Minister for Transport recently approved a master plan for its future development, which proposes an unacceptable ceiling of over 452 000 movements annually over the current level of 340 000 annually despite the close proximity of residential areas;
- (3) calls on the Government to legislate for the introduction of a curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and
- (4) calls on the Government to extend control tower operating hours to coincide with the proposed curfew. *(Notice given 30 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.)*

24 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) applauds the actions of South Sydney rugby league supporters in demonstrating their support for South Sydney to remain in the National Rugby League competition;
- (2) notes that South Sydney are financially sound, have superb facilities at the Sydney Football Stadium, have an enormous support base and an outstanding junior team development structure;
- (3) notes that to abandon any sense of history, spirit and community involvement will destroy rugby league;
- (4) recognises that local institutions play a central role in defining a sense of community and giving our youth role models to aspire to; and
- (5) calls on the National Rugby League to include South Sydney in any future competition. (*Notice given 11 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

25 **MR C. P. THOMPSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the reported discovery of Cook's ship *Endeavour* off Newport, Rhode Island;
- (2) acknowledges that if it is indeed the *Endeavour*, this wreck is the most important single artefact in Australia's history;
- (3) notes that the United States and British Governments are preparing for a legal battle over rights to the wreck;
- (4) calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to immediately notify the world community of the importance of the wreck to Australia and stake our claim to its ownership by virtue of its significance to our nation;
- (5) calls on the Government to support a fundraising campaign to enable the recovery and eventual return of the wreck to Botany Bay; and
- (6) ensures that plans for this important venture are in place and that the public fundraising and community awareness campaign is made a centrepiece of Australia's Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001. (*Notice given 12 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

26 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That the House:

- (1) commends the Government for its efforts in promoting domestic and international tourism which has resulted in a 10% increase in international visitors during the last 12 months;
- (2) notes the significance to the economy of the number of jobs created by tourism; and
- (3) notes the foreign exchange earnings resulting from international visitor travel to Australia. (*Notice given 12 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 2 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 3 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 4 **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 18 October 1999.*)
- 5 **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 18 October 1999.*)

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 October 1999.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

16 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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

17 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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

18 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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 23 **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) deplors misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue, such as:
 - (a) the misrepresentation of the current powers of the Prime Minister to dismiss a Governor-General;
 - (b) suggesting that the new constitutional arrangements would be unworkable or undemocratic;
 - (c) understating the significance of the public nomination process;
 - (d) mischaracterising the non-partisan role of the Commonwealth Parliament in appointing the President; and
 - (e) the use of the preamble issue to distract from the question of whether Australia should have an Australian Head of State. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 28 **INQUIRY INTO MEDICAL PROFESSION:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999—Mr Lawler, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Latham—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 29 **EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Dr Emerson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 30 **CHILD CARE AND PARENTAL CHOICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges the financial sacrifice made by parents, one of whom chooses 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 31 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE AND TRAINING) BILL 1999** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 11 October 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 18 October 1999.*)
- 32 **SIX BILLION PEOPLE DAY**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 1999*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—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
 - (4) stresses the issues of population and development are interconnected. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 33 **OYSTER INDUSTRY**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 1999*) on the motion of Mr Horne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 34 **PHARMACIES**: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 1999*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That this House:
- (1) recognises the role of community pharmacy in the Australian health system;

- (2) notes the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector regarding the discouragement of pharmacies in chain stores;
 - (3) draws attention to the independent professional status of Australian pharmacists in their delivery of dispensing and health advisory services; and
 - (4) believes that pharmacy ownership should continue to reside with duly trained and qualified pharmacists. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)
- 35 **BROADCASTING FROM COX PENINSULA:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 1999*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 October 1999.*)

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

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

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

- 1 **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 14 October 1999—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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—Dr Stone*) on the motion of Mr Lieberman—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 30 September 1999—Ms J. S. McFarlane, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

First appeared on date shown

11 November 1998

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

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

10 February 1999

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

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

18 February 1999

450 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) How many staff were employed by (a) Ministers, (b) Senators and (c) Members (i) in total and (ii) at each classification level at 1 July in each year since 1988.
- (2) How many staff were employed at each classification level by Ministers at 15 February 1999.

8 March 1999

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

24 March 1999

- 538 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has (a) the Minister, (b) his or her predecessors or (c) the Department or an agency for which the Minister holds, or his or her predecessors held, portfolio responsibility, engaged Australasian Research Strategies, related companies or organisations or Mr Mark Textor to undertake research since 2 March 1996; if so, in each case, (i) what was

the nature of the research, (ii) what was its purpose, (iii) what was its cost, (iv) was the outcome of the research supplied to a non-government organisation, individual or political party and (v) will the Minister release the outcome of the research.

1 June 1999

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

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

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

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

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

660 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

663 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

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

3 June 1999

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

- (1) How many resident/resident applications were granted funding by Legal Aid since 1 June 1998.
- (2) How many successful resident applications for legal funding were made by (a) men and (b) women since 1 June 1998.

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

7 June 1999

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

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

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

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 703-708)—Has a Department or agency for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility entered a contract with or made a grant or payment to an organisation registered under subparagraph (a) 188(1)(a) or (b) 188(1)(b) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, in each case, (i) which organisation, (ii) what sum was received and (iii) in what State or Territory is the organisation located.

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

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

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

21 June 1999

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

29 June 1999

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

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

30 June 1999

- 786 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office conduct an internal investigation into problems experienced with the 1998 computer processing system; if so, did the investigation identify the length of delays experienced in the processing of individuals' returns and amendments; if so, what were the lengths of the delays.
- 787 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—When judging claims regarding compensation for detriment caused by defective administration, does the Australian Taxation Office measure its performance against benchmarks; if so, what is the benchmark for an acceptable time to process an amended assessment after the completion of an audit.
- 788 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Australian Taxation Office employ guidelines which set out timeframes for acknowledging correspondence from taxpayers; if so, what are the details of the guidelines.

9 August 1999

- 798 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff positions will be dedicated to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) related tasks referred to in the Portfolio Budget Statement for the Australian Taxation Office in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001 -02 and (d) 2002-03.
 - (2) What will be the total cost of staff in each year referred to in part (1).
 - (3) How many staff will be sourced (a) internally and (b) via external recruitment for GST related tasks.
 - (4) What will happen to staff currently dealing with sales tax.
 - (5) Will the ATO achieve the savings necessary to reduce staffing expenditure from \$996 762 000 in 1999-2000 to \$ 879 060 000 in 2002-03.
- 799 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What performance measures does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) have to monitor the impact of outsourcing of ATO Information Technology to Electronic Data Systems from 1 July 1999.
 - (2) Do performance measures include monitoring the time taken to fix a problem identified by a staff member.

- (3) Is there a difference between the performance measures (a) before and (b) after the outsourcing of information technology, including time taken to fix a problem; if so, what.
- 800 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Is the ATO allowed to provide advice, public education or information to the public concerning the goods and services tax (GST) and other elements of the Government’s tax package without having it cleared by either the Treasury or Ministerial Committee on Government Communications; if so, what; if not; does the requirement to clear advice and information compromise the independence of the ATO.
- 807 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will a period of twelve months stability in Sydney transport infrastructure and operations, including Sydney airspace operations, be implemented prior to the heavy demands that are likely to be placed on the transport system during the Olympics in October 2000; if not, why not.
- 814 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did he state in his “Safeguarding the future: Australia’s response to climate change” ministerial statement on 20 November 1997 that the Government will be bringing forward the phase out of leaded petrol ahead of 2010, with details of implementation to address social equity issues; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) What is the new date for the phase out of leaded petrol.
 - (3) Has the Government consulted motoring organisations and the petroleum industry to develop options for meeting the adjustment needs of owners of leaded petrol vehicles; if so, what are the options; if not, why not.
- 815 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Are persons under age 60 but in receipt of income support excluded from the proposed one-off Aged Persons Savings Bonus; if so, why.
 - (2) Are retirees and those on support payments, who are aged under age 60 excluded from the bonus; if so, why.
 - (3) Has he received advice that the age 60 limit is not discriminatory; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) Is it possible to include certain groups of payments within the guidelines so that those genuinely retired under age 60 are included in the bonus provisions; if not, why not.
- 816 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did Australia Post offices cease from 26 February 1999 to provide a range of common Australian Taxation Office (ATO) forms when the ATO entered into a contract with the Australian Newsagents Federation.
 - (2) How many (a) post offices across Australia provided tax forms prior to the contract and (b) newsagencies now provide tax forms.
 - (3) How many communities have not had a local access point for tax forms since the agreement, due to a lack of an affiliated newsagent.
 - (4) What sum will the ATO save by providing tax forms through newsagents rather than Australia Post offices.

- (5) Is it appropriate that under the new arrangements, residents of many small regional communities without an affiliated newsagent can only access the tax forms by contacting the ATO; if so, why.
- 823 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will the Government act to protect employee entitlements in the event of employer insolvency by requiring that compulsory occupational superannuation contributions be paid on a more frequent and regular basis.
 - (2) Does the Superannuation Guarantee Act provide that, unless required by an industrial award, the payments referred to in part (1) are only required to be made after the end of each financial year.
- 827 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—For each year since 1995-96, how many doctors bulk-billed (a) Australia wide, (b) in each State and Territory, and (c) in the electoral Division of Batman.

11 August 1999

- 840 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What sum in rent assistance was paid by the Commonwealth in (a) total and (b) each State and Territory in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
 - (2) Within each State and Territory what sum in rent assistance was paid to recipients in (a) the capital city and (b) outside the capital city in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
 - (3) How many rent assistance recipients were there in each State and Territory in (a) 1985-86, (b) 1990-91, (c) 1995-96, (d) 1996-97, (e) 1997-98, (f) 1998-99 and (g) 1999-2000 (projected).
 - (4) Within each State and Territory how many persons receiving rent assistance in (a) 1985-86, (b) 1990-91, (c) 1995-96, (d) 1996-97, (e) 1997-98, (f) 1998-99 and (g) 1999-2000 (projected) were living (i) in and (ii) outside the capital city.
 - (5) What was the average sum in rent assistance received by recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city in each State and Territory in (i) 1985-86, (ii) 1990-91, (iii) 1995-96, (iv) 1996-97, (v) 1997-98, (vi) 1998-99 and (vii) 1999-2000 (projected).
 - (6) How many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients in each State and Territory pay more than \$172.26 each fortnight in rent.
 - (7) Within each State and Territory how many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$172.26 each fortnight in rent.
 - (8) How many single/sharing rent assistance recipients in each State and Territory pay more than \$138.93 each fortnight in rent.
 - (9) Within each State and Territory how many single/non-sharing rent assistance recipients living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$138.93 each fortnight in rent.

- (10) How many rent assistance recipients who are members of a couple in each State and Territory pay more than \$211.86 each fortnight in rent.
- (11) Within each State and Territory how many rent assistance recipients who are members of a couple living (a) in and (b) outside the capital city pay more than \$211.86 each fortnight in rent.

23 August 1999

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a speech given by the Assistant Treasurer titled “The Government’s approach to superannuation” on 28 May 1999 in Brisbane, where the Assistant Treasurer announced that the Government is committed to allow, by the year 2000, employees in accumulation funds to move their benefits between funds; if so, what measures are proposed and when will they be introduced into the Parliament.
- (2) Did the Assistant Treasurer state that the Government had become aware that superannuation investment rules were being circumvented by some arrangements; if so, (a) of what arrangements is the Government aware, (b) when did the Government become aware of the arrangements and (c) what is the cost to Government revenue of the circumventing arrangements.
- (3) Will the Government introduce legislation giving effect to proposals to allow the splitting of superannuation assets in the event of divorce; if so, when
- (4) Will funds with fewer than five members be allowed to invest up to 100% of their assets in business premises leased to members or the employer-sponsor of the fund; if so, (a) what impact will the proposal have on the requirement for trustees to maintain a diversified investment strategy and (b) could the proposal see 100% of a fund’s assets invested in one particular asset.

858 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) As part of a campaign by Jubilee 2000 Debt Reduction Coalition, are members of the public sending money in the form of cheques to him, via their local Member of Parliament, to be used to reduce foreign debt in Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC).
- (2) What sum has been forwarded to him for this purpose.
- (3) Has he used this money to reduce crippling foreign debt in HIPC.
- (4) Is the Government taking other measures to reduce the level of foreign debt in HIPC; if so, what.
- (5) Will he follow the lead set by European countries such as the United Kingdom in reducing the foreign debt in HIPC by writing off amounts owed to the Australian Government.

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

24 August 1999

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

- (1) Has either the Australian Government Solicitor or his Department been requested to provide advice regarding the application to vehicles operating under the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS), established under the Interstate Road Transport Act, of load limit signs or other instructions issued under a law of a State or Territory which purport to limit the maximum axle-masses, gross vehicle mass or gross combination mass at which all vehicles may use a designated section of carriageway, or a bridge; if so, (a) when was that advice requested, (b) by whom was it requested, (c) of whom was it requested, (d) to whom was the advice provided and (e) when was the advice provided.
- (2) Has advice been requested specifically regarding the application of such signs or instructions in a situation where FIRS vehicles are otherwise authorised to travel at axle-mass, gross vehicle mass or gross combination mass limits which differ from those provided under the law of a State or Territory; if so, (a) when was that advice requested, (b) by whom was it requested, (c) of whom was it requested, (d) to whom was the advice provided and (e) when was the advice provided.

874 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—What international (a) conventions, (b) treaties and (c) agreements have been implemented by federal legislation since his answer to question No. 764 (*Hansard*, 21 November 1996, page 380).

25 August 1999

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

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

882 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs. —Does the Government have plans to encourage the development of a nationally integrated emergency service communications system, including the co-ordination of police, fire and other emergency services; if so, what strategy will the Government pursue; if not, why not.

26 August 1999

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

- (1) What guarantees can be given that the passage of the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998 and the rewrite of the Oil Code will lead to (a)

cheaper fuel in rural and regional Australia and (ii) more vigorous competition in the provision of petroleum products to regional markets.

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

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

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

30 August 1999

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

- (1) Were laptop computers owned by Airservices Australia lost or stolen at the Mangalore Airshow or at any other time or place.

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

31 August 1999

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

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

1 September 1999

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

- (1) Have contracts been finalised with agents in Norway and Sweden working on behalf of his Department to process visas from Scandinavian countries for students wishing to study at Australian universities; if not, what is being done to address concerns raised by agents since early 1999 relating to (a) the level of student fees, (b) the level of medical examinations required for short duration courses, (c) processing times, (d) panel doctors, (e) administrative assistance, (f) additional costs, including couriers and (g) single and continuing points of contact for enquires.
- (2) Has a response been forwarded to the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee addressing its concern over the impact of the Scandinavian visa issue.
- (3) Have agents refused to negotiate contracts for activities on behalf of his Department beyond 1 October 1999; if so, what is the departmental assessment of the impact of the refusal.
- (4) What will be the impact on student visa processing from Scandinavia after processing is transferred to the Bonn centre after 1 October 1999, including the impact on (a) processing times, (b) handling queries and (c) student numbers.
- (5) Has his Department evaluated the competitiveness of Australia as a student destination in terms of (a) fees charged for visas compared with Canada, USA, UK and NZ, (b) requirements for extensive and expensive medical reports for all students and (c) delays in processing and approval; if so, what are the details.

- (6) Has action been taken to address shortcomings raised by agents in Scandinavia about members of medical panels and their suitability and effectiveness in providing medical assessments for student visas; if so, what.
- 898 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Have there been communications between the Federal and Western Australian Governments concerning the 1974 Convention on the Settlement of International Disputes between States and Nationals of other States since his answer to question No. 1349 (*Hansard*, 14 May 1997, page 3667); if so, (a) when, (b) in what manner and (c) with what outcome.

2 September 1999

- 899 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will the term of the Race Discrimination Commissioner expire at the end of September 1999.
 - (2) Will the Government replace the Race Discrimination Commissioner; if not, is it the Government's intention to have the functions of the Race Discrimination Commissioner performed by one of the commissioners of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as an additional responsibility; if so, why.
- 900 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What sum has the Government spent on its "Freedom of Association" advertising campaign.
 - (2) What is the total funding allocation for the campaign.
 - (3) For how long will the campaign run.
 - (4) Is the campaign part of a larger advertising campaign to sell the Government's Second Wave industrial relations legislation; if so, (a) what will be the total cost to sell the Government's Second Wave industrial relations legislation, (b) what will be included in the remainder of the campaign and (c) for how long will it run.
- 901 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to the reports on page one and page fourteen of the Tuesday, 17 August edition of the *Australian Financial Review*, entitled "Inside the tax schemes of Australia's rich and famous"; if so, what action is the Australian Taxation Office taking to address the tax schemes described in this report and ensure that those mentioned pay their fair share of tax.
- 902 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the Government publication entitled "Tax Reform - Not a New Tax, a New Tax System of August 1998" which refers to \$500m for small and medium businesses to minimise the start up costs of a GST.
 - (2) Will he provide (a) a breakdown of the organisations, small businesses, or other purposes to which the \$500m has been allocated and (b) details of the criteria that have been used in determining how the \$500m has been allocated.

- (3) What sum is going to (a) individual small businesses, and to which individual small businesses, and (b) business associations, and to which business associations.
 - (4) How do small businesses that are interested in accessing the funds go about applying for it.
 - (5) What action has the Government taken to advise small businesses around Australia of the availability of the funds.
- 903 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Have sites been identified and excised from Kakadu National Park; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) Have negotiations been entered into with companies regarding excision of sites; if so, with whom.
- 904 **MS HALL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Did the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' inquiry into strategies to strengthen marriage and relationships in 1998 recommend the improvement of processes for the appointment and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants as a useful adjunct to the success of the Government's marriage education proposals.
 - (2) Was a draft proposal for the appointment, accreditation and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants submitted to his department in 1997.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the matters referred to in parts (1) and (2); if not, will he investigate.

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.

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

- (1) Is it still the case, as the Senate was advised on 1 June 1999 in a response to Estimates question on notice, Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, that according to the Treasury there is no settled policy for deciding which government levies are to be subject to GST and that before a policy can be agreed on, discussions will have to take place with the States to ensure a consistent application to all similar levies and charges.
- (2) If this is not the case, what approach will be taken in relation to the GST's application to government levies and charges.
- (3) 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.

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.

22 September 1999

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 phase out 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.

23 September 1999

- 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.
- 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.

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- 937 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Does Australia have low volume import arrangements with Japan regarding used motor vehicles; if so, (a) what are those arrangements and (b) what was the total importation of used motor vehicles from Japan for the period June 1996 to June 1999.
- 938 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—Further to his answer to question No. 859 (*Hansard*, 22 September 1999, page 7938), is he able to say whether the Treasurer announced in Nowra on Thursday,

17 September 1998 that \$1.58m had been provided to the Nowra Naval Aviation Museum as part of the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program.

939 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will a 10 tonne truck transporting goods from a point in Bathurst to a point in metropolitan Sydney and back to Bathurst, be entitled to a diesel fuel grant for the entire journey, or only for the portion of the journey from Bathurst to Sydney as suggested by subparagraph 10(2)(b) of the *Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Act 1999*.
- (2) If a diesel fuel grant is only available for the journey from Bathurst to Sydney (a) why, (b) at what point would the operator of such a vehicle become eligible for the diesel fuel grant under subparagraph 10(2)(a) and (c) will this place an onerous administrative burden on affected transport providers; if not, why not.

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940 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the Wool Task Force recommended in its recent draft report the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrating the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, can the Minister say on what grounds the Task Force made this recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Minister able to say whether the Wool Task Force, in its final report, withdrew its recommendation to close the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, can the Minister say on what grounds the Task Force dropped this recommendation; if not, why not.
- (3) Would the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney (a) involve the loss of approximately 80 per cent or more of the highly skilled research staff currently stationed at Prospect and risk the closure of several research programs owing to the loss of key scientific expertise, (b) incur months of disruption to research programs of national importance to the \$7 billion livestock industry that would affect producers across Australia, (c) cut established links between the CSIRO's Prospect facility and the animal nutrition, pig, dairy and veterinary pharmaceutical industries based in Western Sydney, (d) directly cost the taxpayer an estimated \$10 million through redundancy pay, relocation of staff and equipment, recruitment of new staff and the construction of new biotechnology facilities at Chiswick, (e) waste the \$12 million of taxpayer's money spent on upgrading the research facility at Prospect in 1995 and (f) create a precedent of providing an employment and financial benefit to a particular electorate or regional centre to the detriment of the nation's scientific and agricultural interests; if not, is he able to say why the Task Force omitted this recommendation from its final report.

- (4) Does the Minister support the proposal to close the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Minister take action to ensure that the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney will not be closed in order to concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory at Chiswick, near Armidale; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Minister received representations from Members proposing the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and the concentration of the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, (a) what Members have made such representations, (b) how many representations has the Minister received and (c) when were the representations made.

941 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he state in his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 2 September 1999, page 7467) relating to the lack of public funding available to inform voters about the proposed preamble that one of the factors influencing the Government's decision not to provide such funding was that the proposed preamble received overwhelming support in the Parliament.
- (2) Did he also state in his answer to the question referred to in part (1) that if the level of disagreement within the Parliament is a measure of community view on this issue and also on the issue of a republic, then there is a difference.
- (3) Is it a fact that (a) 192 Members of Parliament voted for a third reading of the Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) Bill 1999 while only 20 voted against and (b) 139 Members of Parliament voted for a third reading of the Constitution Alteration (Preamble) Bill 1999 and 92 did not support the passage of the Bill.
- (4) Is the level of disagreement over the proposed preamble as reflected by votes in Parliament far greater than that over the proposed republic model and will he make sufficient public funds available for the YES and NO preamble cases to be adequately explained to the voters.

942 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Special Minister of State and he write the text of the advertisements that have appeared in national and local newspapers informing the public about the two issues to be decided at the 6 November Referendum on the republic model and the proposed preamble.
- (2) Is it a fact that the section of the advertisements dealing with the preamble states that the preamble would not affect the interpretation of Australia's laws.
- (3) Is he able to state whether there is a range of conflicting legal opinion regarding the legal implications of the proposed preamble, even with proposed new section 125(A).

- (4) Is it a fact that constitutional experts do not agree on how the proposed preamble will influence Australian laws; if so, why is the statement referred to in part (2) included in the public education material.
- (5) Is the statement referred to in part (2) misleading; if so, what action will be taken to rectify the situation; if not, why is there divided legal opinion about the legal impact of the proposed preamble.

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

- (1) By what sums are each of the forward projection years expected to change to account for the increase in the underlying balance from \$2.883b to \$4.190b in the Final budget Outcome for 1998-99 released on 23 September 1999.
- (3) Will he provide (a) a detailed breakdown of the \$1.2b of classification and other changes referred to on page 10, including a detailed explanation of the change in treatment of the National Transmission Agency and (b) the final fiscal balance and explain variations from the estimated fiscal balance of \$3.1b contained in the 1999-2000 Budget papers.

944 **MR WILTON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is a lease held by the City of Kingston over 1.554 hectares of parkland in Levanto Street, Mentone, Victoria, owned by his Department, due to expire in November 2000.
- (2) Is it a fact that the land, Chicquita Reserve, is used by local residents for recreation purposes and includes a scout hall.
- (3) Did his Department advise the City of Kingston on 4 May 1998 that it intends to dispose of the property at the expiration of Council's lease and that the City would be offered first right of refusal on the property.
- (4) Did the Council write to his Department on 2 September 1998 advising that Council would be unable to raise the estimated \$2.5m required for the purchase and requesting the transfer of ownership to Council at the expiration of the lease so that the land may continue to be used as recreation space.
- (5) Has the Council's letter remained unanswered for thirteen months; if so, why.
- (6) Will he direct his Department to transfer ownership of the parkland to the City of Kingston Council for the continued recreational use of Mentone residents.

945 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the case of *R v Secretary of State for the Environment ex parte Greenwich LBC*, *The Times*, 16 May 1989, in which the High Court (England) asserted jurisdiction to entertain a challenge by a local authority to Ministers who were using public funds to publicise what the applicant authority claimed was a misleading and political case for a controversial tax.
- (2) If so, has he taken steps to draw this decision to the attention of the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Auditor-General; if so, when.

- (3) Will he request the Australian Government Solicitor to produce one of its public *Legal Briefing* papers to address the issue of what limits apply to the expenditure of public funds for public as opposed to political purposes; if not, why not.

946 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Are surviving members of the 55th Australian Composite Anti Aircraft Regiment eligible for a service pension and Gold Card; if not, why not.
- (2) Were these servicemen accepted for active service in 1943 and was their war-service in an area that had been subject to enemy attack; if so, is their war service regarded as active service; if not, why not.
- (3) Was northern Australia, particularly the Northern Territory, an enemy target throughout World War II.
- (4) Will the Government reconsider service pension entitlements to the 55th Australian Composite Anti Aircraft Regiment; if not, why not.

947 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government recognise the Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara.
- (2) Will the Government review its policy with regard to establishing official contacts with the independence movement in Western Sahara, the Polisario.
- (3) Has the Government's attention been drawn to allegations of Moroccan violations of human rights in Western Sahara.
- (4) Will the Government send independent observers to monitor the UN referendum in the Territory scheduled for July 2000.

948 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Was a budget devoted by her Department to the promotion of the Commonwealth Recognition Awards for Senior Australians; if so, what was the total sum allocated.
- (2) Were allocations devoted to promotional activities in individual electorates; if so, (a) which electorates received allocations and (b) how were the target electorates determined.
- (3) Were template advertisements prepared for use by Government Members; if so, what was the cost of doing so.

949 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) Was a budget devoted by her Department to the promotion of the Australian Sports Medal; if so, what was the total allocation.
- (2) Were allocations devoted to individual electorates; if so, (a) which electorates received allocations and (b) how were the target electorates determined.
- (3) Were template advertisements prepared for use by Government Members; if so, what was the cost of doing so.

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

- (1) Does the Regulation Impact Statement for the Goods and Services Tax legislation claim that the number of Australian businesses that will be required to seek an Australian Business Number (ABN) is 1.4 million, rising to 1.6 million in 2001-02; if so, is this still the case.
- (2) Is he aware that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts stated that up to 2.5 million Australian businesses will have an ABN by July 2000.
- (3) What is the reason for the apparent discrepancy in the estimated number of businesses which will be registered for an ABN.
- (4) What is the aggregate compliance cost impact of the extra registrations.

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

- (1) In what quarter of what year was the lowest ever household savings ratio achieved.
- (2) In what quarter was Australia's (a) highest current account deficit recorded in dollar terms, (b) highest ratio of household debt to income achieved and (c) largest foreign debt recorded, in dollar terms.
- (3) When was the largest (a) monthly trade deficit in Australian history and (b) quarterly decline in private expenditure on capital.
- (4) In what years since 1983 have export earnings from elaborately transformed manufactures fallen, in dollar terms.
- (5) In what month of what year was the lowest ever manufacturing employment figure recorded.
- (6) In each of the above cases, who was the Treasurer.

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

- (1) Did Australia's trade deficit grow in trend terms by more than \$1 billion per month in each of the first seven months of 1999.
- (2) Is he able to say whether Australia's trade deficit grew in trend terms by more than \$1 billion per month in each of the first seven months of (a) 1983, (b) 1984, (c) 1985, (d) 1986, (e) 1987, (f) 1988, (g) 1989, (h) 1990, (i) 1991, (j) 1992, (k) 1993, (l) 1994, (m) 1995 and (n) 1996.
- (3) Has Australia's monthly trade deficit exceeded \$1 billion in trend terms prior to 1999; if so, (a) on how many occasions and (b) when.

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

- (1) What, if any, statistical validity is there in measuring the current account deficit in dollar terms per hour.
- (2) What validity is there in measuring foreign debt on a per person basis.

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

- (1) Did the Coalition promise not to introduce new taxes or increase existing taxes during the 1996 election.

- (2) What tax rates did the Government increase and what new taxes did it introduce between the 1996 and 1998 Federal elections.

956 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Does his departmental publication *Exports of Primary and Manufactured Products, Australia, 1998*, state that exports of elaborately transformed manufactures (Australian produce) in 1998 were \$15 689 million.
- (2) Is it a fact that this represents an \$868 million or 5.2 per cent fall on the 1997 figure.
- (3) When did this series last show a fall in these exports, in dollar terms.

957 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Since he has held the portfolio and prior to the 30 August 1999 referendum in East Timor, had he (a) met with or (b) spoken in 1999 on the telephone to (i) Lt General John Shelton, the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, or (ii) William Cohen, the US Secretary of Defense; if so, (A) when and where was or were the meeting or meetings held, (B) when was or were the telephone call or calls made and (C) are there any notes, memoranda or other documentation concerning the (I) meeting or meetings or (II) telephone call or calls; if so, will he provide copies; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Does the Danish Government maintain an Embassy in Australia; if so, (a) where, (b) when was it opened and (c) does it maintain other diplomatic posts or missions in Australia.
- (2) Will he make a public statement on the location of (a) the Australian Embassy in Denmark and (b) the residence of the Australian Ambassador to Denmark, including all costs associated with the (i) selection, (ii) purchase or (iii) renting of the appropriate premises; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he able to say whether (a) Australian exports to Denmark have reached the lowest point since 1995 and (b) Australia's trade imbalance with Denmark has grown to \$381 651 million in 1998-99; if so, (i) why does he say in his answer to question No. 847, Part 4 (b) that the decision to re-open Australia's Embassy in Denmark was made in the light of Australia's growing trade interests with that country and (ii) are such bad trade figures related to Australia's decision to close its Embassy in Denmark; if so, will he take action to station Austrade staff at the new Australian embassy; if not, why not.
- (4) What was the full cost to the Commonwealth, including all staff redundancy payments and costs associated with re-locating and transporting Australian diplomatic staff, of closing the Australian Embassy to Denmark and the associated residence of the Australian Ambassador in May 1997.
- (5) Can he provide a breakdown of the costs referred to in part (4).

959 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the answer to parts 7 and 11(b) of question No. 847 (*Hansard*, 29 September 1999, page 8304), is he able to say whether, following the Howard Government's decision to close the Australian Embassy in Denmark in May 1997, the Commonwealth-owned (a) building which housed the embassy and (b) Ambassador's residence were sold after the mission was closed; if so, for what price were they sold, in Australian dollars.

- (2) If the building and residence were not sold, have they been rented throughout the period since the mission was closed; if so, (a) by whom, and (b) for what annual rent, in Australian dollars; if not, why not.
- (3) What was the full cost to the Commonwealth, including all staff redundancy payments and costs associated with re-locating and transporting Australian diplomatic staff, of closing the Australian Embassy to Denmark and the associated residence of the Australian Ambassador in May 1997.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of these costs referred to in part (3).
- 960 **MR ZAHRA:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 784 (*Hansard*, 23 August 1999, page 6825), is the Residential Care Subsidy the only source of funds provided by his Department to Croft Health Care P/L, Croft Health Care Vic P/L and Gracedale Manor P/L.
- (2) Have other subsidies or supplements, including the concessional resident, pensioner, respite and viability supplements, under the *Aged Care Act 1997* been received by the companies referred to in part (1); if so, (a) what sum was paid and (b) when were the payments made.
- (3) Have complaints been made against the three companies referred to in part (1) or the facilities they operate; if so, what is the full list of complaints that may be lodged.
- (4) For each complaint referred to in his answer, (a) how was the complaint detected or lodged, (b) on what date was the complaint detected or lodged (c) how was the complaint resolved within the Aged Care Complaints Resolution Scheme, (d) did the complaint result in a surprise visit or inspection by Aged Care Standards Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) or departmental officers and (e) when was the complaint resolved.
- (5) Have the facilities operated by the companies referred to in part (1) been the subject of a surprise inspection or assessment conducted by ACSAA or departmental officers; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the assessment of each facility and (c) were problems detected or complaints received; if so, (i) what were they and (ii) what action was taken to resolve the problems.
- (6) What sum has been provided to each of the companies referred to in part (1) by his Department.
- 961 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Did the Government in 1998 refuse to finance the redevelopment of the Campbelltown sports ground; if so, was finance refused on the basis that there was no guarantee of the National Rugby League (NRL) competition being played at the ground.
- (2) Did the Government receive a guarantee that the NRL competition would be played at Grahame Park, Gosford, when it allocated \$12m in redevelopment funding in 1998.

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

- (1) What procedure is followed in the Office of the Employment Advocate upon receiving a complaint under the freedom of association provisions of the Workplace Relations Act.
 - (2) What is the average time taken between receiving a complaint and any subsequent action before the relevant court.
- 963 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Which non-government organisations have had funding terminated under the (a) National Secretariat Program or (b) Community Sector Support Scheme since March 1996.
 - (2) For each organisation referred to in part (1), (a) on what date did funding cease, (b) what was the last annual sum provided and (c) what reason was given for withdrawing funding.
 - (3) What sum was provided to the secretariat of Family Planning Australia in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99 and what sum will be provided in 1999-2000.
 - (4) Has secretariat funding been provided to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services; if so, (a) when did funding commence, (b) what are the purposes for which funding is provided and (c) what sum will be allocated to the Federation in 1999-2000.
- 964 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum was provided by his Department to Family Planning Australia in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99 and what sum will be provided in 1999-2000.
 - (2) Has secretariat funding been provided by his Department to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services; if so, (a) when did funding commence, (b) what are the purposes for which funding is provided and (c) what sum will be allocated to the Federation in 1999-2000.
- 965 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) On the most recent data, how many (a) community-based and (b) private Long day Care centres are there in the electoral division of Stirling.
 - (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
 - (3) How many children are enrolled at each centre.
 - (4) What sum in Commonwealth funding did each centre receive in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
 - (5) What is the estimated sum that each centre will receive in 1999-2000.
 - (6) On the most recent data, how many families residing within the electoral division of Stirling receive some level of financial child care support from the Commonwealth and which payments do families receive.

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- 966 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What percentage of Australia's 1999-2000 Aid Budget will be devoted to Micro Credit efforts.

- (2) How many families will be assisted by these ventures.
 - (3) Has Australia adopted income assessment criteria to determine the proportions of especially poor families affected by the program.
- 967 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What are the respective roles of the Governor-General and the Queen in approving the official guidelines concerning the acceptance and wearing by Australian Defence Force personnel of foreign honours or awards.
 - (2) Does the Queen act on the advice of the Australian Government or of the Government of the United Kingdom in exercising her powers in this area.
- 968 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Since the 1998 general election, what new clasps and what changes to the requirements for existing clasps has the Government approved for the (a) Australian Active Service Medal 1975-, (b) Australian Service Medal 1975-, (c) Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 and (d) Australian Service Medal 1945-75.
 - (2) Do the changes referred to in parts (1)(c) and (d) relate to service in South East Asia between 1955 and 1975; if so, did the Government seek the advice of the Independent Review Panel that it established in May; if not, why not.
- 969 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 766 (*Hansard*, 21 September 1999, page 7690), how many of the reservists recruited in 1998-99 for the (a) Navy, (b) Army and (c) Air Force were personnel transferring to the Reserves from the permanent forces.
 - (2) Since March 1996 has the Australian Defence Force conducted market research on (a) reservists and potential reservists and (b) employers, on the difficulties of combining reserve service with civilian employment; if so, who conducted the research and what were the main findings.
 - (3) If the Government has not conducted recent market research, what information sources does it rely on in order to develop suitable recruitment and retention measures.
- 970 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—What action is the Government taking to ratify and implement ILO Convention 103 Maternity Protection at Work: Revision of the Maternity Protection Convention (Revised) 1952 and Recommendation 1952 (No.95), Report V (1), ILO Conference (87th: 1999).
- 971 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did he request a report into the Australian Defence Force Reserves; if so, (a) when did he request the report, (b) what prompted the request and (c) when will the report be finalised and published.
- 972 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Which countries have committed troops to INTERFET and what is the precise nature and numbers of troops committed.
 - (2) If the troops have not been deployed, what is the likely date of deployment.

- (3) Are other countries considering whether to commit troops; if so, which countries.

973 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the Minister for Defence in an answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 23 September 1999, page 7870) following the first week of operations advise that Australia had deployed 2 468 ADF personnel to East Timor, another 987 personnel were serving on ships and that 282 personnel were serving from coalition partners.
- (2) On the basis of the answer, is Australia currently providing 92.5% of the INTERFET forces.
- (3) What will be the percentage of Australian forces deployed in East Timor when coalition partners have fulfilled their promised commitments.

974 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Are editions of the book “Lord Elgin and the Marbles”, written by William St Clair and published by Oxford University Press, available to him and his Department; if so, which editions.
- (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results was the question of the Parthenon marbles last reviewed by him or his Department.

975 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With which countries and for what periods has Australia been in a state of war at any time since the federation of the Australian colonies.

976 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) On what dates was the Australia Act approved by the Parliaments concerned.
- (2) Is he able to say which Governors of Australian States have been appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Premiers of those States.

977 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Which administrators of Australian territories have been appointed since 1979.
- (2) When and by whom were the administrators referred to in part (1) appointed.

978 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it fact that (a) the GST compensation package for recipients of Commonwealth payments and self funded retirees will not commence until July 2000 and (b) people are having to pay a GST component now on things like car insurance, registration, house insurance, contents insurance, prepaid car services, NRMA memberships, club memberships, subscriptions, annual medical insurance and post office boxes.
- (2) If so, is the GST placing additional financial pressures on those least able to pay; if not, why not.
- (3) Why did the compensation package not commence in 1999-2000, given the transitional impact on low income earners.

MR ANDREN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 979-980)—

- (1) Is it a fact that assistance under the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program administered jointly by the Department of Family and Community Services and the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, is available to recipients of Parenting Payment; Widow Allowance; Partner Allowance; Widow B Pension; Carer Payment and some Special Benefit recipients, but not recipients of the Disability Support Pension.
- (2) If so, why are Disability Support Pension recipients excluded from accessing assistance under the JET program and what alternative assistance is available for such pensioners.
- (3) Is it anomalous that a parent in receipt of the Parenting Payment or a carer in receipt of the Carer Payment can receive assistance under the JET program, but that a parent in receipt of the Disability Support Pension with a dependent child cannot access assistance under the program; if not, why not.

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

980 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 545 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6321) concerning extradition proceedings regarding Mr P Foster, is the Minister able to provide further responses to parts (3) and (4) of that question; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to Justice Drummond's criticisms (in *Foster v Minister* 164 ALR 357 at paragraphs 63 and 64) of the advice tendered to the Minister by the Minister's Department.
- (3) In light of Justice Drummond's finding that there would appear no difficulty in obtaining informed opinion from the UK Serious Fraud Office as to the punishment Mr Foster would be likely to receive if convicted in the UK of only the three extradition offences, has the Minister made such an inquiry.
- (4) If inquiries have not been made, why not, given that Justice Drummond has characterised this as causing the Minister to fail to take into account an issue the Minister was required by regulation 7 to have regard to.
- (5) If inquiries have been made, what was the advice of the Serious Fraud Office.
- (6) Are the offences for which Mr Foster's extradition has been sought regarded as not trivial in nature by the Minister; if so, why, given Justice Drummond's remarks at paragraph 65.
- (7) What are the particulars of the three offences against Mr Foster in respect of which his extradition has been sought.
- (8) Did the Minister and the Minister's Department have regard to the answers given by the UK Lord Chancellor, commented upon by Justice Drummond at paragraph 53; if not, why not.

- (9) What steps will the Minister take to improve the processing of extradition applications by the Minister and by the Minister's Department to ensure that proper regard is given to the seriousness of the actual conduct alleged and offence charged in an application for extradition.

982 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) On the most recent data, how many (a) community-based and (b) private Long Day Care centres are there in the electoral division of Bowman.
- (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
- (3) How many children are enrolled at each centre.
- (4) What sum in Commonwealth funding did each centre receive in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
- (5) What is the estimated sum that each centre will receive in 1999-2000.
- (6) On the most recent data, how many families residing within the electoral division of Bowman receive some level of financial child care support from the Commonwealth and which payments do families receive.

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

- (1) What financial support will the Government be providing to regional television broadcasters to help meet the cost of digital conversion.
- (2) Is it a fact that the networks' estimates of the cost of digital conversion are \$195 million more than the Government's estimate; if so, what provision has been made for an independent assessment of cost.
- (3) Is the Government committed to providing Australia's 6 million regional television viewers with the same level of service and choice as Australia's metropolitan audience.
- (4) When will the decision be made on the level of Government commitment to the cost of regional digital conversion.
- (5) Will concerns over budget outlays for Australia's East Timor military commitment influence the level or timing of funding for regional digital conversion.

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

- (1) With reference to recommendation 5 of the Proponent's Statement (June 1997) for the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) issued by Airservices Australia, what system or systems have been adopted to provide periods of respite.
- (2) With reference to recommendation 6, what monitoring and operational experience indicate that adjustments could not be achieved satisfactorily with only the other nine modes, hence requiring the operation of Mode 8.
- (3) With reference to recommendation 19, what is the status of the noise abatement climb procedures standardisation.

- (4) With reference to recommendation 21, how many ANEIs have been produced since the commencement of the LTOP, and what are the figures in relation to those ANEIs.
 - (5) With reference to recommendation 24, is the number and distribution of aircraft movements the only method of informing the community about distribution of aircraft noise; if not, what other methods are used; if no other methods are used, are there plans for more accurate methods, including the size of the aircraft or the heights of the aircraft.
 - (6) With reference to recommendation 27, has the formal safety analysis been completed; if so, will he provide me with a copy; if not, what were its major findings.
 - (7) Has the aim, expressed at page 3-22, of the LTOP that low-power, low-noise approaches are to be supported, been effected; if so, (a) how has it been effected, (b) when was it effected and (c) what data is available to evidence the approach.
- 985 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many subscribers to ABC Concerts have there been from 1995 to 1999.
 - (2) How many sales of the ABC Magazine *24 Hours* have there been between 1995 and 1999.
- 986 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many parent migration applications under the parent arrangements (offshore subclass 113 and onshore subclass 819) were there at the time the Senate disallowed the arrangements on 31 March 1999.
 - (2) From which countries were the applications and how many were there for each country.
- 987 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Do funding guidelines exclude high need regional areas such as Glenorchy, Tas., from accessing funding under the Networking the Nation program; if so, will the Government reconsider the guidelines.
 - (2) Do residents of less affluent suburbs of regional capital cities have just as much need for access centres as residents of other regional cities and towns; if not, why not.
- 988 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Did he make remarks criticising the Kosovar refugee community for failing to care for the accommodation provided to them.
 - (2) Did he refuse to allow Kosovar refugees living in the Tasmanian Haven Centre to invite the media and the Australian community to inspect the conditions of their centre; if so, why.
 - (3) Is the Tasmanian Haven Centre well maintained.
 - (4) Have the majority of Kosovar refugees put great efforts into maintaining and improving the conditions of the haven centres in which they live; if so, why

did he give publicity to a small number of specific instances of poor care alleged to have occurred in one haven centre.

- 989 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—When will he respond to the matters referred to him by the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services in my question No. 821 (*Hansard*, 22 September 1999, page 7830).
- 990 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) What sum in export income was earned by Australian car manufacturers (a) Holden, (b) Ford, (c) Toyota and (d) Mitsubishi in 1998-99.
 - (2) For each manufacturer, what (a) sum of Export Market Development Grants was received, (b) was the major export destination, (c) car models were exported and (d) tariff protection applied to the importation of the models referred to in part (c).
- 991 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many employees does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) employ in the Large Businesses and High Wealth Individuals Compliance Area in 1999-2000, how many were employed in 1997-98 and 1998-99, and how many will be employed in 2000-01.
 - (2) How many employees does the ATO employ in the Superannuation Guarantee compliance area in 1999-2000, how many were employed in 1998-99, and how many will be employed in 2000-01.
 - (3) For information concerning performance standards from its outsourced information technology supplier, EDS/BHP, does the ATO rely on EDS/BHP itself to provide that information; if so, will the ATO examine independent performance monitoring of its outsourced information technology supply.
 - (4) What measures of performance does the ATO have concerning its outsourcing of the distribution of Group Certificates, and will it make those measures publicly available.
 - (5) How many employees does the ATO employ in WA in 1999-2000 and how many were employed in 1997-98, 1998-99 and in August 1992, August 1996 and August 1999.
 - (6) How many employees does the Australian Taxation Office employ in (a) SA, (b) Vic., (c) NSW, (d) Qld, (e) Tas, (f) the ACT and (g) the NT in 1999-2000 and for each State and Territory, how many were employed in 1997-98 and 1998-99.
 - (7) What percentage of complaints concerning businesses tax avoidance were audited in (a) 1994-95, (b) 1995-96, (c) 1996-97, (d) 1997-98 and (e) 1998-99, and is it a fact that this figure has dropped to as low as 1000 of 25 000.
 - (8) How many full time equivalent positions existed in the ATO in August (a) 1992, (b) 1996 and (c) 1999
 - (9) How many Senior Executive Service positions existed in (a) the ATO and (b) WA offices of the ATO in August (i) 1992, (ii) 1996 and (iii) 1999.

- (10) Do WA offices of the ATO receive staffing in a ratio equivalent to other States; if not, why not.
- (11) How many full time equivalent positions will be employed at each new call centre to be established in (a) Tas, (b) Vic. and (c) NSW.
- (12) How does the ATO decide on staffing levels in the various States.
- (13) How many full time equivalent positions will the ATO base in WA in its GST section.
- (14) Are all services provided by the ATO available in all States; if not, what, and where, are services available.
- (15) Does processing of tax returns physically occur in each State.
- (16) Has the Tax Commissioner received performance pay associated with downsizing in the ATO.

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

- (1) Is there currently a review of the ATO's methods for ensuring employer compliance with the Superannuation Guarantee Levy (SGL).
- (2) Does the ATO have the staff resources to follow up every complaint about compliance with the SGL.
- (3) What is the ATO's strategy for dealing with Employee Notifications (ENs) for (a) casual and (b) part time employees.
- (4) Are there different strategies for casual and part time employees; if so, what is the difference.
- (5) What selection criteria are used for projects such as employers in Cairns, hairdressers and child care centres which, under the current compliance strategy for SGL, receive special attention.
- (6) What level of independence do ATO staff in the Superannuation Guarantee compliance area have to follow up complaints made by employees, including prioritising certain ENs.
- (7) Are certain ENs not acted on; if so, what are the criteria for this and are employees who put in ENs told upfront what are the criteria.
- (8) What recourse do employees have for the enforcement of the SGL, aside from reporting it to the ATO
- (9) What sum was gathered by the Australian Taxation Office under the 'General Interest Charge' for employers who did not pay their SG on time in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
- (10) How many employers were charged the 'General Interest Charge' for not paying their employees SGL on time in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.

993 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 23 September 1999, page 7870), what is the increased state of readiness of the additional battalions required to sustain a deployment of 4500 personnel.
- (2) How many battalions will be placed on increased readiness.
- (3) How many personnel are involved.

- (4) What call will be made on reserves.
- 994 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 23 September 1999, page 7871), what are the targets for (a) navy, (b) army and (c) airforce reservists and regulars in the recruitment program to which he referred.
 - (2) What are the details of the flexible training to which he referred.
 - (3) What is the important role reservists fill to which he referred.
 - (4) How many more army personnel have been staffed from administrative roles to the 'sharp end' as a result of the Defence Reform Program.
- 995 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many reservists have been deployed to East Timor for (a) navy, (b) army and (c) airforce (i) medical and dental specialists, (ii) engineers and (iii) other positions.
 - (2) How many reservists have been offered secondary engagement but not deployed.
 - (3) How many reservists have been offered payments by way of compensation for loss of earnings and what is the estimated annual cost of those payments.
 - (4) Have other reservists similarly facing a loss of income, or their employers, been offered similar compensation; if not, why not.
- 996 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Immigration Parents category been capped at 500 visas per year
 - (2) Does the cap include other family reunion categories, including brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces; if not, is there a cap on this group; if so, what is that cap.
 - (3) Are there up to 20 000 applicants for the parent's category; if not, what is the figure.
 - (4) How many applicants are there in other family reunion categories.
 - (5) Does his current policy make it almost impossible for families to join together, especially Australian residents wishing to bring their parents to Australia; if not why not.
- 997 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Will he provide a table showing the change that has occurred in the proportions of the various immigration categories since 1987.
 - (2) Has there been a significant reduction in the Extended Family Reunion and Parent Categories relative to Independent categories.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the social consequences of a significant change in the balance between the categories; if so, what research has his Department carried out on this issue.
 - (4) Will he act to re-balance the immigration program by providing a fair share for the family reunion categories; if not, why not.

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- 998 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many of the Kosovar refugees remaining in Australia fled Eastern Serbia into Kosovo.
 - (2) Will those refugees be forced to return to Kosovo.
 - (3) If not, will they be forced to return to Serbia; if so, have inquiries been made about where those persons will live once returned.
 - (4) Has the Government received approaches from any State Government to let these and other Kosovo refugees remain in Australia.
 - (5) Do Kosovo refugees remaining in Australia have the right to request ministerial discretion to allow them to stay in Australia if they have reasonable fear for their lives if returned to Kosovo or Serbia.
- 999 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will the Government allow tax deductions for gifts of goods in kind donated by Australian businesses to aid the rebuilding of infrastructure in East Timor; if so, what deductions will be available.
 - (2) Will the Government waive the purchase within 12 months condition on deductions for gifts of a goods in kind nature sent to East Timor by Australian businesses.
- 1000 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Have any aid organisations been deemed as approved organisations under the developing country gift deduction arrangements for relief work in East Timor; if so, what are the contact details for those approved organisations.
 - (2) Will the Government provide relief funding for the rebuilding of infrastructure in East Timor; if so, will the funding be directed to existing aid organisations or will the Government provide relief direct to the population of East Timor.

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- *1001 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did his Department advertise or call for tenders in relation to the independent review of the financial, accounting, auditing and reporting provisions of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, how many tenders were received.
 - (2) What was the cost of the report entitled “Review of current arrangements for Governance of Industrial Organisations” prepared by Blake Dawson Waldron.
 - (3) Did his Department provide personnel during the preparation or research of the report; if so, what assistance was provided and how much did it cost.
- *1002 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What percentage increase did the Government predict would occur in construction costs as a result of the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

- (2) Has his attention been drawn to claims by the Queensland manager of ArchiCentre, Mr R. Tanton, that building costs have blown out by 15% to 20% in the last six months, running up an extra \$10 000 to \$15 000 on an average home or renovation valued at \$100 000.
- (3) What implications would such price rises have for the Government's estimated GST-induced price rises of 1.9%.

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 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 Snowdon, 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:

Darwin—

Development of 90 apartments.

Housing development at Parap Grove.

Melbourne—Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place.

Nowra, NSW—HMAS *Albatross* Stage 2 redevelopment.

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

Twofold Bay, NSW—Navy ammunition facility.

Ultimo, NSW—ABC Sydney accommodation 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 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.
- 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 inquiry:

- 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 Crossin, Senator Greig, 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 the proposal to terminate the Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom.
- Review of the new [second] revised text of the International Plant Protection Convention.

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*).