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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 79

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

- 1 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr Williams, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Stone—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kerr, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:
 - (1) expresses its concern about:
 - (a) the level of accountability and transparency of decisions made under the command and employment powers of the Commissioner of Police under the provisions of the Bill;
 - (b) the lack of mechanisms in the Bill for scrutiny and review of dismissal and promotion decisions;
 - (c) the possible unfair operation of the Bill in relation to termination of employment;
 - (d) the repeal of provisions relating to promotional and advancement systems, and to maternity leave;
 - (e) the relationship between the command and employment powers of the Commissioner of Police under the Bill;
 - (f) the operation of the Bill in relation to entitlement to continuous employment;
 - (g) clarification of the application of the Workplace Relations Act to the employment regime as established by the Bill; and

* *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.*

- (h) the failure of the Government to support the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Committee on Commonwealth law enforcement to provide a strategic view in respect of all Commonwealth law enforcement agencies; and
 - (2) is of the opinion that the Bill should be referred to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and advisory report, given the detailed matters raised in the Bill".
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **STEVEDORING LEVY (COLLECTION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 19 October 1999*).

Notice

- *1 **MR SLIPPER**: To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne.

Orders of the day—continued

- 5 **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*).
- 6 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*from Senate*) (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading (*18 October 1999*).
- 7 **CUSTOMS (TARIFF CONCESSION SYSTEM VALIDATION) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 14 October 1999*).
- 8 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 September 1999*).
- 12 **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*).

- 13 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 23 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 19 October 1999*).
- 24 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 25 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 26 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 27 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *28 **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- *29 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *30 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *31 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *32 **CSIRO—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **AFTA-CER MINISTERIAL MEETING AND VISITS TO SINGAPORE AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mrs Sullivan—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM 1998-2001—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 41 **COMCARE—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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **OPERATION OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) ACT—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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.

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

- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.

- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.

- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.

- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.
- 122 **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.

- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.

- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.
- 145 **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.
- 146 **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.
- 147 **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.

- 148 **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.
- 149 **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.
- 150 **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.
- 151 **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.
- 152 **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.
- 153 **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.
- 154 **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.
- 155 **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*).
- 156 **TARIFF PROPOSAL (*Mr Entsch*):**
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 157 **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*).
- 158 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
22 NOVEMBER 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notices**

- 1 **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. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—20 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †4 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes*)
- †5 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the national and international status of Rugby League;
 - (2) applauds the actions of rugby league supporters in demonstrating their support for clubs to remain in the National Rugby League (NRL) competition;
 - (3) notes that teams which are financially sound, have superb facilities, a support base and an outstanding junior team development structure are vital to the future survival of rugby league;
 - (4) notes that to abandon any sense of history, spirit and community involvement will destroy Rugby League;
 - (5) recognises that local institutions play a central role in defining a sense of community and giving our youth role models to aspire to;
 - (6) notes that the Super League/ARL dispute resulted in significant disillusionment from Rugby League supporters and that any forced exclusion of teams will exacerbate this;
 - (7) declares that Rugby League's greatest shareholders are its fans; and

- (8) calls upon the NRL to include South Sydney in the 2000 competition. (*Notice given 18 October 1999. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 22 November 1999.*)
- 2 **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 22 November 1999.*)
- 3 **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 22 November 1999.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999)

- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999*)
- 8 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 9 **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 Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- *10 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1998-99 FIRST HALF—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 October 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 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Thursday, 21 October 1999

- *1 **MR HARDGRAVE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern for the return of hostilities between Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea;
 - (2) acknowledges attempts by the Organisation of African Unity, the United States, various African heads of state and the United Nations to restore peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea;
 - (3) expresses great concern for the reported deaths of thousands of people in the past eighteen months and for the suffering of tens of thousands more;
 - (4) acknowledges the need expressed by the Eritrean Government for the return of foreign humanitarian NGO groups to provide relief; and
 - (5) highlights the past efforts of Australians, such as Fred Hollows, to help the people of Eritrea. (*Notice given 20 October 1999.*)

*2 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that families are the smallest social group and are often underrated;
- (2) believes the productive work of households has been totally overlooked;
- (3) acknowledges that surveys have made visible the unpaid work of households and have found it comprises more than half of all valuable economic activity;
- (4) expresses concern that the tax system does not adequately protect the income of families rearing children and the economic system appears to have forgotten the value of the work of parents rearing children and the whole area of productive work in the household;
- (5) supports the view that most parents, regardless of social status, educational level or cultural background, are eager to receive and can benefit from information and support in their role as their children's first and most important teachers;
- (6) draws to the attention of all Members that many studies have shown that families not only make a powerful impact on the way children learn in school but that the influence of family actually outweighs that of the school; and
- (7) recognises that family-related variables have been overlooked in health promotion and health strategy literature and that if recognised and addressed, these family-related variables offer a new area for health promotion with strong possibilities for further success in reducing the burden of ill-health in the community. (*Notice given 20 October 1999.*)

*3 **MR HARDGRAVE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the long-standing friendship and trade between Australia and the Republic of China on Taiwan;
- (2) expresses its care and concern for the pain and suffering felt by all Taiwanese following the recent earthquake tragedy;
- (3) acknowledges the generous role and good citizenry displayed by Taiwanese born Australian citizens; and
- (4) expresses its frustration for the political circumstances which prevent the Taiwanese from playing a full and rightful role in world affairs. (*Notice given 20 October 1999.*)

Notices—*continued*

1 **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 22 November 1999.*)

2 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 22 November 1999.*)

3 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)

4 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)

5 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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.)*
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.)*
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)

11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)*

12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)

17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)*

18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)*

19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 20 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 21 **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 month;
 - (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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 22 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House notes the failure of the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business to ensure the passing on of the benefits of increased waterfront productivity to Australian importers, exporters and consumers despite a \$250m taxpayer subsidy which appears to have merely provided increased profits to lang Corporation and Patricks with a subsequent increase in their share prices. (*Notice given 18 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

- 23 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House notes:
- (1) the failure of the Howard Government to address the needs of people living in regional Australia;
 - (2) the lack of knowledge demonstrated by the Government of issues that impact on the daily lives of regional Australians;
 - (3) the failure of the Government to provide jobs, services and adequate health resources to regional Australia; and
 - (4) the betrayal of regional Australia by the Government's inability to differentiate between regional and rural Australia. (*Notice given 18 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 24 **MR SCHULTZ:** To move—That this House notes:
- (1) places on record concern about the continued activity of the NSW Government in relation to the control of Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD) in sheep being without precedent in animal disease control in Australia;
 - (2) notes that as at April 1999 over 900 farms were identified as being affected or suspected of having OJD in rural NSW alone, with most of these properties being in quarantine;
 - (3) further notes the serious economic and social problems being faced by sheep and wool producers because of a growing concern that employment of veterinarians is a greater factor in the current enthusiasm for control than concerns for the disease free status of the industry; and
 - (4) calls on the Federal Government to freeze all funding under the National Ovine Johne's Disease program until such time as an investigation is undertaken into NSW Department of Agriculture procedures to ensure its actions are based on sound scientific and socio-economic grounds. (*Notice given 18 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 25 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Dr Allan Hawke on his appointment as the new Secretary of the Department of Defence;
 - (2) notes his prior service with the Department as Deputy Secretary and his wide public service experience;
 - (3) wishes him well in tackling the severe morale problem in the Department; and
 - (4) trusts he will be able to finalise the Prime Minister's report into the Reserves, clear up rotation issues surrounding the deployment of troops to East Timor and supervise the new strategic review. (*Notice given 19 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 22 November 1999.)

- 2 **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 22 November 1999.*)
- 3 **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 22 November 1999.*)
- 4 **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 22 November 1999.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 22 November 1999.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

11 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 2 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

12 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)

- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 18 **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) deploras 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 4 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 25 **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 choses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;
 - (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
 - (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and

- (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5 years of age. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)

- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 31 **DEFENCE (RE-ESTABLISHMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 18 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 22 November 1999.*)
- 32 **WORK FOR THE DOLE PROGRAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 33 **YOUNG PEOPLE:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 1999—Mr Cameron, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—That the 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.. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 34 **PREGNANCY AND THE WORKPLACE:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)
- 35 **AUSAID:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 October 1999*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under “Business accorded priority for Monday, 22 November 1999”. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 October 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A VISIT TO THE NORTHERN DEFENCE BASES:** (*from 20 October 1999—Mr Lloyd*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS:** (*from 20 October 1999—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 26—AGREEMENT TO EXTEND PERIOD OF OPERATION OF JOINT DEFENCE FACILITY AT PINE GAP:** (*from 20 October 1999—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 1, 404, 450, 460, 461, 465, 538, 643, 650, 660, 663, 673, 682, 686, 690, 705, 708, 746, 782, 798, 814, 823, 827, 840, 857, 858, 860, 865, 874, 875, 882, 884, 885, 893, 897, 898, 903-906, 908-911, 913, 915, 918-925, 927, 929, 930, 932-934, 937-948, 950, 952-1000.

18 October 1999

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%.

19 October 1999

1003 **MR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many vehicles owned and used by the Australian Defence Force have asbestos brake linings.
- (2) Does his Department consider that there is any risk to serving personnel as a result of exposure to asbestos brake linings.
- (3) Has his Department conducted any safety studies into the use of, or prolonged exposure to, asbestos brake linings.

- (4) Is his Department aware of any suppliers that are able to provide brake linings that are not made of asbestos; if so, (a) what are the names of the suppliers and (b) has his Department considered procuring brake linings from them; if not, why not.
- 1004 **MR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Does the Defence Housing Authority have houses that have been vacant for more than 3 months; if so, (a) how many, (b) in what geographical areas are the houses situated, (c) why are they vacant, (d) what is the estimated rental lost to the Commonwealth during the period the houses have been vacant and (e) what action has been taken to either tenant the houses or sell them.
- 1005 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to allegations of human rights violations taking place in the People's Republic of China with regard to the Chinese Government's repression of the practitioners of Falun Dafa.
 - (2) Is the Australian Government taking action to place pressure on the Chinese Government to uphold the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to ensure, in line with the UN Covenant, that practitioners of Falun Dafa are allowed freedom of expression and assembly; if so, what.
 - (3) Has the Australian Government raised these issues in the bilateral human rights dialogue with China.
- 1006 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Is he able to say whether arrangements have been made to allow taxis and hire cars to use the City Link express lanes in Melbourne.
 - (2) Have similar arrangements been put in place for Comcar; if not, will he take action to ensure that the Commonwealth-owned fleet is not excluded from arrangements that allow it to be competitive with private transport providers for the efficient transport of federal judges, ministers and Members of Parliament.

20 October 1999

- 1007 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Was an International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission established in 1991 under Article 90 of Protocol I Additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.
 - (2) Which states have accepted the competence of the Commission.
 - (3) When and where will their representatives meet to elect the 15 members of the Commission for the next quinquennium.
 - (4) Who are the present members of the Commission.
 - (5) What are their qualifications and places of residence.
 - (6) Does Article 90 require that, in the Commission as a whole, equitable geographical representation is assured.
 - (7) Will the Government nominate an Australian for election to the Commission.

21 October 1999

*1008 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the age pension is now locked in to increase with the CPI and to stay at 25 per cent of the Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE).
- (2) Has he publicly raised the idea of linking politicians' base pay to 50 per cent of the salary of Federal Court Judges.
- (3) On what basis is his suggested pay rise for Members of Parliament justified.
- (4) Will the Government consider linking pay rises for Members of Parliament to increases in the age pension and MTAWE; if not why not.

*1009 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What are the dates and subjects of the conventions in the Hague system that are not mentioned in the answer to question No. 863 (*Hansard*, 29 September 1999, page 8306).
- (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results did his Department last consider accession to the conventions.
- (3) How many countries are parties to each of the conventions.

*1010 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will he bring up to date the answer to question No. 517 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6321) concerning Australian nominations to the International Court of Justice.

*1011 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the plight confronting many aged persons in receipt of pensions whose rent in private tenancies is calculated on a percentage of their pension.
- (2) What steps is he taking to ensure that the component of GST compensation which will increase pensions post-GST is not lost in automatic rent increases.
- (3) Has he considered paying the GST compensation as a separate component of pensions similar to the manner in which pharmaceutical benefits is paid; if not, why not.

*1012 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims in the September 1999 edition of *Vietnam Veteran* that a highly placed person in the Repatriation political system in Canberra has accused the Vietnam Veterans Federation of Australia (VVFA) of political partisanship, and that applications for financial assistance on behalf of veterans may be rejected because the VVFA has criticised him.
- (2) Is the person who made the threats a senior member of his staff; if so, will he take action against the person.

*1013 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the ongoing concern many Gulf War veterans have over health issues relating to their service.
- (2) How many Gulf War veterans have been contacted as at 1 October 1999 as part of the health survey he announced earlier in 1999.

- (3) How many of these veterans already have disabilities accepted by his Department.
- (4) What are the terms of reference for the Gulf War health survey.
- (5) When will it report.
- (6) Who is conducting the survey.
- (7) Do Gulf War veterans have representation on the review body; if not, why not.
- (8) Were Gulf War veterans consulted over the terms of reference; if not, why not.
- (9) Did officers of his Department meet with American Gulf War illness researcher, Dr Garth Nicholson, and discuss Gulf War illness issues.
- (10) Has he been briefed on the discussions and how they may impact on Gulf War veterans; if not, why not.
- (11) Has he or his Department conveyed these health concerns to individual Gulf War veterans; if not, why not.
- (12) How many Gulf War veterans have contacted his Department seeking acceptance for Gulf War related conditions.
- (13) How many Gulf War veterans have had health conditions resulting from service accepted.
- (14) What is the range of conditions Gulf War veterans have had accepted.
- (15) Do the conditions include (a) nightmares, (b) fatigue, loss of strength or physical endurance, (c) difficulty sleeping and waking up, (d) joint pain and aches, (e) aching or burning muscles, pinpoint pains that move around to different spots, pulled-muscle-like sensations which occur upon minor physical exertions that would not normally cause any injury, (f) stiffness and reduced mobility in the joints, (g) short term memory problems, (h) problems thinking and concentrating, difficulty performing multiple step mental tasks, (i) difficulty finding the right word; frequently saying the wrong word and not being aware of it, (j) stuttering or stammering more often, or for the first time, (k) headaches, (l) exercise making the veteran feel worse instead of better, (m) neck pain, typically at the base of the neck near the bony spot at the centre of the shoulders, (n) back pain in the lower back in the middle and upper back just inside the shoulder blades, (o) numbness and tingling in hands and wrists at night, tendency for legs or buttocks to “go to sleep” while sitting for fairly brief periods which should not normally cause a problem, (p) frequent colds, flu or infections, (q) diarrhoea, (r) stomach cramps, (s) stomach pain, (t) nausea vomiting, regurgitating food, excessive gas or flatulence, (u) bloating muscle spasms or cramps, trembling, shaking or twitching, (v) blood in stools, (w) blood in urine, (x) visual problems, (y) loss of sense of smell, smelling odours that are not actually present (olfactory hallucination), (z) ringing in the ears, (aa) hearing loss, (ab) emotional problems (irritable, cranky, mood swings, fits of anger or rage over issues that later seem unimportant), (ac) depression, (ad) suicidal thoughts, (ae) loss of interest in normal pursuits/lessened enthusiasm, (af) episodes of panic and anxiety, (ag) chest pain, (ah) chest pressure, (ai) racing pulse, (aj) heart palpitations, (ak) coughing frequently,

(al) shortness of breath, (am) swollen glands, (an) frequent clearing of the throat, (ao) coughing up thick saliva or phlegm, (ap) wheezing, (aq) skipped or extra heart beats, (ar) light-headed dizziness, poor balance, periods of being unsteady on feet, (as) frequent sinus problems and tenderness at given points around facial area associated with sinuses, (at) new allergies or increased severity of existing allergies, (au) chemical sensitivities to household cleaners, vehicle exhaust, gasoline fumes, pesticides, cigarette smoke, campfire smoke etc, making the veteran feel bad and causing headaches, (av) excessive sneezing, (aw) nasal congestion or stuffiness, (ax) sore throat, (ay) thick saliva, increased salivation, (az) drooling at night, (ba) abnormal changes in hair colour anywhere on body, (bb) hair loss anywhere on body, (bc) reddening or flushing of the skin, (bd) yellowing colour of skin, (be) cuts and wounds slow to heal, (bf) unusual itching sensation in the skin suggesting small insects crawling and occasional small stinging sensations, (bg) unusual skin rashes, (bh) skin problems, (bi) itchy scalp/genital itch, (bj) sore patches of skin which feel similar to sunburn where there is no sunburn, (bk) night sweats, (bl) sensitivity to cold, (bm) swollen abdomen, (bn) difficulty swallowing, (bo) blurred, double or wavy vision, (bp) eyeglasses no longer work as well, (bq) sensitive to light, (br) lessened night vision, (bs) eye twitching, (bt) black spots in the eyes (floaters), (bu) constant (or nearly so) dark circles around the eyes with some yellowing, unusual watering, itching or dryness of eyes, (bv) more frequent urination, (bw) occasional minor loss of bladder control, (bx) toenail or foot fungus, (by) swelling of ankles, (bz) swelling of body, (ca) black and blue bruising more easily, (cb) dental pain, discomfort, sensitivity to cold without apparent cause, (cc) loose teeth, (cd) dental abscesses, (ce) blisters on the gums very sore to the touch, (cf) bleeding gums, (cg) sores on the lips, (ch) numbness of lips, (ci) white coated tongue, (cj) having the wrong taste sensation for what is being eaten, or having a taste sensation while not eating, (ck) cotton mouth, (cl) liver ailments, haemocromotosis, (cm) Meneries disease, (cn) handwriting has become worse, (co) weak voice, (cp) drinking alcohol causes unusual type or degree of mental impairment, (cq) excessive thirst, (cr) periods of extreme hunger at times, and at other times no appetite or loss of interest in food, (cs) loss of sexual libido, impotence, aching or swollen testicles in males, (ct) females with worse PMS, irregular menstrual periods, worse menstrual cramps, cervical pain, endometriosis, frequent yeast infections, (cu) change in scent, body odour smells different after sweating than it used to, (cv) skin around the cheekbone area of the face feels thick and rubbery, (cw) abnormal amount of pain, swelling and bruising following relatively minor joint injury, slower than normal recovery, intense burning sensation in the skin around the injured area with loss of sensation in some areas of the skin around the injury (auto immune response?) (cx) sleepwalking, (cy) easily startled by sounds or someone approaching, (cz) low or zero tolerance for stress, (da) low tolerance for noise, i.e. noise bothering and causing anger or distress, (db) clumsiness, including accidental death, (dc) more frequent household accidents; burns in the kitchen, knocking over glasses, turning around and bumping into things, falling etc. (dd) uncharacteristically doing unsafe manoeuvres while driving, including pulling out in front of an approaching

vehicle when turning onto a road, short term memory/peripheral vision problems, (de) being more aggressive and easily angered in dealings with other people, having a short fuse, (df) inflammations in and around the eyes, (dg) small bumps under the eyelid, or other things which irritate the eye intermittently for days or weeks at a time, (dh) cancer, (di) mycoplasma infections, (dj) stomach ulcers, (dk) pitting in the lower stomach that is indicative of chemical poisoning and (dl) Motor Neurone Disease; if so, which conditions.

- (16) Was (a) anthrax vaccine, (b) plague vaccine, (c) meningococcal vaccine, (d) pertussis vaccine, (e) immunoglobulin vaccine, (f) yellow fever vaccine, (g) cholera vaccine, (h) hepatitis B vaccine, (i) typhoid vaccine, (j) pyridostigmine bromide or (k) botulinum vaccine given to Gulf War veterans; if so, which.
- (17) Will the Government's health survey of Gulf War veterans investigate (a) low level chemical or biological weapon fallout, (b) toxic emissions from oil well fires, (c) depleted uranium exposure or (d) medical counter measures given to personnel in the form of vaccinations and drugs; if not, why not.
- (18) Is there evidence to show that Gulf War veterans were not exposed to (a) synthetic chemical compounds, including low-level mustard agents, VOCs, hydrazine, red fuming nitric acid, solvents and uranium, (b) ionizing radiation, including depleted radiation, microwave and RF radiation, (c) environmental particulates and pollutants, including hydrogen sulfide, oil fire by-products, diesel heater fumes and sand micro-particles, (d) diseases endemic to the region, including leishmaniasis, sandfly fever, pathogenic escherechia coli, shigellosis and malaria and (e) time compressed administration of multiple, live, 'attenuated' and toxoid vaccines; if so, will he table that evidence.
- (19) If there is no evidence, will he accept that Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to those hazardous materials or diseases and accept responsibility for treatment of any illness Gulf War veterans have which may be related; if not, why not.

*1014 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the former Government of South Vietnam intended to present awards to some 21 Officers and Other Ranks of the 1st Australian Task Force in Vietnam following the battle of Long Tan, and that confirmation of this is available from Charles Tran Van Lam, former President of the Senate, Ambassador to Australia and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Vietnam.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the then South Vietnamese Government had intended to present all soldiers and officers of D Coy, 6RAR, a unit citation in addition to awards to individual soldiers, but the presentation of the awards was prevented by the then Australian Government through the Ambassador to South Vietnam on the basis that Her Majesty, the Queen, had not given consent.
- (3) Is he able to confirm that the Australian Government of the day gave a commitment that it would seek approval for these awards and allow them to be presented at a later date.

- (4) Was the President of the then South Vietnam forced to substitute Vietnamese dolls and cigar boxes as presentations to these diggers in lieu of medals.
- (5) Is it appropriate for these veterans to wear those trinkets in lieu of proper decorations on occasions such as Vietnam Veterans' Day or Anzac Day; if not, will he review the evidence from Mr Tran Van Lam and grant the retrospective approval for the correct awards.
- (6) Why was this matter not dealt with under the review of the Vietnam End of War List completed earlier in 1999.
- (7) Is he satisfied that the decorations presented to Australian Servicemen under the previous Imperial system of awards following the battle of Long Tan were the appropriate level of award; if so, on what basis does he make that assessment.

*1015 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many persons qualified as interpreters through TAFE and university conducted para professional or professional courses in 1997 and 1998.
- (2) Are similar numbers expected to qualify if the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) is successful with its policy to abolish such courses.
- (3) What alternative options will be available to ensure professional training.
- (4) How many public meetings were conducted during NAATI's six month consultation period.
- (5) Is it a fact that many who sought involvement were not given responses by NAATI; if so, why.
- (6) What measures were undertaken to ensure independent oversight of NAATI's transparency in this matter.
- (7) Were public hearings conducted; if so, how many (a) hearings occurred, (b) witnesses were interviewed and (c) submissions were received.

*1016 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he able to say whether (a) requests been made from the School of Infantry at Singleton to reopen Stockton Rifle Range near Newcastle and (b) the reopening of the range is necessary as a training venue to train the two and a half battalions proposed to be raised to enable rotation of Australian military forces in East Timor; if so, what are the details.
- (2) If the Stockton Rifle Range is required for the purposes referred to in part (1), will he take immediate steps to remove control of the range from Defence Properties.

*1017 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he able to provide information on the role of Defence Properties in (a) the sale of a fully refurbished three bedroom cottage at Stockton Rifle Range for less than \$6000 and (b) the supervision and protection of three buildings at Stockton Rifle Range which have been systematically vandalised and burned to the ground by arsonists.
- (2) Will the buildings referred to in part (1)(b) be replaced; if so, when.

- *1018 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the Stockton Rifle Range Heritage Assessment recommendation that any future conservation policy should not include measures to stabilise the dune system and any attempt to do this would reduce the significance of the natural system.
 - (2) Will residential development of the rifle range site require stabilisation of the dunes; if so, what action will be taken to protect the range site from residential development and to protect the dunes, as referred to in the Heritage Commission recommendation.
- *1019 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of the preparation of the valuation of the Stockton Rifle Range, what weighting was given to the (a) preservation of the heritage assets and sites, particularly in light of the recently completed Heritage Assessment on the site, (b) cost to preserve those assets and upon whom would the obligation rest, (c) removal of the area upon which the significant assets rest from the area to be sold, (d) removal of contaminants from the site, both surface and buried, notably asbestos and ordnance from past usage, (e) State's coastal lands policy, (f) impact upon the site if the Kooragang Airport proceeds, (g) diminution in the available useable area from the encroachment of the dunes and (h) estimated \$14 to \$30 million cost to stabilise the dunes if residential development is to occur.
- *1020 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When will the Government release the report on the Shipping Industry Reform which he commissioned.
 - (2) What information is he able to provide on the contents of the report.
- *1021 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has his attention been drawn to the recent decision by the British Government to introduce a package of tax measures aimed at attracting British owned or controlled vessels to register under the British flag; if so, what information is he able to provide on the composition of the package and its expected impact.
- *1022 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What measures is the Government proposing to take to strengthen Australia's international flag fleet and participation in international shipping.
 - (2) When will the measures be implemented.
- *1023 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Navy lodged a submission with the WA Government seeking to run a work camp for prisoners in that State; if so, (a) on what date was it lodged, (b) what is the proposed location of the work camp, (c) what tasks does it propose that the prisoners perform, (d) are these tasks additional to the Navy's normal operations or do they replace the functions of existing personnel, (e) how many prisoners does it request and (f) how many civilian or uniformed Defence personnel will be involved in managing the proposed work camp.
 - (2) Has the State Government made a decision about the proposal; if so, what are the details.

*1024 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What are the terms of reference of the independent review of entitlement anomalies involving service by Australian personnel in South East Asia between 1955 and 1975.
- (2) As at the official closing date, how many submissions did the independent review panel receive from (a) organisations and (b) individual veterans and service personnel.
- (3) Did the Department of Defence or the Department of Veterans' Affairs make a submission before the closing date; if not, why not.
- (4) After the closing date for submissions did he write to members of the review panel purporting to provide them with guidance about the Government's expectations on matters to be covered by the review; if so, on what date was the letter sent.
- (5) Is the provision of guidance to members of the review panel consistent with the undertaking that it would be free to conduct an independent review of entitlement anomalies; if so, how.
- (6) When does the Minister now expect to receive the final report of the review panel.

*1025 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What representations has the Australian Government made on behalf of Gendun Choekyi Nyima, the eleventh Panchen Lama, the second-highest incarnation in Tibet, who, in 1995, was kidnapped at the age of six, along with his parents, by the Chinese authorities in Tibet and has not been seen since.
- (2) What efforts has the Australian Government made to ascertain the whereabouts of the Panchen Lama and his family.
- (3) Was this matter raised (a) in the most recent Australia-China Human Rights dialogue, (b) at any of the previous dialogues or (c) in any other representations on human rights that the Australian Government has made to the Chinese Government.

*1026 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Does the Freedom of Information Act impose timeframes for responses to be provided; if so, is (a) Comcare Australia and (b) the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office required to abide by the timeframes.
- (2) What remedy is available to persons or organisations who do not receive replies within specified time frames.
- (3) Will procedures be introduced to ensure that these bodies abide by the time frames stipulated by the Act; if so, what.

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 Kerr, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott (nominee of the Leader of the House).

Current inquiry:

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

PROCEDURE: Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Gerick, Mr Price.

Current inquiry:

Community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Hull, Mr Lloyd, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Rudd, Mr Sidebottom.

SELECTION: Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe.

Joint Statutory

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION: Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Boswell, Senator Calvert, Senator Ray.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES: Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Somlyay, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr Melham, Mr Secker, Mr Snowden, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Woodley.

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

Current inquiries:

Community Education and Information Programme.

Corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises.

Review of Auditor-General's audit reports—

1997-98—Fourth quarter.

1998-99—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:

Canberra—Anzac Hall extension, Australian War Memorial.

Darwin—

Development of 90 apartments.

Housing development at Parap Grove.

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 Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Brownhill, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Quirke, Senator Schacht.

Current inquiries:

Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief.

Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America.

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 Stott Despoja, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

Review of—

New [second] revised text of the International Plant Protection Convention.

Proposal to terminate the Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom.

Treaties tabled on 12 October 1999.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years*).

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