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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 94

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation providing for assistance to families, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to child support and family law, and for related purposes.
- *4 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr Kerr, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Williams—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House
 - (1) recognises concerns that the bill has the potential to impact on civil liberties; and:
 - (2) is of the opinion that the bill should be referred to a relevant committee of Parliament for consideration and report, particularly with reference to:
 - (a) whether the new categories of warrants proposed in the bill are appropriate in the circumstances;
 - (b) whether the processes which are required to be observed for the granting of warrants adequately protect both the interests of individuals named in warrants and any third parties; 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.*

- (c) whether the processes of accountability for action taken pursuant to a warrant are appropriate”.
- 2 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 3 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 4 **CRIMES AT SEA BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 17 February 2000*).
 - 5 **CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 6 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2000—Mr Sciacca*) on the motion of Mr Fahey—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the Bill a second reading, the House condemns:
 - (1) the Government for its abdication of Commonwealth responsibility for appropriate national funding of health, education and other essential community services;
 - (2) the recent statements by the Prime Minister indicating that Specific Purpose Payments to the States will be reduced as part of the introduction of the new tax system, breaking both his promise to the Australian people and to State and Territory leaders; and
 - (3) the Government’s failure to abide by the independent arbitration process regarding the indexation of the Australian Health Care Agreement’s payments to the States for public hospitals.”.
 - 8 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1999-2000** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O’Connor*).
 - 9 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT (DEFENCE—EAST TIMOR LEVY) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 10 **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*).
 - 11 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (GAP COVER SCHEMES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Ms Macklin*).

- 12 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES (GST CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 13 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr McClelland*).
- 14 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*).
- 15 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 16 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 17 **HEALTH INSURANCE (APPROVED PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION CENTRES) TAX BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 18 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 19 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 20 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **TRANSPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 11) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 24 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT (CPI INDEXATION) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 25 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).

- 26 **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*).
- 27 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 28 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- *29 **ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- *30 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- *31 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- *32 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- *33 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 37 **ADELAIDE AIRPORT CURFEW BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 17 February 2000*).
- 38 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 293 (*from 15 February 2000*).
- 39 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- *41 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 42 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 43 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 44 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 46 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *47 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr Lee*) on the motion of Mr Fahey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY AND DIVERSITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 1997-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr Brereton*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **SEATTLE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION MEETING AND LAUSANNE INFORMAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.

- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.

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

78 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*).

79 TARIFF PROPOSAL (*Mr Entsch*):

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

80 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*).

81 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998: Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).**Contingent notices of motion**

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

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

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

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



**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
13 MARCH 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on infrastructure and development of Australia's regional areas. (*Total time for statements—25 minutes.*)
- 2 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of Reserve Bank of Australia annual report for 1998-99. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MRS CROSIO:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 17 February 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR KERR:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for a civil forfeiture scheme for the proceeds of criminal activity and other related purposes. (*Notice given 17 February 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 3 **MR KERR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Crime Authority Act 1984* and other related purposes. (*Notice given 17 February 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 4 **MS MACKLIN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law in respect of the prohibition of discrimination against pregnant women in the workplace, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 6 March 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

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 13 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 13 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 February*

2000—*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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

- 14 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON VISIT TO EAST TIMOR, 2 DECEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000—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 13 March 2000*)
- 15 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SINGAPORE'S USE OF SHOALWATER BAY, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH PNG AND PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000—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 13 March 2000*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 9 March 2000

- *1 **MRS HULL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Government's commitment to delivering rural, regional and remote health services;
 - (2) notes the low numbers of available rural, regional and remote medical practitioners and registered nurses;
 - (3) notes the Government's measures to redress this problem; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to continue its commitment and allocation of resources to delivering equity of health services into rural, regional and remote Australia. (*Notice given 8 March 2000.*)

Notices—*continued*

- 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 13 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 13 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 13 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 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 the next sitting Monday after 13 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

- 10 **MR WILTON:** To move—That the House recognises the importance of airports to the economic development of Australia. (*Notice given 30 September 1999; amended 18 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 13 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

15 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

16 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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

17 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)

18 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)

19 MR ALBANESE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of affordable, quality child care for Australian parents;
- (2) deplores 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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)*

20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)

- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)*

- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)*

- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)*

- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000)

- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)

- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

28 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

29 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

30 **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
- (4) 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.)

31 MS HOARE: To move—That the House:

- (1) condemns the use of brutality against workers who are protesting for the right to collectively bargain and condemns such brutality which was evidenced during:
 - (a) the waterfront dispute in April 1998 when hired strikebreaking thugs used mace spray and vicious dogs to try to intimidate workers and their families; and most recently
 - (b) the Pilbara BHP dispute when Western Australian police used batons to bash, bruise and break bone of BHP workers taking warranted industrial action; and
- (2) notes that the actions taken by unionists during both disputes have been vindicated in Federal Court decisions which have stated that workers have a right to collectively bargain and not be discriminated against for enforcing that right. *(Notice given 15 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.)*

32 MR MOSSFIELD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. *(Notice given 15 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.)*

33 MR DANBY: To move—That this House calls upon the Attorney-General to:

- (1) make a full statement regarding investigations into the war time activities of alleged Nazi war criminal, Konrad Kalejs;

- (2) advise of the status of any Australian Federal Police investigations pertaining to Mr Kalejs' alleged involvement in the commission of war crimes during World War II;
 - (3) report on the result of talks between Australian Government delegates and Latvian authorities regarding the latter's intentions of seeking Mr Kalejs' extradition; and
 - (4) advise of whether the Government intends to introduce any amendments to domestic legislation regarding citizenship and war crimes and of any Government investigations into possible introduction of new legislation, and if so, set out those intentions. (*Notice given 15 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 34 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the increase in deaths caused by heroin and the increase in the number of first-time users under 25;
 - (2) notes the positive results in the use of Naltrexone in the treatment of heroin dependence for some addicts; and
 - (3) regrets the recent decision by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to exclude Naltrexone from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme other than for the treatment of alcohol dependence. (*Notice given 15 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 35 **MR A. P. THOMSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) urges Telstra to pursue its obligations to Australia's rural and regional dwellers with full vigour; and
 - (2) acknowledges that full privatisation of Telstra would:
 - (a) allow Telstra to pursue more valuable commercial opportunities to the benefit of its shareholders;
 - (b) deliver to the Government sufficient funds to pay off entirely Australia's federal sovereign debt; and
 - (c) ease upward pressure on interest rates in a climate of rising oil prices. (*Notice given 17 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 36 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises that one quarter of all wholesale sales tax revenue is raised from cars and component parts;
 - (2) recalls the submissions made to the Industry Commission's Inquiry into Assistance for the Automotive Industry which called for the introduction of a broad based consumption tax;
 - (3) welcomes the abolition of the 22% wholesale sales tax on cars and the introduction of a 10% GST;
 - (4) recognises that a 10% GST will increase the affordability of motor vehicles and will improve the international competitiveness of the automotive industry; and

- (5) supports the \$12 billion in income tax cuts which will increase households' disposable income. (*Notice given 17 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 37 **MR SAWFORD:** To move—That this House acknowledges the historic links between public education and the development of democracy in Australia. (*Notice given 6 March 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)
- 38 **MR GEORGIU:** To move—That this House recognises that:
- (1) the Parthenon marbles are part of a unique cultural treasure that is an intrinsic feature of the Parthenon in Greece;
 - (2) the architectural and cultural integrity of the Parthenon continues to be compromised by the fact that the marbles cannot be viewed in close proximity to the Parthenon;
 - (3) the Government of Greece has guaranteed the safe preservation of the Parthenon marbles should they be returned to Athens; and
 - (4) every effort should be made by the United Kingdom to facilitate the return of these items of immense cultural value to the people of Greece. (*Notice given 6 March 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 13 March 2000.*)
- 2 **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 13 March 2000.*)
- 3 **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 13 March 2000.*)
 - 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 March 2000.*)
 - 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 March 2000.*)
 - 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 March 2000.*)
 - 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 13 March 2000.*)
- 8 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 10 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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 14 **CHILD CARE AND PARENTAL CHOICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That the House:
 - (1) acknowledges the financial sacrifice made by parents, one of whom chooses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;

- (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
 - (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and
 - (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5 years of age. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 15 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 16 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 17 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 18 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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)

- 32 **RUGBY LEAGUE** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House acknowledges Rugby League as one of Australia's national sports and congratulates the players, referees, fans and administrators of the game on:
- (1) the expansion of Rugby League into non-traditional geographic areas during recent years;
 - (2) the establishment of a Rugby League Foundation which will provide additional funding to junior development in regional areas of NSW and Queensland;
 - (3) the victory of the Melbourne Storm in the 1999 National Rugby League Grand Final in only its second year of operation;
 - (4) a rise in average game attendances of 30% in 1999 with over 3 million Australians attending NRL games in 1999; and
 - (5) the successful implementation of the 1997 peace plan between the Australian Rugby League and Super League which will see the NRL conduct a 14 team national competition in 2000. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 33 **TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000*) on the motion of Dr Emerson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 March 2000.*)
- 34 **OVINE JOHNE'S DISEASE:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Schultz—That this House:
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 13 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 13 March 2000". 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 March 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Order of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **CENSUS INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).
- 3 **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*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Order 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.



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 404, 460, 461, 538, 682, 798, 827, 885, 930, 941, 955, 960, 964, 969, 981, 1014, 1039, 1041, 1047, 1048, 1053, 1054, 1061, 1064, 1068, 1075, 1081, 1089, 1097, 1105, 1106, 1115, 1117, 1121, 1125-1147, 1149, 1150, 1152-1165, 1167-1173, 1175, 1181-1189, 1191-1198.

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- 1199 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What have been the sources, titles and dates of blockbuster exhibitions conducted by the National Gallery of Australia since the answer to question No. 2380 (*Hansard*, 1 December 1997, page 11735).
- 1200 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What have been the destinations, titles and dates of overseas exhibitions to which the National Gallery of Australia has contributed since 1990.
- 1201 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Methal Sal, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Methal Sal.
 - (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Methal Sal.
- 1202 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Brondecon, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Brondecon.

- (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Brondecon.
- 1203 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Pepsidine, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Pepsidine.
 - (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Pepsidine.
- 1204 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) To what extent has the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme replaced entitlements previously available to veterans under the Veterans' Entitlements Act (VEA).
 - (2) In respect to each instance where an entitlement has been replaced, what is the Government's rationale for replacing those entitlements which were previously available under the VEA.
- 1205 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Has the Government removed items from the list of medications available to sick veterans which were previously available on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, if so, which items.
 - (2) Will veterans now have to pay the full price for those medications.
- 1206 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an invention called a Face Emplaced Services Support device, designed for use in the underground coal mining industry (Patent Application Number PCT/AU92/00555 and PCT/AU95/00038).
 - (2) If so, who (a) has owned the intellectual property and (b) is the current owner.
 - (3) Are any Australian and international companies involved in underground mining using the Face Emplaced Services Support device; if so, which companies.
 - (4) What is the estimated value of the intellectual property to Australia.
- 1207 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many persons were residing in boarding houses in each electoral division at the last Census.
- 1208 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) How many grants have been provided to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women.
 - (2) How many, and which State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.
 - (3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation with each organisation.
 - (4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.
- 1209 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Which Ministers, Members and Senators have additional office space provided by the Commonwealth other than their allocation for an electorate office.
 - (2) Where is the additional office space located.
- 1210 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the estimated total cost of the Government's media campaign on private health insurance and what is the breakdown of those costs.
 - (2) In relation to the campaign, what is the breakdown of expenditure between the various types of media, including television, radio and print.
- 1211 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has he instituted a practice of having State Liberal and National Party Members of Parliament represent him at citizenship ceremonies; if so, when did he institute the practice.
 - (2) At which citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day 2000 was he represented by State Liberal and National Party Members of Parliament.
- 1212 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Is he able to say on what date the board of Employment National (EN) decided to hand back its existing Job Network 1 Intensive Assistance contracts to the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, and for what reasons the Board made the decision.
 - (2) Did he or his Department conduct an assessment with respect to the financial impact of this decision on EN's business, cash flow, and capital value; if so, what were its findings.
 - (3) Did the Government provide EN with any payment or consideration for returning the contracts; if so, what were the details.
 - (4) What was the estimated value of the returned contracts and how many EN clients are being transferred to existing providers as a result of the decision to return the contracts.
 - (5) What impact has the decision to return the contracts had on EN's ability to retain its offices and staff resources.
 - (6) To what extent are decisions to close EN offices and retrench staff related to this decision.
 - (7) Before making this decision, was the EN Board, his office or his Department aware that Drake, another large provider, had decided to continue with its Job Network 1 Intensive Assistance contracts in spite of failing in the Job Network 2 tender round.

- (8) Was he informed of the decision to hand back contracts before it was taken; if so, (a) what advice was tendered by him to the EN Board and (b) did he instruct, direct or encourage the board to hand back the contracts; if so, what were the reasons for his decision to instruct the board to hand back the contracts.
 - (9) Was the Minister for Employment Services involved in making the decision to hand back the contracts.
 - (10) Was the General Manager of Employment National, Mr Rod Halstead, consulted or asked for his advice in regard to the decision to hand back the contracts.
 - (11) Has his attention been drawn to Mr Halstead's statement in Senate estimates committee hearings that the decision to hand back contracts may have been made to assist other providers in the Job Network; if so, was one of the factors behind the handing back of contracts to provide a cash stream to and prop-up other Job network providers.
- 1213 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What action has been taken by the Government to implement *Australia Cycling - The National Strategy 1999-2004*, to promote cycling and the safety of cyclists.
 - (2) Did the Government give consideration to the strategy when preparing the National Road Safety Strategy; if so, what.
 - (3) Were studies conducted on the impact of the new Australian Road Rule 119 on cyclists; if so, are the studies available for public consultation; if so, where.
 - (4) How many cyclists were injured or killed at roundabouts each year since 1995.
- 1214 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the status of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport developed by the Disability Discrimination Act Transport Standards Taskforce and endorsed, with some modifications, by the Australian Transport Council in April 1999.
 - (2) What steps have been taken by the Government to finalise the standards.
 - (3) What action has been taken by the Government to implement the standards.
 - (4) Which Departments or agencies are responsible for implementing the standards.
 - (5) What is the timetable for implementing the standards.
- 1215 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Do Taxation Statistics 1997-98 on page 15 state that the gap between men's and women's earnings has been increasing over time; if so, can he provide detailed information concerning changes in both men's and women's earnings since 1995.
- 1216 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it stated on page 38 of Taxation Statistics 1997-98 that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) conducted about 80 reviews of the activities of

selected taxpayers to determine whether their activities constituted a business or hobby, and that as a result of these reviews, tax and penalties of approximately \$750,000 was raised, and more than 30% of these taxpayers agreed to cease claiming losses in future returns.

- (2) How many of the 80 reviews led to additional tax or penalties being raised.
- (3) Will the ATO increase the number of reviews of taxpayers claiming business losses in future; if so, by how many.

1217 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many contracted places for Intensive Assistance did the Employment National (EN) sites at (a) Greensborough and (b) Preston hand back as a consequence of EN board's decision not to continue with its Job Network ESC1 Intensive Assistance contracts.

1218 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) For each year from 1994-95 to 1998-99 what was the total expenditure on hospitals.
- (2) What (a) sum and (b) percentage of the total was covered by private health funds in each year.
- (3) What was the Total Health Price Index in each year.
- (4) What was the Government Expenditure on Hospital and Clinical Services Index in each year.
- (5) What was the Hospital and Medical Services CPI in each year.
- (6) What were the ratios of benefits paid to contribution incomes for private health insurance funds in each year.
- (7) What percentage of households in each of the income quintiles had private health insurance in each year.
- (8) Using constant dollars, what were the top hospital premiums and the average hospital premiums in each year.
- (9) What was the ratio of reserves to benefits payable for the private health insurance funds in each year.
- (10) What was the number and percentage of admissions to private and public hospitals in each year.
- (11) What was the number and percentage of hospital bed days in private and public hospitals in each year.
- (12) What was the number and percentage of separations from private and public hospitals in each year.
- (13) What were the most common diagnoses for those admitted to private and public hospitals in each year.
- (14) What were the most common procedures carried out in private and public hospitals in each year.

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1219 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Government committed to providing regional and remote area radio listeners who have a print handicap with the same level of broadcasting service provided to those in metropolitan areas; if so, how.
- (2) Has the Minister investigated the pricing proposal from Radio for all Australians Association Inc. to broadcast from one fully equipped studio by satellite.
- (3) When will the Government make a final decision on funding for the proposal.

1220 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In attempting to optimise the provision of respite to areas affected by air traffic in and around Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport through The Advanced Runway Decision Advisory System will air traffic controllers have regard to the inconvenience of the time of overflights and in particular the distress caused by flights late at night and early in the morning and during recreational times on weekends.
- (2) If so, to what extent will these issues be factored into the relevant calculations.

1221 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 196 (*Hansard*, 11 February 1999, page 2636), what was the outcome of the Government's review of the entitlement of war widows to have their veterans' affairs entitlements restored in the event of dissolution of a subsequent marriage or the death of a subsequent spouse.

1222 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Australian Defence Force transported to East Timor, or met the transport costs of, civilian Australian personnel involved in the distribution of medical supplies to refugee camps and similar Timorese population centres; if so, were any personnel less than 18 years of age; if so, what are the details.

1223 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Following the signing of the Eden Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) in August 1999, what level of funding, if any, has the Commonwealth formally approved towards proposed employment and industry development initiatives in (a) the Eden recovery mill, (b) the export of pulplogs from Bombala plantations, (c) commercial regrowth thinning, (d) sustainable sawlog production thinning and fertilising, (e) the regrowth timber resource industry, (f) Aboriginal community development and (g) training in environmental management.
- (2) What level of funding, if any, has been spent to date on each of the proposed employment and industry development initiatives referred to in part (1).

1224 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Further to the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) of November 1997, what sum of Commonwealth funding has been provided to date for (a) program to protect conservation values on private land in support of the CAR reserve system, (b) implementation of new intensive forest management initiatives, (c) implementation of employment and industry development measures, (d) road infrastructure, (e) tourism infrastructure and (f) new reserve management.

- (2) What are the details of the intensive forest management initiatives that have been funded under the RFA.
- (3) What are the details of the employment and industry development measures that have been funded under the RFA.
- (4) What is the estimated sum, if any, of further Commonwealth funding for each of the categories of expenditure referred in part (1) in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-01.

1225 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is there anything to prevent the Commonwealth selling former defence land subject to conditions, restrictions or specifications that bind the buyer; if so, what is the source of the limitation and is it governed by legislation, regulation, or policy.
- (2) If there is nothing to prevent the Commonwealth selling former defence land, are there limits to what conditions or specifications can be placed on the sale.
- (3) Has former defence land been sold subject to any conditions, specifications or restrictions; if so, what conditions have been applied to the sale of blocks of land since 1980, and on which blocks were the conditions attached.

1226 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What goods and services to be purchased for The Lodge and Kirribilli House will be subject to the GST from 1 July 2000.
- (2) What sum of GST will be paid on those goods and services.
- (3) Are goods and services purchased by his Department for The Lodge and Kirribilli House exempt from GST.
- (4) If not, is his Department entitled to a rebate on the GST paid on goods and services used in The Lodge and Kirribilli House; if so, what sum is the rebate as a percentage of the total GST paid on goods and services for The Lodge and Kirribilli House.

1227 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Is it a fact that the Oban Nursing Home in Raymond Terrace, NSW, owned by Moran Health Care, failed to meet 12 out of 31 national minimum standards in 1998, and despite continued promises to upgrade and rebuild Oban Nursing Home her Department granted a 12 month extension to Moran Health care in February 2000.
- (2) Has Oban Nursing Home operated since December 1998 with only 49 beds while it is licensed for 68 beds.
- (3) Have persons who have lived in the Raymond Terrace Community all their lives been forced to leave the area to find aged care because Oban Nursing Home is operating 19 beds below capacity.
- (4) Does she accept that persons have the right to aged care services in their own community.
- (5) Is she able to give an assurance that Moran Health Care will not be granted permission to remove aged care beds from Raymond Terrace and will be required to upgrade the Oban facility and restore its 68 bed licences.

- 1228 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Did his Department distribute to each Member of Parliament a number of colour posters of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.
 - (2) How many colour posters were distributed to each Member of Parliament.
 - (3) Were the posters provided to other persons, if so, (a) who and (b) how many copies did they receive.
 - (4) How many copies were produced in total.
 - (5) What was the cost to produce and distribute the posters.
 - (6) From which budget was funding sourced.
 - (7) Why was the poster produced and distributed.
- 1229 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he able to say how many full time equivalent staff were employed in (a) his Department, (b) the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, (c) the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, (d) the Department of Defence, (e) the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, (f) the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, (g) the Department of Finance and Administration, (h) the Department of Health and Aged Care, (i) the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, (j) the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, (k) the Department of Transport and Regional Services, (l) the Department of Veterans' Affairs, (m) Airservices Australia, (n) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, (o) the Australian Bureau of Statistics, (p) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, (q) the Australian Federal Police, (r) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, (s) the Australian Sports Commission, (t) the Australian Taxation Office, (u) Centrelink, (v) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, (w) the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority, (x) Medibank Private, (y) the National Library of Australia, (z) the National Museum of Australia and (aa) the Office of Asset Sales and Information Technology Outsourcing in the provision of legal services, including legal advice, litigation, representation and legislative services, during 1998-99.
 - (2) Is he able to say what were the salary costs of those staff in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
 - (3) How many legal services staff from his Department were based in each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.
 - (4) What were the salary costs of those staff referred to in part (3) in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
 - (5) Is he able to say what were the costs of legal services provided under contract to each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.

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- 1230 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Which CSIRO properties have been recommended for sale as a result of the recent CSIRO property review.

- (2) What is the current estimated book value of each property recommended for sale.
 - (3) What is the current estimated annual rent level likely to be required for each property recommended for sale.
 - (4) What is the current estimated annual rent expressed as a percentage of the current estimated book value for each property recommended for sale.
 - (5) If the property sales go ahead will funds previously marked for research be used to pay property leases and rents; if so, will the Commonwealth adequately compensate the CSIRO budget if any CSIRO property sales do have a negative effect on the CSIRO's overall financial position and available research funds.
 - (6) What benefits to the Commonwealth will result from the sale of CSIRO property.
- 1231 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Has she or her Department received complaints concerning the operations, management or quality of patient care in nursing homes in the electoral division of Swan; if so, (a) how many have been received, (b) what nursing homes were involved, (c) when were complaints received and (d) what action or investigation has taken place to rectify any concern.
- 1232 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Were four employment agencies in Sydney which were successful in providing specialist services for people with a disability, particularly mental health problems, not awarded contracts in the second round allocation of Jobs Network 2 contracts.
 - (2) Is it a fact that as a result of this decision, there is no specialist Jobs Network provider in Sydney for people with mental health problems.
 - (3) Are specialist Job Network providers required in Sydney to assist people with a mental health problems.
 - (4) Does the Government accept the recognition by the World Health Organisation that mental health problems constitute a disability.

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- *1233 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a new report called “Western Sydney Orbital Travel Time Survey” prepared the NRMA in NSW in relation to the need for the proposed construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
 - (2) Will the report be given full consideration when making decisions on the construction timetable for the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
 - (3) When will he announce a decision to commence construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System.
- *1234 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1033 concerning the 1999 Regional Australia Summit, (a) to whom were payments made as facilitators and (b)

what sum (i) in total and (ii) including travel allowances and travel costs, was paid to each facilitator, including the Summit Chair, the Rt Hon. Ian Sinclair.

- (2) Why were all Coalition Caucus members invited to the Regional Summit Dinner while other Member of the House of Representatives and Senate were not invited.
- (3) Who authorised the invitations to the dinner.
- (4) Which Members of the House of Representatives and Senate attended the dinner.
- (5) What sum was paid to the persons referred to in part (4) for travel allowances, airfares, cars and taxis and under which travel entitlement was the sum paid.

*1235 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Following the signing of the East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) on 3 February 1997, what industry development funding, if any, has the Commonwealth provided to the region to encourage (a) the introduction of new technology, (b) value adding, (c) utilisation of regrowth timber for sawn products, (d) thinning of regrowth forests, and (e) extraction of residual wood.
- (2) In line with the provisions of the RFA, has the Commonwealth provided financial assistance to Victoria for the development of sustainability indicators and work on endangered species for the region; if so, what (a) sum has been provided and (b) are the details of the work that has been funded.
- (3) Will firms and workers in the region be able to access Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package funding under the Victorian Hardwood Timber Industry Development and Restructuring Program; if so, what sum of Commonwealth money has been earmarked for the region.

*1236 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Following the signing of the North East Victoria Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) on 23 August 1999, what total sum of Commonwealth Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package funding has been earmarked for the region.
- (2) What sum, if any, of Commonwealth funding has been provided to date to the timber industry and workers in the region for (a) industry development assistance, (b) business exit assistance, (c) worker assistance, (d) rescheduling assistance and (e) industry positioning and research on sustainable forest management.
- (3) What is the estimated sum, if any, of further Commonwealth funding for each of the categories of expenditure referred to in part (2) in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-01.

*1237 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Following the signing of the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) on 27 March 1998, what total sum of Commonwealth Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package funding has been earmarked for the region.

- (2) What sum, if any, of Commonwealth funding has been provided to date to the timber industry and workers in the region for (a) industry development assistance, (b) business exit assistance, (c) worker assistance, (d) rescheduling assistance and (e) industry positioning and research on sustainable forest management.
 - (3) What is the estimated sum, if any, of further Commonwealth funding for each of the categories of expenditure referred to in part (2) in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-01.
- *1238 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—When judging claims regarding compensation for detriment caused by defective administration, does the ATO measure its performance against benchmarks; if so, what is the benchmark for an acceptable time to complete an audit on (a) individual taxpayers and (b) two individual taxpayers in a partnership arrangement.
- *1239 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the ATO's Problem Resolution Services/Compensation Remedies section in Perth been relocated; if so, (a) when did the section move, (b) what structure or process will be used now and (c) what safeguards are in place to ensure that case officers are not dealing with cases where they are part of the complaint.
- *1240 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What criteria are used for an overall test of reasonableness when the ATO states that the sole delay for the processing of an amended assessment was due to the problems experienced with its 1998 computer processing system.
 - (2) Is 11 months a reasonable period of time for an amended assessment to be entered into the 1998 computer system; if not, what time period is considered to be reasonable.
- *1241 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Does his Department require a statement to confirm a parent's residency status if they were not born in Australia, in order to allow their child to apply for an Australian passport; if so, does his Department charge a fee for issuing the statement; if so, (a) what sum is charged and (b) will he provide a breakdown of the components of the fee.
- *1242 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is the Ombudsman able to disregard the provisions and requirements of Commonwealth legislation, including the provisions and requirements of the National Health Act at paragraph 39B(1)(c); if so, when and in what circumstances is it appropriate to do so.
 - (2) Did the Ombudsman disregard a mistake of fact on departmental files regarding the site or location of 16 additional beds transferred from Balwyn to Glen Waverley by means of an Approval-in-Principle to transfer beds, dated 27 July 1988; if so, why.
- *1243 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many nursing homes and aged person hostels are there within the electoral division of Canberra.
 - (2) How many nursing homes and aged person hostels are operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in the electoral division of Canberra.

- (3) What are the names of the (a) private companies and (b) church organisations operating nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (4) How many spot checks have been carried out on nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Canberra operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 1998-99, (iii) 1997-98 and (iv) 1996-97.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each nursing home and aged person hostel within the electoral division of Canberra receive in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 1998-99, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1996-97.
- (6) How many beds are there in each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- (7) How many beds are being used in each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- (8) How many beds were there in each nursing home and aged person hostel in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
- (9) How many persons are on waiting lists for each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- (10) Were complaints concerning nursing homes and aged person hostels within the electoral division of Canberra lodged with the Aged Care Standard and Accreditation Agency in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 1998-99, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1996-97; if so, (i) how many and (ii) how many spot checks resulted from the complaints in each year.

*1244 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government introducing a Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme to offset the impact of the GST on diesel fuel use in prescribed areas in non-metropolitan Australia.
- (2) What is the estimated annual cost of the scheme and how will grants be distributed.
- (3) Is the Government using section 96 of the Constitution as its head of power for this scheme; if not, under what Constitutional power is the scheme operating.
- (4) What other GST concessions is the Government considering for prescribed areas.

*1245 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is it a fact that to date 137 countries have signed the Ottawa Treaty and 91 countries have ratified it; if so, is he able to say which countries.
- (2) Is he also able to say which countries in the Asia Pacific region are yet to sign or ratify the treaty.
- (3) What steps has he taken, or will he take, to encourage those countries to sign and ratify the treaty.
- (4) Did Australia promise \$100 million to rid the world of landmines; if so, what are the details.

*1246 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) On the most recent data, how many nursing homes receiving Commonwealth funding are there within the electoral division of Chisholm.
- (2) What is the name and address of each centre.
- (3) How many residents are there at each centre.
- (4) What sum in Commonwealth funding did each centre receive in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
- (5) What is the estimated sum that each centre will receive in 1999-2000.
- (6) On the most recent data, how many spot checks have been made at each of the nursing homes since 1998.
- (7) Have complaints been recorded with the Aged Care Accreditation Agency about any of those nursing homes since 1998; if so, (a) how many, (b) what has been the outcome and (c) how many have been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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.

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1998-99.

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 Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Lloyd, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Mr C. P. Thompson, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra.

Current inquiry:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr Billson, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Ms Livermore, Mr Murphy, 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 Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Lindsay, 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.

Contract management in the Australian Public Service.

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.

Melbourne—Defence Science and Technology Organisation rationalisation project.

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

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, Mrs Crosio, 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 relations with the United Nations.
- 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, Mr Byrne, Mrs Elson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

Review of—

- Agreement between Australia and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on the continued operation of the Timor Gap Treaty .
- Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Institute.
- Agreement with Republic of Korea on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.
- Amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.
- Convention on Damage Caused by Foreign Aircraft to Third Parties on the Surface - Denunciation.
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

Joint Select

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

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*).