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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 108

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.
- *2 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR FAHEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999:** Further consideration of Senate's requests (*from 6 April 2000*).
- 2 **FUEL SALES GRANTS BILL 2000 (Treasurer):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 3 **PRODUCT GRANTS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION BILL 2000 (Treasurer):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 4 **FUEL SALES GRANTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000 (Treasurer):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Brereton*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000 (from Senate):** Second reading (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 7 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2000 (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).

* 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.

- 8 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- *12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2000-2001** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr Beazley*).
- *13 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr Tanner*).
- *14 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr Tanner*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 20 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).

- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 27 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 30 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 31 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 32 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 36 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 37 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 38 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 39 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 40 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 41 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 42 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 43 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 44 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *46 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY—HEAVY TRUCK INVESTIGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *47 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AUTHORITY—QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.

- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.

- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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*).
- 83 **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*).
- 84 **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*).
- 85 **TARIFF PROPOSAL (Mr Entsch):**
Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 86 **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*).

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 29 MAY 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

*1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:** Report of the delegation to the 45th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, September 1999. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)

*2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 32: Six treaties tabled on 7 March 2000. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

†1 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

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.*)
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Wednesday, 10 May 2000

- *1 **MR NEHL:** To move—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges the great need to help the Tibetan people cope with the devastating impact of Iodine Deficiency Disorders; and
 - (2) applauds the AusAID program launched in Lhasa on 18 May 2000 which will transform the health profile of the Tibetan people. (*Notice given 9 May 2000.*)
- *2 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. (*Notice given 9 May 2000.*)
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Notices—*continued*

- 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
 - (c) the consistency of the Government's response to recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report with the hopes, aspirations and needs of members of the stolen generation and their descendants. (*Notice given 25 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 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 **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.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting days, including today.*)
- 30 **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.*)
- 31 **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.*)
- 32 **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.*)

- 33 **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.*)
- 34 **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.*)
- 35 **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.*)

36 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.*)

37 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. 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 chooses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;
 - (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
 - (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and
 - (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5 years of age. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 29 May 2000". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 May 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

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.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 538, 798, 827, 955, 960, 964, 1039, 1041, 1064, 1121, 1125, 1127, 1134, 1153, 1160, 1169, 1172, 1173, 1175, 1181, 1187, 1195, 1197, 1204, 1205, 1207-1209, 1218, 1221, 1222, 1227-1229, 1231, 1234, 1240, 1242-1244, 1246, 1247, 1249, 1253-1257, 1259, 1260, 1265-1267, 1269, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1279, 1280, 1282-1287, 1289-1292, 1294, 1295, 1297-1423, 1425, 1426, 1428, 1429, 1431-1434, 1436-1446, 1448-1454, 1456-1459, 1463-1466.

9 May 2000

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

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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 deregulate the petroleum industry at the retail level, 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.

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*1504 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1165 (*Hansard*, 4 April 2000, page 14697), for the 12 month period ending 30 November 1999, what runway modes of operation were used at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and for what percentage of time was each mode of operation adopted on weekends.

*1505 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No 1097 (*Hansard*, 4 April 2000, page 14692) will he act on the recommendation of the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation report to reconsider routinely operating the short runways at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport with up to 25 knots crosswind.

*1506 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Will the Government implement the recommendations and summary of intentions contained in the report prepared for his Department titled “What Works—Explorations in Improving Outcomes for Indigenous Students”; if so, (a) when and (b) what additional funding will the Government provide for this purpose.

*1507 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to the answers to questions No. 605 (*Hansard*, 23 June 1999, page 7345) and No. 639 (*Hansard*, 23 June 1999, page 7347), what (a) resolutions did Australia sponsor at the session of the UN Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in April 2000 and (b) were the (i) positions and (ii) qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the session.

*1508 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to comments by his Honour Mr Justice McHugh of the High Court of Australia in *Re: The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs ex parte Durairajasinghim* to the effect that legislative changes in the area of immigration have resulted in an inappropriate number of cases coming before the High Court of Australia.

- (2) Has he considered his Honour's comments and will he take any action in light of the comments.

*1509 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to comments by his Honour Justice Michael McHugh in the High Court of Australia in the recent case of the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs *ex parte Durairajasinghim* wherein he expressed concern that amendments to the Migration Act (Commonwealth) are resulting in an excessive number of applications under the Act coming before the High Court.
- (2) Has he considered his Honour's comments and will he take steps to ensure that the High Court is able to concentrate on constitutional and important appellate matters rather than cases which are in the nature of trials under the Migration Act.

*1510 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is it the case that approximately three years ago the Commonwealth prohibited Legal Aid Commissions from providing initial assistance to persons making refugee applications on the basis that the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs was providing free legal assistance to such person in all States and Territories.
- (2) Does a scheme operate in the Northern Territory to provide that assistance.
- (3) Is it further the case that the need for such assistance has been contained in requests from the Legal Aid Commissions in representations to both his Department and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- (4) Is the Northern Territory one of the most affected areas of Australia involving refugees and other migration problems.
- (5) Why has such assistance not been provided and when will the commitment to provide such assistance be honoured.

*1511 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many of the detainees currently held at Perth, Port Hedland and Curtin Detention Centres have received psychiatric care and for what conditions are they being treated.
- (2) How many are receiving medication for psychiatric or psychological problems.
- (3) What medical services and what qualified medical staff are available at each centre.
- (4) Do any of the personnel providing medical care have expertise in the treatment of torture and trauma.

*1512 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) How many staff, advisers and consultants have been employed by the Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation with native title funding since 1997.
- (2) What selection processes have been conducted to employ or engage staff, advisers and consultants since 1997.

- (3) What are the terms and conditions of all employee, adviser and consultant contracts.
- (4) What were the issues under investigation and the outcome of the Australian Federal Police inquiries at the Native Title Unit at the Corporation in 1998.
- (5) Since 1997, what percentage of the budget has been allocated to legal advice.
- (6) Is the Minister able to say whether in 1998 and 1999 the Martu legal advisers organised formal and informal meetings, without the knowledge or authority of the Martu people, between the Martu legal adviser and Rio Tinto (RTZ), and in some cases the Native Title Tribunal was involved.
- (7) On whose authority were these discussions and meetings conducted.
- (8) Have there been any discussions between the Martu legal adviser and RTZ in 2000; if so, on whose authority.
- (9) How is the Martu legal adviser receiving his instructions in this matter now.
- (10) In 1996 did the Martu instruct the WDPAC to prepare a report of Martu opinions about the environmental and social impact of a uranium mine at Kintyre and subsequently the company prepared a report in response to the WDPAC report.
- (11) When will the Martu have the opportunity to examine the RTZ report of early 1998.
- (12) What funds remain for engaging independent specialists to assess the report.
- (13) Does WDPAC intend to engage such specialists; if so, when.
- (14) Does the legal representative intend to conduct workshops in the communities about the report as agreed in September 1998; if so, when will they commence.
- (15) In 1997 did the Martu agree to a request from RTZ to send two anthropologists into the communities to question people about the social impact of a uranium mine at Kintyre and did the company agree to send a copy of the report to the Martu.
- (16) Has the report been completed; if so, when will the Martu people receive a copy.

*1513 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Australian Financial Review* on 26 April 2000 headed “Late GST decision software problem”.
- (2) When will the Australian Taxation Office rule on how to convert foreign currency to Australian dollars under a GST.
- (3) When will the format of the Business Activity Statement be finalised.

*1514 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Australian Financial Review* of 20 to 25 April 2000 entitled “Mystery of Petroulias appointment”.
- (2) When was Mr Nick Petroulias appointed to the position of First Assistant Commissioner within the Australian Taxation Office.
- (3) Was the position gazetted; if so, when; if not, why not.

- (4) Who comprised the Selection Committee for this appointment.
- (5) Who approved the appointment.

*1515 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In relation to the \$500m GST Start Up Assistance Program, what proportion of the \$130m to assist Industry and Professional organisations deliver GST related information was directed to industry or professional organisations of Non-English speaking background.
- (2) What proportion of the \$130m was directed to the provision of information in languages other than English.
- (3) What proportion of the \$7m allocated to “Train the Trainer” program was directed to the provision of training in languages other than English.
- (4) What proportion of the advertising funded by the GST Start Up Assistance Office has been provided in languages other than English.
- (5) Have any videos or other publications been produced in languages other than English; if so, what are they.

*1516 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Minister received submissions concerning the periodic payment of common law personal injury compensation from the Structured Settlements Group, representative of the Law Council of Australia, the Insurance Council of Australia, the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers, the Australian Medical Association, Injuries Australia and others.
- (2) Has the Government examined these submissions; if so, what conclusions has it formed concerning the issue of periodic payment of personal injury Compensation and their taxation treatment.
- (3) Is it a fact that in cases of common law personal injury compensation the Courts reduce compensation paid for lost earnings so that compensation is only for after-tax earnings.
- (4) Should accident victims be taxed on money paid to compensate them for pain and suffering, medical expenses and the like.
- (5) Should persons being compensated for after tax earnings be taxed on the after-tax compensation.
- (6) What is the Government’s attitude to clarifying that periodic payments to common law compensation settlements would not be taxable.
- (7) Is the Government able to say whether the NSW and Victorian Governments are trying to improve common law compensation by amending their own State Compensation Laws to encourage periodic payments in the form of Structured Settlements.

*1517 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (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.

*1518 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many claims for compensation for defective administration were made to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in each year since 1996-97.
- (2) How many claims for compensation were successful in each year.
- (3) What was the total compensation bill in each year.
- (4) How many claims were made by tax agents on behalf of clients in each year.
- (5) How many (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful applicants for compensation were subsequently audited by the ATO.

*1519 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Have any claims for compensation for defective administration made to the Australian Tax Office over the period of 1996 to 2000 been paid out either improperly or incorrectly to the wrong person; if so, (a) how many were paid and (b) what sum was paid.
- (2) Is compensation still owed to another party with respect to these claims.

*1520 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—In cases where a tax agent corrects an item of defective administration of the Australian Tax Office (ATO) on behalf of a client, can the tax agent directly claim compensation from the ATO for that professional time used to deal with an item of defective administration; if not, why not.

*1521 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What were the administrative costs to process claims for compensation for defective administration made to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in each year since 1996-97.
- (2) How many claims ended being heard in court in year.
- (3) What were the legal costs for defending any court action in each year.
- (4) How many hours were spent by the ATO's legal section working on these claims in each year.

*1522 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No 1212, why was a detailed assessment of the financial impact of handing back Employment National's (EN) Job Network 1 contracts not undertaken before the contracts were handed back.
- (2) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No 1212, will he provide further supporting information that the cost to EN of servicing the contracts would have been \$22 million and what is the detailed breakdown of that figure.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No 1212, was the financial advice tendered by EN provided to him after his decision to direct EN to hand back intensive assistance contracts; if so, why did he not seek advice before issuing that direction.
- (4) Further to the answer to part (8) of question No 1212, before issuing such a ministerial direction to a Government Business Enterprise (GBE) is it standard practice to seek advice from that GBE on the material effect of such a direction.

- (5) Did the Minister for Employment Services Minister, the Minister's advisers or the Minister's Department, discuss his direction to EN to hand back the contracts with him, his advisers or his Department before that decision was made; if so, did he, his advisers or his Department express a view as to whether the contracts should be handed back; if so, what was that view.

*1523 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—Did he, his advisers or his Department discuss with the Minister for Finance and Administration, the Minister's advisers or the Minister's Department the Minister's decision to direct Employment National on 22 December 1999, to hand back their Job Network 1 contracts before that decision was made; if so, what view was expressed by him, his advisers or his Department as to whether the contracts should be handed back.

*1524 **MR FISCHER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In each year since 1997, has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) carried out surveillance in-flight inspections where an officer of CASA travelled in the cockpit to survey operational procedures and inspect airline internal surveillance practices.
- (2) How many in-flight sectors have been completed by CASA officers carrying out survey and inspection annually in relation to (a) Qantas, (b) Eastern, (c) Ansett, (d) Kendall, (e) Impulse, (f) Southern, (g) Air Facilities, (h) Flight West, (i) Hazelton and (j) Yanda Airlines.

*1525 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many road vehicles did his Department deploy to East Timor.
- (2) How many vehicles have since returned.
- (3) How many of the returned vehicles have required maintenance work to be undertaken on them since their return.
- (4) How many had this work undertaken by (a) Defence personnel and (b) private contractors.
- (5) Were tenders called fore the letting of this maintenance work to private contractors; if so, when were the tenders called and when were the contracts awarded; if not, why not.

*1526 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does his Department in Queensland arrange for panel beating repairs on UNIMOG trucks and other vehicles to be undertaken by private contractors; if so, how many vehicles have been repaired since January 1999.
- (2) Which contractors have been engaged to undertake this work.
- (3) Were tenders called fore the letting of this work to private contractors; if so, when were they called and when were they awarded; if not, why not.
- (4) What quality checks are undertaken on the panel beating completed by the private contractors.
- (5) Have some repairs been found to be inadequate, resulting in in-house staff having to undertake rectification work; if so, (a) why has his Department undertaken the work rather than requiring the private contractor to complete repairs to an acceptable level and (b) have private contractors in these

circumstances been billed for the costs of the rectification work; if not, why not.

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*).