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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

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WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Ms Gillard, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, 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) expresses its concern with the fundamental unfairness of the Government’s approach to taxation generally and the fundamental unfairness of a goods and services tax, including the heavy compliance burden on small business, and in particular the Government’s decision to tax health items including, for the first time in fifty years, taxing tampons and sanitary pads; and
 - (2) calls on the Treasurer to amend the GST legislation or the Minister for Health to honour the Government’s pre-election promise that health products would be GST-free by including tampons and sanitary pads in the Minister’s determination.”.
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Ms Roxon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hockey—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, viz.*—That all words after

* 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.

“That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill is a most inadequate measure and condemns the Government for its failure to introduce measures to adequately protect employee entitlements.”.

- 5 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- 6 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 October 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 7 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- 11 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O’Connor*).
- 17 **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*).

- 18 **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*).
- 19 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 22 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 25 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 26 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- 27 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 2000—Mr Martin*).
- *28 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 32 **FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 13 March 2000*).

- 33 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 34 **ADELAIDE AIRPORT CURFEW BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 17 February 2000*).
- 35 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 293 (*from 15 February 2000*).
- 36 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 37 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 38 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 39 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 41 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 42 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 43 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *44 **TRADE MISSION TO THE GULF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.

- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.

- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.

- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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*).
- 75 **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*).
- 76 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1999)—*moved 2 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Evans*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1999)—*moved 22 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M.cClelland*).
- 77 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 78 **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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 9 March 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Martin*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).
- 79 **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, 3 APRIL 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- *1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE US AND CANADA:** Report. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)
- *2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 30—Treaties tabled on 8 and 9 December 1999 and 15 February 2000. (*Total time for statements—remaining time prior to 1.10 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- †1 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†2 **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. Time allotted for debate—30 minutes.*)

†3 **MR CAMERON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises the debt we owe to those entrepreneurial publishers who have built Australia's thriving, free and independent press which is the envy of the world;
- (2) upholds, to the greatest extent consistent with the laws of decency and libel, the unfettered right to freedom of speech and freedom of opinion upon which our vigorous democracy is built;
- (3) recognises, nonetheless, that the high concentration of media ownership, and the diversity of commercial interests among the few media players, creates potential for conflicts of interest in reporting of news, opinion and current affairs;
- (4) notes, in the interests of transparency, the decision of the Australian Broadcasting Authority to require current affairs radio programs to disclose the previously unnamed commercial sponsors of the broadcaster; and
- (5) resolves to find simple, enforceable means by which print journalists, radio broadcasters and television news and current affairs reporters, can declare their personal financial interests, and those of their employers, in the issues about which they provide media comment. (*Notice given 9 March 2000. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 3 April 2000*)
- 2 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of*

the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 3 April 2000.)

- 3 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON S.206(D) INQUIRY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 October 1999—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 5 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)
- 6 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)
- 7 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)
- 8 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)
- 9 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 12 **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 78 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 3 April 2000.*)

2 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 3 April 2000.*)

3 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 3 April 2000.*)

4 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 the next sitting Monday after 3 April 2000.*)

5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

6 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:

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

will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.)

- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

12 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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

13 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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.)

14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000)*

15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000)*

16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000)*

17 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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

18 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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000*)

- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)

- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000)

- 34 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000)*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 3 April 2000.)*
- 2 **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 3 April 2000.)*
- 3 **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 3 April 2000.)*
- 4 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM:** Resumption of debate *(from 30 August 1999)* on the motion of Ms Roxon—That the House:
 - (1) notes the importance of the referendum on 6 November 1999 that goes to our identity as a nation and our system of government;

- (2) notes that our stable democracy will continue and be strengthened if this referendum question were to be approved by the people of Australia;
 - (3) urges all Members of this House, whether they be monarchists, republicans or direct election supporters, to participate honestly in the referendum campaign; and
 - (4) deplors misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue, such as:
 - (a) the misrepresentation of the current powers of the Prime Minister to dismiss a Governor-General;
 - (b) suggesting that the new constitutional arrangements would be unworkable or undemocratic;
 - (c) understating the significance of the public nomination process;
 - (d) mischaracterising the non-partisan role of the Commonwealth Parliament in appointing the President; and
 - (e) the use of the preamble issue to distract from the question of whether Australia should have an Australian Head of State. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 3 April 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 April 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 April 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 April 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 3 April 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 12 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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 14 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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 15 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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 3 April 2000.)

- 32 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2000** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading (*from 13 March 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 3 April 2000.*)
- 33 **CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY BILL 2000** (*Mr Kerr*): Second reading (*from 13 March 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 3 April 2000.*)
- 34 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2000** (*Mr Kerr*): Second reading (*from 13 March 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 3 April 2000.*)
- 35 **SEX DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PREGNANCY AND WORK) BILL 2000** (*Ms Macklin*): Second reading (*from 13 March 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 3 April 2000.*)
- 36 **CEMENT INDUSTRY** Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2000*) on the motion of Mr Adams—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.
(*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, 3 April 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

Wednesday, 15 March 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Order of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 5 **TRANSPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SHAPING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2000—Fran Bailey, in continuation*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1998–99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2000—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.

- 3 **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.
- 4 **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, 1054, 1064, 1075, 1081, 1089, 1097, 1105, 1106, 1115, 1121, 1125-1135, 1137-1139, 1141-1147, 1149, 1152-1158, 1160-1162, 1164, 1165, 1167-1173, 1175, 1181-1187, 1189, 1191-1246.

13 March 2000

MS HALL: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1247 - 1248)—Will the Government's decision to allow the GST to be imposed on the rent paid by permanent residents living in residential and relocatable home parks cause significant hardship to those persons; if so, (a) why are those residents being treated differently to other Australians who pay residential rentals and (b) will the Government compensate residential park residents to place them in the same position as other residential renters.

1247 **MS HALL:** To ask the Treasurer.

1248 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.

1249 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many employers are surveyed to confirm that the job matching fee paid to Job Network providers is legitimate.
- (2) What criteria are used to determine a job outcome under the current system and how do they vary from the previous system.
- (3) Is it a fact that if an unemployed person finds his or her own job the Job Network provider with whom the person is registered receives a job outcome or the credit for that person finding a job.

1250 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many staff are employed in the Aged Care Complaints Resolution Unit in each State and Territory.
- (2) How many complaints is each unit investigating.
- (3) How many complaints is each complaints officer investigating in each unit.

1251 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Was 28 February 2000 the first day of the Job Network Employment Services Contract 2.
- (2) What was the physical location of each of the Job Network sites in (a) Epping, (b) Lalor, (c) Thomastown, (d) Greensborough and (e) Bundoora in Victoria on 28 February 2000.

- 1252 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—How many income units are covered by each level of private income listed under each cameo published in *Tax Reform: not a new tax, a new tax system* at pages 177-202.
- 1253 **MR EDWARDS:** 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 Cowan.
 - (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.
- 1254 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 74 (*Hansard*, 9 February 1999, page 2266), to the date of answering this question, how many RAAF personnel in total have been (a) discharged or (b) advised that they will be discharged under the Chief of Air Staff Directive on RAAF Fitness Policy.
 - (2) To the date of answering this question, how many Army personnel in total have been (a) discharged or (b) advised that they will be discharged under the Chief of the General Staff Directive on Army Individual Readiness.
 - (3) How many of the discharged personnel referred to in parts (1) and (2) have received a (a) class A, (b) class B, or (c) class C invalidity benefit under the (i) Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB) and (ii) Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS).
 - (4) How many of the discharged personnel referred to in parts (1) and (2) are awaiting determination of their applications for invalidity benefits under either the DFRDB or MSBS schemes.
- 1255 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What are the addresses of each Medicare office operating on 1 March 2000 and in which electoral divisions are they located.
 - (2) How many, and which, of the offices are open (a) for less than normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and (b) on Saturdays.
 - (3) What are the current criteria for closure or relocation of Medicare offices used by the Health Insurance Commission.
 - (4) How many Medicare offices have been closed since May 1997 and where were they located before they were closed.

1256 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13731), what were the actual costs incurred by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) between 1 July 1996 and 13 March 2000 in respect to (a) compliance activity, (b) audit activity, (c) research into and implementation of the GST legislation and (d) research into and implementation of the Business Tax Reform Program.
- (2) Have ATO staff been taken off their usual duties to undertake work in respect to research into and implementation of the GST legislation and Business Tax Reform Program; if so, (a) how many staff, (b) have those positions been left unfilled and (c) who is doing the work of those who have moved into work associated with research into and implementation of the GST and Business Tax Reform Program.
- (3) What is the actual expenditure on staff doing work in respect to research and implementation of the (a) GST and (b) Business Tax Reform Program.

14 March 2000

1257 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the role played by pager services in the provision of emergency services such as Bush Fire Brigades and State Emergency Services in rural and regional areas of Australia.
- (2) Is it a fact that pager services cannot be replaced satisfactorily by mobile phones.
- (3) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that pager services are continued in areas where they are now available.

1258 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has an environmental impact study (EIS) ever been carried out on the Salt Ash Weapons Range; if so, can the study be made available to the community.
- (2) If an EIS has not been carried out, why not, given that the area is subjected to many unnatural phenomena by being a weapons range.
- (3) Has his Department ever been requested by a parliamentary standing committee to conduct an EIS for RAAF operations from RAAF Base Williamtown; if so, has it been undertaken.

1259 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Will missiles or naval ammunitions be transported by road from Sydney to shipping docks at Point Wilson, Vic.; if so, what is the proposed route or routes.
- (2) How long will Point Wilson be used for the loading of missiles or naval ammunitions.
- (3) How frequently will missiles or naval ammunition be transported on the proposed route or routes.
- (4) What plans have been made to deal with any accident or other emergency involving the vehicles transporting the missiles and/or naval ammunition.

- (5) Will emergency services including, but not limited to, the police, fire brigade and ambulance, be notified on each occasion missiles or naval ammunition are transported on the proposed route or routes.
- (6) Were steps taken to consult with (a) community members who live near or use the roads on the proposed route or routes, (b) local councils which cover sections of the proposed route or routes and (c) Members of the House of Representatives whose electorates cover sections of the proposed route or routes; if so, what.
- (7) Is the Princes Freeway part of the proposed route or routes; if so, what steps have been taken to ensure safety given the substantial road works required to upgrade the Princes Freeway.
- (8) What is the cost of transporting missiles or naval ammunition to Point Wilson and using Point Wilson for loading missiles or naval ammunition, including a breakdown of any staff travel and accommodation required.
- (9) Are exemptions from Commonwealth, State and local Government laws, regulations or by-laws required to allow missiles or naval ammunitions to be transported on the proposed route or routes; if so, what.
- (10) Were alternative locations for the loading of missiles or naval ammunitions considered; if so, (a) what and (b) why were they dismissed.

1260 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) On most recent data, how many nursing homes and aged person hostels are there within the electoral division of Stirling.
- (2) On most recent data, how many nursing homes and aged person hostels are operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in the electoral division of Stirling.
- (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 Stirling.
- (4) How many spot checks have been carried out on nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Stirling 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 Stirling 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 Stirling 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.

1261 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the Government's intention to use socio-economic data drawn from Census collector districts to determine the distribution of non-government school funding.
- (2) Is the current method for the distribution of the various components of childcare funding equitable on the basis of socio-economic status.
- (3) Will the Minister apply the methodology referred to in part (1) to childcare funding.

1262 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Has he seen the findings of the departmental report on Characteristics and Performance of Higher Education Institutions, which criticises the use of postcodes as a measure of socio-economic status; if so, (a) does he share the report's concern that this is unlikely to be a reliable indicator of socio-economic status where there is significant heterogeneity in socio-economic status within postcode districts and (b) is it appreciated there are methodological concerns with this indicator and that it is likely to be the subject of further development.
- (2) Is he aware that in the electoral division of Werriwa, based on Census data for residents aged 18 years and over (a) within the 2560 postcode the suburb of Airds has a university participation rate of 1.2 per cent, while the suburb of Woodbine has a rate of 5.6 per cent and (b) within the 2559 postcode the suburb of Claymore has a university participation rate of 0.8 per cent, while the suburb of Blairmont has a rate of 8.2 per cent.
- (3) In the future, will the equity performance indicator for the socio-economic background of students be based on Census collector districts or suburbs, rather than postcodes.
- (4) What weighting is given to the socio-economic background of a university's student population in the allocation of federal higher education grants.
- (5) Is the Government now using socio-economic data drawn from Census collector districts for the distribution of non-government school funding.
- (6) Will he apply this methodology to higher education funding.

1263 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What sum and other assistance has the Australian Government given in relief to the famine afflicted people of North Korea.

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*1264 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Were Australian and New Zealand troops in Vietnam used as guinea pigs in tests of the anti-malarial drug Dapsone.
- (2) Were trial results embargoed for 50 years; if so, why.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the drug has any known side effects alone or when used in conjunction with other drugs or substances.

- (4) Is he also able to say whether the experimentation contravened the 1964 Declaration of Helsinki.
 - (5) Did any breaches of the Declaration occur with Australian personnel in Timor.
- *1265 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Is he able to say how many children of Vietnam Veterans have committed suicide; if so, what was the (a) age of each victim, (b) method of suicide and (c) breakdown of victims according to State, metropolitan, rural and remote areas.
- *1266 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Has he received a submission from the Australian Special Air Service Association for recognition of counter terrorist and special recovery service; if so, (a) when did he receive the submission, (b) what action has he taken with the submission, (c) when will he be in a position to respond to the Association in detail and (d) when and to whom did he acknowledge receipt of the submission.
- *1267 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it the case that (a) providers of curriculum related school excursions will have to charge GST in full to schools taking students on such excursions and (b) schools will then have to either cover the cost of the GST themselves and claim it back, or charge students the GST and distribute refunds to them.
 - (2) If so, will this place cashflow and administrative burdens on schools and excursion providers.
 - (3) Will food prepared for students while on excursion attract the GST while the accommodation component will not, despite both being necessary because the student is attending a curriculum related excursion; if so, why.
 - (4) Why is this administrative burden being imposed on schools and excursion providers and what assurances can he give that this treatment will not increase the cost of school excursions and lead to reduced business for excursion providers.
- *1268 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many unauthorised arrivals of persons have occurred in Australia by (a) boat and (b) air since 1 July 1999.
 - (2) What are the nationalities of the arrivals.
 - (3) How many persons of each nationality have applied under the refugee and humanitarian program.
 - (4) What is the impact of illegal arrivals applying onshore for refugee and humanitarian visas on those seeking such access to Australia offshore through the authorised system of humanitarian protection.
 - (5) What is the expected number of illegal arrivals applying onshore who might eventually be granted family reunion if granted refugee status.
 - (6) What is the total number of cases and persons who have applied offshore, by nationality, under the refugee and humanitarian program.
- *1269 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a situation which has been revealed in the USA where a firm known as DoubleClick has been criticised for linking

personal identification and other information to anonymous data it collects about Internet users.

- (2) Will he examine the matter with a view to ensuring that Australia's privacy legislation prevents that practice from occurring here.

*1270 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the speech by Dr Hawke to the National Press Club on 17 February 2000, when did he become aware the Department of Defence's financial position against the forward estimates was parlous and that Department's financial statements were in danger of being qualified by the Auditor-General.
- (2) What action did he take to ensure that the integrity of the Commonwealth's finances were protected and what action is being taken to ensure they continue to be protected.
- (3) Has he made, or will he make, any changes in the way his Department scrutinises the financial performance of the Department of Defence; if so, what are the details.

*1271 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Are 80 new staff about to be employed in the fuel excise area of the Australian Taxation Office and based at Cannington, WA.
- (2) Did the decision to close the Cannington office and move the operation to Northbridge include consideration of the housing of these additional staff.
- (3) Is space limited at the Northbridge site; if so, what provisions for accommodation have been made.

*1272 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Under what circumstances can the Australian Defence Force refuse personnel permission to take long service leave within a reasonable time of them becoming entitled to it.
- (2) How many personnel were estimated to have taken long service leave in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
- (3) Is data kept on the number of long service leave applications that are rejected or deferred; if so, what are the details for the most recent reporting year.
- (4) Are there Medicare levy taxation implications if personnel are paid their accumulated long service leave entitlements on retirement; if so, what are the details.

*1273 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Are refugees legally allowed to be chemically restrained while being deported; if so, under what legislation.
- (2) Has his Department developed protocols for the chemical restraint of deportees; if so, what are the details.
- (3) What are the drugs approved for administration to deportees and what are the respective dosages.

(4) Has an expert medical group approved the drugs and dosage; if so, what expert group; if not, why not.

*1274 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Will veterans over the age of 70 years from conflicts other than World War II be eligible for a gold card; if so, (a) what will be the eligibility criteria and (b) when will they become eligible.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

Mr Adams, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Causley, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker,
Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Mr Snowdon, Mr Wakelin.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr Murphy, Mr St Clair.

Current inquiries:

Impact of the decision by ABC Radio to discontinue its radio racing service.

Managing fatigue in transport.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Hull, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiries:

ANAO audit report No. 37 1998-99 on the management of Tax File Numbers.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's supervision and prudential regulation of those areas of the financial services sector for which it is responsible.

International financial market effects on government policy.

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 inquiries:

Catchment management.

Public good conservation - the impact of conservation measures imposed on landholders.

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 inquiry:

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 Middle East.

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.

Treaties tabled on 7 March 2000.

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*).