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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 117

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2000

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.*


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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**
**Orders of the day**

- 1 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr McGauran*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr K. J. Thomson, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:*
  - (1) its use of \$410 million to sell the GST to Australians whilst it could only spend \$200 per small business to provide real help in meeting the onerous compliance costs of small business; and
  - (2) its continual amendment and complication of the tax system”.
- \*2 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (GAP COVER SCHEMES) BILL 2000:** Consideration of Senate’s amendments (*from 7 June 2000*).
- 3 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 4 **INDIRECT TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 5 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 6 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (DIGITAL TELEVISION AND DATACASTING) BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000—Mr Snowdon, in continuation*) on the

\* 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.

motion of Mr McGauran—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Smith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for the inordinate amount of time it has taken to introduce the bill, and the unacceptably short time now available for parliamentary consideration of the measure;
- (2) regards the narrow approach taken to the definition of datacasting as much too restrictive and certain to risk stifling a new industry before it emerges;
- (3) deplores the Government’s failure to enhance the future potential in this area, as evidenced by its datacasting proposals;
- (4) calls on the Government to allow the national public broadcasters, the ABC and SBS, to multichannel;
- (5) believes that the restrictions on datacasting and the prohibition on the ABC and SBS from multichannelling will have particularly adverse consequences for rural and regional Australia;
- (6) believes that the enhanced services provisions in the bill go further than previously anticipated and will require careful scrutiny; and
- (7) believes that there will need to be careful, appropriately timed and statutorily based scrutiny through the review provisions proposed in the bill”.

- 7 **DATACASTING CHARGE (IMPOSITION) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 8 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 May 2000—Mr Smith*).

- 14 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 15 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 16 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 17 **DIESEL AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS GRANTS SCHEME AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2000—Mr Melham*).
- 18 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2000—Mr Melham*).
- 19 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 22 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 23 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 26 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 27 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*) (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr Entsch*).
- \*28 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr Horne*).

- \*29 **MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*30 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FLEXIBLE CAREER PRACTICES) BILL 2000** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 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 **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*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 38 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 39 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 41 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 42 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 43 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 44 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 45 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).

- 46 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 47 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 48 **MRI ISSUES—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 49 **GIPPSLAND REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **WEST VICTORIA REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT FOR NORTH EAST NSW—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET STATEMENT 2000-2001—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.

- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.

- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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*).
- 89 **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*).
- 90 **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*).



**91 TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):

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

**92 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*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

**93 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.

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**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,  
19 JUNE 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Presentation and statements**

- 1 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on primary producer access to gene technology. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

## Notices

†1 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.15 p.m.*)

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

†3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the fact that a legitimate government, democratically elected, has been detained at gun point and thereafter removed from office by illegal means, in Fiji by a small band of armed terrorists;
- (2) notes that the ethnic Indian communities in Fiji are being deprived from exercising their fundamental political and human rights;
- (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (a) recall Australia's High Commissioner from Suva;
  - (b) suspend all Ministerial and high level official contacts;
  - (c) seek Fiji's immediate suspension from the Commonwealth;
  - (d) suspend all non-humanitarian elements of Australia's \$22.3 million aid program;
  - (e) cancel all defence cooperation with Fiji's armed forces;
  - (f) suspend the extension of the Import Credit Scheme in its application to Fiji;
  - (g) urge Australian tourists to favour other destinations instead of Fiji; and

- (h) encourage other countries to adopt similar sanctions; and
- (4) urges the Government to review the measures taken only upon full democratic rights being restored to each and every citizen of Fiji and a constitutional government being restored. (*Notice given 31 May 2000. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 19 June 2000.*)
- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000*)

- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 15 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SIX TREATIES TABLED ON 7 MARCH 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 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 19 June 2000.*)
- 16 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH ITALY AND NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE EXCHANGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 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 19 June 2000.*)
- 17 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000—Mr Wakelin, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—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 19 June 2000.*)
- \*18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN MANAGEMENT REPORTS AND CONTROL STRUCTURES OF MAJOR COMMONWEALTH AGENCIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 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 8 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

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### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued***

#### **Notices given for Thursday, 8 June 2000**

- \*1 **MR CAMERON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the significance of the Paralympic Games as the second largest sporting event in the world in 2000;

- (2) applauds the example of our elite paralympic athletes in keeping alive the best sporting traditions of honour, excellence and competition; and
- (3) records its appreciation to the people of the ACT and NSW for their generous support of the Paralympics throughout the 2000 Pollie Pedal bike ride from Parliament House, Canberra, to the Sydney Town Hall. (*Notice given 7 June 2000.*)

\*2 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) remembers the extraordinary deeds of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who, with his donkeys, rescued injured above and beyond the call of duty until he was himself killed; and
- (2) implores the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross of Australia to “Simpson” in accordance with the wishes of his WWI commanding officers and overwhelming public demand. (*Notice given 7 June 2000.*)

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### Notices—*continued*

1 **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 19 June 2000.*)

2 **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 19 June 2000.*)

3 **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 19 June 2000.*)

**4 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 19 June 2000.*)

**5 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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.)*

9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.)*

10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.)*

11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)

- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)

- 13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)

- 14 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000*)

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

- (1) calls on the Government:
  - (a) to settle the stolen generation case currently before the Federal Court in the Northern Territory; and
  - (b) after consultation and agreement with appropriate representatives of the stolen generations, to:
    - (i) establish an alternative dispute resolution tribunal to assist members of the stolen generations by resolving claims for compensation through consultation, conciliation and negotiation, rather than adversarial litigation and, where appropriate and agreed to, deliver alternative forms of restitution; and
    - (ii) set up processes and mechanisms, which are adequately funded, to:
      - (A) provide counselling;
      - (B) record the testimonies of members of the stolen generations;
      - (C) educate Australians about their history and current plight;
      - (D) help them to establish their ancestry and to access family reunion services; and
      - (E) help them to re-establish or rebuild their links to their culture, language and history; and
- (2) calls on the Government to refer the following matters to a Joint Committee of the Parliament for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of the first sitting week in October 2000:
  - (a) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Government's response to the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report;
  - (b) appropriate ways for Governments to implement paragraph (1)(b) of this resolution;
  - (c) effective ways of implementing recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report including an examination of existing funding arrangements;
  - (d) the impact of the Government's response to recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report with particular reference to the consistency of this response with the aims of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation; and
  - (e) the consistency of the Government's response to recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report with the hopes, aspirations and needs of members of the stolen generation and their descendants. (*Notice given 25 November 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

- 16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 17 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 19 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

20 **MR MOSSFELD:** 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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

21 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

**26 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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

**27 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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

**28 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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*



**29 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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

**30 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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

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

**32 MS GAMBARO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the restaurant and café industry makes a significant contribution to the Australian economy, having an estimated gross profit of \$3.3 billion and employing over 188 000 Australians;

- (2) acknowledges the contribution the restaurant and café industry makes to Australia's tourism income, with visitors spending an average \$328 on food during their stay in Australia; and
  - (3) recognises the importance placed on the apprenticeship scheme by the Government, increasing the positions available in traineeships, and noting its beneficial impact for training in the restaurant industry. (*Notice given 11 May 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 33 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates the many thousands of Australians who walked in support of reconciliation on 28 May 2000 in Sydney and elsewhere;
  - (2) acknowledges this clear and unequivocal public expression of support for the process of reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians; and
  - (3) calls on the Government to respond positively to the clear and unequivocal public support demonstrated on the weekend of 27-28 May 2000 for a national apology for injustices suffered by indigenous Australians as a result of past practices, including the removal of children from their parents. (*Notice given 29 May 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 34 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House, on behalf of all Australians:
- (1) expresses its sorrow and apologises unreservedly for the hurt, grief and suffering experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over many generations as a result of the policies of Australian governments over time that have caused or allowed the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their parents, families and communities;
  - (2) acknowledges and apologises for the fact that the history of European settlement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands has been marked by many indefensible wrongs inflicted on the lives, cultures and heritage of indigenous peoples over time; and
  - (3) reaffirms its commitment to the goals and processes of true reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians across Australia. (*Notice given 29 May 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 35 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the potential of Internet democracy as a way of fostering greater public participation in politics and rebuilding public trust in democratic processes;
  - (2) notes the US experience in conducting elections through Internet voting, plus the development of mass participation in Internet polls;
  - (3) notes the strong interest of the Australian Electoral Commission in the development of Internet voting; and
  - (4) recognises the need to reform representative democracy and create a charter of issues and governmental responsibilities determined by direct democracy.

*(Notice given 31 May 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

36 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the protection of children from abuse is fundamental in a civilised society;
- (2) is alarmed by the apparent rise in child abuse and neglect despite the efforts of the National Child Protection Council; and
- (3) calls on the Government to urgently focus more resources in implementing a national approach to the prevention, repair, intervention and research into child abuse. *(Notice given 1 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 19 June 2000.)*
- 2 **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 19 June 2000.)*
- 3 **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 19 June 2000.*)
- 4 **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 19 June 2000.*)
- 5 **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 19 June 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 19 June 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.)*

- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

- 30 **AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY AND THE GST:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2000*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 31 **RECONCILIATION WEEK:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2000*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—That the 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 32 **INTERNATIONAL TRADE:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2000—Mr Wilkie, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr St Clair—That the House:
- (1) notes the crucial importance of international trade to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy, particularly in rural regions;
  - (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 phytosanitary 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 33 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT—SAVING OF STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 2000** (*Mr Fitzgibbon*): Second reading (*from 5 June 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 19 June 2000.*)

- 34 **MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000*) on the motion of Dr Lawrence—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of preserving our military history and heritage for future generations;
  - (2) applauds the work of the volunteers and returned service men and women in promoting and preserving our military heritage; and
  - (3) calls on the Government to retain in public ownership sites of significance for our military heritage and history, for example, the Fremantle Artillery Barracks and associated Army Museum. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)
- 35 **ZIMBABWE:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000—Ms Roxon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Zimbabwe Government for allowing the current grave situation to continue in which:
    - (a) serious economic difficulties are leading to considerable unrest; and
    - (b) agricultural production has been jeopardised by the invasion of commercial farms by squatters and the squatters' actions have been ruled as illegal by the High Court of Zimbabwe;
  - (2) supports the Australian and British Governments' strongly expressed concerns about events in Zimbabwe; and
  - (3) calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to restore the rule of law and hold free and fair elections at the earliest possible date. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 19 June 2000.*)

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**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, 19 June 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).

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## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 June 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2000-2001** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Ms Ellis, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Costello—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its:
  - (1) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education, health and the provision of social services in the 2000-2001 Budget;
  - (2) wasteful and profligate spending on poor quality programs to buy Democrat support for its unfair GST;
  - (3) misuse of over \$360 million of taxpayers’ money on its politically partisan GST advertising campaign;
  - (4) reduction of a potential Budget cash surplus in 2000-2001 of \$11 billion, to a real Budget deficit of \$2.1 billion;
  - (5) use of creative accounting techniques in an attempt to deceive the Australian public on the true state of the Budget;
  - (6) mishandling of the move to accrual accounting by providing complex, confusing and uninformative budget documents;
  - (7) failure to identify in the Budget papers the cost of GST collection and implementation; and
  - (8) failure to put in place arrangements that deliver its guarantee that no Australian will be worse off as a result of the GST package”.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr Tanner*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr Tanner*).
- 4 **ROAD AND RAIL—GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2000—Mr Wakelin, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 5 **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 11 May 2000—Mr Wakelin*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—That the House take note of the report.
  - 2 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SHAPING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Pyne*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
  - 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON VISIT TO EAST TIMOR, 2 DECEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—That the House take note of the report.
  - 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1998–99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2000—Ms Worth*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
  - 5 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.
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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 404, 460, 461, 538, 798, 827, 955, 964, 1041, 1064, 1125, 1134, 1153, 1160, 1169, 1172, 1175, 1181, 1197, 1204, 1205, 1208, 1209, 1218, 1221, 1222, 1229, 1231, 1242, 1243, 1246, 1253, 1255-1257, 1259, 1260, 1265, 1269, 1276, 1279, 1280, 1282-1285, 1290, 1292, 1300, 1366, 1386-1389, 1412, 1414, 1415, 1419, 1429, 1431-1434, 1437, 1441, 1444, 1445, 1449-1451, 1458, 1463, 1469-1479, 1481, 1483-1490, 1492-1499, 1501-1506, 1509-1522, 1524-1599.

### *5 June 2000*

1600 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are there in each State and Territory.
- (2) How many clients are there in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels in each State and Territory.
- (3) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels were listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required at the commencement of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.
- (4) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required have been removed from those lists since 1997.
- (5) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required as at 5 June 2000.
- (6) What qualifications does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency set for quality assessors or inspectors.
- (7) Are quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency categorised by professions such as nursing care, hygiene, fire, building safety, staff training.
- (8) How many quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency are employed in each State and Territory.
- (9) Do approved providers have any input into the selection of quality assessors or inspectors employed by the Agency; if not, why.
- (10) How many inspections of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have taken place since the commencement of the *Aged Care Act* in each State and Territory.
- (11) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels (i) failed an inspection and (ii) have been placed under the control of an administrator.

- (12) How many licences have been revoked since the commencement of the Aged Care Act in each State and Territory.
- (13) Since the commencement of the Aged Care Act, how many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have been closed and how many clients were affected in each State and Territory.
- (14) What were the main reasons for the closure of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (15) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have resident committees with consumer representatives.
- (16) Does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency have the power to check nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
- (17) What is the ratio of required bathrooms and toilets per client in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (18) Does this ratio vary for different levels of facilities.
- (19) What is the required ratio of registered nursing staff to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.
- (20) What is the required ratio of trained nursing aid to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.
- (21) What is the required ratio of Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 carers to clients in each care plan.
- (22) Are carers required to take a literacy or language test prior to employment in a nursing homes and aged persons hostels; if not, why.
- (23) What is the minimum number of (a) registered nurses, (b) trained carers and (c) untrained carers required in nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
- (24) What are the award wage and salary levels for all staff employed in nursing homes and aged persons hostels for each State and Territory.

1601 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will he announce a decision on a second airport for Sydney at Badgerys Creek on or before 1 September 2000.
- (2) Further to his answer to part (1) of question No. 1440 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2000, page 15615), what are the details of the minor impact the implementation of The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System will have on the Long Term Operating Plan at Sydney over the period from the end of July 1999 to mid October 1999.

1602 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Under the proposed changes contained in the 'Budget 2000 Child Support Package, is the maximum or cap amount of Child Support Income the highest amount that a paying parent (one having a child support liability) can be assessed upon.



- (2) Does the proposal drop the maximum or cap child support income amount from \$101 153 to \$78 378.
  - (3) Is Child Support Income the income of the parent used to calculate how much child support is paid.
  - (4) Is income over \$101 153 not taken into account for child support purposes, other than where special circumstances are established.
  - (5) Under the proposed changes, will income over \$78 378 not be taken into account.
  - (6) Do the proposed changes to the Child Support Income threshold give greatest benefits to high income earners.
  - (7) Will the proposed changes reduce the (a) amount of child support from \$24 552 per annum to \$18 301 per annum, or a fall of \$119.89 per week, (b) amount of money available to children and (c) standard of living of the payee or carer parent in favour of raising the standard of living for the payer parent.
  - (8) Under the proposed changes will there be a reduction in child support where there is contact by the payer of at least 30% or more nights per annum.
  - (9) Will child support percentages be reduced when there is contact of at least 10% of nights per annum.
  - (10) Is the justification for this change due to the non-carer parent's high costs of having contact with the children.
  - (11) Does the level of contact between the payer and child reduce the costs of the carer.
  - (12) Do the standing costs of the carer remain, including accommodation, education and clothing costs.
  - (13) Will a parent having 10% of nights contact with a child get in excess of a 10% reduction in child support payments if there is one child.
  - (14) What are the benefits of the change to the child and the payees in receipt of the child support monies.
- 1603 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) How many farming interests will be lost as a direct result of dairy farming deregulation.
  - (2) What will be the estimated impact in dollars and percentiles of dairy farming deregulation on farm property values.
  - (3) Will he implement controls and restrictions on processors and supermarkets so that farmers can continue to receive a fair and reasonable price for their produce.
  - (4) Do Australian consumers enjoy the lowest cost and highest quality dairy products in the world; if so, what will be the benefit to the consumer of these deregulatory reforms.
  - (5) How will the \$1.7 billion dollar package assist farmers in a price drop.
  - (6) What sum will consumers provide to benefit prices through the 11 cents per litre levy.

- (7) What sum will the State and Territory Governments be paid by the Federal Government when the industry deregulates.
- (8) How many NSW farmers will be forced out of the dairy industry should the milk price fall below 25 cents per litre.
- (9) Is it a fact that, according to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics figures, the adjustment package would need to double to \$3.6 billion to afford realistic compensation to dairy farmers for loss of income and quota values.
- (10) What sum will the Federal Government provide for the compensation package over the next eight years.
- (11) Will added pressures be put on the environment due to deregulation; if so, what are those additional pressures especially in respect to milk production.

*6 June 2000*

1604 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did Australia ratify the 1983 Unesco Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific on 23 September 1985.
- (2) Has Australia formally raised the question of ratification or accession with any of the States which have not become parties to the Convention but which are mentioned in the answer provided by his predecessor to question No. 2115 (*Hansard*, 22 August 1995, page 115).
- (3) On what occasions has Australia raised the question with each of the States referred to in part (2).

1605 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Did Australia accede to the 1979 Unesco Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region on 6 August 1986.
- (2) To what extent are Australia and New Zealand sharing or contemplating membership of Unesco and Council of Europe conventions on education.

1606 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What were the (a) names, (b) positions and (c) qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the World Education Forum in Dakar on 26-28 April 2000.

1607 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Did the Australian National Training Authority Ministerial Council consider the 1989 Unesco Convention on Technical and Vocational Education at its meeting on 2 November 1999.
- (2) Has Australia consulted any members of the South Pacific Forum on ratification or accession since the answer to question No. 890 (*Hansard*, 11 October 1999, page 11293).

1608 **MR M. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concern by members of the medical research community that grants from overseas based funding bodies such as the National Institutes of Health in the US and The Wellcome Trust in the

UK will be subject to the GST and that no comparable refund will be available, effectively reducing the grant by 10%.

- (2) Is this concern justified; if so, will he act to ensure that Australian researchers in receipt of overseas sourced grants are not disadvantaged by the GST.

1609 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the concerns of parents from isolated areas about the application of the GST to boarding school accommodation.
- (2) Is it a fact that while boarding school accommodation is to be GST-free under the New Tax System, components of the boarding fee such as food and the cleaning of students' clothes will attract the GST; if so, why will these components attract the tax.
- (3) What assurances can the Government give that the cost of educational boarding accommodation will not rise as a result of the GST.

1610 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

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

1611 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1234 (*Hansard*, 1 June 2000, page 15919) concerning the 1999 Regional Australia Summit, who were the members of the Regional Australia Summit Reference Group and who selected them.
- (2) Did the Reference Group receive advice from, or consult with, him, his staff or his Department about its decision to invite only Coalition Members and Senators (apart from myself and Senator Mackay) to the Summit dinner.
- (3) Was the aim of the Summit for all Australians to gain a better appreciation of the needs and concerns of regional Australia; if so, why did the Reference Group invite all Coalition Members and Senators but only invited myself and Senator Mackay from the Australian Labor Party.

1612 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1234 (*Hansard*, 1 June 2000, page 15919) concerning the 1999 Regional Australia Summit, was he, his staff or his Department consulted by the Regional Australia Summit Reference Group, the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Minister's staff or the Minister's Department on the Reference Group's decision to invite Coalition Members and Senators to the Summit dinner.
- (2) What sum was paid to Coalition Members and Senators who attended the Summit dinner for travel allowances, airfares, cars and taxi costs, and under which travel entitlement was the sum paid.

1613 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Did he meet his Iranian counterpart, Iran's Construction Jihad Minister, Mohammad Saeedicki in Sydney on 30 May 2000.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the expression 'Jihad' means Holy War.
- (3) What was the purpose of his meeting with the Construction Jihad Minister.
- (4) Was he invited by the Construction Jihad Minister to visit Teheran and did he accept the invitation.
- (5) Did he raise Australia's concerns about human rights with the Construction Jihad Minister; if not, will he be raising these human rights issues should he visit Teheran.

1614 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many persons were held in immigration detention centres throughout Australia on 6 June 2000.
- (2) How many persons were held in each centre.
- (3) How many persons have been in detention for more than (a) 9 months and (b) 18 months.
- (4) How many persons in detention centres have applications before the (a) Federal Court and (b) Refugee Tribunal.
- (5) How many persons in detention centres are eligible for (a) permanent residence and (b) a three year temporary refugee visa.

1615 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government have programs relating to the restoration of indigenous cultural traditions which have been destroyed as a result of colonisation.
- (2) Does the Government have specific resources dedicated to the restoration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural traditions; if so, what resources are dedicated to these programs.
- (3) Does the Government have programs to educate indigenous children about the cultural traditions of their Aboriginal backgrounds; if so, what are the details.

7 June 2000

1616 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the 1991 Special Premiers' Conference agree that road funding should be based on the Commonwealth Government being responsible for national roads, State Governments being responsible for arterial roads and local governments being responsible for local roads.
- (2) What understandings were reached with State and local governments associated with the Government's new taxation system in the context of the government response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform *Planning not Patching* report.
- (3) Does the government response at page 41 state that the (a) new taxation system provides an important devolution of financial independence to States, Territories and local government for the road program and (b) Government provides an appropriate level of funding in the Budget for its road program; if so, how does this reconcile with the agreements from the 1991 Special Premiers' Conference and calls to improve local roads and bridge infrastructure throughout Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas.

1617 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

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

1618 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many, and what are the names, of the organisations who were successful in obtaining Job Network contracts in round 1 and round 2 have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers.
- (2) How many, and what are the names, of the organisations who were successful in obtaining Community Support Programme contracts in round 1 have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers.

- (3) How many, and what are the names, of the organisations who were successful in obtaining New Enterprise Incentive Scheme contracts have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers.
- (4) How many, and what are the names, of the organisations who were successful in obtaining contracts to run New Apprenticeships Centres have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers.
- (5) In each case referred to in parts (1) to (4), what sum or percentage of the contract price has been retained by the successful contractor and what sum or percentage has been paid to the sub-contractor or sub-contractors.
- (6) What form of monitoring does his Department undertake of contracted organisations and their sub-contractors.
- (7) For each of the organisations successful in obtaining round 1 Job Network contracts, and for each of the Job Matching, Job Search Training and Intensive Assistance categories, what percentage of the contract payments went to (a) administration costs; (b) advertising and marketing and (c) profit or retained earnings.
- (8) In the Job Network Evaluation Stage One dated February 2000 and released on 23 May 2000, how many of the 800 interview and focus group participants were job seekers.

1619 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) the power to investigate the potential loss of economic activity in regional Australia following the merger of the Colonial Bank and the Commonwealth Bank; if so, will he direct the ACCC to take into account the likely loss of economic activity in regional Australia.

1620 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Have the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and other Ministers stated that the policy of mandatory detention of refugees is not inconsistent with Australia's international human rights obligations.
- (2) Did the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs receive advice from the Attorney-General's Department supporting this view; if so, will he provide a copy of that advice.
- (3) Does the advice does cover the (a) convention relating to the status of refugees, (b) international covenant on civil and political rights, (c) convention against torture and all forms of cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment and punishment and (d) convention on the rights of the child; if not, how is the policy of mandatory detention consistent with those conventions.

*8 June 2000*

\*1621 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What are the major conditions of service that apply to the RAAF's Ground Defence Reserve Group.
- (2) What is the Group's (a) target strength nationally and (b) current number of serving personnel.

- (3) What changes, if any, have been made to the conditions of service for the Group since 1996.
- (4) Are any personnel attached to the Group currently deployed overseas; if so, (a) how many and (b) in what countries.

\*1622 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What is the location of each of Defence's Civilian Personnel Administration Centres and when was each centre established.
- (2) What are the specific functions carried out by the centres.
- (3) Which areas in Defence were responsible for these functions prior to the establishment of the centres.
- (4) For each centre, what is the (a) current average staffing level and (b) States or regions for which it is responsible.
- (5) Are contract employees used by the centres; if so, (a) how many contract employees are there at present and (b) what are the names of the employment agencies involved.

\*1623 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) What is the estimated sum of Commonwealth funding that will be provided under the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package (FISAP) to (a) NSW, (b) Victoria, (c) WA and (d) Queensland in (i) 2000-01, (ii) 2001-02 and (iii) 2002-03.
- (2) What proportion of the Commonwealth FISAP funding to Victoria is to be allocated to the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) regions of (a) Central Highlands, (b) East Gippsland, (c) Gippsland, (d) North East and (e) West.
- (3) What proportion of further Commonwealth FISAP funding to NSW is to be allocated to the RFA regions of (a) Eden, (b) North East and (c) Southern.

\*1624 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What, if any, timetable has been set for the relocation of all or part of the RAAF College located at RAAF Base Williams at Point Cook to an alternative defence property.
- (2) Has a decision been made to relocate the RAAF College in whole or in part to (a) RAAF Base East Sale, (b) RAAF Base Laverton or (c) another Defence property; if so, (i) when was that decision made, (ii) by whom was the decision made and (iii) does the decision relate to the whole of the RAAF College at Point Cook or to only part of the RAAF College; if so, to which part.
- (3) If a decision has been made to relocate the RAAF College to (a) RAAF Base East Sale, (b) RAAF Base Laverton or (c) another Defence property, what is the cost of (i) the relocation, (ii) any capital expenditure required to build or renovate facilities at the Defence property, (c) expenditure required for equipment or fit out of the facilities at the Defence property, (d) moving items from the RAAF College at Point Cook to the facilities at the Defence property and (e) transferring both civilian and non-civilian personnel from the RAAF College at Point Cook to the Defence property, including, but not limited to, details of the numbers of such staff, the relocation costs of such

staff, the changes in salary and benefits required and the costs of any redundancies or other employment costs relating to staff not being relocated.

\*1625 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What diplomatic initiatives involving the nations of the South Pacific has the Australian Government carried out in the light of the attempted coups in Fiji and the Solomon Islands.
- (2) Will the Government consider immediately organising a meeting of the Security Committee of the South Pacific Forum in order to discuss developments in Fiji and the Solomon Islands and determine a coordinated response from the South Pacific Forum.

\*1626 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say what has been the response in the ethnic communities and the ethnic media to a new agenda for a multicultural Australia as promulgated by the Government in December 1999.
- (2) Has there been a response from the mainstream media and from Australian mainstream institutions to the new agenda; if not, is he able to say why not.
- (3) What resources has the Government put in place to promulgate the objectives as set out in the new national agenda for multicultural Australia.
- (4) What appropriations were included in the 2000 Budget to promote the objectives of the New National Multicultural agenda.

\*1627 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Will those Australians who are not able to take out private health insurance prior to the 31 June 2000 be permanently excluded from the Government's scheme to allow people to join a private health insurance fund and remain at the same rate.
- (2) Will the Government be providing hardship exemptions for those who are not able to join a private health insurance fund prior to 30 June 2000, including those persons who (a) were members for more than two years but not on 30 June 2000, (b) were overseas on that date, (c) were in the Australian Defence Force on that date, (d) were working in remote areas without access to private health facilities on that date, (e) are unemployed, (f) were in prison on that date, (g) have a lower than normal income at that time and (h) have recently arrived in Australia, yet may or will be able to, join a private health insurance fund after 1 July 2000.

\*1628 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) In each State and Territory how many cases of business insolvency leading to possible loss of employee entitlements has been reported to his Department since he announced the Employment Entitlements Support Scheme.
- (2) How many employees are involved in each case.
- (3) What is the name of each business and the amounts of potential loss that has been reported to his Department since he announced the Scheme.
- (4) What payments have been made in each case referred to in part (3).



(5) What is the total sum paid by the Commonwealth to employees under the Scheme.

\*1629 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Under what scheme did the Commonwealth make payments to National Textile Workers who lost their entitlements due to the insolvency of that company.
- (2) What criteria were used to assess eligibility for this assistance.
- (3) For each State and Territory how many workers who have lost their employee entitlements through company insolvency have received assistance on the same terms as National Textiles.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**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.

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**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, Mrs Elson, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Ms Gillard, Mrs May, 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, Mr Byrne, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gerick, 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 Gash 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 inquiry:*

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 26 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 Calvert, Senator S. Macdonald, 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.

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 Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator S. Macdonald, 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.

### **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.*)

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## **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*).