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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 87

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1999

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- *1 **MR McGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR McGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.
- *3 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952* and other legislation in relation to Parliamentary Secretaries, and for other purposes.
- *4 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR REITH:** To move—That:
 - (1) sessional order 104A (Private Members' business—procedure) be amended by omitting the following words:

“Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding five minutes in support of it.”

 and substituting the following words:

“Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes in support of it.”;
 - (2) sessional order 104A (as amended by part (1)) continue in operation until the end of the session;
 - (3) sessional orders 101 (Routine of business) and 102C (Precedence to motions regarding committee and delegation reports) be adopted as standing orders; and

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

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

- (4) the resolution of the House relating to the disclosure of in camera committee evidence adopted on 3 December 1998 remain effective until the end of the session.

Orders of the day

- 1 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998:** Further consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 December 1999*).
- 2 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 6 December 1999*).
- 3 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 4 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 5 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 6 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 8 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 9 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 10 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (APPLICATION) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 11 **GLADSTONE POWER STATION AGREEMENT (REPEAL) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 12 **ALBURY-WODONGA DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- *13 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).

- *14 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *15 **TRANSPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *18 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *19 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *20 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- *21 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 25 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 26 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 27 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 28 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *29 **SEATTLE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION MEETING AND LAUSANNE INFORMAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.

- *30 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—DECLARATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *31 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—CONVENTION 181—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *32 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—RECOMMENDATION 188—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *33 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—RECOMMENDATION 189—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *34 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—INSTRUMENTS—JUNE 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *35 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—INSTRUMENTS—JUNE 1997—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *36 **MID-TERM REVIEW OF PROVIDER NUMBER LEGISLATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **EAST TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr Williams*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REGULATORY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from*

- 23 November 1999—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **SEAFARERS SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICES—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 49 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 50 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 51 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 52 **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.

- 53 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 54 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 55 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 56 **CSIRO—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—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.
- 61 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY—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.
- 62 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) CORPORATION—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.
- 65 **COMCARE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 66 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 67 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 68 **OPERATION OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) ACT—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY 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.
- 72 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.

- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.

- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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.

- 122 **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.
- 123 **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.
- 124 **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.
- 125 **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.
- 126 **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.
- 127 **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.
- 128 **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.
- 129 **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.
- 130 **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.
- 131 **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.
- 132 **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.
- 133 **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.
- 134 **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.
- 135 **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.
- 136 **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.
- 137 **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.
- 138 **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.
- 139 **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.
- 140 **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.
- 141 **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.
- 142 **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.
- 143 **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.
- 144 **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.

- 145 **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.
- 146 **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.
- 147 **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.
- 148 **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.
- 149 **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.
- 150 **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.
- 151 **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.
- 152 **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.
- 153 **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.
- 154 **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.
- 155 **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.
- 156 **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.

- 157 **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.
- 158 **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.
- 159 **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.
- 160 **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.
- 161 **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.
- 162 **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.
- 163 **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.
- 164 **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.
- 165 **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.
- 166 **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.
- 167 **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.
- 168 **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.
- 169 **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.
- 170 **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.
- 171 **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.
- 172 **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.
- 173 **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.
- 174 **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.
- 175 **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.
- 176 **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.
- 177 **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.
- 178 **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.
- 179 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Anthony*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 8 (1999)—*moved 24 November 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 24 November 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

180 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).

181 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Williams):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr M.cClelland).

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).

182 TARIFF PROPOSAL (Mr Entsch):

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

183 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).

184 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**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 6 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 7 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PROCEEDINGS OF A SEMINAR ON WORLD DEBT, 27 AUGUST 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999—Mr Hollis, in continuation*) on the motion of

Mr Hollis—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 6 March 2000*)

- 8 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—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 6 March 2000*)
- 9 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY IN CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999—Mr Nugent, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nugent—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 6 March 2000*)
- 10 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TERMINATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)
- 11 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FOURTEEN TREATIES TABLED ON 12 OCTOBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)
- *12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1997-98 FOURTH QUARTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 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 6 March 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices given for Thursday, 9 December 1999

- *1 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the alarming skills deficit in regional Australia, especially in terms of higher education access;

- (2) regards the elimination of this skills deficit as the key to successful regional development and equity in Australia;
 - (3) notes the complete failure of the Howard Government to address this problem;
 - (4) recognises the need to build greater diversity and equity into Australia's higher education system; and
 - (5) supports policies to lower the costs of regional university education. (*Notice given 8 December 1999.*)
- *2 **MR HORNE:** To move—That a Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Ethics be appointed to inquire into whether to permit human surrogacy in Australia and, if so,:
- (1) under what terms and conditions surrogacy should be legalised; and
 - (2) the legal, ethical, moral and religious framework by which legal agreements could be drawn up to allow human surrogacy to take place giving maximum legal safeguards to all people involved. (*Notice given 8 December 1999.*)
- *3 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the preliminary findings of the Australian National Training Authority National Marketing Strategy for Skills and Lifelong Learning;
 - (2) recognises the substantial enthusiasm and energy of Australians for lifelong learning;
 - (3) notes with concern the public's reservations about the effectiveness and suitability of formal educational institutions; and
 - (5) declares its support for the urgent development of an innovative national policy for the adult and community education sector as the best way of engaging Australians in the benefits of lifelong learning. (*Notice given 8 December 1999.*)
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Notices

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.)

2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)

3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

5 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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

6 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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

7 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)

8 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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)*

9 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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)*

10 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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

16 **MR MOSSFELD:** 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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

18 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

19 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

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

- (1) recognises the importance of affordable, quality child care for Australian parents;
- (2) deplors the lack of childcare facilities available to Members, Senators and staff working at Parliament House, noting that this lack of workplace child care has led to increased difficulties for parents working at Parliament House following the Coalition's attacks on child care over the past 3 years;
- (3) condemns the Howard Government for its massive attacks on child care and expresses its concern that these cuts have resulted in fee rises, the closure of childcare centres and women being forced out of the paid workforce, instead of providing families with a choice about how they care for their children; and
- (4) calls for a study to assess the feasibility of establishing workplace child care facilities for Members, Senators and staff working at Parliament House. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

21 **DR EMERSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the irritation caused to television viewers by the broadcasting of advertisements at volumes or pitches greater than those of normal programs;
- (2) notes that neither the Broadcasting Services Act nor the Commercial Television Code of Practice requires television stations to broadcast advertisements at the same sound level as their programs;
- (3) notes that at present the only recourse for viewers unhappy about the volume of advertisements is to complain to the television stations or the advertisers; and
- (4) calls on the Government to amend the Broadcasting Services Act to empower the Australian Broadcasting Authority to regulate the volume and pitch of television advertisements. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

22 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;

- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

23 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (*ba*) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
 - (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

24 MR PRICE: To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

- 25 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
- (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

- 26 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

- 27 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
- (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
- (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

- 28 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 275A be omitted and the following standing order be substituted:

Statements by Members

275A Notwithstanding standing order 275, when the Main Committee meets on a Thursday, the business before the Committee shall be interrupted at 1 p.m. and the Chair shall call for statements by Members. A Member, other than a Minister, may be called by the Chair to make a statement for a period not exceeding 3 minutes. The period for Members' statements may continue for a maximum of 1 hour. Any business under discussion at 1 p.m. and interrupted under the provisions of this standing order shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting. (*Notice given 24 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000*)

29 **MR SNOWDON:** To move—That this House, noting the desire of the Australian community to satisfactorily resolve outstanding issues concerning the stolen generations referred to in the recommendations of the report by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, *Bringing Them Home*:

- (1) calls on the Government:
 - (a) to settle the stolen generation case currently before the Federal Court in the Northern Territory; and
 - (b) after consultation and agreement with appropriate representatives of the stolen generations, to:
 - (i) establish an alternative dispute resolution tribunal to assist members of the stolen generations by resolving claims for compensation through consultation, conciliation and negotiation, rather than adversarial litigation and, where appropriate and agreed to, deliver alternative forms of restitution; and
 - (ii) set up processes and mechanisms, which are adequately funded, to:
 - (A) provide counselling;
 - (B) record the testimonies of members of the stolen generations;
 - (C) educate Australians about their history and current plight;
 - (D) help them to establish their ancestry and to access family reunion services; and
 - (E) help them to re-establish or rebuild their links to their culture, language and history; and
- (2) calls on the Government to refer the following matters to a Joint Committee of the Parliament for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of the first sitting week in October 2000:
 - (a) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Government's response to the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report;
 - (b) appropriate ways for Governments to implement paragraph (1)(b) of this resolution;
 - (c) effective ways of implementing recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report including an examination of existing funding arrangements;
 - (d) the impact of the Government's response to recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report with particular reference to the

consistency of this response with the aims of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation; and

- (c) the consistency of the Government's response to recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report with the hopes, aspirations and needs of members of the stolen generation and their descendants. (*Notice given 25 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

30 **MR ADAMS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that dumping of cement from Indonesia, China, Malaysia and Thailand is significantly undercutting Australian cement prices;
- (2) notes substantial industry investment and cost cutting has made the Australian cement industry cost competitive, but the companies cannot compete against imports being sold below their cost of manufacture;
- (3) notes dumping is threatening the viability of Australia's cement industry operations, with a real threat of plant closures unless urgent action is taken; and
- (4) calls on the Government to
 - (a) recognise the threats to the cement industry by dumping;
 - (b) recognise the efforts of the Australian industry to comply with environmental safeguards that the dumping countries are not being made to follow;
 - (c) ensure that immediate action is taken under our current anti-dumping legislation to protect the Australian industry; and
 - (d) take steps to protect all industries that are susceptible to dumping. (*Notice given 25 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

Orders of the day

1 **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 6 March 2000.*)

2 **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 6 March 2000.*)

3 **TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999*) on the motion of Mr Danby—That this House:

- (1) notes with sadness that 4 June 1999 was the tenth anniversary of the date of the Tiananmen Square massacre;
- (2) expresses its sympathy to the families of those who died as a result of their participation in the democracy protests of 1989 in the People's Republic of China as well as those who have suffered for their efforts to advance human rights and democratic expression during the past decade;
- (3) commends citizens of the People's Republic of China who peacefully advocate democracy and human rights; and
- (4) deplores ongoing human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China and calls on the Government of that country to:
 - (a) re-evaluate the official verdict on 4 June 1989 Tiananmen pro-democracy activities and initiate open investigations on the 4 June event with the goal of providing a complete and accurate account of those events;
 - (b) treat fairly Chinese students who elected to stay in Australia after 4 June 1989 under special temporary visas and who have since returned to their homeland;
 - (c) release all prisoners of conscience, including those still in prison as a result of their participation in the pro-democracy protests of May and June 1989, provide just compensation to the families of those killed in those protests and allow those exiled on account of their activities in 1989 to return and live in freedom in the People's Republic of China;
 - (d) put an end to harassment, detention and imprisonment of Chinese citizens exercising their internationally recognised rights to the freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of religion; and

- (e) proceed quickly to ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which it signed on 5 October 1998. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 6 March 2000.*)

- 4 **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 6 March 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 March 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)

- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)

- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.)

- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 29 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 1999** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 22 November 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 6 March 2000.*)
- 30 **COOK'S ENDEAVOUR:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 November 1999—Mr Price, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr C. P. Thompson—That this House:
- (1) notes the reported discovery of Cook's ship *Endeavour* off Newport, Rhode Island;
 - (2) acknowledges that if it is indeed the *Endeavour*, this wreck is the most important single artefact in Australia's history;
 - (3) notes that the United States and British Governments are preparing for a legal battle over rights to the wreck;
 - (4) calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to immediately notify the world community of the importance of the wreck to Australia and stake our claim to its ownership by virtue of its significance to our nation;
 - (5) calls on the Government to support a fundraising campaign to enable the recovery and eventual return of the wreck to Botany Bay; and
 - (6) ensures that plans for this important venture are in place and that the public fundraising and community awareness campaign is made a centrepiece of Australia's Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 31 **INSOLVENCY AND EMPLOYEES:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 November 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

32 **ASTHMA:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 November 1999*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

33 **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 November 1999—Mr Bevis, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Albanese—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 34 **TOURISM:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (1) commends the Government for its efforts in promoting domestic and international tourism which has resulted in a 7% increase in international visitors during the last 12 months;
 - (2) notes the significance to the economy of the number of jobs created by tourism; and
 - (3) notes the foreign exchange earnings resulting from international visitor travel to Australia. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)
- 35 **REGIONAL AUSTRALIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 1999*) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 March 2000.*)

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. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 9 December 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 25 November 1999*).
- 2 **WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 September 1999*).
- 3 **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.

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

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.

- 7 **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.
- 8 **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.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **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.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 1, 404, 450, 460, 461, 465, 538, 650, 660, 663, 682, 686, 690, 705, 708, 746, 782, 798, 827, 857, 874, 885, 893, 903, 904, 920, 925, 930, 939, 941, 945, 948, 955, 960, 964, 965, 969, 971, 981, 982, 985, 987, 991-995, 1009-1012, 1014, 1020-1022, 1024, 1027-1062.

6 December 1999

1063 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What policy principles underpinned his contributions to negotiation at the 3rd World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conference held in Seattle between 30 November and 3 December 1999.
- (2) What was the objective of the Seattle Conference and what items were on its agenda.
- (3) Were any measures similar to those contained in the failed Multilateral Agreement on Investment on the agenda in Seattle, if so (a) which measures and (b) what was the Government's position with regard to them.
- (4) What position will he be advocating for Australia during the millennium round of trade negotiations with regard to (a) trade and agriculture, (b) trade and services, (c) trade and the environment, (d) trade and competition, (e) trade and investment and (f) the trade in textiles, and why will he be advocating those positions.
- (5) What evidence does the Government have that trade liberalisation is in the best interests of both industrialised and developing nations and that it is in the best interests of Australia.
- (6) How will he be communicating the outcome of the Seattle negotiations to the Australian people.
- (7) What opportunities will be available for Australians and the Parliament to review the outcomes of the Seattle negotiations and their implications for Australia.
- (8) What processes will be followed before Australia will sign off on any agreements that may have arisen from the Seattle negotiations.

1064 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many reservists from (a) Victoria, (b) NSW, (c) Western Australia and (d) other States are now serving on a temporary full-time basis with the component units of the 7th Brigade in Brisbane.
- (2) For what period have these reservists been asked to serve on a full-time basis.

- (3) What proportion of these reservists were previously (a) full time students, (b) unemployed, (c) employed in the public sector and (d) employed in the private sector.
- (4) In respect of those reservists who were (a) previously employed in the private sector and (b) previously employed in the public sector, what measures, if any, has the Government instituted to protect their civilian employment.
- (5) In regard to University and TAFE students what measures, if any, has the Government put in place to enable them to temporarily defer their studies without penalty.

1065 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the objectives of the Australian Defence Force's Civil Accreditation Program (CAP).
- (2) When did CAP commence and what progress has the ADF made in implementing it.
- (3) Does the program apply to reservists; if not, why not.
- (4) Has Headquarters Training Command Army determined that the award of a Diploma of Personnel and Resource Management under CAP only applies to officers in the Regular Army and will not be issued to reservists who meet the stated eligibility requirements.
- (5) Will he ensure that the ADF issues accreditation under CAP to all personnel who meet the stated eligibility requirements, regardless of whether their current service is on a full-time or part-time basis.

1066 **MR GRIFFIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Does section 38-47 of the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act covering other GST-free health goods state that a supply is GST-free if it is a supply of goods of a kind that the Health Minister, by determination in writing, declares to be goods the supply of which is GST-free.
- (2) Is there a process for applying for the determination; if so, what is it.
- (3) Has the process been made public.
- (4) Have any products or class of products already been exempted; if so, (a) which products or class of products and (b) what was the reason for their exemption.
- (5) Has the Government received any applications requesting certain products or classes of products to be exempted; if so, (a) who made the request, (b) which products or classes of products were included, (c) what was the decision and why was it made and (d) who was consulted.
- (6) What criteria are used to decide which products will be GST-free under this section and who was consulted in the development of the criteria.
- (7) Is there a mechanism for appeal.
- (8) If a product is already free from sales and wholesale tax due to its status as a public health product, will it still attract GST.
- (9) What is the estimated loss of GST revenue from the exemption of goods specifically covered by this section.

- (10) Is this an on-going process.
- (11) Are people who suffer from eczema and psoriasis considered to be sick for the purposes of this section.

1067 **MR GRIFFIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) In approving applications for the deliberate release of genetically modified (GM) crops, does the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee (GMAC) consult local councils; if so, (a) what form does this consultation take, (b) how much time are councils given to respond, (c) are the local councils given the location of the field trials, (e) are the local councils able to consult relevant constituents on their views and (f) can local councils deny permission for GM crop trials in their area.
- (2) Are non-GM crop producers with properties surrounding GM crop trials consulted about field trials.
- (3) How do surrounding non-GM producers ensure that their crops are not contaminated by the trials.
- (4) Will non-GM producers be compensated if their crops are contaminated; if so, who will be liable to provide compensation.
- (5) Will all producers now have to test their crops for possible contamination prior to export under the Export Control Act which requires AQIS to attest to the freedom from GMOs in commodities such as grain and seed.
- (6) On what evidence does GMAC base its decisions on the size of isolation zones surrounding GM crop trials.
- (7) What types of isolation zones are used.
- (8) Is evidence reviewed regularly and the requirements changed as appropriate.
- (9) Which GM crops have been approved for deliberate release, how many hectares have been approved and what are the isolation zone requirements for each crop trial.
- (10) What constitutes a field trial as opposed to a general release.
- (11) How many, and what type of, general releases have been (a) approved and (b) rejected and what was the reason for rejection.
- (12) Is there a difference between a commercial trial and a field trial.
- (13) What are the perceived trade and export benefits of GM crops.
- (14) Is the Minister able to say whether any Government Departments have researched the international market for Australian GM crops; if so, (a) what are the expected short, medium and long term financial gains to the Australian export market and (b) how do these compare to short, medium and long term income from non-GM crop exports.

1068 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many aged persons does the Government estimate will qualify for the Aged Persons Saving Bonus component under subsection 12(1) the A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) Act.
- (2) How many qualifying persons does the Government expect will receive less than \$500 under the scheme.

- (3) How many aged pensioners does the Government expect will receive no bonus at all.
 - (4) How many self funded retirees does the Government estimate will be eligible to receive the Self Funded Retirees Supplementary Bonus component pursuant to subsection 12(2) of the A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) Act .
 - (5) How many qualifying self funded retirees does the Government estimate will receive less than \$500 under the scheme
 - (6) How many self funded retirees does the Government expect will receive nothing at all.
- 1069 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many aged persons does the Government estimate will qualify for the Aged Persons Saving Bonus component under subsection 8(3) in Part 2 of the A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) Act.
 - (2) How many qualifying persons does the Government expect will receive less than \$500 under the scheme.
 - (3) How many aged persons does the Government expect will receive no bonus at all.
- 1070 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many aged persons does the Government estimate will qualify for the Aged Persons Saving Bonus component under subsection 23(3) in Part 3 of the A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) Act.
 - (2) How many qualifying persons does the Government expect will receive less than \$500 under the scheme.
 - (3) How many aged persons does the Government expect will receive no bonus at all.
- 1071 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) In each Queensland Centrelink office since 1 January 1998, (a) how many and (b) what types, including (i) forced, (ii) voluntary, (iii) non-bona fide and (iv) bona fide, of redundancies have been offered.
 - (2) What criteria were applied to determine the type of redundancy offered.
 - (3) What tax is applicable to each type of redundancy offered.
- 1072 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Did he state in his answer to question No. 712 (*Hansard*, 24 August 1999, page 8981) that considerable resources would be required to research the answer to the question across the portfolio which would represent an unwarranted diversion of the resources of the Department.
 - (2) Is he able say whether answers to that question have been provided by all Ministers, except the Minister for Justice and Customs and the Attorney-General.
 - (3) Will he now answer the question; if not, why is his Department the only Department unable to provide the information sought.

- 1073 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in *The Canberra Times* on 23 November 1999 which reported that his Department had squirreled away \$100m from the sale of DAS businesses to meet future efficiency savings payments.
 - (2) Was a sum of this magnitude from the sale of the DAS businesses not paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) in 1998-99; if so, (a) what was the sum involved, (b) why was the sum not paid into the CRF and (c) was advice sought from the Auditor-General or the Attorney-General's Department on the appropriateness of this treatment; if so, what was the nature of the advice.
 - (3) Was any of this sum used to fund Departmental outlays or meet the efficiency dividend from departmental restructuring detailed on pages 1 to 35 of 1998-99 Budget Paper No 2.
- 1074 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What action is the Government taking to support the international campaign against child soldiers.
- 1075 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Has the Government privatised defence force recruiting; if so, (a) why and (b) what expertise do Employment National and Manpower have in the specialised area of defence force recruiting.
 - (2) How many Service personnel are posted to defence force recruiting in each State, and where are they located.
 - (3) What role will personnel referred to in part (2) now have in the armed services.
 - (4) What guidelines and criteria have the Government given Employment National and Manpower to ensure that their recruitment campaigns select personnel who will be suitable for Australia's armed forces.
 - (5) Has his attention been drawn to claims made by current serving personnel that the Government is more interested in a public relations campaign rather than proper recruiting procedures; if so, what steps is he taking to ensure that the current high calibre of service personnel is maintained through the new privatised recruiting procedures.
- 1076 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he able to say what action has been taken to (a) identify those persons responsible for the injuries inflicted upon, and subsequent death of, Mr Santose Budi, radio operator of the MV *Glory Cape* off Port Headland on 31 October 1995 and (b) punish those responsible for the ill-treatment of the remaining Indonesian crew members of the MV *Glory Cape* at the time Mr Budi was attacked by the ship's Chinese and Korean officers and crew.
 - (2) Has action been taken by the Government to ensure that the MV *Glory Cape*'s flag state investigated Mr Budi's death and prosecuted those responsible.
 - (3) Has the MV *Glory Cape* called at an Australian port since the incident; if not, is he able to provide details on the ship's present status and location.

- 1077 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What has been the growth in (a) pork and (b) citrus exports in both price and volume since June 1998.
 - (2) What financial assistance has the Government provided to (a) pork producers and (b) the citrus industry since June 1998.
- 1078 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister provide funding for Radio National to broadcast with sufficient strength to enable reception and dissemination of information throughout the Indonesian archipelago.
 - (2) What is the current transmission range of Radio National throughout the Indonesian archipelago and South East Asian region.

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- 1079 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Is he able to say what is the cause of the delay in WA enacting legislation complementary to the International Transfer of Prisoners Act which would allow it to participate in the scheme.
 - (2) When does he expect WA to pass the complementary legislation.
 - (3) How quickly could Australia enter into an international agreement with the US to enable the transfer of prisoners between both countries, once domestic legislation is in place.
- 1080 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (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.
- 1081 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Will he provide details of the Government's agreement with the FIA, Australian Grand Prix Corporation and the previous Victorian Coalition Government in regard to the phasing out of tobacco sponsorship of the Formula One and 500cc Motorcycle Grands Prix.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether it is the current practice in the British, French and German Grand Prix races to allow logos only on cars and uniforms of drivers and pit crew and, in the case of the German Formula One Grand Prix, not to allow trackside signage; if so, will the Government implement restricted exemptions from the Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act for the Australian Formula One Grand Prix to bring Australia into line with those races.

- (3) Under policy announced in September 1998 to phase out all tobacco sponsorship of international sporting events held in Australia, will he provide details of the phase out schedule for the Australian Formula One Grand Prix with respect to matters such as trackside signage, brand names on cars and team uniforms and other advertising within the confines of the venue.
 - (4) Has he or his Department received reports on, or complaints of breaches of, the tobacco exemption granted for the 1999 Australian Formula One Grand Prix; if so, (a) will he release this information, (b) what action has been taken and (c) what steps will be taken in 2000 to ensure that the event complies with all conditions of the exemption.
- 1082 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many armed robberies have occurred at Australia Post outlets, including Post Offices, in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998 and (e) 1999.
 - (2) Has there been any increase in the number of armed robberies as a result of Australia Post increasingly taking on over the counter banking functions from the banks.
 - (3) What security measures has Australia Post installed to prevent itself from being the target of armed robberies.
- 1083 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has he or his Department provided advice, either in writing or orally, to any Government department or instrumentality (a) directing or encouraging the engagement of staff using a particular type of industrial instrument or contract and (b) that employees are to be employed under the terms of a non-union agreement or Australian Workplace Agreement; if so, (i) which departments or instrumentalities are involved and (ii) what was the advice or direction.
- 1084 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Which organisations were involved in the pilot stage of the youth homelessness early intervention program “Reconnect”.
 - (2) What procedure was employed by the Government during the tendering process, to evaluate which pilot programs would be further funded under the “Reconnect” program.
 - (3) Was an independent report prepared, listing recommendations to him; if so, (a) who prepared the report and (b) which services were recommended funding in the report.
 - (4) Which services subsequently received funding.
 - (5) Did he follow the independent consultants’ recommendations.
- 1085 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When will the Government make a decision on whether or not a second Sydney airport will be constructed at Badgerys Creek.
 - (2) What consideration has the Government given to the concerns of western Sydney residents regarding (a) potential aircraft noise impacts, (b) air

quality impacts in regard to community health, (c) water quality and (d) lifestyle change.

- (3) What consideration has the Government given to the close location of the airport to Warragamba Dam, a major water supply to the Sydney area.
- (4) Has the Government given further consideration to building a second airport outside the Sydney basin; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the Government considered the proposal of a high speed train linking Sydney with an airport outside the overcrowded Sydney basin; if not, why not.
- (6) Has a cost benefit study been undertaken into the Badgerys Creek proposal.

1086 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What sum has the Government allocated to each community based child care centre in the electoral division of Prospect in 1999-2000.
- (2) Is this level of funding a decrease or an increase on previous years' funding for each centre.
- (3) What will be the level of funding for each child care centre in the electoral division of Prospect in 2000-01.
- (4) According to current needs based planning, which suburbs in western Sydney have the greatest need for child care facilities.
- (5) In which suburbs of Sydney has there been the highest rate of growth in the child care sector.
- (6) What is the average family income in Sydney suburbs which have received the highest sum in child care funding in 1999-2000.
- (7) Will the Minister extend needs based planning controls after the current allocation period finishes on 31 December 1999; if not, why not.

1087 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has an attempt been made to implement Mode 8 of the Long Term Operating Plan at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport.
- (2) Is it the case that that attempt has been postponed due to software problems and that those software problems, if unaddressed, will cause problems with approaching aircraft and TAAATS implementation.
- (3) Will he arrange for an independent safety audit to be undertaken of the effectiveness of any replacement software.
- (4) What are the complexities involving Mode 8 which were identified in the draft Long Term Operating Plan and what has the Government done to address or overcome those complexities.

1088 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many person hours were spent in developing Centrelink's case in the recent disciplinary action against Mr Shah Mustafa.
- (2) What was the total cost to Centrelink of conducting the case.
- (3) What sum was spent on (a) direct costs to Centrelink, (b) cost of counsel and (c) cost of legal aid for Mr Mustafa.

1089 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many of the more than 43 000 public employees engaged in law enforcement at a State or federal level have full-time responsibility for investigating crimes involving art theft and fraud or copyright offences.
- (2) Will the Minister establish an arts and cultural industry investigation unit within the Australian Federal Police or as a separate specialist common service agency with the States and Territories; if not, why not.
- (3) What is the estimate of the annual value of artistic and intellectual property (a) stolen, (b) illicitly copied or pirated and (c) fraudulently passed off as genuine.

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1090 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What percentage of the buildings and structures recognised as forming part of Australia's built heritage require urgent repairs simply to ensure they remain structurally sound.
- (2) What would be the estimated or actual cost of the work.
- (3) What sum did the Commonwealth allocate in 1999-2000 for this purpose.
- (4) Which are the ten buildings or structures with the greatest significance as part of Australia's built heritage which need urgent repairs to ensure their structural soundness, and what is the estimated cost of the work in each case.
- (5) What is the timetable for the necessary repairs for these buildings or structures.

1091 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—What action is the Commonwealth taking to stop unregulated land clearing.

1092 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the cost of, and the reasons for, withdrawing railway concessions for retired Australian National employees.
- (2) Does the withdrawal of the concessions break an undertaking to all ex-South Australian rail employees by the Governments of Australia and South Australia.

1093 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Was the issue of microeconomic reform one of the Government's reasons for its involvement with Patrick Stevedores v. MUA dispute; 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.
- (2) What was the price of loading a (a) full, (b) half and (c) quarter container with Patrick Stevedores (i) prior to the Patrick-MUA dispute and (ii) on 8 December 1999.

1094 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Were the human rights abuse cases of (a) Ngawang Choephel, a 30-year-old Tibetan exile sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for spying while filming a documentary on Tibetan performing arts for his ethnomusicology studies, (b) Tanak Jigme Sangpo, a teacher and human rights advocate, now in his 70s with ailing health, who has been arrested many times and detained since 1959 and has served a total of 33 years in prison and is not due for release until 2011, (c) Phuntsok Nyidron, Jigme Yanchen, Tenzin Thupten, and Gyalton Dolkar, nuns from Garu nunnery who have been sentenced from 12 to 17 years for recording freedom and independence songs and poems whilst in prison, (d) Ngawang Sangdrol, also from the Garu nunnery, who has been imprisoned since the age of 10 and in 1996 had her sentence extended simply for shouting ‘Free Tibet’ and at the age of 21 is the longest serving known female political prisoner in Tibet, (e) Tsering Ngodup and Sonam Dhondup, who are serving 12 years imprisonment for expressing their political views, raised at the Australia-China dialogue in August 1999 or at anytime before this.

1095 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that (a) Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport (KSA) serves 53 international, national and regional carriers, (b) KSA handles 45% of Australia's total flights, or 275 000 aircraft movements a year, yet it occupies the smallest piece of land of any of the country's major airports and (c) in terms of commercial aviation movements, KSA is an Asia Pacific leader and that KSA ranks comparably with New York's LaGuardia and JFK airports, and well ahead of Singapore's Changi airport and Tokyo's Haneda airport.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to claims by Qantas pilots that KSA is the most disorganised airport in their network.
- (3) Is he concerned by the pilots' concerns and what steps will he take to ensure that the pilots' concerns are addressed.

1096 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation (BASI) claimed that noise sharing policies have forced aircraft to land outside International Civil Aviation Organisation standards, which stipulate that landing aircraft operate within a maximum of 15kt. crosswinds and 5 kt. tailwind.
- (2) Has a BASI investigation found that aircraft have been requested to land with crosswinds of up to 25 kt., concluding that the landings produced the undesirable effects of reduced safety margins and increased complexity of the surrounding airspace.
- (3) Have there been international incidents in the last 3 years, when aircraft have been forced off a runway by cross winds in excess of 15kt; if so what were the circumstances of those incidents.
- (4) Is it Government policy that safety should prevail over noise sharing modes of operation; if so what steps has he taken to ensure that safety considerations are given that priority.

- 1097 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation (BASI) recommend that Airservices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority need to reconsider the policy of routinely operating any runway at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport, with up to 25kt. crosswinds solely to cut noise, when other runways are available.
 - (2) Will he take steps to ensure that BASI's recommendation be put in place; if not, why not.
- 1098 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation (BASI) claimed that the constant juggling of runways at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport (KSA) was tiring, demoralising and overwhelming for the air traffic controllers.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to complaints by pilots that they are sometimes given up to three runway changes on descent and that they are being required to land on short runways under tail and crosswind conditions.
 - (3) What steps has he taken to ensure that these complaints and other similar concerns are addressed as a matter of priority.
- 1099 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims made by the Air Traffic Controllers union that all the attention on noise has made Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport dangerous and that landing conditions at Sydney are ludicrous.
 - (2) What steps will he take to address those concerns.
- 1100 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many subclass 676 visitor visa applications were made in (a) Pakistan, (b) the UK and (c) the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in each year over the period 1995 to 1999.
 - (2) How many subclass 676 visitor visa applications were rejected each year over the period 1995 to 1999 from (a) Pakistan, (b) the UK and (c) the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
 - (3) How many subclass 676 visitor visa applications were rejected on the second application each year over the period 1995 to 1999 from (a) Pakistan, (b) the UK and (c) the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
 - (4) How many subclass 676 visitor visa applications were rejected on the third application each year over the period 1995 to 1999 from (a) Pakistan, (b) the UK and (c) the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- 1101 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—What are the specific reasons for him identifying the category of Males 20 to 49 years inclusive from (a) Pakistan and (b) the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as worthy of inclusion as a high risk group as per paragraph 4011(2)(b) of Schedule 4 of the Migration Regulations 1994.
- 1102 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What sum did the Fairfield Workplace Learning Program (FWLP) receive from the Government in 1999.

- (2) How many government and non-government high schools use the program.
- (3) Are courses under the FWLP offered as Dual Accredited Vocational Courses (DAVC); if so, (a) how many, (b) what are the fields of study, (c) how many high school students were enrolled in each subject in (i)1999 and (ii) 2000 and (d) what is the total number of high school students enrolled in DAVC in 2000.
- (4) How many high school students were given work placements in 1999 with the assistance of the Fairfield Workplace Learning Partnership.
- (5) Has funding for the FWLP been cut by 22% from \$100 000 in 1999 to \$78 000 in 2000; if so, why; if not, what sum will the FWLP receive in 2000.
- (6) Will the FWLP receive further funding cuts; if so, (a) why and (b) by what sum.

MR BEVIS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1103 - 1104)—

- (1) During the 1998 negotiations and subsequent vote for an enterprise agreement involving Drake Personnel Ltd at Banyo and Bulimba Army facilities, were employees at Banyo asked to sign statements to indicate they voted yes in the secret ballot; if so, (a) who requested this, (b) to whom were the responses provided and (c) what action was taken by Drake or his Department to act on this information.
- (2) Have staff at Bulimba subsequently been sacked to make way for staff from Banyo; if so, (a) who made the decision about which staff should go, (b) what selection criteria were used to select staff and (c) what role did Drake or his Department play in the selection process.

1103 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

1104 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence.

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*1105 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the policy of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) with respect to billing taxpayers for overdue payments.
- (2) Does the ATO have discretion to charge or not charge fines or interest depending on the sum and associated administrative costs; if so, what are the guidelines; if not, why not.

*1106 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many nursing homes and aged person hostels are there within the electoral division of Prospect.
- (2) How many of these nursing homes and aged person hostels are operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations.
- (3) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each nursing home and aged person hostel within the electoral division of Prospect receive in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 1998-99, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1996-97.
- (4) How many beds are there in each nursing home and aged person hostel.

- (5) How many beds are being used in each nursing home and aged person hostel.
 - (6) How many beds were there in each nursing home and aged person hostel in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
 - (7) How many persons are on waiting lists for each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- *1107 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to his letter to the editor of *The Bulletin* of 14 December 1999, was his most recent representation to Indonesian General Wiranto about violence in East Timor made on 29 July 1999.
 - (2) Has he received a reply from General Wiranto; if so, what was the thrust of the reply.
- *1108 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 918 (*Hansard*, 21 October 1999, page 12234), does the Memorandum of Understanding with the WA Minister for the Environment require the Commonwealth and State Governments to jointly complete a hardwood timber industry development strategy; if so, has this strategy been completed.
 - (2) If the strategy has not been completed, (a) what progress has been made with its preparation, (b) which Commonwealth agencies are involved in the process, (c) what consultation is proposed with relevant stakeholders and (d) what is the estimated completion date.
 - (3) Will the impact of the Premier's announcement of 27 July 1999 that logging of old growth karri and tingle forests will cease when current contracts expire be considered in the development of the strategy and in setting priorities for the WA FISAP; if not, why not.
- *1109 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Who are the members of the steering group for the development of the proposed Australian Forestry Standard.
 - (2) When was the steering group established and how many meetings have been held to date.
 - (3) What is the estimated date for the completion of the Standard.
 - (4) Will the Standard require the endorsement of any Ministerial Council(s) or similar official bodies; if so, which bodies.
- *1110 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many applications for permanent residency were made by accountants from South Africa in (a) 1993-94, (b) 1994-95, (c) 1995-96, (d) 1996-97, (e) 1997-98 and (f) 1998-99.
 - (2) How many of those applicants were granted permanent residency in each year.
- *1111 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—When skills assessing applicants for permanent residency, are accountant applicants made aware that they are required to meet statutory

requirements to (a) work as a company auditor and (b) provide advice on taxation matters; if so, where is this information contained in the Department's procedures advice manuals.

*1112 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In order to pass a skills assessment as an accountant (occupational classification ASCO 2701), is an applicant required to meet specified academic and professional standards; if so, do the South African qualifications (a) Bachelor of Commerce (University of Withwaterstrand) and (b) Institute of Commercial and Financial Accountants of Southern Africa meet the NOORSR Country Education Profiles for the Accountants skills assessment.

*1113 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has he received the final report by the Productivity Commission into the progress of rail reform.
- (2) Was the final report received by the due date of 5 August 1999; if not, why not.
- (3) When will the final report be tabled or publicly released.

*1114 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Why has the Government not yet formally responded to the recommendations contained in the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and the Arts reports entitled (a) Tracking Australia and (b) Planning not patching.
- (2) When will formal responses be made.

*1115 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is it a fact that, following the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966, (a) Lt Col. Harry Smith, who commanded D Company 6 PAR during the battle, recommended the Military Cross be awarded to two of his platoon commanders, (b) these recommendations were not acted on, (c) mentioned in dispatches (MID) awards were provided to these platoon commanders rather than a Military Cross and (d) MID awards were also provided to soldiers who did a good job sorting mail in the Vung Tau Post Office
- (2) On whose authority were Lt Col. Smith's recommendations ignored or altered.
- (3) Has the Government been requested by Lt Col. Smith or others to ensure that those who were recommended for higher awards as a result of their valour in the Battle of Long Tan receive the higher award; if so, what action has the Government taken.
- (4) Did the Battle Commander receive a Distinguished Service Cross with a citation that referred specifically to the Battle, even though he was not physically present at the Battle.
- (5) Did the Brigadier who was the Task Force Commander also receive a mention for personal direction of the Battle in his Distinguished Service Order.
- (6) What were the facts that lead to the findings that the (a) Battalion Commander was involved in the Battle and (b) Task Force Commander directed the Battle.

- (7) During the Battle, did the Battalion Commander send a message to the armoured relief force en route to the Battle, to return two vehicles to a Col Joy and Little Patty Task Force Concert to pick him up and to halt the relief column and wait for him at the river Suoi Da Bang.
 - (8) If so, was that order countermanded by the A Company Commander who forced the Armoured Commander to proceed and relieve the situation at the Battle area.
 - (9) Did the Battalion Commander finally arrive at the Battle site when the battle was over and after the last shot had been fired and was it only at this point that he actually took command of the scene.
 - (10) Why have the platoon commanders who actually directed the battle activity under fire and great threat, received lesser awards of MID, whilst more senior officers who were not directly involved in the Battle, received higher awards.
 - (11) What action will he take to ensure that Lt Col. Smith's original recommendations for Military Cross awards to be given to his Platoon Commanders is now acted on.
- *1116 MR KERR:** To ask the Treasurer—Are artists entitled to offset the costs of their art practice against other income for income tax purposes; if so, will the implementation of the Ralph report continue this entitlement; if not, what test or tests will the Government apply to determine the eligibility of artists to offset such costs.
- MR KERR:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *1117 - *1118)—What steps will the Government take to ensure that the new electronic three month business visas for overseas performers will not allow producers to sidestep local labour market tests.
- *1117 MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.
- *1118 MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- *1119 MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How does the Minister's Department publicise the availability of funding through Emergency Relief Grants.
 - (2) Has this form of publicity varied since 1996-97; if so, in what manner has it been varied.
 - (3) Does the Minister's Department advertise the availability of funding through Emergency Relief Grants in all metropolitan newspapers.
 - (4) Does the Department advertise the availability of funding through Emergency Relief Grants in all regional newspapers; if not, in which regional newspapers are advertisements placed.
- *1120 MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What programs is the Government implementing in regional and rural Australia for victims of domestic violence.
 - (2) Do the programs offered extend to services for children who are the victims of domestic violence, either personally or in a family sense.

- (3) What domestic violence services currently exist for child victims of domestic violence in the electoral division of Bass.
- (4) What measures has the Government implemented to audit service provision specifically for children who are the victims of domestic violence.
- (5) What delays exist for children who have to access counselling services for domestic violence related counselling in each State.

*1121 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What process is the Government planning to implement to address the increasing number of litigants appearing in court unrepresented.
- (2) How is the Government addressing the rise in litigants in person, appearing unrepresented in the Family Court of Australia.
- (3) How many legal aid duty solicitors are employed in each State, and of them, how many are employed to cover out of hours magistrates hearings in each State.
- (4) How many legal aid duty solicitors are employed to cover out of hours magistrates hearings in the electoral division of Bass.

*1122 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report prepared by Mr Peter Faris QC for the Deputy Director of Prosecutions, which states that Mr Karlis Ozols is the highest ranking alleged war criminal living in Australia and that Mr Ozols and his company have been directly or indirectly involved in the mass murder of thousands of people.
- (2) Did he, in March 1997, announce that the Ozols case was closed, even though Mr Faris had advised that there was sufficient evidence to indicate that a *prima facie* case existed against Mr Ozols for crimes against humanity, for mass murder and for war crimes; if so, why.
- (3) Is he able to say whether (a) Mr Faris advised the Deputy Director of Prosecutions that the Ozols case needed a further three months preparation and (b) the Minister for Justice told the ABC 7.30 *Report* on 6 December 1999 that there was not enough evidence there to proceed.

*1123 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a report prepared by Mr Peter Faris QC for the Deputy Director of Prosecutions, which states that Mr Karlis Ozols is the highest ranking alleged war criminal living in Australia and that Mr Ozols and his company have been directly or indirectly involved in the mass murder of thousands of people.
- (2) Is the Minister able to say whether Mr Faris advised that, although only three months more research was required, a *prima facie* case existed against Mr Ozols for crimes against humanity, for mass murder and for war crimes; if so, why did the case not proceed.

*1124 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Was the case against Mr Heinrich Wagner, concerning the murder of 19 children in Ukraine, dropped in 1992 because of Mr Wagner's alleged ill-health.
- (2) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a story on the ABC's *7.30 Report* on 6 December 1999 which indicated that Mr Wagner is currently in good health; if so, can the case now proceed; if not, why not.

*1125 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the Commonwealth Government is unable, under the Constitution, to (a) limit the fees charged by medical practitioners for their services and (b) ensure aged pensioners and other people on low incomes are direct billed or at least charged only the schedule fee for medical consultations and services.
- (2) Will he provide, for the electoral divisions of Bradfield and Calare, data in respect of (a) Level B surgery consultation MBS item number 23, (b) total unREFERRED attendances and (c) total diagnostic imaging services, for services processed in 1998-99 (i) number of services (ii) fees charged (iii) schedule fees (iv) schedule fee observance (v) percentage of services direct billed and (vi) average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for persons aged 65 years and older.
- (3) If he is unable to provide the data requested for the electoral divisions of Bradfield and Calare, could he provide the requested data for each of the six RRMA classifications in NSW.

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.

Current inquiries:

Enforcement of copyright.

Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning.

LIBRARY: The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Dr Washer.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Fran Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C. P. Thompson. (Mr Griffin and Dr Washer to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology.)

Current inquiries:

Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas.

Primary producer access to gene technology.

PRIVILEGES: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr McLeay, 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:

Review of the Main Committee.

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—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:

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.

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 Lightfoot (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson.

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 inquiry:

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

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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