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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 107

TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2000

The House meets this day at 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

- 1 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 11) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Martin, 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 expresses its concern with:
 - (1) the delay in the Government bringing this legislation before the Parliament;
 - (2) problems which have come to light recently in relation to the administration of the Australian Taxation Office;
 - (3) the Government’s misleading claims for its taxation proposals;
 - (4) the problems that exist in the implementation of the various new taxation arrangements;
 - (5) the reluctance of the Government to effectively tackle tax avoidance in Australia;
 - (6) the Australian Taxation Office’s role in the implementation of the new taxation arrangements; and
 - (7) the underlying unfairness and complexity of the new taxation arrangements”.
- 2 **YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999**: Further consideration of Senate’s requests (*from 6 April 2000*).
- 3 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).

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

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

- 4 **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*).
- 5 **FUEL SALES GRANTS BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 6 **PRODUCT GRANTS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 7 **FUEL SALES GRANTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 10 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *11 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *12 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (ALIENATION OF PERSONAL SERVICES INCOME) BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *13 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (ALIENATED PERSONAL SERVICES INCOME) TAX IMPOSITION BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- *14 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (ALIENATED PERSONAL SERVICES INCOME) TAX IMPOSITION BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 17 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 18 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 19 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).

- 20 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 21 **PETROLEUM EXCISE AMENDMENT (MEASURES TO ADDRESS EVASION) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 22 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 23 **EXCISE AMENDMENT (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 24 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 25 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *26 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- *27 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- *28 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 29 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 30 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 34 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 35 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 36 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 37 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 38 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 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 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON PROGRESS IN RAIL REFORM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *45 **ROAD AND RAIL—GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *46 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **TRADE OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.

- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.

- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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*).
- 79 **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*).
- 80 **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*).
- 81 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 82 **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*).

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 3 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

- 4 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)
- 5 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)
- 6 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

- 11 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1998-99, SECOND HALF—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Jackie Kelly*) 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 1997 AND COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES AND COMPANIES ACT 1997—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*6 April 2000—Mr McClelland*) 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 13 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TREATIES TABLED ON 8 AND 9 DECEMBER 1999 AND 15 FEBRUARY 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 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 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 14 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THREE TREATIES TABLED ON 7 MARCH 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 April 2000—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 15 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS OF QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Pyne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices given for Tuesday, 9 May 2000

- *1 **MR LAWLER:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes the crucial importance of water to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy and to the environment of rivers and wetlands;
 - (2) acknowledges the many initiatives implemented over the past decade to achieve more efficient use of water;

- (3) commends the Government for the directions created by the Natural Heritage Trust National Rivercare Program initiatives, particularly in regard to the Murray Darling Basin and the upper reaches of the Snowy River;
 - (4) calls for all future water allocations to be used for environmental purposes to be only taken from savings from the NSW and Victorian distribution system and only after satisfying a test of the national interest; and
 - (5) calls for proper financial compensation to be awarded to those who have their right to water taken away. (*Notice given 13 April 2000.*)
- *2 **MR ST CLAIR:** To move—That the House:
- (1) notes the crucial importance of international trade to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy, particularly in rural area;
 - (2) commends the Government for the ongoing development of bilateral trade with more and more countries;
 - (3) urges the Government to continue its efforts to use sanitary and phyto-sanitary protocols to gain increased access of Australian agricultural and horticultural products to Korea, Taiwan and China; and
 - (4) commends Australian agricultural producers for their ongoing efforts to secure such market opportunities. (*Notice given 13 April 2000.*)
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Notices

- 1 **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
 - (4) 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 2 **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 29 May 2000.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

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

- (1) notes that families are the smallest social group and are often underrated;
- (2) believes the productive work of households has been totally overlooked;
- (3) acknowledges that surveys have made visible the unpaid work of households and have found it comprises more than half of all valuable economic activity;
- (4) expresses concern that the tax system does not adequately protect the income of families rearing children and the economic system appears to have forgotten the value of the work of parents rearing children and the whole area of productive work in the household;
- (5) supports the view that most parents, regardless of social status, educational level or cultural background, are eager to receive and can benefit from information and support in their role as their children's first and most important teachers;
- (6) draws to the attention of all Members that many studies have shown that families not only make a powerful impact on the way children learn in

school but that the influence of family actually outweighs that of the school; and

- (7) recognises that family-related variables have been overlooked in health promotion and health strategy literature and that if recognised and addressed, these family-related variables offer a new area for health promotion with strong possibilities for further success in reducing the burden of ill-health in the community. (*Notice given 20 October 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

10 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

11 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

14 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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000*)

- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)

- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)*

- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)*

- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)*

- 20 **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
 - (e) 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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 23 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 24 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 25 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 26 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.)

28 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

29 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Howard Government's GST is a harsh and regressive tax, which imposes an unfair burden on low and middle income Australians and their families, and punitive compliance costs and competitive disadvantage on small business;
- (2) notes that the GST's pending introduction is already feeding through into higher prices and higher interest rates, eroding or eliminating the value of any associated income tax cuts before they even arrive;
- (3) recognises how few parliamentary opportunities remain before the GST's introduction; and
- (4) calls on the Howard Government to introduce a Bill to repeal the GST before it commences on 1 July 2000. (*Notice given 15 March 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

30 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 9), as contained in Statutory Rules 1999 No. 333, and made under the *Customs Act 1901*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 3 April 2000. Regulations will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 8 sitting days, including today.*)

31 **MR SAWFORD:** To move—That this House acknowledges the dangers of the marketisation of education in Australia and its potential to normalise inequality for families in rural Australia, for families with disabled children, for families with children with behavioural difficulties and for families of children in depressed socio-economic areas. (*Notice given 4 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

- 32 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (Notice given 6 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)
- 33 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) supports Reconciliation Week and the reconciliation process;
 - (2) congratulates Evelyn Scott and the members of the Council for Reconciliation for their work and commitment to the reconciliation process; and
 - (3) further commits the House to continue to foster true reconciliation between Australians. (Notice given 6 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000)
- 34 **MR PYNE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises that easing restrictions on parallel importing will result in cheaper prices for Australian consumers;
 - (2) acknowledges that easing restrictions on parallel importing will allow Australian consumers to enjoy a greater range of products; and
 - (3) confirms that easing restrictions on parallel importing improves product innovation and development. (Notice given 10 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.)
- 35 **MR PYNE:** To move—That the House:
- (1) endorses the Government's progressive immigration policy and its emphasis on skilled immigrants which creates additional demand for goods and services and community infrastructure and the consequent employment opportunities that comes with it;
 - (2) recognises that regional Australia and Australia's smaller States and Territories can enjoy economic, budgetary and employment benefits by skilled immigrants living and working in those regions;
 - (3) supports the Government in building community confidence in an immigration program that reflects the needs of the Australian economy while also recognising a need for the family reunion stream of immigration; and
 - (4) approves the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' recent decision for a 5000 place increase in the Skill Stream of immigration. (Notice given 10 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.)
- 36 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the current Australian Government policy of mandatory detention of refugee claimants who arrive in Australia without visas is an unfair policy that applies to all person irrespective of their circumstances and their the genuineness of their claim for refugee status;
 - (2) recognises that the policy has been condemned by Amnesty International, the Refugee Council of Australia, the International Commission of Jurists and other organisations for the suffering it creates; and furthermore

recognises that Australia is the only developed country to have such a policy;

- (3) recognises that Amnesty International has described this policy as “not permitted under international human rights commitments” and that it “denies human rights to asylum seekers rights that are guaranteed for all Australians, even convicted criminals”; and
- (4) calls upon the Government to abolish this policy and replace it with an alternative which allows for the consideration of the individual circumstances of refugees before any decisions about detention is made and in seeking to establish such an alternative the Government should consider the submission of the Refugee Council of Australia entitled “an alternative detention model”. (*Notice given 11 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

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

- (1) expresses its concern at the hardship created by the implementation of the Government policy of granting three year temporary visas to refugees arriving without papers, even after they have been accepted as genuine under Australia’s refugee determination processes;
- (2) recognises that the provision in the three year visa which prevents the unification of those persons granted refugee status under the new policy with their spouse and dependent children, is inhumane and unacceptable under international human rights provisions, and is likely to prevent these refugees from seeing their spouses and children for more than the three year period; and
- (3) calls upon the Government to abolish this excessively punitive provision for those persons granted refugee status and to allow them to sponsor their spouses and dependent children to be with them for as long as they are given protection under Australia’s international obligations. (*Notice given 12 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

38 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House, noting the objects of the Charter of Budget Honesty and the requirement for fiscal transparency, calls upon the Government to ensure the integrity of the Budget by excluding from forward estimates any projected proceeds from the proposed further privatisation of Telstra. (*Notice given 12 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

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

- (1) recognises Post Polio Syndrome, as thousands of Australians are now experiencing the late effects of contracting polio some 30 to 40 years after the initial infection;
- (2) notes that it is estimated that a minimum of 20 000 to 40 000 people had paralytic polio in Australia between the 1930’s and the 1960’s and it has only been recently that this syndrome has been diagnosed;
- (3) gives support to the Post Polio Network set up around Australia;

- (4) helps the establishment of assessment clinics for those that suffer from this disorder;
- (5) helps educate medical professionals to recognise this syndrome and encourage further research; and
- (6) legislates to recognise the need for post polio sufferers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Notice given 12 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 29 May 2000.*)
- 2 **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 29 May 2000.*)
- 3 **CHILD CARE AND PARENTAL CHOICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That the House:
 - (1) acknowledges the financial sacrifice made by parents, one of whom choses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;
 - (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
 - (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and
 - (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5

years of age. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 29 May 2000.*)

- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 29 May 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.)

- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.)

- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 29 **PUBLIC EDUCATION**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sawford—That this House acknowledges the historic links between public education and the development of democracy in Australia. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 30 **PARTHENON MARBLES**: Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2000—Dr Nelson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Georgiou—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

- 31 **NALTREXONE:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2000*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 32 **MEDIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2000*) on the motion of Mr Cameron—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 33 **AMENDMENT OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) ACT 1978 BILL 2000** (*Mr Andren*): Second reading (*from 10 April 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 34 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 2000** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 10 April 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 35 **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2000** (*Mr Bevis*): Second reading (*from 10 April 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 29 May 2000.*)
- 36 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIETNAM:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 April 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—That the House:
- (1) expresses its concerns about the Vietnamese Government's continued detention, house arrest, and harassment of political dissidents and religious leaders;

- (2) further expresses its concern in respect to the restriction of freedom of speech, the press, assembly and association in Vietnam;
 - (3) calls on the Australian Government to take concrete steps to monitor the human rights situation in Vietnam, including requesting the Vietnamese Government to allow Australian diplomats to visit those alleged to be prisoners of conscience and to do so on a regular basis;
 - (4) calls on the Australian Government to make regular representations to relevant Vietnamese Ministers and officials in Vietnam and the Vietnamese Embassy in Canberra for the immediate release of all prisoners of conscience, and for accelerated progress in moves to wind back restrictions on democratic freedoms; and
 - (5) calls on the Australian Government to provide the Parliament with regular reporting on its human rights representations to the Government of Vietnam, on the responses by Vietnam and the overall human rights situation in Vietnam. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)
- 37 **HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 April 2000*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 29 May 2000.*)

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

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

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Order of the day**

- 1 **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**Orders of the day**

- 1 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ADDING VALUE TO AUSTRALIAN RAW MATERIALS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Zahra, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—That the House take note of the report.
 - 2 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SHAPING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Pyne*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—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 5 April 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—That the House take note of the report.
 - 4 **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 16 March 2000—Ms Worth*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
 - 5 **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.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

First appeared on date shown

10 February 1999

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

8 March 1999

- 460 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) How many general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practise in each electoral division.
 - (2) How many and what percentage of general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practising in each electoral division bulk-billed in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 461 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many services were (a) provided in total and (b) bulk-billed by (i) general practitioners and (ii) specialists, by specialty, in each electoral division in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.

24 March 1999

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

was the outcome of the research supplied to a non-government organisation, individual or political party and (v) will the Minister release the outcome of the research.

9 August 1999

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

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

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

30 September 1999

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

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

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 784 (*Hansard*, 23 August 1999, page 6825), is the Residential Care Subsidy the only source of funds provided by his Department to Croft Health Care P/L, Croft Health Care Vic P/L and Gracedale Manor P/L.
- (2) Have other subsidies or supplements, including the concessional resident, pensioner, respite and viability supplements, under the *Aged Care Act 1997* been received by the companies referred to in part (1); if so, (a) what sum was paid and (b) when were the payments made.
- (3) Have complaints been made against the three companies referred to in part (1) or the facilities they operate; if so, what is the full list of complaints that may be lodged.
- (4) For each complaint referred to in his answer, (a) how was the complaint detected or lodged, (b) on what date was the complaint detected or lodged (c) how was the complaint resolved within the Aged Care Complaints Resolution Scheme, (d) did the complaint result in a surprise visit or inspection by Aged Care Standards Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) or departmental officers and (e) when was the complaint resolved.

- (5) Have the facilities operated by the companies referred to in part (1) been the subject of a surprise inspection or assessment conducted by ACSAA or departmental officers; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the assessment of each facility and (c) were problems detected or complaints received; if so, (i) what were they and (ii) what action was taken to resolve the problems.
- (6) What sum has been provided to each of the companies referred to in part (1) by his Department.

11 October 1999

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

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

22 November 1999

1039 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Did the Government announce in press release WS100/98, dated 20 September 1998, that an additional \$80 million will be spent over 4 years to provide 130 000 days of additional in home respite care every year for carers of people with dementia.
- (2) Has the announcement been honoured; if not, why not.
- (3) How many days of additional in home respite care will be provided for carers of people with dementia each year.

1041 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Government, or any person on behalf of the Government, conducted research into the health effects of poor dental health.
- (2) Does poor dental health have direct links to negative outcomes for pregnancy, birth weight, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- (3) Does poor dental health also impact directly on primary health care, pharmaceutical, work force and social political issues.
- (4) Has research been undertaken as to the preventative value of regular access to dental care where regular review of a patient's teeth by the dentist contributes to positive primary health care outcomes.
- (5) Do those positive health outcomes have positive economic outcomes; if so what are those positive economic outcomes.

9 December 1999

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

- (1) What process is the Government planning to implement to address the increasing number of litigants appearing in court unrepresented.

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

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

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

15 February 2000

1127 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 957 (*Hansard*, 8 December 1999, page 9801), (a) at which plenary session at the Pentagon in Washington did he meet with General Shelton on 5 May, (b) was it at a plenary session of a conference; if so, (i) what was the name of the conference and (ii) how many persons attended and (c) did he at any time raise the issue of Australian concerns about Indonesian military activities in East Timor with General Shelton.
- (2) Did he meet with the US Secretary of Defence, William Cohen at a private meeting or at the same plenary session at the Pentagon; if it was a private meeting, what other officials from the US and Australia were present.
- (3) Did he raise the issue of Australian concerns about Indonesian military activities in East Timor with Mr Cohen.

1134 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Were additions, improvements or renovations made to (a) Kirribilli House, (b) The Lodge or (c) his Parliament House office in 1999; if so, what (a) are the details and (b) was the cost in each case.
- (2) What was the total maintenance cost for each location in 1999.

- 1153 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
Will he provide details of former Senator Colston's movement records in 1999; if so, what do the records reveal.
- 1160 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Do the findings of the Morbidity of Vietnam Veterans series of reports indicate a significantly higher incidence of a range of very serious illnesses and disabilities among Vietnam veterans and their children than among the general population; if so, why has his Department become increasingly reluctant to grant Vietnam veterans their due entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.
 - (2) Has he instructed his Department to take a tougher line with Vietnam veterans in determining whether they qualify for entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlements Act; if so, will he provide a copy of the instructions.
 - (3) Have there been other instructions or directives to departmental officers about determinations for claims made by Vietnam veterans; if so, will he provide a copy of the instructions.
 - (4) Has he been instructed by other members of the Government in relation to the matters referred to in parts (2) and (3).
 - (5) What was the total number of (a) claims, (b) grants and (c) rejections made for the Disability Pension in (i) each year since 1994-95 and (ii) the period 1 July to 31 December 1999.
 - (6) In relation to each part of part (5), how many, and what proportion, were for Vietnam veterans.
 - (7) Since 1995, in respect of rejections for the Disability Pension, how many appeals have been made to (a) review officers, (b) the Veterans' Review Board and (c) the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.
 - (8) How many, and what proportion, of the instances referred to in part (7) were for Vietnam veterans.
 - (9) What were the results of each appeal referred to in part (7), and how many, and what proportion, were for Vietnam veterans.
 - (10) Will he implement each of the recommendations in Morbidity of Vietnam Veterans: Volume Three: Validation Study; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1169 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In what percentage of cases in 1999 was one or other of the parties not represented by a legal practitioner in the (a) Family Court, (b) Federal Court of Australia and (c) High Court of Australia.
 - (2) Has any research been undertaken as to (a) the settlement rate in respect to cases in which one or other of the parties is unrepresented and (b) the average length of cases in which one or other of the parties is unrepresented.
 - (3) If so, what does the research reveal; if research has not been undertaken will he arrange for an appropriate study and report to Parliament.
- 1172 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concerns raised by Bass Strait Oil Management Limited about the likely impact of the proposed entity taxation

system on investors in the Bass Strait Oil Trust – a widely held, listed public trust which distributes all its income to unit holders.

- (2) Is he aware that people who have invested in the Bass Strait Oil Trust have done so on the basis of an entitlement to receive a return of their capital over 10 years and that all income and capital gains which they may derive from the investment is fully taxed in their hands.
- (3) Were investments like the Bass Strait Oil Trust intended to be caught by the entity taxation system; if so, why.
- (4) Will the Government expand the collective investment vehicle criteria so that investments like the Bass Strait Oil Trust will be excluded from the entity tax regime; if not, why not.

1173 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) What criteria are used for the issue of hearing aids to veterans.
- (2) Is there an opportunity to personally tailor hearing aids for those veterans who require a different aid.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the US has recently, under the Eligibility Reform Act 1996, allowed its veterans to customise the requirements above standard issue hearing aid; if so, will the Government do likewise.

16 February 2000

1175 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) What will be the total cost to the Office of Indigenous Policy (OIP) for compliance with the Government's Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) What sum has been, or will be, spent in each budget year on GST compliance costs by OIP.
- (3) From which programs will the cost of this GST compliance be found.
- (4) Will the Government be providing extra funding to OIP to cover these GST compliance costs.
- (5) Has OIP estimated the cost to Commonwealth funded Indigenous organisations for GST compliance; if so, what are the names of these organisations and what are their individual GST compliance costs.
- (6) Has OIP estimated the cost to non-Commonwealth funded Indigenous organisations for GST compliance; if so, what are the names of these organisations and what are their individual GST compliance costs.
- (7) Has OIP estimated the full impact of the GST, including compliance costs, in its areas of responsibility.

1181 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) What will be the total cost to the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) for compliance with the Government's Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) What sum has been, or will be, spent in each budget year on GST compliance costs by CAR.
- (3) From which programs will the cost of this GST compliance be found.

- (4) Will the Government be providing extra funding to CAR to cover these GST compliance costs.
- (5) Has CAR estimated the full impact of the GST, including compliance costs, in its areas of responsibility.

1187 **MR MOSSFELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Government taking steps to achieve equality of education and training in music and the arts for the Western Sydney area.
- (2) Is the Government taking steps to encourage a culture of private philanthropy and benefaction to the arts, particularly in Western Sydney.
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to encourage an appreciation and patronage of the arts by the youth in Western Sydney.
- (4) What short term and long term benefits would accrue to the community at large by an increase in the patronage and appreciation of the arts in Western Sydney.
- (5) Does the Government have proposals for increased encouragement and financial involvement in the promotion of arts and culture in Western Sydney; if so, what.
- (6) Are there imbalances in funding of, or participation in, the arts and culture in Western Sydney; if so, what steps is the Government taking to correct the imbalances.

17 February 2000

1195 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Did he write an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 14 January 2000 in which he referred to electronic democracy.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is studying new overseas voting technology, with the aim of providing Australians with the option of using such technology to vote in Federal and other elections run by the AEC.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the AEC plans to trial the use of the Internet to allow people to vote in smaller fora, including votes by federal employees for agency agreements.
- (4) Does he support the AEC work to develop electronic democracy.
- (5) Is he able to say whether voters in Alaskan primaries had the option to vote for US Presidential candidates via the Internet.
- (6) Is he able to say whether voters in the May 2000 British council elections will have the option of voting through their home computers, as well as through mobile phones offering Internet access, and if such electronic democracy is successful, it will be used in the next general election.
- (7) Has his attention been drawn to the report by the California Internet Voting Task Force, *A Report on the Feasibility of Internet Voting, January 2000*, which was established by the Californian Secretary of State to study the feasibility of using the Internet to conduct elections in California.

- (8) What support is he giving to the development of electronic democracy in Australia, particularly through the Government's policy on datacasting.
- 1197 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the terms of the Department of Finance's December 1999 decision to sell the heritage listed Cameron Offices in Belconnen, ACT, designed by internationally recognised Australian architect John Andrews.
 - (2) Will the sale and redevelopment of the Cameron Offices site involve the demolition of more than two thirds of the heritage listed offices.
 - (3) Does section 30 of the Australian Heritage Commission Act require Ministers to ensure Government decisions do not adversely affect places on the Register of the National Estate unless there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to those decisions.
 - (4) Does the Commonwealth Consultation paper the Minister released in April 1999 titled *A National Strategy for Australia's Heritage Places* state that all levels of Government and government agencies must demonstrate leadership in protecting, conserving, promoting and managing heritage values and that the determination of significance should be based solely on heritage values and be separated from management decisions.
 - (5) Has the Australian Heritage Commission's preferred outcome for the Cameron Offices always been the retention of the entire complex.
 - (6) Has his attention been drawn to the Minister for Finance and Administration's repeated statements that redevelopment of the Cameron Offices site is aimed largely at assisting the ACT's building and commercial markets.
 - (7) Is he aware of a consultants' report prepared for the Department of Finance and Administration which found that the Cameron Offices could be brought up to the required standard without impacting greatly on the heritage significance of the complex and still provide significant work for the ACT building industry; if not, why not.
 - (8) In light of parts (1) to (6), if the proposal outlined in part (7) is not followed, how will the Government be complying with its responsibilities under the Australian Heritage Commission Act and adhering to its policy goals as set out in the *National Strategy for Heritage Places* document.

6 March 2000

- 1201 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Methal Sal, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Methal Sal.

- (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Methal Sal.
- 1202 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Brondecon, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Brondecon.
 - (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Brondecon.
- 1203 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the price of the drug known as Pepsidine, which is contained in the pharmaceutical listing used by doctors.
 - (2) Are there alternatives to that drug; if so, what are the pharmaceutical price listings of those drugs.
 - (3) Are there are cheaper price alternatives to that drug; if not, will he remove the premium pricing, which has been attached to it.
 - (4) In what circumstances does the Government issue a reference authority approval for Pepsidine.
 - (5) What is the average length of time it takes a patient to receive approval for a reference authority in respect of Pepsidine.
- 1204 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) To what extent has the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme replaced entitlements previously available to veterans under the Veterans' Entitlements Act (VEA).
 - (2) In respect to each instance where an entitlement has been replaced, what is the Government's rationale for replacing those entitlements which were previously available under the VEA.
- 1205 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Has the Government removed items from the list of medications available to sick veterans which were previously available on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, if so, which items.
 - (2) Will veterans now have to pay the full price for those medications.
- 1207 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—How many persons were residing in boarding houses in each electoral division at the last Census.
- 1208 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—
- (1) How many grants have been provided to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women.

- (2) How many, and which State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.
 - (3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation with each organisation.
 - (4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.
- 1209 **MR MCLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Which Ministers, Members and Senators have additional office space provided by the Commonwealth other than their allocation for an electorate office.
 - (2) Where is the additional office space located.
- 1215 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Do Taxation Statistics 1997-98 on page 15 state that the gap between men's and women's earnings has been increasing over time; if so, can he provide detailed information concerning changes in both men's and women's earnings since 1995.
- 1218 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) For each year from 1994-95 to 1998-99 what was the total expenditure on hospitals.
 - (2) What (a) sum and (b) percentage of the total was covered by private health funds in each year.
 - (3) What was the Total Health Price Index in each year.
 - (4) What was the Government Expenditure on Hospital and Clinical Services Index in each year.
 - (5) What was the Hospital and Medical Services CPI in each year.
 - (6) What were the ratios of benefits paid to contribution incomes for private health insurance funds in each year.
 - (7) What percentage of households in each of the income quintiles had private health insurance in each year.
 - (8) Using constant dollars, what were the top hospital premiums and the average hospital premiums in each year.
 - (9) What was the ratio of reserves to benefits payable for the private health insurance funds in each year.
 - (10) What was the number and percentage of admissions to private and public hospitals in each year.
 - (11) What was the number and percentage of hospital bed days in private and public hospitals in each year.
 - (12) What was the number and percentage of separations from private and public hospitals in each year.
 - (13) What were the most common diagnoses for those admitted to private and public hospitals in each year.
 - (14) What were the most common procedures carried out in private and public hospitals in each year.

7 March 2000

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

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

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

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

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

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

1228 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Did his Department distribute to each Member of Parliament a number of colour posters of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.
- (2) How many colour posters were distributed to each Member of Parliament.
- (3) Were the posters provided to other persons, if so, (a) who and (b) how many copies did they receive.
- (4) How many copies were produced in total.
- (5) What was the cost to produce and distribute the posters.
- (6) From which budget was funding sourced.
- (7) Why was the poster produced and distributed.

1229 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he able to say how many full time equivalent staff were employed in (a) his Department, (b) the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, (c) the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, (d) the Department of Defence, (e) the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, (f) the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, (g) the Department of Finance and Administration, (h) the Department of Health and Aged Care, (i) the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, (j) the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, (k) the Department of Transport and Regional Services, (l) the Department of Veterans' Affairs, (m) Airservices Australia, (n) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, (o) the Australian Bureau of Statistics, (p) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, (q) the Australian Federal Police, (r) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, (s) the Australian Sports Commission, (t) the Australian Taxation Office, (u) Centrelink, (v) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, (w) the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority, (x) Medibank Private, (y) the National Library of Australia, (z) the National Museum of Australia and (aa) the Office of Asset Sales and Information Technology Outsourcing in the provision of legal services, including legal advice, litigation, representation and legislative services, during 1998-99.
- (2) Is he able to say what were the salary costs of those staff in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
- (3) How many legal services staff from his Department were based in each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.
- (4) What were the salary costs of those staff referred to in part (3) in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
- (5) Is he able to say what were the costs of legal services provided under contract to each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.

8 March 2000

1231 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—Has she or her Department received complaints concerning the operations, management or quality of patient care in nursing homes in the electoral division of Swan; if so, (a) how many have been received, (b) what nursing homes were involved, (c) when were complaints received and (d) what action or investigation has taken place to rectify any concern.

9 March 2000

1234 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1033 (*Hansard*, 8 March 2000, page 14011) concerning the 1999 Regional Australia Summit, (a) to whom were payments made as facilitators and (b) what sum (i) in total and (ii) including travel allowances and travel costs, was paid to each facilitator, including the Summit Chair, the Rt Hon. Ian Sinclair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Following the signing of the Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) on 27 March 1998, what total sum of Commonwealth Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package funding has been earmarked for the region.
- (2) What sum, if any, of Commonwealth funding has been provided to date to the timber industry and workers in the region for (a) industry development assistance, (b) business exit assistance, (c) worker assistance, (d)

rescheduling assistance and (e) industry positioning and research on sustainable forest management.

- (3) What is the estimated sum, if any, of further Commonwealth funding for each of the categories of expenditure referred to in part (2) in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-01.

1240 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What criteria are used for an overall test of reasonableness when the ATO states that the sole delay for the processing of an amended assessment was due to the problems experienced with its 1998 computer processing system.
- (2) Is 11 months a reasonable period of time for an amended assessment to be entered into the 1998 computer system; if not, what time period is considered to be reasonable.

1242 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is the Ombudsman able to disregard the provisions and requirements of Commonwealth legislation, including the provisions and requirements of the National Health Act at paragraph 39B(1)(c); if so, when and in what circumstances is it appropriate to do so.
- (2) Did the Ombudsman disregard a mistake of fact on departmental files regarding the site or location of 16 additional beds transferred from Balwyn to Glen Waverley by means of an Approval-in-Principle to transfer beds, dated 27 July 1988; if so, why.

1243 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many nursing homes and aged person hostels are there within the electoral division of Canberra.
- (2) How many nursing homes and aged person hostels are operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (3) What are the names of the (a) private companies and (b) church organisations operating nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (4) How many spot checks have been carried out on nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Canberra operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in (i) 1999-2000, (ii) 1998-99, (iii) 1997-98 and (iv) 1996-97.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each nursing home and aged person hostel within the electoral division of Canberra receive in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 1998-99, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1996-97.
- (6) How many beds are there in each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- (7) How many beds are being used in each nursing home and aged person hostel.
- (8) How many beds were there in each nursing home and aged person hostel in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
- (9) How many persons are on waiting lists for each nursing home and aged person hostel.

- (10) Were complaints concerning nursing homes and aged person hostels within the electoral division of Canberra lodged with the Aged Care Standard and Accreditation Agency in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 1998-99, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1996-97; if so, (i) how many and (ii) how many spot checks resulted from the complaints in each year.

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

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

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

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

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

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.
- 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.

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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.

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.

15 March 2000

- 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 Assisting the Minister for Defence—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.
- 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.

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.

16 March 2000

1276 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he state in his media release of 7 March 2000 that the service by Australian troops in East Timor represented Australia's most significant commitment of troops since World War II.
- (2) Is he able to say, according to official records, how many Australian military personnel were deployed during the (a) Korean War, (b) Vietnam War, (c) Malayan Emergency and (d) Indonesian Confrontation.

1279 **MR QUICK:** 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 Franklin.
- (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 Franklin.
- (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 Franklin.

- (4) How many spot checks have been carried out on nursing homes and aged person hostels in the electoral division of Franklin operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in (i) 1996-1997, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99 and (iv) 1999-2000.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding did each nursing home and aged person hostel within the electoral division of Franklin receive in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000.
- (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) 1996-97, (b) 1998-99 and (c) 1999-2000.
- (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 Franklin lodged with the Aged Care Standard and Accreditation Agency in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000; if so, (i) how many and (ii) how many spot checks resulted from the complaints in each year.

1280 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) In 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, what sum was allocated from the Federal budget specifically to assist children with a mentally ill parent.
- (2) What programs does his Department administer specifically to assist children with a mentally ill parent.
- (3) Are programs are planned by his Department specifically to assist children with a mentally ill parent; if so, (a) what programs are planned, (b) what was the consultation process used to develop the policy to guide the programs, (c) which groups and individuals were consulted while developing the policy to guide the program and (d) was the National Network of Adult and Adolescent Children who have a Mentally Ill Parents (Inc.) consulted; if not, why not.
- (4) Will the Government provide funding to any individual or group in 2000-01 to specifically meet the needs of children with a mentally ill parent, if so, will the Government provide funding to National Network of Adult and Adolescent Children who have a Mentally Ill Parents (Inc.).
- (5) Are federally funded respite care programs available specifically to meet the needs of children with a mentally ill parent; if so, what; if not, when will they be made available.
- (6) Has his Department conducted a survey on the specific needs of children with a mentally ill parent; if so, (a) which individuals and groups were surveyed, (b) when was the survey concluded and (c) when will the survey results be publicly released.

1281 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to question No. 1273, how many nurses are employed by his Department or are contracted to provide services to his Department.

- (2) Are such nurses required to be certified and registered; if so, under what State or Territory authority are they registered.
- (3) Under the professional standards required by the authority are nurses permitted to select the medication, determine the dosage and administer it.
- (4) Are nurses permitted to serially administer the medication to the same patient for the purpose of clinical restraint.
- (5) Further to part (4) of question No. 1273, (a) who comprised the expert medical group or panel, (b) how were they appointed and (c) what were their qualifications.

1282 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Australian Defence Force (ADF) identified some 80 separate personnel allowances and entitlements that are potentially affected by the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST); if so, what are the details of these allowances and entitlements.
- (2) As a result of the introduction of the GST, what is the estimated increase in (a) rents paid by personnel for subsidised housing and (b) the cost of subsidised meals in service messes.
- (3) Is the ADF committed to the principle that personnel should not be financially disadvantaged by the impost of the GST; if so, what measures will be taken to address the negative impacts of the GST.
- (4) What is the estimated annual cost to the Budget of making appropriate adjustments to personnel allowances and entitlements to offset increased costs arising from the GST.

1283 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—How many (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual staff were employed by the Commonwealth in (i) Tasmania and (ii) the electoral division of Denison on (A) 2 March 1996 and (B) March 2000.

3 April 2000

1284 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Government currently differentiate between geographic areas in the application of (a) tax rebates and (b) grants schemes relating to tax compensation; if so, what are the details.

1285 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the progress being made with the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis by the new pharmaceutical product, Celebrex/Celecoxib.
- (2) When will this product be included on the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme.

1286 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What are the impediments to achieving a national defamation code.
- (2) Is the Government playing a role in attempting to achieve such a code; if so, what steps are being undertaken by the Government.

1287 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Was the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions concluded in Paris on 17 December 1997 under the auspices of OECD.
- (2) Did Australia sign the convention on 7 December 1998 and ratify it on 18 October 1999.
- (3) On what dates did other states become parties to the Convention.
- (4) On what dates did Australia sign and ratify other conventions concluded under the auspices of OECD.
- (5) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results did his Department last consider accession to conventions concluded under the auspices of OECD.

1288 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did he or the Minister for Justice encourage Australian Federal Police representatives at the recent summit in Riga to interview witnesses named in Australian Government files.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the US Justice Department's prosecutors arrived two days before the conference and with the cooperation of the Latvian Procurator General examined evidence and interviewed those witnesses prior to the meeting.

1289 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Was the standard cost to Telstra to service an operation with work completed by Telstra technicians \$66 but for the same service provided by a contractor it is now \$400.
- (2) Was a contract to re-route network cables adjacent to the Pacific Highway construction north of Bulahdelah, NSW, let by Telstra to a private contractor for approximately \$3 million.
- (3) Did Telstra engineers and technicians cost the work at just over \$1 million, including the price of a special trench digging machine.

1290 **DR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was the document posted on the ATO website at taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999 titled *The new tax system: here's what you need to know* written entirely within the ATO and Treasury, or was part of the drafting provided by his office.
- (2) Does the ATO stand by its assurances at page 7 that prices will not go up by the full 10 per cent because old, unfair taxes such as the wholesale sales tax will be removed and many things will be GST-free.
- (3) What is the basis of the ATO's claim at page 3 that all families, not categories of families, will be better off under the GST
- (4) Will non-prescription skin creams, tampons and sanitary pads, feeding pads and breast pumps, vitamins and minerals, pregnancy kits, spectacle frames, contact lens solutions, first aid kits and band-aids, antiseptics and lozenges, school uniforms, school shoes, stockings and socks, stationery, pens, pencils and paintbrushes and school bags and cases be subject to the GST; if so,

how can the ATO claim at page 1 that there will be no GST on health and education.

- (5) Does the ATO stand by its assurance at page 13 that the price of a new \$30 000 family car will fall by around \$2400.

1291 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What testing is in place to monitor the content of distillate in light of recent revelations about the use of toluene in leaded and unleaded petrol.
- (2) Has his Department received any complaints since the toluene revelations about the content of distillate; if so, what were the complaints.
- (3) If someone suspects they have been sold contaminated distillate, what should they do.

1292 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Portfolio Budget Statement for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for 1999-2000 state that the value of the ATO's holding of land and buildings will progressively be reduced over the next 3 years from \$3 022 000 to \$2 948 000.
- (2) What are the changes in the ownership of land and buildings that will result in this reduction.
- (3) With respect to other accommodation for the ATO, for (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 (i) what is the total expenditure on rental or leased accommodation, (ii) what sites does the ATO rent or lease, (iii) are any sites that the ATO is renting, leasing or owns currently unoccupied or not in active use for current activities of the ATO; if so, which sites, and (iv) is the ATO entering into any new leases for accommodation whilst holding unoccupied accommodation.

1294 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1148 (*Hansard*, 9 March 2000, page 14109) concerning the International Year for the Culture of Peace, (a) what have been the names of UN international years since 1990, (b) what sum did the Government allocate as special funding for each of those years and (c) is he able to say what sums were spent by Commonwealth Ministers with portfolio responsibilities in those international years.
- (2) What is the Government doing to promote the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World 2001-2010, including (a) whether special funding has been allocated to promote the year and (b) what have Commonwealth Ministers decided to do to promote the year.

4 April 2000

1295 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that the New Children's Hospital at Westmead raises approximately 11% of its annual running costs from community fund raising activities such as selling clip-on bears on Bandaged Bear Day.

- (2) Is he aware of the hospital's concerns that the GST will either have to be added to the \$3 donation usually given in exchange for a bear, or be absorbed into the \$3 donation, thus losing 30 cents per donation.
- (3) Will the Government collect GST through these types of fund raising activities; if not, how will such activities be exempted from the tax.

1296 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the three year window for gifting of family farm assets under the Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme scheduled to end on 15 September 2000; if so, why is the Government yet to respond publicly to the review provided to the Minister in mid 1999 by the Minister's Department.
- (2) Among other things, was the purpose of the departmental review referred to in part (1) to (a) assess the extent to which the scheme was meeting its objectives, (b) assess the factors which promote or inhibit access to it and (c) examine the justification for, and the cost and equity of, any changes to the eligibility criteria for the scheme and its extension past September 2000.
- (3) Will the Department's report be made public, if not, why not.
- (4) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to problems people have had accessing the Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme because of the rigidity of the eligibility criteria, including the problems (a) resulting from the requirement that assets be personally gifted, rather than gifted from a company or trust and (b) caused by the treatment of equitable interests such as life estates.
- (5) Will the Government extend the Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme; if so, what changes will be made to the eligibility criteria; if not, (a) why not and (b) to what extent does the Government consider the scheme has met its stated objectives.

1297 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What stage have discussions reached between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments on the construction of the Western Orbital Road to link the national highway north and south of Sydney.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the road.

1298 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government been approached to give approval for the use on a permanent or trial basis of B-triple trucks on highways between Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what is the Government's decision.

1299 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1147 (*Hansard*, 4 April 2000, page 14695) concerning bridges that cross the Murray river between NSW and Victoria, with respect to the \$44 million of Federation funds allocated for the replacement of the bridges at Echuca/Moama, Robinvale/Euston and Corowa/Wahgunyah, (a) what sum has been allocated to each bridge, (b) what is the estimated cost of replacing each bridge, (c) what criteria were used to select the three bridges for replacement instead of other bridges along the river and (d)

were the NSW and Victorian Governments consulted on the priority in allocating Federation funds for the replacement of the three bridges instead of other bridges crossing the river.

1300 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims by the Automotive Association of Australia that the funding of roads of national importance continues to be at the expense of the national highway system.
- (2) Do Budget papers from 1995-96 to 1999-2000 show that funding for the national highway system component of the total expenditure on roads has decreased while funding for roads of national importance has increased.
- (3) According to Budget estimates, will funding for roads increase by \$27 million, or 1.7%, over the period 1996-97 to 1999-2000 while the Consumer Price Index will increase by 3.2% over the same period; if so, will there be a real decline in federal road funding.

1301 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Further to the answer to question No. 1149 concerning Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs), how many of the 29 313 AWAs in the public sector as at 31 December 1999 were there for each of the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments.

1302 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the effect of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- (2) When did Australia sign the Rome Statute.
- (3) Has Australia ratified the Rome Statute.
- (4) How many countries have ratified the Rome Statute, and which countries are they.
- (5) How many countries are required to ratify the Rome Statute before it enters into force.
- (6) What is the reason for the delay in Australia ratifying the Rome Statute.

1303 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security commenced investigating the suicide in Washington of Defence Intelligence Organisation officer Mr Merv Jenkins; if so, (a) when did he commence his investigations and (b) when is he expected to report.
- (2) Will the report be made public; if not, why not.

5 April 2000

1304 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99 how many applications for (i) single or (ii) voyage permits were (A) granted and (B) rejected.
- (2) On what grounds were permits rejected.

1305 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the National Meat

Association of Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.

- 1306 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the National Meat Association of Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1307 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the National Meat Association of Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1308 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Housing Industry Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1309 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Housing Industry Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1310 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Housing Industry Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1311 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Mines and Metals Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1312 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Mines and Metals Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1313 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Mines and Metals Association; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1314 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Printing Association of Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1315 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Printing Association of Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.

1359 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the annual cost in Australian dollars to his Department for the provision of consular services in New York, including (a) maintenance and repairs, (b) wages and salaries and (c) catering costs.
- (2) How many staff are employed to provide services for the Consul-General.
- (3) What are their employee classifications.
- (4) What duties are they assigned by their job description.
- (5) How many staff are locally engaged.
- (6) Is there a transport fleet available for the Consul-General's usage; if so, (a) what type of vehicles are included in the fleet, (b) how many cars are in the fleet, (c) when were the cars purchased, (d) what are the makes and models of the cars, (e) how many drivers are employed and (f) what was the annual running cost of the fleet.
- (7) Have additions or renovations to the Consul-General's office and residences been made since May 1998; if so, (a) what and (b) what was the cost in Australian dollars.
- (8) Does the Consul-General hold regular social functions at his principal residence; if so, (a) how many functions did the Consul-General hold in his residence in 1999 and (b) what was the cost in Australian dollars of functions in 1998-99, (c) what proportion of the cost was reimbursed or paid by the Commonwealth, (d) how many staff members are required to assist at the functions and (e) is catering arranged in house or are catering companies hired for these functions.
- (9) What sum of the 1999-2000 Budget was allocated to catering expenses for parties given by the Consul-General.

1360 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) To which International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) General Assemblies has Australia sent delegates since the meeting held in Buenos Aires from 17-26 January 1994.
- (2) Will the Minister provide information on the subsequent meetings corresponding to the information provided by the Minister's predecessor in answers to question No 885 (*Hansard*, 5 May 1994, page 394) and No. 923 (*Hansard*, 5 May 1994, page 396).
- (3) Has Australia accepted the invitation to the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Amman, 4 to 11 October 2000; if so, what are the names, qualifications and positions of the Australian delegates.

1361 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concerns of residents adjacent to RAAF Base Williamstown and the Salt Ash Weapons Range that unburnt fuel is being released into the atmosphere by aircraft using those facilities.
- (2) Can assurances be given to those residents that there is no risk of ill effects through exposure to that unburnt fuel; if not, will he order a study as a

matter of urgency to determine what happens to the unburnt fuel and what effect it has.

1362 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Redress of Grievance complaints by members of the Australian Defence Force are currently unresolved.
- (2) How many of the unresolved complaints are classified as (a) discharge matters and (b) personal matters.
- (3) For the latest year for which data is available, what was the average period of time in weeks taken to finalise (a) complaints about proposed discharge actions and (b) complaints of a personal nature.
- (4) Following the Auditor-General's June 1999 performance audit of the Redress of Grievance system what changes have been implemented to improve the operation of the system.

1363 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Army personnel are currently based at Puckapunyal in Victoria.
- (2) What medical services does Serco-Gardner Merchant Pty Ltd currently provide at the Puckapunyal Medical Centre.
- (3) How many staff are currently employed at the Centre.
- (4) Will the Government ensure that an in-patient medical facility continues to operate at Puckapunyal after the completion of the current market testing process; if not, why not.

6 April 2000

1364 **MR ST CLAIR:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) What was the total payroll cost for the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) in each year since 1994-95.
- (2) What portion of the payroll cost relates to Commissioners and Presidential members of the AIRC.
- (3) How many Commissioners and Presidential members were holding appointment in each year since 1994-95.
- (4) How many written decisions were handed down during each year since 1994-95 in the AIRC.
- (5) In relation to part (4), how many Commissioners and Presidential members handed down (a) 0, (b) 1 to 10 and (c) more than 10 decisions.

1365 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the Islamic Republic of Iran has offered to provide long range artillery to its surrogates in the Hezbollah.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the representatives of the regime in Teheran have stated that, after an Israeli withdrawal from the security zone in South Lebanon that they will be able to hit major population centres, such as the city of Haifa.

- (3) Is he also able to say whether Iran is to commence the espionage trial of 13 of its Jewish citizens on 13 April 2000; if so, is he able to say whether Iranian authorities have charged a 16-year-old, a rabbi, a butcher and gravedigger as part of this 13 member espionage ring.
- (4) Did the Iranian Minister for Agriculture, together with a seven member delegation, arrive in Canberra on 3 April 2000 and was he welcomed by the former Australian Trade Minister, Mr Tim Fischer, and the Prime Minister; if so, (a) who were the seven members of the delegation and (b) did the Prime Minister, as the Iranian National Newsagency reported on 3 April, say that developments in Iran were positive and that Australia was determined to expand bilateral relations in the future.
- (5) Did he or the Prime Minister raise with the Iranian Minister the matters of (a) the Iranian threats in South Lebanon referred to in part (1) and (b) the imminent trial of the espionage ring referred to in part (3); if not, why not.

1366 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 1054 (*Hansard*, 4 April 2000, page 14689) concerning doctors working in regional Australia, what action is the Government taking to implement increases in training numbers in the disciplines of radiology, oncology, orthopaedic surgery, and ear, nose and throat surgery.

1367 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the current practices about the provision of free or subsidised cigarettes to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel in Australia, at sea or on overseas postings.
- (2) Does the ADF have a policy on smoking.
- (3) What sum is spent on providing cigarettes to ADF personnel.
- (4) Are cigarettes sold at ADF establishment canteens and other facilities run by Frontline Defence Services.
- (5) Does the ADF have a policy in relation to its workplaces being, or becoming, smoke free.
- (6) Does the ADF provide assistance to personnel to participate in Quit programs and other cessation activities.

1368 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.

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1371 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Chamber of

- Commerce and Industry of Western Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1372 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1373 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1374 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the South Australian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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- 1377 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the State Chamber of Commerce (New South Wales); if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1378 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the State Chamber of Commerce (New South Wales); if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1379 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the State Chamber of Commerce (New South Wales); if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1380 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1381 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1382 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.

- 1383 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1384 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1385 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1386 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will the proposed Precision Radar Monitor System (PRMS) for Sydney Airport (a) increase or decrease aircraft noise over the Sydney basin, (b) increase air pollution over the Sydney basin and (c) assist the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP).
 - (2) Will he accept the resolutions passed by the Sydney Airport Community Forum throughout 1999 and 2000 calling for the abandonment of the PRMS.
 - (3) Since the commencement of the LTOP, are aircraft movements to the north of Sydney Airport running at 29%; if so, (a) was the LTOP forecast 17% and (b) is the present rate almost twice the number of forecast movements to the north.
 - (4) When will the LTOP be fully implemented.
 - (5) Is it a fact that (a) the PRMS is consistent with the gazetted LTOP and (b) the desired outcomes of the PRMS are inconsistent with the LTOP's desired outcomes.
 - (6) Will the PRMS (a) facilitate the implementation of the LTOP, (b) assist the LTOP fulfil its objectives on noise sharing and respite periods, (c) decrease aircraft holding patterns over the Sydney basin, (d) share the arrival and departure trajectories of aircraft movements in conformance with the LTOP, (e) not reduce the altitude of aircraft flying over the Sydney Basin and (f) reduce the number of aircraft movements to the north of Sydney Airport after 10 p.m. daily.
- 1387 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Will he provide copies of the submissions which the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the National Crime Authority (NCA) made to the Australian Law Reform Commission Report No. 87 "Confiscation that Counts. A review of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 1987*".
 - (2) In the submissions referred to in part (1), what were the estimates provided by the AFP and the NCA for the anticipated value of assets which would be seized under a non-conviction based confiscation scheme, as recommended by the AFP and the NCA.
- 1388 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the Government remain committed to a target strength of 26 850 for the Army Reserve in 1999-2000.
- (2) How many reservists with training obligations are there in the Army Reserve at present.
- (3) How many Army reservists are currently designated as being effective because they are totally fulfilling their training obligations.
- (4) How many Army reservists are currently designated as being ineffective because they are not fulfilling their training obligations.
- (5) What guidance, if any, has been given to unit commanders to encourage reservists who are not meeting their training obligations to resume doing so.
- (6) What guidance, if any, has been given to unit commanders to take action to remove from the books of the Army Reserve those reservists who consistently over an extended period of time fail to attend required parades and training exercises.
- (7) What is the methodology that is used at present to allocate to annual quotas of training days to individual Army Reserve units and does this methodology specifically take account of the number of personnel who are, and who are not, meeting their training obligations.

1389 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What performance bonuses are available to Airservices Australia management.
- (2) Are there specific performance bonuses being offered to Airservices Australia management for the successful implementation of the Precision Radar Monitoring System at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

1390 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has the report on veterans' entitlements of the independent review into naval personnel who served in South East Asia 1955-75 been passed to his Departments for implementation.
- (2) What is the schedule for implementation and when will the recommendations be implemented.

10 April 2000

1391 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Cane Growers' Council Limited; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.

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- 1394 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the United Graziers' Association of Central and Northern Queensland; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1395 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the United Graziers' Association of Central and Northern Queensland; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1396 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the United Graziers' Association of Central and Northern Queensland; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1397 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the United Graziers' Association of Queensland; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1398 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the United Graziers' Association of Queensland; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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- 1400 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Pig Breeders Association Ltd; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1401 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Pig Breeders Association Ltd; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1402 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1998-99 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Pig Breeders Association Ltd; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1403 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Deer Farmers' Federation; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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- 1407 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Citrus Growers' Federation; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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- 1409 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1996-97 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Chicken Growers' Council; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
- 1410 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—During 1997-98 were any contracts, grants or payments made to the Australian Chicken Growers' Council; if so, what was the value of the contract, grant or payment.
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- 1412 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the banning in the UK of all pacifiers and teething rings (dummies) that contain oestrogen mimicking chemicals (phthalates) as these compounds may present a potential health hazard to consumers.
 - (2) Has the Government undertaken any research on the health effects of phthalates in toys and teething ring type products.
 - (3) What is the attitude of the Government on phthalates in toys and teething ring type products.
 - (4) Will the Government's policy on phthalates be reviewed given the growing evidence that phthalates may pose serious health risks.
 - (5) What is the Government's attitude on baby walkers.
 - (6) Does the Government consider baby walkers to be a dangerous product.
 - (7) Will the Government ban baby walkers.
 - (8) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that imported dangerous toys that do not comply with Australian standards do not fall into the hands of Australian consumers.
- 1413 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—What is the cost of recruiting and training a basic level entrant into the each of the three Services.
- 1414 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is he considering a submission from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for more extensive assistance for ADF spouse employment; if so, (a) when was work on the proposal commenced, (b) when did it reach his office and (c) when will he complete his consideration.

- (2) What sum has been allocated by the Defence Community Organisation for this purpose and what sum has been spent.
- (3) Has this function recently been reviewed by his Department; if so, will he publicly release the review; if not, why not.

1415 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Are there wine cellars at Kirribilli House and The Lodge.
- (2) If so, how many wines are stored in each cellar, and for each wine (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage, (e) in what year was it purchased and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (3) How many bottles of wine were purchased in 1999, and for each wine purchased (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage of each new purchase and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (4) Of the wines cellared at Kirribilli House and The Lodge, how many are local produce.
- (5) Was a wine consultant appointed to implement a wine cellaring strategy for Kirribilli House and The Lodge; if so, (a) what sum, if any, of Commonwealth money was used to pay for the wine consultant's services and (b) what were the terms of the consultant's appointment.

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1416 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many providers of the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme were there in the Eastern Melbourne Labour Market Region of his Department (a) in 1996, (b) in 1997 and (c) prior to the commencement of the first employment services contract period of the Job Network.
- (2) Where were the sites referred to in part (1) located.

1417 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—What are the hours of operation for each Job Network provider site in the Eastern Melbourne Labour Market Region of his Department.

1418 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When was the last meeting of the Marine Council held.
- (2) Are there current members of the Marine Council.
- (3) When is it proposed to convene the next meeting of the Marine Council.
- (4) If it is not proposed to convene further meetings, how will the suitability of seafarers be assessed.

1419 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will he bring up-to-date his answer to question No. 689 (*Hansard*, 31 August 1999, page 9539) regarding the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

1420 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Has fabricated steel been imported from South Africa to construct a fertiliser plant in Kwinana, WA, in a project associated with Interpact Holdings.

- (2) Does the Minister agree with the Australian Institute of Steel Construction that the steel imported for the Kwinana project is part of a flood of steel imports across the country.
- (3) How many tonnes of fabricated steel have been imported into Australia (a) since March 1999 and (b) during 1997-98 and 1998-99.
- (4) How many Australian projects currently under way involve the use of imported fabricated steelwork.
- (5) What are the details of any Commonwealth Government funds or subsidies granted to Australian projects currently under way involving the use of imported fabricated steelwork.

1421 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the steel towers for a \$43 million wind farm near Albany, WA, are likely to be fabricated overseas.
- (2) Do the fabrication workshops in Kwinana form the core of the most capable, most competitive but most depressed steel fabrication precinct in Australia; if so, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that projects of this kind are returned to Kwinana.

1422 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Were South African workers recently granted permission to enter Australia to construct a fertiliser plant in Kwinana, WA, in a project associated with Interpact Holdings.
- (2) How many visas and what type of visas were issued in connection with this project.
- (3) Which approved business sponsor nominated these positions to be filled by overseas personnel.
- (4) Were the vacancies designated key or non-key activities.
- (5) What details did the sponsor provide about the benefits to Australia from employing overseas personnel.
- (6) Was labour market testing carried out to determine whether local workers could carry out the work.

1423 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many business long stay visas (subclass 457) have been issued to enable overseas personnel to be employed in the steel fabrication and construction industries in Australia (a) since March 1999 and (b) during 1997-98 and 1998-99.
- (2) What vacancies have been filled by workers entering WA on these visas.
- (3) Which countries were the main sources of persons entering Australia on business long stay visas (subclass 457) in (a) 1997-98 and (b) 1998-99.
- (4) Which industries were most involved in applications for these types of visas.

1424 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Government support the view advanced by a number of delegates to the Growing Victoria Summit, especially mayors from regional Victoria, that the Government should mandate

superannuation funds to invest a certain proportion of their funds in regional and country areas.

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1425 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will the Government follow the example of the United States, Great Britain, France and Canada and cancel the debt owed to it by three Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, Nicaragua, Ethiopia and Vietnam.
- (2) Will the Government use its position on the boards of both the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to ensure that the IMF and World Bank carry out transparent consultations with indebted governments, civil society, the private sector and external donors to develop poverty reduction strategies.
- (3) Will the Government work to ensure that the new Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers will be transparent in the trade-offs between policy choices and that the IMF and the World Bank fully discuss these policies with civil society representatives of the indebted countries.
- (4) Will the Government actively work to ensure that the IMF and the World Bank are held accountable for their programs by measuring their success in terms of achievements in poverty reduction.
- (5) Will the Government seek to establish a mechanism whereby international arbitrators are appointed to oversee negotiations between each heavily indebted nation and its creditors.

1426 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In each calendar month from July 1997 to March 2000, how many Corporations Law matters were (a) filed, (b) completed and (c) current in the Federal Court.
- (2) What is the status of his discussion with Attorneys-General of each of the States and Territories in relation to achieving a referral of powers by each of those jurisdictions to the Commonwealth to address the problems created by the decision of the High Court in *Re Wakim*.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of holding a referendum to amend the Commonwealth Constitution to allow federal courts to exercise state jurisdiction (a) in conjunction with a federal election and (b) as a stand-alone referendum.

1428 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 1211 (*Hansard*, 6 April 2000, page 14919), was he represented at citizenship ceremonies in the City of Port Phillip or the City of Glen Eira, Vic., since the federal election on 3 October 1998; if so, were his representatives attending as official government representatives or in some other capacity.

1429 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Have the estimated costs for the internal freeway through Albury, NSW, been understated and will it now cost over \$316 million; if so, is the cost more than the combined cost of an external freeway and a four lane second river crossing in Albury.

1430 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Did he issue a media release on 7 April 2000 headed “Beazley’s Policy Challenge”.
- (2) Were officers of his Department involved in the research or preparation of the media release; if so, how many officers were involved and what sum did the involvement cost the taxpayer.

1431 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Under the package agreed to with the NT Government to address concerns about the Territory’s mandatory sentencing laws (a) what will constitute a minor offence and (b) will the stealing of pens, textas and liquid paper from a school after hours be a minor offence.
- (2) Did the 10 April 2000 Joint Communique issued with the NT’s Chief Minister state among other things that the General Orders of the NT police will be changed to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences and, in more serious cases, to provide discretion for police to divert offenders and on successful completion of a program not to pursue charges; if so, (a) why will the General Orders of the NT police be used as the means to make these changes rather than legislation passed after proper parliamentary scrutiny and (b) on what grounds is the Federal Government satisfied that internal police orders are a sufficiently open mechanism by which to make the proposed changes.
- (3) With regard to the agreement to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences, but at the same time to maintain the mandatory sentencing provisions, is there a risk that people accused of an offence will be forced to admit guilt to avoid going to court and being sentenced mandatorily; if not, why not; if so, why has the Government agreed to a proposal that prima facie threatens the presumption of innocence fundamental to any fair criminal justice system.
- (4) What does “divert for minor offences mean” and does it include police cautions.
- (5) How many times will an accused who admits guilt be able to be mandatorily referred to diversionary programs before being mandatorily sentenced to detention.
- (6) If “divert” does include police cautions, (a) to what offences will such cautions apply and (b) will the Northern Territory legislate to specify where cautions will be permitted or will this also be covered by the General Orders of the NT police.
- (7) Is the Government aware of allegations that the NT police force has a poor record in complying with several aspects of the current General Orders, in particular, the requirement to notify the Aboriginal Legal Service when a young Aboriginal person is taken into custody; if so, what guarantees has the Federal Government been given that police will comply with the proposed changes to the General Orders.
- (8) With regard to the proposal to closely monitor the agreed initiatives and review them after 12 months, (a) what will this monitoring and review

involve, (b) what body or bodies will conduct it, (c) why has no monitoring or review of the Territory's mandatory sentencing laws also been proposed and (d) if the monitoring or review will be conducted by a departmental agency or agencies, in the interest of openness and accountability, will the Government support review of the initiatives by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; if not, why not.

- (9) When will full details of the proposed juvenile justice package be made publicly available.

1432 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the concerns of computer retailers and resellers, particularly in major regional centres, about Telstra's plans to expand its Telstra Shop retail outlets from 90 to 200 by the end of 2001.
- (2) What is the Government's view on Telstra's expansion into the computer retail, and other new markets.
- (3) Is the Government concerned that Telstra's entrance into the computer retail market could threaten the viability of a range of small businesses in regional Australia.
- (4) Will the Government consider restricting Telstra's entrance into the computer retail sector, if not, why not.
- (5) What legislative or other safeguards are in place to ensure that Telstra does not misuse its position in the computer retail market and does the Government consider these protections adequate; if so, why.

1433 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1071 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13751), did the 16 redundancies at the Wynnum office occur at the same time.
- (2) What distinction is made between the 7 bona fide and 9 non-bona fide redundancies.
- (3) Who made the decision to offer either bona fide or non-bona fide redundancies.
- (4) On what basis were the 9 employees offered the non-bona fide redundancy.
- (5) Has the Wynnum office recruited new staff since May 1999; if so, have any of those new staff been employed to perform the same duties as those 9 non-bona fide redundant employees.
- (6) Was a decision made to make the 9 non-bona fide employees bona fide redundancies.
- (7) Was any ruling or advice sought from the Australian Taxation Office in relation to the manner in which the 9 non-bona fide redundancies were to be treated; if so, what was that ruling/advice.
- (8) When were the 9 non-bona fide redundancy employees advised that their redundancies would be treated as non-bona fide.

1434 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) According to the best information available to the Commonwealth, what was the estimated rate of land clearing, in hectares, in Queensland for each year since 1995.
- (2) Has the Commonwealth proposed to the Queensland Government that the annual net loss of native vegetation cover, including regrowth, should be reduced to almost 100 000 hectares; if so, on what basis was this figure determined.
- (3) According to Environment Australia and/or ABARE, what would be the likely reduction in the annual rate of land clearing in Queensland were the State Government's tree clearing legislation to be fully implemented with Commonwealth support.

1435 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether Amnesty International, the Refugee Council of Australia, the International Commission of Jurists and other organisations have condemned the Government's policy of mandatory detention of refugee claimants who arrive in Australia without visas for its unfairness and the suffering it creates.
- (2) Is he also able to say whether Amnesty International has described the policy as not permitted under international human rights commitments, that it denies human rights to asylum seekers and that those rights are guaranteed for all Australians, including convicted criminals.
- (3) Will the Government abolish this policy and replacing it with an alternative which allows for the consideration of the individual circumstances of refugees before any decisions about detention is made.
- (4) Will the Government consider an alternative submission from the Refugee Council of Australia entitled "an alternative detention model".

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1436 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the placement in liquidation in August 1999 of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd at Yallah, NSW.
- (2) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) hold \$43 000 from Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd; if so, (a) for what is the sum held and (b) when was it received.
- (3) Do employees have a preference of payment ahead of the ATO under the Corporations Act; if so, when was the change in preference included in the Act.
- (4) Is it the practice of the ATO to require an official liquidator to satisfy the Commissioner that employees are entitled to receive the payments held by the ATO in insolvency cases and that Court Orders are further required to secure payments.
- (5) Will he direct the ATO to return the \$43 000 payment to the official liquidator of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd; if not, why not.

1437 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the UN sponsored referendum on the self determination of Western Sahara due to be held in July 2000 will proceed.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to US Department of State 1999 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices released on 25 February 2000.
- (3) Has he made appropriate representations to the Government of Morocco concerning the human rights abuses outlined in the report referred to in part (2).
- (4) Will Australian Government Ministers receive, formally or informally, Polisario Front representatives who do not hold Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic positions.

1438 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the placement in liquidation in August 1999 of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd at Yallah, NSW.
- (2) Did employees of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd and South Coast Bulk Carriers Pty Ltd receive correspondence from his Department's Assistance Monitoring Unit.
- (3) What traineeships or apprenticeships did his Department fund and what was the total sum of funding.
- (4) By which corporate entity was the funding received and when was it provided.
- (5) Is his Department satisfied that the funding provided was used according to the criteria for the funding.
- (6) Is funding under the New Apprenticeships Program dedicated to only new labour market entrants; if so, what is the definition of new labour market entrants.
- (7) Is he satisfied with the issues raised in this matter; if not, will he ensure a proper investigation is undertaken by his Department; if so, when.

1439 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the placement in liquidation in August 1999 of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd at Yallah, NSW.
- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to the corporate identities South Coast Bulk Carriers Pty Ltd and Obnora Pty Ltd; if so, what is their current status.
- (3) Has the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) been approached to investigate the liquidation of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd, South Coast Bulk Carriers Pty Ltd and Obnora Pty Ltd; if so, (a) who made the approaches and (b) what was the response of ASIC.
- (4) Has ASIC investigated the corporate activities and directorships of Mr Colin Lord.
- (5) Was there a prosecution of directors associated with Direct Acceptance Corporation Pty Ltd and Drum Reconditioners Pty Ltd; if so, (a) when was the prosecution undertaken and (b) what was the result.

- (6) How many companies does Mr Lord own or have a directorship interest in, and what is the current status of those corporate entities.
- (7) Will he direct ASIC to investigate the liquidation of Parrish Meats Supplies Pty Ltd, South Coast Bulk Carriers Pty Ltd and Obnora Pty Ltd; if not, why not.

1440 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Have certain employees, including senior executives of Airservices Australia, signed a workplace agreement with their employer, which rewards them for implementation of (a) The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS) and (b) the Precision Radar Monitor (PRM) System; if so, will this hinder the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia provided evidence to the PRM System Commission of Inquiry; if so, did Airservices Australia disclose to the Commission the existence of any workplace agreement between any of its employees and their employer, for the implementation of TAAATS or the PRM System.

1441 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the reply given to Senator Harradine on 10 February 1999 regarding ‘the supply of Medicare statistics on pregnancy terminations for 1997 from May 5 and for the entire year 1998’, published in Australian Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Examination of Budget Estimates 1998-99, Additional Information Received, Volume 3 (Programs 2 & 3) Health and Aged Care Portfolio, April 1999.
- (2) Is the prescribed definition of item 34643 given in his Department’s answer entirely due to pregnancy terminations or a percentage of them.
- (3) Are the claims under item 35643 a percentage; if so, what is that percentage.
- (4) Is the prescribed definition of item 16525 given in his Department’s answer entirely due to pregnancy terminations or a percentage of them.
- (5) Are the claims under item 16525 a percentage of all claims; if so, what is that percentage.
- (6) Is there data for terminations of pregnancies which are not represented in the Department’s supplied data; if so, (a) what is the source of the additional data and (b) how many additional abortions were performed in Australia (i) over that same period and (ii) to date.
- (7) How many abortions are carried out in public hospitals and what is the cost of those abortions.
- (8) What are items (a) 35626, (b) 35630, (c) 35639 and (d) 35640 for medical services, as prescribed in the relevant legislation and by-laws.

1442 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Government conducted cost benefit studies on the proposed Very High Speed Train link between Sydney and Canberra; if so, will it make the studies public.

- (2) How many jobs will the project create (a) in the construction phase and (b) on an ongoing basis.
- (3) What estimates does the Government have for the potential of the project to improve Australia's export opportunities.

1443 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Government conducted cost benefit studies on the proposed Very High Speed Train link between Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane; if so, will it make the studies public.
- (2) How many jobs will the project create (a) in the construction phase and (b) on an ongoing basis.
- (3) What estimates does the Government have for the potential of the project to improve Australia's export opportunities.

1444 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to his announcement of a petrol price commitment in the press release on 11 April 2000, how will the expected cash flow of retailers be estimated.
- (2) How will the estimates be adjusted to account for the volatility of cash flows.
- (3) Will expected cash flow estimates be based on the previous month or quarter, or some other formula; if so, what is the precise nature of that formula.
- (4) If the expected cash flow is underestimated will consumers face a higher price or will retailers' cash flow be affected; if not, why not.
- (5) Under what criteria will the different tiers of the scheme be defined and will they be based on geography, freight costs, actual petrol prices or some other criteria.
- (6) How many tiers of grant rates will there be.
- (7) If there are to be only a few tiers, will some consumers pay higher petrol prices or will there be a deadweight cost involved as some retailers are overcompensated.
- (8) Will there be a process to reconcile estimates of cash flows with actual outcomes at the end of each period; if so, what is that process.
- (9) What is the basis of the costing of \$500 million over four years.
- (10) What profile of petrol prices over time was used in this costing, and how does this vary between different tiers.
- (11) Will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission be given additional resources to monitor petrol retailers to enforce the commitment of no petrol price increase.
- (12) What sanctions will be imposed on petrol retailers if they pass extra costs on to consumers.
- (13) Will the decision to allocate \$500 million jeopardise other funding proposals related to regional Australia.

1445 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Did she write to a number of residential aged care providers in October and November 1999, including Robert and Dorothy Stone of Jowett Holdings in the electoral division of Calwell, informing them that she will be making decisions on the GST free status of aged care services shortly, and that she will be informing them accordingly.
- (2) Is she aware of anxieties on the part of aged care providers as to the impact of the GST on their services and their desire to receive her explanation in these matters.
- (3) When will she be making determinations about the GST free services and when will she inform the Parliament and the providers of her decisions.

1446 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many of the 180 Kosovars refusing to return home come from southern Serbia.
- (2) How many families are being split by issuing protection or temporary visas.
- (3) Are there situations where one brother is allowed to apply for a protection visa and another brother is forced to go home to Kosovo; if so, why does he allow this to happen.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website states that Kosovo is too dangerous for Australians to visit; if so, why is he forcing Kosovars on to a plane.

1447 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) How many requests for act of grace payments under section 33 of the Financial Management and Accountability Act have been considered by his delegate since the Act came into force.
- (2) How many requests have (a) been approved and (b) not been approved.
- (3) How many of the requests which have not been approved have chosen to provide additional information for him to review the decision, and of these, how many have been approved subsequently.

1448 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Are at least two private hospitals in western Sydney, the Hills at Baulkham Hills and the Guildford Private Hospital, to close their doors to patients in August and September 2000 and reopen as fee paying hostels for patrons of the Olympic Games.
- (2) If so, what alternative arrangements will be available for private patients' needs during the closures.
- (3) What arrangements have been, or will be, made in public hospitals to accommodate private patients unable to use the hospitals referred to in part (1).
- (4) Has his attention been drawn to other closures of private hospitals to provide accommodation during the Olympic Games.

MS O'BYRNE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1449 - 1466)—

- (1) Does the Minister administer legislation which relates to domestic violence.

- (2) If so, what is the definition applied by the Minister's Department to the term "domestic violence".
- (3) Is the definition sourced from a policy document or statute.
- (4) Is there discretionary flexibility available to be exercised by the Department when applying the definition to individual circumstances; if so, are there internal departmental manuals outlining discretionary options.

1449 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1450 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1451 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Treasurer.

1452 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1453 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1454 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1455 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

1456 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1457 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1458 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

1459 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

1462 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

1463 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1464 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

1465 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1466 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

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*1467 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the level of public access to Australia House in London.
- (2) Apart from the reception area, is the building closed to Australian citizens.
- (3) Are newspapers from various States to be displayed in an adjoining building.

*1468 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What was the cost of detaining illegal immigrants in West Australian detention centres in (a) 1994-95, (b) 1995-96, (c) 1996-97 and (d) 1998-99.
- (2) What have been the detention costs during the period 1 July 1999 to 31 March 2000.
- (3) What is the average daily detention cost per person.

*1469 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) What is the definition of “capacity building”, referred to in the Office of the Status of Women's 1999-2000 budget as a line item with \$35,000 tagged for “NGO capacity building”.
- (2) For what purpose will capacity building funding be used.
- (3) What are the selection criteria for groups wishing to access this funding.

*1470 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1026 (*Hansard*, 6 December 1999, page 12924), does the Administrative Appeals Tribunal impose a \$500 application fee if a person or an organisation that does not receive an agency's decision within the time limits prescribed under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act makes application for appeal to the Tribunal; if so, does this make this avenue an ineffective remedy.
- (2) Can the Commonwealth Ombudsman impose sanctions pursuant to its investigation of complaints of agencies' actions under the FOI Act, including decisions, delays, and refusal or failure to act; if not, does this make this avenue an ineffective remedy.
- (3) Why are there time frames for responses to be provided within the FOI Act when these limits are not adhered to by agencies, including, Comcare Australia, and when effective remedies are not available.

MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *1471 - *1472)—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what counselling and support services operate in the Northern Territory, including those offering counselling, guidance or support of a social or psychological nature.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the services, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (7) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (9) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (10) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.

- (11) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (12) What proportion of total expenditure by the Commonwealth is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Commonwealth.
- (13) What proportion of total expenditure by the Northern Territory is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Northern Territory.

*1471 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

*1472 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *1473 - *1474)—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what services operate in the Northern Territory to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the services, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (7) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
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*1473 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

*1474 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

*1475 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he able to say what counselling and support services operate in Western Australia, including those offering counselling, guidance or support of a social or psychological nature.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
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*1476 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he able to say what services operate in Western Australia to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
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MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *1477 - *1478)—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what literacy and remedial education programs operate in the Northern Territory, including those offering assistance to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.
- (2) Where does each program operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the programs.
- (4) Who operates the programs.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the programs identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
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- *1477 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- *1478 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.
- MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *1479 - *1480)—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say what services operate in the Northern Territory which provide persons with assistance in organising or running sporting or recreational events, including the provision of community recreation officers.
 - (2) Where does each service operate.
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- *1479 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

*1480 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism.

*1481 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

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- *1483 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he update his answer to question 889 (*Hansard*, 30 September 1999, page 11177) regarding funding to the National Health and Medical Research Council in respect to Hepatitis C and HIV research.
- *1484 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Have representatives of his Department been requested to advise the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade in respect to matters relating to mandatory sentencing and, in particular, Australia's compliance with international conventions in respect to that matter; if so, when was it arranged for those representatives to brief the committee.
 - (2) Has the briefing been cancelled or postponed; if so, why.
- *1485 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Do the provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill apply to the activities of State-owned corporations listed in Schedule 5 to the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* (NSW) such as Energy Australia, the New South Wales Lotteries Corporation and Sydney Water Corporation; if, so, which provisions; if not, is there anything preventing State-owned corporations such as these from making improper use of Australians' personal information.
- *1486 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What were the major recommendations of the Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies in respect of South East Asian Service 1955-75.
 - (2) Will the Government implement the recommendations.

*1487 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In response to my question without notice (*Hansard*, 12 April 2000, page 15119) regarding transparency in wholesale petrol pricing, did he say that when the recommendation of the ACCC was put to the Australian Senate to actually deregulate at the retail end so that margins could drop, it was opposed by a political party which was more interested in keeping up differential rates for rural and regional people than in acting on that recommendation and bringing the differential down; if so, was the legislation to which he was referring the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998.
- (2) If so, (a) did that legislation pass the House of Representatives on 11 March 1999, (b) was it introduced to the Senate on 22 March 1999 and (c) does it remain on the Senate Notice Paper under Government Business, undebated and not voted on; if so, does he stand by his statement in response to my question; if not, (d) to which legislation was he referring and (e) how was it opposed by the Senate.

*1488 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Treasurer—On selling their homes, will the owners of mobile homes or manufactured homes be treated in the same way as other home owners in that the price of their homes will be GST free.

*1489 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Did the Vietnam Veterans' Health Study released in December 1999 find that the children of Vietnam veterans had higher rates of death than children of other members of the community.
- (2) What action is he taking to address the needs of children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans, particularly with regard to suicide and illness.
- (3) When will he put this into effect.

*1490 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many persons, by age group, have been recruited into the Australian Defence Force from Tasmania in each year since 1985.
- (2) Into which service did Tasmanian recruits enter each year.
- (3) When will the next round of recruitment be undertaken in Tasmania.
- (4) How is this information being advised to young persons who are not necessarily at school.

*1491 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say in which states and territories in and around the Pacific and Indian Oceans the death penalty can be imposed.
- (2) Is he also able to say in which states and territories referred to in part (1) the death penalty is still carried out.

*1492 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many businesses are under investigation by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for non-payment of Superannuation Guarantee payments.
- (2) What is the usual time taken to respond to notifications of non-payment of superannuation guarantee.

- (3) When was the ATO first notified by workers or their representatives from the Wide Bay Brickworks concerning unpaid Superannuation Guarantee levy for them.
- (4) What action did the ATO take after receiving that notification.

*1493 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) able to use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO.
- (2) Is the ATO able to use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO while the company is trading from an insolvent position; if so, how frequently does the ATO use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO while the company is trading from an insolvent position.
- (3) Does the Government accept the use by the ATO of Section 218 notices to have debts to the ATO repaid ahead of workers' entitlements when this would not be the case if the provisions of the Corporations Law were followed.

*1494 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Business Review Weekly* of 14 April 2000 entitled "Petroulias v Carmody and the \$300 cigars".
- (2) Did Mr Nick Petroulias propose in writing to Tax Commissioner Michael Carmody that he be appointed First Assistant Commissioner in charge of a planned National Strategic Intelligence Unit.
- (3) Did Mr Carmody and Mr Petroulias then have negotiations regarding Mr Petroulias' possible appointment as Chief of the Strategic Intelligence Unit, involving an exchange of e-mails concerning the possible function of the Strategic Intelligence Unit and a face to face meeting concerning the position in Canberra.
- (1) Did Mr Carmody subsequently offer Mr Petroulias the position at Assistant Commissioner level.
- (2) Did Mr Petroulias reject that offer, but subsequently accept the position when the offer was increased to promotion to First Assistant Commissioner.

*1495 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the Australian Conservation Foundation Report in Habitat Australia 2000 concerning the Snowy River.
- (2) Have water savings in the Murray-Darling generated by the expenditure of tens of millions of Natural Heritage Trust dollars been used to increase the flow of the Murray-Darling, or have they been used to allow further expansion in irrigated agriculture.

*1496 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a recent conviction of a Queensland truck driver on three counts of defrauding the Commonwealth, relating to excise evasion through purchasing marked solvent and selling the product to service stations as transport fuel.

- (2) What other prosecutions were undertaken for fuel excise evasion in 1997, 1998 and 1999, and what were the outcomes of those prosecutions.

*1497 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is there any proposal to upgrade the bridge crossing the Pambula River on the Princes Highway near Eden, NSW; if so, (a) what is proposed, (b) what is the expected cost and (c) when will work commence.
- (2) Is there any proposal to build an alternative route to the current Pambula River crossing on the Princes Highway near Eden; if so, (a) what is proposed, (b) what is the expected cost and (c) when will work commence.
- (3) What is the process for community consultation and involvement in any proposed projects affecting the Princes Highway and the river crossings in the Eden district.

*1498 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Why do aircraft departing Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport from runway 16R and crossing the Kurnell peninsular over north Cronulla, not track out to sea to avoid noise impact on residents along the southern coastline and the Royal National Park.
- (2) On how many occasions, and when, have aircraft flown directly over, or in the near vicinity of, the township of Bundeena since May 1999.
- (3) Are there regulations preventing the dumping of aviation fuel along the coastline or the Royal National Park.

*1499 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Are Health Insurance Funds required to keep reserves; if so, (a) what is the quantum of the reserves required to be held and (b) are they determined by statutory or prudential means.
- (2) What sums were held by each fund in 1998-99.

*1500 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What has been the total Commonwealth funding provided to date for the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreements Private Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve Program.
- (2) Under the Program how many hectares of land have been (a) purchased by the Tasmanian Government, (b) protected by a management agreement accompanied by a covenant on the land title and (c) covered by a management agreement without a covenant on the land title.
- (3) Is adequate protection of CAR reserve values provided by management agreements without a covenant on the land title; if not, what changes will be made to the Program guidelines.

*1501 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the estimated incidence of emphysema in the Australian community and how many deaths each year are attributable to the condition.

- (2) Is the incidence of emphysema linked to particular demographic characteristics; if so, what groups are at increased risk of contracting the disease.
- (3) For the latest year for which data is available, what level of Commonwealth funding is provided for research relating to emphysema.
- (4) Which institutions received funding for emphysema-related research in the period 1998-2000 and how many grants were obtained by each institution.
- (5) Is emphysema designated as a priority under the Government's National Health Priority Areas; if not, why not.

*1502 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When and why were the Fremantle Artillery Barracks identified as surplus to requirements.
- (2) What is the status of the sale process.
- (3) When will a final decision be made.
- (4) Will there be a public tender or auction process.
- (5) Is his Department negotiating the sale directly with Notre Dame University.
- (6) What are his Department's plans for rehousing the Army Museum of WA.
- (7) Has there been consultation with the Army Museum, the Fremantle Council or the public over the fate of the Barracks; if not, why not.
- (8) Has the property been valued at \$4 million; if so, (a) is this a realistic market value and (b) who has valued the property.

*1503 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did the Governor-General recently accept an invitation from the Council for National Reconciliation to be officially presented with its national reconciliation policy statement.
- (2) Is this statement the product of a 10 year process initiated and sponsored by the Australian Government.
- (3) Does the Government intend to have the Head of State accept such documents rather than the head of government or relevant ministers.
- (4) Was the Governor-General acting on the advice of ministers in accepting this invitation.
- (5) What advice has he or his ministers given the Governor-General in relation to this matter.

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, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Gash, Ms Gillard,
Mr Katter, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

Current inquiries:

Education of boys.

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 and Ms J. I. Bishop and Mrs Irwin to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into drugs.)

Current inquiries:

Indigenous health.

Social and economic costs of substance abuse.

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.

Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999. (*To report by 26 June 2000*).

Provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000. (*To report by 19 June 2000*).

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.

Current inquiry:

Nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO reporting to Australian public.

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.

Current inquiry:

Witness protection.

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, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr K. J. Thomson, 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.

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.

Twofold Bay, NSW—Navy ammunition facility.

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:

Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2000. (*To report by 8 June 2000*).

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:*

Agreement on Social Security between Australian and the Republic of Italy.

Review of treaties tabled on 7 March 2000.

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*).