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NOTICE PAPER

No. 80

MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1999

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **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

* *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.*

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.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 19 October 1999*).
- *5 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999.** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *6 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INCOME TAX RATES) BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Crean*).
- *7 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CAPITAL ALLOWANCES) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Crean*).
- *8 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INTEGRITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Crean*).
- *9 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (FORMER SUBSIDIARY TAX IMPOSITION) BILL 1999** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Crean*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).

- 12 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 13 **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*).
- 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 (CUSTOMS) 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 (EXCISE) 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 (GENERAL) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- *18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (TRADEX) BILL 1999 [NO. 2]** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 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 **WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 September 1999*).
- 21 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 22 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- *26 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 21 October 1999*).
- 27 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).

- 28 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 29 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 30 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *31 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *32 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *33 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *34 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.

- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.

- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.

- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.

- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 87 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.

- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS—PROGRESS REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 96 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 97 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 98 **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.

- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 102 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 108 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 109 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 110 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REGISTRATION BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 111 **COMPANIES AND SECURITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 112 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES PANEL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 113 **AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 114 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 115 **WITNESS PROTECTION ACT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 116 **CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **OPERATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 119 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 120 **DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 121 **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.

- 122 **CSIRO—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 123 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 124 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION LTD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 127 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—42ND QUARTERLY 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.
- 128 **CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 130 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 131 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 132 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 133 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.

- 134 **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.
- 135 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 136 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 137 **LAND AND WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **WOOL INTERNATIONAL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **MILITARY SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFITS BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **OFFICE OF ASSET SALES AND IT OUTSOURCING—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 153 **CENTRELINK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 154 **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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 **ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 156 **MARITIME INDUSTRY FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 157 **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.

158 **JOINT COAL BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.

159 **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.

160 **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.

161 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.

*162 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr McGauran*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (1999)—*moved 21 October 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Swan*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1999)—*moved 21 October 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Swan*).

163 **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*).

164 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).

165 **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*).

166 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowdon—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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 Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowdon—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 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 Monday, 22 November 1999

- *1 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Australian Democrat, Liberal and National Senators for not proceeding with or supporting the following terms of reference for the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services proposed by Democrat Senator Lyn Allison on 9 March 1999:

That the Committee inquire into and report on:

- (a) the adequacy of the tax system and related policy to address the retirement income and health care needs of Australians into the new millennium;
 - (b) strategies for building more effective national retirement income and long-term saving outcomes;
 - (c) reforms that could be implemented following completion of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge phase-in to 9 per cent; and
 - (d) the taxation of superannuation, particularly the Superannuation High Income Earners Tax Surcharge legislation and alternative payment mechanism; and
- (2) believes these to be important areas of inquiry for the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services. (*Notice given 21 October 1999.*)

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

- (1) places on record the decline of regional infrastructure within parts of Australia, particularly in smaller rural communities;
 - (2) notes that increasingly, rural and regional Australians are required to travel a considerable distance to access quality medical services;
 - (3) further notes the growing size and scale of the transport industry is placing new demands on many roads throughout Australia and these roads need regular maintenance; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to examine funding to regional infrastructure projects so that smaller rural and regional communities can have access to similar services that city people have. (*Notice given 21 October 1999.*)
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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 MOSSFELD: 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”;
- (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.*)
- 26 **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. Notice will be removed*

from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.)

27 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 22 November 1999.*)

28 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. 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) deplors 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) deplores misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue, such as:
 - (a) the misrepresentation of the current powers of the Prime Minister to dismiss a Governor-General;

- (b) suggesting that the new constitutional arrangements would be unworkable or undemocratic;
 - (c) understating the significance of the public nomination process;
 - (d) mischaracterising the non-partisan role of the Commonwealth Parliament in appointing the President; and
 - (e) the use of the preamble issue to distract from the question of whether Australia should have an Australian Head of State. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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 this sitting”. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 25—TREATIES TABLED ON 11 AUGUST 1999:** (*from 21 October 1999—Mr Sawford*) 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 21 October 1999—Mr Sawford*) 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 on the Notice Paper.

First appeared on date shown

11 November 1998

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

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

10 February 1999

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

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

18 February 1999

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

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

8 March 1999

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

24 March 1999

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

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

1 June 1999

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 650-663)—

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

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

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

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

3 June 1999

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

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

7 June 1999

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

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

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

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 705-708)—Has a Department or agency for which the Minister has portfolio responsibility entered a contract with or made a grant or payment to an organisation registered under subparagraph (a) 188(1)(a) or (b) 188(1)(b) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*; if so, in each case, (i) which organisation, (ii) what sum was received and (iii) in what State or Territory is the organisation located.

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

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

21 June 1999

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

29 June 1999

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

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

9 August 1999

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

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

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

- (1) Did he state in his “Safeguarding the future: Australia’s response to climate change” ministerial statement on 20 November 1997 that the Government will be bringing forward the phase out of leaded petrol ahead of 2010, with details of implementation to address social equity issues; if so, what are the details.
- (2) What is the new date for the phase out of leaded petrol.
- (3) Has the Government consulted motoring organisations and the petroleum industry to develop options for meeting the adjustment needs of owners of leaded petrol vehicles; if so, what are the options; if not, why not.

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

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

827 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—For each year since 1995-96, how many doctors bulk-billed (a) Australia wide, (b) in each State and Territory, and (c) in the electoral Division of Batman.

23 August 1999

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a speech given by the Assistant Treasurer titled “The Government’s approach to superannuation” on 28 May 1999 in Brisbane, where the Assistant Treasurer announced that the Government is committed to allow, by the year 2000, employees in accumulation funds to move their benefits between funds; if so, what measures are proposed and when will they be introduced into the Parliament.
- (2) Did the Assistant Treasurer state that the Government had become aware that superannuation investment rules were being circumvented by some arrangements; if so, (a) of what arrangements is the Government aware, (b)

when did the Government become aware of the arrangements and (c) what is the cost to Government revenue of the circumventing arrangements.

- (3) Will the Government introduce legislation giving effect to proposals to allow the splitting of superannuation assets in the event of divorce; if so, when
- (4) Will funds with fewer than five members be allowed to invest up to 100% of their assets in business premises leased to members or the employer-sponsor of the fund; if so, (a) what impact will the proposal have on the requirement for trustees to maintain a diversified investment strategy and (b) could the proposal see 100% of a fund's assets invested in one particular asset.

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

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

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

24 August 1999

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

25 August 1999

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

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

26 August 1999

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

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

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

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

30 August 1999

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

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

1 September 1999

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

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

2 September 1999

- 903 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Have sites been identified and excised from Kakadu National Park; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) Have negotiations been entered into with companies regarding excision of sites; if so, with whom.
- 904 **MS HALL:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Did the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' inquiry into strategies to strengthen marriage and relationships in 1998 recommend the improvement of processes for the appointment and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants as a useful adjunct to the success of the Government's marriage education proposals.
 - (2) Was a draft proposal for the appointment, accreditation and professional development of authorised civil marriage celebrants submitted to his department in 1997.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the matters referred to in parts (1) and (2); if not, will he investigate.

20 September 1999

- 905 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Are young members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) paid wages based on rank and duties.
 - (2) Does the Government propose to change the terms and conditions of young members of the AFP.
 - (3) Is there a proposal to introduce junior rates of pay for the AFP; if so, (a) when and (b) by what process.
- 908 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it still the case, as the Senate was advised on 1 June 1999 in a response to Estimates question on notice, Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, that according to the Treasury there is no settled policy for deciding which government levies are to be subject to GST and that before a policy can be agreed on, discussions will have to take place with the States to ensure a consistent application to all similar levies and charges.
 - (2) If this is not the case, what approach will be taken in relation to the GST's application to government levies and charges.
 - (3) Will he provide the full list of government levies and charges that will be subject to the GST, and those that will not.
- 909 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the GST apply to payments of taxes and other charges, except those taxes and other charges that are excluded from the GST by a determination of the Treasurer; if so, (a) how many determinations has he made and (b) what taxes and charges have been excluded from the GST by the determinations.

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

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

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

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

21 September 1999

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

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

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

- (1) Has Centrelink changed the way recipients of the Parenting Payment Single are reviewed so that only parents earning income must lodge a review every 12 weeks; if so, why.
- (2) What type of information are recipients of Parenting Payment Single now required to include in the 12 weekly reviews.
- (3) Is it necessary for Centrelink to have this information for working parents but not for non-working parents; if so, why.

- (4) Does treating non-working recipients of Parenting Payment Single more favourably than working recipients encourage parents not to take financial responsibility for themselves and their families; if so, to what extent; if not, why not.
- (5) What measures are in place to review the effect of changing the way entitlement to Parenting Payment Single is reviewed.

922 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 425 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5101), has his attention been drawn to comments of Mr J. Bosnjak, Chairperson of the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board, on page 24 of the Monday, 16 September 1999 edition of the *Daily Telegraph*, regarding the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
- (2) Are there plans to speed up the release of finances to complete the proposed orbital road.
- (3) Would many of the present road users who would make use of the Orbital be diverted off the suburban roads presently in use.
- (4) Does he or his Department have alternative plans to assist the road transport bottlenecks in the Western Sydney region.

22 September 1999

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

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the impending closure of the Analogue Mobile Phone System (AMPS) is causing some hearing aid wearers to fear that they will not be able to continue in business because the CDMA system is not available outside Sydney and Melbourne.
- (2) Has Telstra informed the hearing impaired of published results in relation to assessments of GSM and CDMA digital mobile phone systems; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Minister regulate for an exemption from the phase out of the AMPS service until a mobile system can be used with teletypewriter phones and carriers have complied with the education requirements in the Analogue Closure Plan.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say (a) whether GSM digital mobile phones make an unbearable noise in some hearing aids and (b) that information literature treats CDMA technology as being equal to GSM technology for the hearing impaired; if so, will the Minister's Department take action on this matter.
- (5) Is it a fact that the CDMA network will not be available in several capital cities until October.
- (6) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the superior range, speech quality and noise suppression characteristics of AMPS and CDMA mobile networks compared with the GSM system; if so, will compensation be offered to the hearing impaired and rural users where disadvantage and complications have occurred.

- (7) Will an appropriate education process be included in the Analogue Phaseout Plan.
- (8) Will Telstra have a competitive advantage with the introduction of CDMA equivalent to its assumed advantage of the AMPS; if so, will the Government provide equal access to the hearing impaired by maintaining the AMPS beyond 31 December 1999.
- (9) Is the Minister able to say whether mobile phone carriers have passed the responsibility of mobile phones for the hearing impaired on to audiologists and the Deafness Forum of Australia; if so, what action will the Government take.
- (10) Are mobile phone carriers telling the hearing impaired to buy high immunity C2 type hearing aids which cost \$2 500 per aid; if so, (a) who will pay, (b) will carriers share the burden and (c) can closure of AMPS be delayed.
- (11) Is the Minister able to say whether (a) Telstra is claiming that CDMA phones could be used with suitable (i) medium immunity C1 type hearing aids, (ii) hands free handsets or (iii) personal inductive coupling loops and (b) CDMA and AMPS handsets are suitable for the hearing impaired.
- (12) Are hearing impaired persons entitled to unencumbered mobile phone services.
- (13) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to complaints by the hearing impaired about (a) hearing aid interference on Adelaide radio stations, (b) the closure of AMPS services and (c) the delay in CDMA services for Adelaide.
- (14) Is the Minister able to say whether hearing impaired mobile phone consumers are told that GSM and CDMA mobile phones will not cause interference within one metre of C1 type hearing aids.
- (15) Is there is a process for regulating compliance with the new Therapeutic Goods Administration standards for electromagnetic immunity; if so, what are the requirements.
- (16) Do the performance and economic reasons given for closure of the AMPS network in 1992 still exist.
- (17) Will the Government review the decision to close the AMPS after consulting with mobile phone carriers.
- (18) Will (a) compensation be paid for loss of access to a mobile phone system or (b) an adequate CDMA education program for the hearing impaired be funded.

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

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

- (5) Will he take action to ensure that all after hours aircraft activity at Moorabbin Airport complies with the existing regulations.

23 September 1999

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the potential problems caused by the introduction of the new tax system and its effects in relation to oyster farmers.
- (2) Have oyster growers since 1997 been seeking special consideration in valuing their stock as an asset with respect to their taxable income.
- (3) Is it a fact that oysters cannot be treated as ordinary livestock as it is very difficult to place a value on them until they are harvested or sold.
- (4) Will the valuation of oyster crops for taxation purposes each year be difficult, particularly for small farmers.
- (5) Will standing crops and timber be exempt from valuation for taxation purposes.
- (6) Will action be taken to exempt oyster farmers from having to undergo year-end tax valuations; if so, what.

929 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What was the total sum of Government expenditure in relation to the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport Community Forum in (a) 1997-98 and (b) 1998-99.
- (2) How many resolutions by the Sydney Airport Community Forum in 1996-99 were (a) carried and (b) implemented by the Government.

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

- (1) Did he receive a briefing from his Department or the Navy prior to issuing his media statement of 22 January 1999 about the HMAS *Sydney* harassment case; if so, on what date and in what form was the briefing provided.
- (2) Did he request and receive a briefing from the Chief of the Navy at the conclusion of the investigation; if not, why not.
- (3) When and how did he first become aware that the outcome of the case was actually a management initiated early retirement.
- (4) Will he ensure that future serious allegations against senior Navy officers are investigated independently of the chain of command; if so, what are the details of the changed procedures.

933 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What has been the cost of the Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) since its inception.
- (2) How many Special Air Services Regiment (SASR) soldiers have been killed or injured maintaining the unit's operational readiness.
- (3) What sum has the Government spent on rehabilitating and deprogramming SASR soldiers as a result of physical or mental disability.

- (4) Has the use of gas and pyrotechnics changed since the early operations of the Counter Terrorist Unit; if so, is it due to a high casualty rate.
- (5) Was the work considered hazardous; if so, what were the hazards.
- (6) Is the CTU considered to be non-operational; if so (a) is the rate of death and serious injury acceptable for a non-operational CTU, and (b) will injured soldiers be eligible to receive appropriate benefits, including a service pension.

27 September 1999

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

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

28 September 1999

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

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

biotechnology facilities at Chiswick, (e) waste the \$12 million of taxpayer's money spent on upgrading the research facility at Prospect in 1995 and (f) create a precedent of providing an employment and financial benefit to a particular electorate or regional centre to the detriment of the nation's scientific and agricultural interests; if not, is he able to say why the Task Force omitted this recommendation from its final report.

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

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

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

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

- (1) Did the Special Minister of State and he write the text of the advertisements that have appeared in national and local newspapers informing the public about the two issues to be decided at the 6 November Referendum on the republic model and the proposed preamble.

- (2) Is it a fact that the section of the advertisements dealing with the preamble states that the preamble would not affect the interpretation of Australia's laws.
- (3) Is he able to state whether there is a range of conflicting legal opinion regarding the legal implications of the proposed preamble, even with proposed new section 125(A).
- (4) Is it a fact that constitutional experts do not agree on how the proposed preamble will influence Australian laws; if so, why is the statement referred to in part (2) included in the public education material.
- (5) Is the statement referred to in part (2) misleading; if so, what action will be taken to rectify the situation; if not, why is there divided legal opinion about the legal impact of the proposed preamble.

29 September 1999

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

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

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the case of *R v Secretary of State for the Environment ex parte Greenwich LBC, The Times*, 16 May 1989, in which the High Court (England) asserted jurisdiction to entertain a challenge by a local authority to Ministers who were using public funds to publicise what the applicant authority claimed was a misleading and political case for a controversial tax.
- (2) If so, has he taken steps to draw this decision to the attention of the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Auditor-General; if so, when.
- (3) Will he request the Australian Government Solicitor to produce one of its public *Legal Briefing* papers to address the issue of what limits apply to the expenditure of public funds for public as opposed to political purposes; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Does the Government recognise the Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara.
- (2) Will the Government review its policy with regard to establishing official contacts with the independence movement in Western Sahara, the Polisario.
- (3) Has the Government's attention been drawn to allegations of Moroccan violations of human rights in Western Sahara.

- (4) Will the Government send independent observers to monitor the UN referendum in the Territory scheduled for July 2000.

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

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

30 September 1999

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

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

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

- (1) Did the Coalition promise not to introduce new taxes or increase existing taxes during the 1996 election.
- (2) What tax rates did the Government increase and what new taxes did it introduce between the 1996 and 1998 Federal elections.

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

960 **MR ZAHRA:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 784 (*Hansard*, 23 August 1999, page 6825), is the Residential Care Subsidy the only source of funds provided by his Department to Croft Health Care P/L, Croft Health Care Vic P/L and Gracedale Manor P/L.

- (2) Have other subsidies or supplements, including the concessional resident, pensioner, respite and viability supplements, under the *Aged Care Act 1997* been received by the companies referred to in part (1); if so, (a) what sum was paid and (b) when were the payments made.
- (3) Have complaints been made against the three companies referred to in part (1) or the facilities they operate; if so, what is the full list of complaints that may be lodged.
- (4) For each complaint referred to in his answer, (a) how was the complaint detected or lodged, (b) on what date was the complaint detected or lodged (c) how was the complaint resolved within the Aged Care Complaints Resolution Scheme, (d) did the complaint result in a surprise visit or inspection by Aged Care Standards Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) or departmental officers and (e) when was the complaint resolved.
- (5) Have the facilities operated by the companies referred to in part (1) been the subject of a surprise inspection or assessment conducted by ACSAA or departmental officers; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the assessment of each facility and (c) were problems detected or complaints received; if so, (i) what were they and (ii) what action was taken to resolve the problems.
- (6) What sum has been provided to each of the companies referred to in part (1) by his Department.

11 October 1999

963 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Which non-government organisations have had funding terminated under the (a) National Secretariat Program or (b) Community Sector Support Scheme since March 1996.
- (2) For each organisation referred to in part (1), (a) on what date did funding cease, (b) what was the last annual sum provided and (c) what reason was given for withdrawing funding.
- (3) What sum was provided to the secretariat of Family Planning Australia in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99 and what sum will be provided in 1999-2000.
- (4) Has secretariat funding been provided to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services; if so, (a) when did funding commence, (b) what are the purposes for which funding is provided and (c) what sum will be allocated to the Federation in 1999-2000.

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

- (1) What sum was provided by his Department to Family Planning Australia in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99 and what sum will be provided in 1999-2000.
- (2) Has secretariat funding been provided by his Department to the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services; if so, (a) when did funding commence, (b) what are the purposes for which funding is provided and (c) what sum will be allocated to the Federation in 1999-2000.

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

12 October 1999

- 969 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 766 (*Hansard*, 21 September 1999, page 7690), how many of the reservists recruited in 1998-99 for the (a) Navy, (b) Army and (c) Air Force were personnel transferring to the Reserves from the permanent forces.
 - (2) Since March 1996 has the Australian Defence Force conducted market research on (a) reservists and potential reservists and (b) employers, on the difficulties of combining reserve service with civilian employment; if so, who conducted the research and what were the main findings.
 - (3) If the Government has not conducted recent market research, what information sources does it rely on in order to develop suitable recruitment and retention measures.
- 971 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did he request a report into the Australian Defence Force Reserves; if so, (a) when did he request the report, (b) what prompted the request and (c) when will the report be finalised and published.
- 974 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Are editions of the book “Lord Elgin and the Marbles”, written by William St Clair and published by Oxford University Press, available to him and his Department; if so, which editions.
 - (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results was the question of the Parthenon marbles last reviewed by him or his Department.
- 975 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With which countries and for what periods has Australia been in a state of war at any time since the federation of the Australian colonies.
- 976 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) On what dates was the Australia Act approved by the Parliaments concerned.
 - (2) Is he able to say which Governors of Australian States have been appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Premiers of those States.

- 977 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which administrators of Australian territories have been appointed since 1979.
 - (2) When and by whom were the administrators referred to in part (1) appointed.
- 978 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it fact that (a) the GST compensation package for recipients of Commonwealth payments and self funded retirees will not commence until July 2000 and (b) people are having to pay a GST component now on things like car insurance, registration, house insurance, contents insurance, prepaid car services, NRMA memberships, club memberships, subscriptions, annual medical insurance and post office boxes.
 - (2) If so, is the GST placing additional financial pressures on those least able to pay; if not, why not.
 - (3) Why did the compensation package not commence in 1999-2000, given the transitional impact on low income earners.
- 979 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Is it a fact that assistance under the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program administered jointly by the Department of Family and Community Services and the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, is available to recipients of Parenting Payment; Widow Allowance; Partner Allowance; Widow B Pension; Carer Payment and some Special Benefit recipients, but not recipients of the Disability Support Pension.
 - (2) If so, why are Disability Support Pension recipients excluded from accessing assistance under the JET program and what alternative assistance is available for such pensioners.
 - (3) Is it anomalous that a parent in receipt of the Parenting Payment or a carer in receipt of the Carer Payment can receive assistance under the JET program, but that a parent in receipt of the Disability Support Pension with a dependent child cannot access assistance under the program; if not, why not.
- 981 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 545 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 6321) concerning extradition proceedings regarding Mr P Foster, is the Minister able to provide further responses to parts (3) and (4) of that question; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to Justice Drummond's criticisms (in *Foster v Minister* 164 ALR 357 at paragraphs 63 and 64) of the advice tendered to the Minister by the Minister's Department.
 - (3) In light of Justice Drummond's finding that there would appear no difficulty in obtaining informed opinion from the UK Serious Fraud Office as to the punishment Mr Foster would be likely to receive if convicted in the UK of only the three extradition offences, has the Minister made such an inquiry.

- (4) If inquiries have not been made, why not, given that Justice Drummond has characterised this as causing the Minister to fail to take into account an issue the Minister was required by regulation 7 to have regard to.
- (5) If inquiries have been made, what was the advice of the Serious Fraud Office.
- (6) Are the offences for which Mr Foster's extradition has been sought regarded as not trivial in nature by the Minister; if so, why, given Justice Drummond's remarks at paragraph 65.
- (7) What are the particulars of the three offences against Mr Foster in respect of which his extradition has been sought.
- (8) Did the Minister and the Minister's Department have regard to the answers given by the UK Lord Chancellor, commented upon by Justice Drummond at paragraph 53; if not, why not.
- (9) What steps will the Minister take to improve the processing of extradition applications by the Minister and by the Minister's Department to ensure that proper regard is given to the seriousness of the actual conduct alleged and offence charged in an application for extradition.

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

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

13 October 1999

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

- (1) With reference to recommendation 5 of the Proponent's Statement (June 1997) for the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) issued by Airservices Australia, what system or systems have been adopted to provide periods of respite.
- (2) With reference to recommendation 6, what monitoring and operational experience indicate that adjustments could not be achieved satisfactorily with only the other nine modes, hence requiring the operation of Mode 8.
- (3) With reference to recommendation 19, what is the status of the noise abatement climb procedures standardisation.
- (4) With reference to recommendation 21, how many ANEIs have been produced since the commencement of the LTOP, and what are the figures in relation to those ANEIs.
- (5) With reference to recommendation 24, is the number and distribution of aircraft movements the only method of informing the community about

distribution of aircraft noise; if not, what other methods are used; if no other methods are used, are there plans for more accurate methods, including the size of the aircraft or the heights of the aircraft.

- (6) With reference to recommendation 27, has the formal safety analysis been completed; if so, will he provide me with a copy; if not, what were its major findings.
- (7) Has the aim, expressed at page 3-22, of the LTOP that low-power, low-noise approaches are to be supported, been effected; if so, (a) how has it been effected, (b) when was it effected and (c) what data is available to evidence the approach.

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

- (1) How many subscribers to ABC Concerts have there been from 1995 to 1999.
- (2) How many sales of the ABC Magazine *24 Hours* have there been between 1995 and 1999.

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

- (1) Do funding guidelines exclude high need regional areas such as Glenorchy, Tas., from accessing funding under the Networking the Nation program; if so, will the Government reconsider the guidelines.
- (2) Do residents of less affluent suburbs of regional capital cities have just as much need for access centres as residents of other regional cities and towns; if not, why not.

988 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did he make remarks criticising the Kosovar refugee community for failing to care for the accommodation provided to them.
- (2) Did he refuse to allow Kosovar refugees living in the Tasmanian Haven Centre to invite the media and the Australian community to inspect the conditions of their centre; if so, why.
- (3) Is the Tasmanian Haven Centre well maintained.
- (4) Have the majority of Kosovar refugees put great efforts into maintaining and improving the conditions of the haven centres in which they live; if so, why did he give publicity to a small number of specific instances of poor care alleged to have occurred in one haven centre.

989 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—When will he respond to the matters referred to him by the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services in my question No. 821 (*Hansard*, 22 September 1999, page 7830).

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

- (1) What sum in export income was earned by Australian car manufacturers (a) Holden, (b) Ford, (c) Toyota and (d) Mitsubishi in 1998-99.
- (2) For each manufacturer, what (a) sum of Export Market Development Grants was received, (b) was the major export destination, (c) car models were

exported and (d) tariff protection applied to the importation of the models referred to in part (c).

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

- (1) How many employees does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) employ in the Large Businesses and High Wealth Individuals Compliance Area in 1999–2000, how many were employed in 1997-98 and 1998-99, and how many will be employed in 2000-01.
- (2) How many employees does the ATO employ in the Superannuation Guarantee compliance area in 1999-2000, how many were employed in 1998-99, and how many will be employed in 2000-01.
- (3) For information concerning performance standards from its outsourced information technology supplier, EDS/BHP, does the ATO rely on EDS/BHP itself to provide that information; if so, will the ATO examine independent performance monitoring of its outsourced information technology supply.
- (4) What measures of performance does the ATO have concerning its outsourcing of the distribution of Group Certificates, and will it make those measures publicly available.
- (5) How many employees does the ATO employ in WA in 1999-2000 and how many were employed in 1997-98, 1998-99 and in August 1992, August 1996 and August 1999.
- (6) How many employees does the Australian Taxation Office employ in (a) SA, (b) Vic., (c) NSW, (d) Qld, (e) Tas, (f) the ACT and (g) the NT in 1999-2000 and for each State and Territory, how many were employed in 1997-98 and 1998-99.
- (7) What percentage of complaints concerning businesses tax avoidance were audited in (a) 1994-95, (b) 1995-96, (c) 1996-97, (d) 1997-98 and (e) 1998-99, and is it a fact that this figure has dropped to as low as 1000 of 25 000.
- (8) How many full time equivalent positions existed in the ATO in August (a) 1992, (b) 1996 and (c) 1999
- (9) How many Senior Executive Service positions existed in (a) the ATO and (b) WA offices of the ATO in August (i) 1992, (ii) 1996 and (iii) 1999.
- (10) Do WA offices of the ATO receive staffing in a ratio equivalent to other States; if not, why not.
- (11) How many full time equivalent positions will be employed at each new call centre to be established in (a) Tas, (b) Vic. and (c) NSW.
- (12) How does the ATO decide on staffing levels in the various States.
- (13) How many full time equivalent positions will the ATO base in WA in its GST section.
- (14) Are all services provided by the ATO available in all States; if not, what, and where, are services available.
- (15) Does processing of tax returns physically occur in each State.
- (16) Has the Tax Commissioner received performance pay associated with downsizing in the ATO.

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

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

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

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

994 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 23 September 1999, page 7871), what are the targets for (a) navy, (b) army and (c) airforce reservists and regulars in the recruitment program to which he referred.
- (2) What are the details of the flexible training to which he referred.
- (3) What is the important role reservists fill to which he referred.
- (4) How many more army personnel have been staffed from administrative roles to the 'sharp end' as a result of the Defence Reform Program.

- 995 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many reservists have been deployed to East Timor for (a) navy, (b) army and (c) airforce (i) medical and dental specialists, (ii) engineers and (iii) other positions.
 - (2) How many reservists have been offered secondary engagement but not deployed.
 - (3) How many reservists have been offered payments by way of compensation for loss of earnings and what is the estimated annual cost of those payments.
 - (4) Have other reservists similarly facing a loss of income, or their employers, been offered similar compensation; if not, why not.
- 996 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Immigration Parents category been capped at 500 visas per year
 - (2) Does the cap include other family reunion categories, including brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces; if not, is there a cap on this group; if so, what is that cap.
 - (3) Are there up to 20 000 applicants for the parent's category; if not, what is the figure.
 - (4) How many applicants are there in other family reunion categories.
 - (5) Does his current policy make it almost impossible for families to join together, especially Australian residents wishing to bring their parents to Australia; if not why not.
- 997 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Will he provide a table showing the change that has occurred in the proportions of the various immigration categories since 1987.
 - (2) Has there been a significant reduction in the Extended Family Reunion and Parent Categories relative to Independent categories.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to the social consequences of a significant change in the balance between the categories; if so, what research has his Department carried out on this issue.
 - (4) Will he act to re-balance the immigration program by providing a fair share for the family reunion categories; if not, why not.

18 October 1999

- 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

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, haemochromatosis, (cm) Meniere's 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 Defence—

- (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 Defence—

- (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.

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- *1027 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Has his Department recently provided grants to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women; if so, how many women (i) from each State and Territory and (ii) in total are direct or associate members of each organisation.
 - (2) How many, and which, State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.
 - (3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation in each case.
 - (4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.
- *1028 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Is his Department instituting a change to the payment of employer incentives for the Commonwealth New Apprenticeships Incentives Program; if so, (a) when is the change in payment procedures to apply and (b) what is the new payment procedure.
 - (2) Have group training companies indicated that they will face significant financial difficulties due to the new payment procedure for employer incentives; if so, will he address those particular concerns.
- *1029 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did the Governor-General organise the visit of an Aboriginal delegation to the Queen of Australia in London during the course of the republic referendum campaign; if so, was the Governor-General acting on the advice of his ministers.
- *1030 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What are the funding arrangements for the Alice Springs to Darwin railway.
 - (2) What were the findings of the cost benefit study upon which the project is based.
 - (3) Will the Government make public all the feasibility studies and cost benefit analyses relating to the project.
- *1031 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Does the Government monitor the performance of Job Network providers regarding the longevity of job placements, including how many persons placed into jobs are still in work 6 or 12 months later; if so, what do the results show.
- *1032 **MR M. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to legislative action in Massachusetts and in British Columbia to require tobacco manufacturers to disclose the list of ingredients and additives in tobacco products.
 - (2) Will he take similar action in Australia.
 - (3) Does he or his Department have information on the additives in tobacco products; if so, will he make the information public; if he is not aware of the list of additives, will he take action to determine what chemicals are added to tobacco products and make the information available to the public.

*1033 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What was the (a) total and (b) itemised cost of (i) consultants' fees, (ii) travel and motel costs, (iii) printing, (iv) preparation and (v) meals for the conduct of the Regional Australia Summit.
- (2) Which Members of the House of Representatives and Senate were invited to participate in the (a) Summit and (b) Summit dinner.
- (3) What was the cost of having departmental officers offline to attend the Summit.

*1034 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury are not duplicated and remain single carriage.
- (2) What works are being undertaken to assist the duplication of the highway, including by-passes of rural towns and the Albury road program associated with the national highway program.
- (3) What costs are associated with the works referred to in part (2).
- (4) What is planned in the next five years to completely duplicate sections of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Melbourne, and what sum will this cost.
- (5) What is planned in the next five years for any part of the Hume Highway which will not be duplicated.

*1035 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has the Government extended the method of payment of travel allowance applicable to Members of Parliament and their staff, to other sections of the Australian Public Service and its instrumentalities, including Centrelink; if so, to which Departments and instrumentalities does the method of payment of travel allowance based on substantiation apply.
- (2) Will the Government make this method of payment of travel allowance the norm within the public sector, and will it apply to persons engaged as consultants.
- (3) Will the Government argue to the Remuneration Tribunal that this method of payment of travel allowance to Members of Parliament and their staff should apply to all persons covered by decisions of the Remuneration Tribunal, including judges; if not, why not.

*1036 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Kosovar refugees were brought to Australia.
- (2) How many Kosovar refugees remain in Australia and where are they located.
- (3) Have any Kosovar refugees broken the conditions of their temporary visas.
- (4) On what basis were payments made to Kosovar refugees to meet their undertaking to return to Kosovo.

- (5) What sum was paid in total for each method of payment referred to in part (4).
 - (6) On an itemised basis, what has been the cost of the Kosovar refugee commitment by the Government, including the costs of travel, accommodation, education, general health, dental care, and catering.
- *1037 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What is the annual sum allocated for Contact Centres that facilitate contact of children with separated parents.
 - (2) For 1999-2000, (a) how many centres are funded, (b) by what sum are they funded and (c) in which electoral divisions are they located.
- *1038 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) How many childcare centres have closed where the Commonwealth has allocated capital grants for the construction of the centres in 1998-99 and 1999-2000.
 - (2) In which electoral divisions were the centres located.
 - (3) Will the Government recover the capital grant from closed childcare centres; if so, how; if not why not.
- *1039 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Did the Government announce in press release WS100/98, dated 20 September 1998, that an additional \$80 million will be spent over 4 years to provide 130 000 days of additional in home respite care every year for carers of people with dementia.
 - (2) Has the announcement been honoured; if not, why not.
 - (3) How many days of additional in home respite care will be provided for carers of people with dementia each year.
- *1040 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Government received a request from a representative of the people of East Timor for assistance in providing radio facilities for East Timor; if so, will the Government act on the request.
 - (2) Will the Government recommission the broadcasting transmitters in Darwin previously operated by Radio Australia.
- *1041 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Government, or any person on behalf of the Government, conducted research into the health effects of poor dental health.
 - (2) Does poor dental health have direct links to negative outcomes for pregnancy, birth weight, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
 - (3) Does poor dental health also impact directly on primary health care, pharmaceutical, work force and social political issues.
 - (4) Has research been undertaken as to the preventative value of regular access to dental care where regular review of a patient's teeth by the dentist contributes to positive primary health care outcomes.
 - (5) Do those positive health outcomes have positive economic outcomes; if so what are those positive economic outcomes.

*1042 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) completed its investigation into allegations that Mr Christopher Corrigan committed perjury while giving evidence in the Australian Industrial Relations Commission; if so, has the AFP referred the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP); if so, with what recommendations.
- (2) If the matter has been referred, what action has the DPP taken.
- (3) If the investigation has not been completed, what outstanding matters is the AFP investigating with respect to the allegations, and has the AFP questioned (a) Mr C. Corrigan, (b) Mr P Scanlon, (c) Mr B. Clayton, (d) Mr M. Wells, (e) Mr P. Kilfoyle or (f) Dr S. Webster with respect to the allegations.

*1043 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office, together with the New Tax System Advisory Board, recently send poster-sized lists of New Tax System seminars, giving times, venues and dates, to electorate offices.
- (2) Were the seminars in the ACT conducted from 27 to 29 September 1999.
- (3) How many persons attended the seminars in the ACT.
- (4) Were the lists sent to ACT Members on 20 October 1999; if so, was that 3 weeks after the final seminar for the ACT had been conducted.
- (5) Will additional seminars be conducted in the ACT.

*1044 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Was an (a) Engineering Market Access Committee and (b) Accountancy Market Access Committee established in 1995.
- (2) Are the committees still operating; if so, what is their current membership.
- (3) Have similar committees been established for other service industries; if so, (a) for which industries, (b) on what dates and (c) what is the composition of those committees.
- (4) What were the initial goals of the committees.
- (5) What progress has been made by the Government, with the assistance of the committees, to achieve the goals.

*1045 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Have any Australian forests obtained certification of sustainable forest management in accordance with the requirements of (a) the Forest Stewardship Council, (b) ISO14000 or (c) similar certification systems; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Is he able to say whether forest certification systems are in place in APEC countries; if so, (a) in what countries and (b) what specific certification systems are in place.
- (3) Has the Government adopted a formal attitude towards certification; if so, what are the details.

*1046 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) For which clasps of the (a) Australian Service Medal 1945-75, (b) Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75, (c) Australian Service Medal 1975- and (d) Australian Active Service Medal 1975- has eligibility been extended to (i) civilian Defence employees, (ii) civilian Defence contractors, (iii) accredited Red Cross and Salvation Army personnel and (iv) members of the Merchant Navy.
- (2) Has eligibility for any clasps of the medals referred to in part (1) been extended to any additional categories of civilian personnel; if so, what are the details.
- (3) What criteria are used to by the Government to determine whether the particular circumstances of a deployment justify the extension of eligibility for military medals to civilian personnel.

*1047 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are members of the Army Reserve who agree to undertake temporary continuous full-time service in Australia, East Timor or elsewhere, eligible to receive assistance under the ADF's Resettlement Scheme; if so, are they entitled to (a) resettlement information and advice, (b) discharge resettlement training, (c) approved absence for job-seeking and associated purposes and (d) financial assistance under the Services' Vocational Educational Training Scheme for study in the member's own time.
- (2) If reservists are ineligible for resettlement assistance, what measures are in place to facilitate their return to civilian life after a period of continuous full-time service.

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 Snowdon, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Woodley.

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

Current inquiries:

Community Education and Information Programme.

Corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises.

Review of Auditor-General's audit reports—

1997-98—Fourth quarter.

1998-99—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.

Current inquiry:

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

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*).