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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 121

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to regulate activities involving gene technology, and for related purposes.
- *2 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters arising from the enactment of the *Gene Technology Act 2000*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for grants for the recycling of oils, and for related purposes.
- *4 **DR STONE:** To present a Bill for an Act to make consequential amendments in connection with the enactment of the *Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 21 June 2000*) on the 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, recognising the fundamental importance of high quality and reliable telecommunications services to all Australians now and in the future:
 - (1) condemns the Government for its continuing push towards the full privatisation of Telstra which will inevitably lead to a decline in services to rural and regional Australia;

* 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.

- (2) recognises the importance of the Universal Service Obligation to the delivery of minimum communications services to rural and regional Australia;
 - (3) notes that while the Government is holding up competitive tendering as the solution to rural and regional service delivery difficulties and as a justification of the full privatisation of Telstra:
 - (a) its plan is limited to two pilot projects in undefined areas the results of which will not be known for a number of years; and
 - (b) its decision to require Telstra to remain as a safety net provider of last resort in the areas to be covered by the pilot projects acknowledges the unique role of Telstra in the delivery of services to rural and regional Australia and the folly of pursuing full privatisation;
 - (4) recognises that the Universal Service Obligation will need to encompass minimum digital data services in future; and
 - (5) notes the wide Ministerial discretion given with respect of the calculation of the cost of the Universal Service Obligation, and the need for this to be on the basis of Australian Communication Authority advice”.
- *2 **EXCISE AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENT) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 6 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 10 **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*).
- *11 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *12 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- *13 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEGETABLE LEVY) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *14 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 15 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 18 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 21 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **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*).

- 25 **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*).
- 26 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 30 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 31 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 32 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 33 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 34 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 35 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 37 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 38 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 39 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 40 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.

- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY—HEAVY TRUCK INVESTIGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AUTHORITY—QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON PROGRESS IN RAIL REFORM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.

- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.

- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.

- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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*).
- 82 **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*).
- 83 **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*).
- 84 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 85 **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. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate
(*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

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*).

*Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate
(*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO TANZANIA AND AMMAN:** Report. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS:** Report. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, CANBERRA:** Report. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)
- 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 1998–99. (*Total time for statements—20 minutes.*)

- 5 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report into the conduct of the 1998 Federal Election and matters related thereto. (*Statements to conclude by 1.45 p.m.*)
- 6 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on regional radio racing services. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- 7 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Advisory report on the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)
- 8 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Advisory report on the Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999. (*Total time for statements—10 minutes.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the expenditure of taxpayers' money on advertising which promotes party political interests. (*Notice given 8 June 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. (*Notice given 19 June 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000*)

- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

- 18 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PRIMARY PRODUCER ACCESS TO GENE TECHNOLOGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000—Fran Bailey, in continuation*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—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 26 June 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notices—continued

- 1 **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 26 June 2000.*)
- 2 **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 26 June 2000.*)

3 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 26 June 2000.*)
- 4 **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 26 June 2000.*)
- 5 **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 26 June 2000.*)

- 6 **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 26 June 2000.*)

- 7 **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 26 June 2000.*)

- 8 **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 26 June 2000.*)

- 9 **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 26 June 2000*)

- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.)

- 11 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 12 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 13 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 14 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)

15 MR MOSSFIELD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 15 February 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)

16 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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.)

17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*

18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*

19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*

20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

24 **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 suffers 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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)

- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*
- 32 **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. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*
- 33 **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. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.)*
- 34 **MR BILLSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the:
 - (a) positive contribution needle supply and exchange programs have made to curbing the spread of infectious diseases through injecting drug use; and
 - (b) cost to the community of needle stick injury;
 - (2) encourages State and Territory Governments to:
 - (a) extend the principle of reducing harm by needle supply and exchange programs to include reducing the risk to the broader community of needle stick injury from syringes discarded improperly; and
 - (b) embrace retractable syringe technology across the health sector to reduce the risk and cost of needle stick injury to health professionals and health service consumers; and

- (3) calls on the Federal Government to;
 - (a) initiate trials of retractable syringes for Government-funded needle supply and exchange programs to determine the practicality, clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of supplying retractable syringes; and
 - (b) embrace the use of retractable syringes in the Commonwealth's own medical and allied health activities, for example Defence. (*Notice given 8 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 35 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) declares that it is crucial for our democratic system of Government that measures be pursued and implemented to improve the standing and integrity of politicians with the community;
 - (2) notes the comments of the Member for Cowper referring to the application of the GST to permanent residents of mobile and manufactured home parks who said “what affects me personally is that my integrity and honour is impugned, as is John Anderson and Larry’s and Mark Vaile and the rest of us. Everybody. Because we went to the people of Australia at the last election and we said there’d be no GST on rents. It has an impact on John Howard’s integrity and honour, and that of the Liberal Party as well”;
 - (3) notes that permanent residents of caravan parks and boarding houses were identified as being at high risk of homelessness in the Government’s National Homelessness Strategy; and
 - (4) calls upon the Government to remove the discriminatory application of the GST against these Australians. (*Notice given 19 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 36 **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*

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Orders of the day

- 1 **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 26 June 2000.)*
- 2 **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 26 June 2000.)*
- 3 **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 26 June 2000.)*
- 4 **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 26 June 2000.*)
- 5 **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 26 June 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 June 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 9 **TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 March 2000*) on the motion of Mr 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 31 **ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 32 **TELSTRA:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)
- 33 **FIJI:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr Price—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 26 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).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 22 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*): Further consideration in detail—Schedule, Department of Transport and Regional Services (*from 21 June 2000*).
- 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.



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, 1160, 1169, 1172, 1175, 1181, 1204, 1205, 1208, 1209, 1218, 1222, 1229, 1242, 1255, 1256, 1259, 1276, 1280, 1282-1285, 1290, 1292, 1300, 1366, 1387, 1388, 1414, 1415, 1429, 1431-1433, 1437, 1441, 1445, 1449, 1458, 1470, 1472-1474, 1476-1479, 1481, 1483-1490, 1492-1496, 1498, 1499, 1501, 1503-1506, 1509-1522, 1524, 1528-1537, 1539-1546, 1551, 1553, 1554, 1556-1566, 1568-1596, 1598-1614, 1616-1629.

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1630 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 945 (*Hansard*, 6 March 2000, page 13845), concerning a challenge by a local authority in the UK to Ministers who were using public funds to publicise what the applicant authority claimed was a misleading and political case for a controversial tax, did he state that the issue was not of sufficient interest for him to request the Australian Government Solicitor to produce a *Legal Briefing* paper on the matter.
- (2) In light of the Government's expenditure to publicise the GST, does he still consider that the issue is not of sufficient significance for him to request the Australian Government Solicitor to produce a *Legal Briefing* paper on the matter.

1631 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the practice at privatised airports, including Canberra, of charging a feeder fee on taxi ranks.
- (2) What is the size of the fee at each privatised airport.
- (3) Is the fee permissible under the legislation covering privatised airports.
- (4) Does he regard this as an instance of coercive pricing or unconscionable conduct; if so, will he refer the matter for investigation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

1632 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does his Department plan to close the explosives facility at Graytown, Vic.
- (2) Will the closure result in the loss of about 50 civilian jobs and a substantial reduction in goods and services provided by local businesses.
- (3) How does the closure sit with the Prime Minister's commitment to country regions given in Nyngan in January 2000.

- 1633 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Australian Tax Office (ATO) known since August 1996 that Chaucer's Reception Centre in Melbourne was not paying superannuation on behalf of its employees; if so, why did it not take action until after JB and TM Catering went bankrupt in March 2000.
 - (2) What prospects do Chaucer's former employees have of recovering the superannuation contributions to which they are entitled.
 - (3) How many other firms have not paid their employees their entitlements under the Superannuation Guarantee.
 - (4) Is the ATO enforcing Superannuation Guarantee compliance or has implementation of the goods and services tax precluded it from doing so.
- 1634 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Is he able to say which countries have (a) allowed or (b) ceased to allow appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council since his answer to my question No. 2700 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4225).
- 1635 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What action has he taken to give effect to undertakings given in his answer to the question without notice (*Hansard*, 30 September 1999, page 11091) regarding alcohol based essence mixtures available to minors in supermarkets.
 - (2) What is the present situation regarding an Australia New Zealand Food Authority labelling agreement.
 - (3) What proposals have been put by the Commonwealth to the States to secure a uniform national agreement to resolve this problem.
 - (4) What has been the response by each State.
 - (5) What undertakings have been given by manufacturers and retailers on this issue.
- 1636 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many complaints were received by her Department in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000 regarding nursing homes within the electoral division of Prospect.
 - (2) How many complaints were made against (a) Charlie Woodward Lodge, (b) Heiden Park Lodge, (c) Rosary Village Hostel, (d) Fairfield Nursing Home, (e) Villawood Nursing Home, (f) Merrylands Nursing Home, (g) Bossley Park Nursing Home and (h) Noyra Gardens Nursing Home in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99 and (iv) 1999-2000.
 - (3) What was the outcome of the complaints.
 - (4) How many complaints regarding (a) Charlie Woodward Lodge, (b) Heiden Park Lodge, (c) Rosary Village Hostel, (d) Fairfield Nursing Home, (e) Villawood Nursing Home, (f) Merrylands Nursing Home, (g) Bossley Park Nursing Home and (h) Noyra Gardens Nursing Home were received more than once by her Department.
 - (5) Does her Department perform spot checks on the nursing home after a nursing home receives accreditation; if not, why not.

- (6) How many spot checks were undertaken during (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000 on each nursing home in the electoral division of Prospect.

1637 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are there plans to privatise Defence recruiting.
- (2) What are the rental arrangements for Defence recruiting in Perth.
- (3) How many staff are employed in Perth in Defence recruiting and where are they located.

MR WILKIE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1638 - 1639)—

- (1) Have staff of his Department located in the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) building in Northbridge, WA, been advised that they are to vacate the premises by May 2002.
- (2) What impact will this have on the operation of his Department in Perth.
- (3) How many staff members are currently located in the Northbridge office.
- (4) What functions do they perform.
- (5) Is his Department moving staff from its premises in the ATO building in Northbridge.
- (6) To where will staff be moving.
- (7) What will be the cost of the move.
- (8) What will be the cost of any new furnishings and ancillaries.

1638 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

1639 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

1640 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) At how many of 1,000 seminars conducted around Australia as part of the Australian Tax Office's GST communication and education campaign was there a capacity to translate questions or answers into languages other than English.
- (2) How many staff are available to translate or answer questions in languages other than English during the 159 000 calls to call centres made each month in 2000.
- (3) How many of the 9 million booklets sent to every household and business in Australia have contained information in languages other than English.
- (4) How many of 27 different print advertisements that appeared 81 times across 9 rural newspapers, 542 times across 31 metropolitan papers, 4866 times in 394 regional papers, and 1266 times in suburban metropolitan papers, have been in languages other than English.
- (5) How many television advertisements which have run on 15 metropolitan and 22 regional stations and radio advertisements for 29 metropolitan and 193 regional radio stations, have been in languages other than English.
- (6) How many of the 34 million hits on the ATO website could have accessed information in languages other than English.
- (7) How many of the 2.4 million new tax system registration kits posted out to businesses contained information in languages other than English.

1641 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the modelling in the (a) Fightback Package indicate that a 100% abolition of fuel excise on both petrol and diesel would produce a 5.74% cut in road transport costs and (b) new tax system package indicate that a 50% cut in diesel fuel excise after a GST input credit produces a 6.7% reduction in road transport costs,
- (2) If so, why does a 50% cut in diesel fuel excise produce a greater percentage reduction in road transport costs now than a 100% abolition of fuel excise would have caused in 1992.

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1642 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many separation breakdowns in controlled airspace have occurred in each year since 1990.
- (2) Is each separation breakdown in controlled airspace investigated.
- (3) Which authority or organisation investigates separation breakdowns in controlled airspace.
- (4) Who makes the decision to investigate or not investigate separation breakdowns in controlled airspace.
- (5) From those investigations, what factors were found to contribute to separation breakdowns in controlled airspace.
- (6) Are other categories used for the measurement and recording of airspace incidents, if so, what are they.
- (7) Are incidents in uncontrolled airspace recorded and reported; if so, by which authority or organisation.

1643 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) At which airport did the Ansett A320 aircraft carrying the Olympic Torch and international Olympic dignitaries to Australia from New Zealand land on 8 June 2000.
- (2) What aviation rescue fire fighting category is the A320 aircraft.
- (3) Do Australian or International Civil Aviation Organisation regulations require the provision of aviation rescue and fire fighting services for the arrival or departure of international flights.
- (4) Were aviation rescue and fire fighting services provided for the arrival and departure of this aircraft; if not, why not and who made the decision to not provide these services.

1644 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum would it cost to upgrade the section of the Calder Highway between Woodend and Kyneton to dual carriageway standard.
- (2) What is the cost of upgrading the bridges on this section of highway.

- (3) Are there plans to complete the upgrade of this section of highway; if so, when is it scheduled to commence.

1645 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the claim by the Victorian Roads Alliance that Victoria contributes 25% of the nation's fuel excise, accounts for 25% of national road usage, yet receives only 15% of federal road funding.
- (2) Is there any basis to the claim; if so, are Victorians deprived of \$130 million additional road funding per annum.

1646 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the (a) membership, (b) role and (c) function of the (i) Management Board and (ii) Corporate Business Forum of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (2) What changes have there been to the structure of corporate governance at the ATO since 1995.
- (3) What will be the (a) membership, (b) role and (c) powers of the Board of Taxation.

1647 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—How many Australian Taxation Office First Assistant Commissioners are being paid within the SES Band 1 pay scale.

1648 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the Latvian Procurator General is drawing up a request for the extradition of former SD Lieutenant Konrad Kalejs to Latvia.
- (2) Have representatives of the Australian Government confirmed this directly with the authorities in Riga.
- (3) What time frame does the Australian Government anticipate before it receives the extradition request.
- (4) Will the proposed Australia/Latvia extradition treaty be completed in time to respond to a Latvian request for Mr Kalejs.
- (5) What procedure has the Government established for evaluating the extradition request once an extradition treaty between Australia and Latvia comes into existence.
- (6) Will the Minister respond to the request.
- (7) Will the extradition request be evaluated by a magistrate; if so, will the magistrate have to evaluate whether there is a *prima facie* case on the balance of probabilities that Mr Kalejs was a Nazi war criminal.
- (8) Will the Minister request the Australian Federal Police to interview the remaining three witnesses in Latvia in order to establish a *prima facie* case so that an Australian magistrate might accede to an extradition request for Latvia.
- (9) What measures are the Government taking to prevent Mr Kalejs fleeing Australia.

- 1649 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many applications lodged with the Migration Internal Review Office (MIRO) are outstanding.
 - (2) When will the backlog of MIRO cases be cleared.
 - (3) Will outstanding MIRO cases be given priority consideration by the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT).
 - (4) What timeframe can applicants for review by the MRT expect for a decision to be reached.

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- 1650 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has Australia previously played a prominent role in UN Social Development Conferences and have Australian Ministers always represented Australia at this forum.
 - (2) Does the Government have a commitment to the resolution of outstanding social issues including massive poverty, low life expectancy, the high prevalence of diseases such as tuberculosis and AIDS, the crisis concerning refugees and the prevalence of discrimination based on ethnicity and gender in many of the poorer countries of the world.
 - (3) If so, why has Australia decided not to have any ministerial representation at the UN World Summit on Social Development to be held on 26 to 30 June 2000.
 - (4) What is the reason for the reduction in Australia's formerly prominent participation in these UN conferences.
- 1651 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has Radio Australia's service been of enormous importance in enhancing understanding of international relations for people in the Asian region and beyond and generating goodwill between people of diverse ethnic and religious communities living under a range of political systems.
 - (2) Has Radio Australia been very important in fostering greater understanding through the support it has given to international conferences and meetings, such as the religion and culture in the Asia Pacific – Violence or healing conference to be held in Melbourne in October.
 - (3) Will the decision to cut the services of Radio Australia be reconsidered.
 - (4) Will the decision to sell the Radio Australia transmitter to a private organisation be reconsidered.
- 1652 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many persons are being held in detention at the Villawood detention centre in Sydney and how many of these persons are of (a) Chinese background, (b) Arabic background, (c) African background and (d) other backgrounds.

- (2) Have a number of the people held in detention been released on conditional bonds or assurances; if so, how many have been released and from what ethnic background are those who have been released.
- (3) Has the level of bonds and assurances required in the last two years increased from \$3000 to more than \$30 000; if so, (a) what is the justification for the increase in bond costs and (b) is the Government trying to make profits from the process of releasing refugee claimants in the community.

1653 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What were the specific grievances and requests of the refugee claimants who escaped from the Woomera detention centre in the recent mass breakout.
- (2) Have any of these grievances or requests been met.
- (3) Will the Government make changes to its existing detention regime; if so, what; if not, why not.
- (4) Why is the processing period for so many of these refugee claimants so long.
- (5) Is the large majority of these claimants granted refugee status; if so, will the Government introduce a provisional mechanism to allow these refugee claimants to be released into the care of community organisations much more quickly, thereby allowing a more thorough examination of their refugee claims to be made and also reducing the suffering of these people.

1654 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1153 (*Hansard*, 8 June 2000, page 16339), is the information concerning former Senator Colston a matter relating to law enforcement pursuant to subsection 488(1)(e) of the Migration Act in respect to charges alleging misappropriation of Commonwealth revenue, namely travel rorts.
- (2) May he authorise a member of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to perform, for the purposes of law enforcement, the disclosure of former Senator Colston's movement records under his powers prescribed under subsection 488(2)(e) of the Migration Act.
- (3) Has he disclosed former Senator Colston's movement records under subsection 488(2)(e) of the Migration Act to the AFP for the purpose of law enforcement.

1655 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has the Australian Federal Police received a copy of the movement records of former Senator Colston, in respect of the 'travel rort' court proceedings discontinued on alleged medical grounds outlined in the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions media statement of 5 July 1999.
- (2) Are the records a document of public record on the litigation file and available for public inspection.

1656 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether activists from the China Democracy Party including (a) We-li Xu, Yong-min Qin, You-cai Wang (Executive Chairs), (b) Xin-jiao You (Chairman of China National Fu Xing Party), (c) Jian-guo Cha, Ming-hong Gao, Shi-jun Liu (Chairpeople of the CDP: Beijing and Tianjin branch), (d) Yu-fu Zhu, Qing-xiang Mao (Cadres of Zhejiang Committee), (f) Ze-chen Zhu, Wen-jiang Wang (Cadres of CDP Liaoning branch), (g) Shi-dong Tun (Cadres of CDP Hunan branch), (h) Shi-chang Xiao (Secretary-General of CDP Hubei branch), (i) Shen-ping Fu, Li-fa Han (Cadres of CDP Shanghai branch), (j) Tian-xiang Yu (Cadres of CDP Gansu branch), (k) Feng Yu (Chairman of CDP Hebei branch), (l) Xian-bin Liu (Cadre of CDP Sichan Branch) and the Cadres of other CDP branches and (m) Xin-heng Yang (Shanghai), Gui-hua Cai (Shanghai), Xi-an Li (Zhejiang), Zheng-ming Zhu (Zhejiang), Liang-qing Shen (Anhui), Xian-li Liu (Anhui), Yi-ping fan (Guangdong), Tao Yang (Guangdong), Zhi-lou Li (Guangxi), Wang-bao She (Sichan), Cheng-ming Guo (Liaoning), Xin-min Guo (Gansu), Fong-shan Wang (Gansu), You-ju Zhang (Hebei), Zhong-ho Chen (Hebei), Jin Liu (Hebei), Jian Zhang (Hebei) have been arrested by the Chinese authorities.
- (2) Has the Australian Government made inquiries into the welfare and whereabouts of these individuals; if so, (a) what is their current situation and (b) where are they.
- (3) Will he raise the arrest of these individuals at the Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue in Canberra in June 2000.

1657 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Do wage and salary earners with HECS debts who have elected to pay through the tax system have a component of this debt taken out each pay period which is paid to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as extra income tax.
- (2) Does the ATO hold this contribution in the employer's group tax account and during August each year, does it transfer the monies across to the HECS account in a single yearly transaction.
- (3) Does the ATO apply an indexation to the HECS debt at 1 June each year.
- (4) Does the indexation occur before the monies collected through the tax system in a financial year are deducted from the debt; if so, is interest charged on the sum already paid back through the tax system but not deducted from the debt.
- (5) Does the level of inflation determine the indexation rate.
- (6) Has Treasury undertaken modelling to examine the effect of inflationary pressures caused by the implementation of the GST on the cost of a range of student HECS repayments; if not, why not.
- (7) If so, what would (a) be the increase in the HECS indexation rate for each percentage increase in inflation and (b) this translate to in real cost per annum to the person repaying the HECS loan in the income brackets (i) below \$22 346, (ii) \$22 346 to \$23 565, (iii) \$23 566 to \$25 393, (iv) \$25

394 to \$29 456, (v) \$29 457 to \$35 551, (vi) \$35 552 to \$37 420, (vii) \$37 421 to \$40 223 and (viii) \$40 224 and above.

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*1658 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Was the unemployment rate for the statistical local area for Fairfield, NSW 11.3% for the March Quarter 2000.
- (2) Based on the quarterly figures, does Fairfield have the highest rate of unemployment in the Sydney region.
- (3) Is this the highest quarterly unemployment rate for Fairfield since June 1999.
- (4) How many Job Network sites are located in Fairfield.
- (5) During the tendering process for Job Network 2 was there any intention to make the Job Network sites in a particular region relative to the labour markets; if not, why not.
- (6) Does the Fairfield-Liverpool statistical region have an unemployment rate of 8.5%.
- (7) Is the Fairfield-Liverpool statistical region a different region to the small area labour market of Fairfield.
- (8) How many job seekers are registered with each Job Network site in the electoral Division of Prospect.
- (9) How many full time and part time positions have been filled in the electoral Division of Prospect through the services of the Job Network sites located in the electoral Division of Prospect.

*1659 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum (a) was obtained from passport fees in (i) 1998-99, (ii) 1999-2000 (estimated or outcome) and (b) is expected to be obtained from passport fees in (i) 2000-01, (ii) 2001-02, (iii) 2002-03 and (iv) 2003-04.
- (2) For each year referred to in part (1), what sum has come from, or is expected to come from, passports, observation made after issue, certificate of identity (renewal), document of identity (renewal) and UN Travel documents.

*1660 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Privacy Commissioner recently undertake discussions with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in respect of the disclosure of the Australian Business Number (ABN) information.
- (2) What concerns motivated the Privacy Commissioner to undertake those discussions.
- (3) Did the Privacy Commissioner conduct an investigation in respect of those concerns; if not, why not.
- (4) Did the Privacy Commissioner conclude that the disclosure by the ATO of the ABN was lawful under the A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act, when the Privacy Commissioner had not conducted an investigation in respect to the disclosure; if so, on what basis was the conclusion reached.

- (5) Did the Privacy Commissioner request the ATO to modify its conduct and practices; if so, on what basis was the request made.
 - (6) What was the final outcome of the discussions between the Privacy Commissioner and the ATO and what action has the ATO undertaken as a result of those discussions.
- *1661 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to his answer to question No. 1471 (*Hansard*, 19 June 2000, page 16437), does the Commonwealth provide any funding for the purpose or purposes of counselling and support services for indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory; if so, what sum is provided and how is that funding composed.
- *1662 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—Further to the answer to question No. 1480 (*Hansard*, 31 May 2000, page 15813), would she provide a breakdown of the funding provided by the Government under the Indigenous Sport Program setting out, in particular, desired outcomes and parameters of the program.
- *1663 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What information was provided to self funded retirees who are on a part pension about their eligibility for the GST compensation package.
 - (2) When and how was the information provided.
- *1664 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What funding was provided by the National Health and Medical Research Council in 1998 and 1999 for research into lower back pain.
- *1665 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) How many units of motor vehicles were imported under the Low Vehicle Import Scheme (LVIS) in 1999.
 - (2) Was the purpose of the LVIS introduced in 1989 to permit importation of motor vehicles that the Full Volume Importers (FVI) do not import.
 - (3) What is the estimated number of LVIS business closures throughout Australia resulting from the introduction of the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle Scheme (SEVS), effective from 9 May 2000.
 - (4) What will be the impact on FVI businesses resulting from the introduction of the SEVS.
 - (5) How many FV new motor vehicle importers are there in Australia and how many motor vehicles do they import annually.
 - (6) How many low vehicle importers are there under the LVIS and how many motor vehicles do they import annually.
 - (7) How many new and used motor vehicle transactions have there been since 1997.
 - (8) Under the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme, has the Government subsidised over \$2 billion to the automotive industry, consisting of four major manufacturers and approximately fifty importers.
 - (9) Will the elimination of LVIS businesses through the SEVS result in the loss of many thousands of employees.

- (10) Will the SEVS result in an oversupply of a smaller number of models of motor vehicles.
 - (11) Does the LVIS vehicle market cater for vehicles that the full volume market importers failed to appreciate as import lines.
 - (12) Prior to the enactment of the SEVS, is it mandatory for the amendments to the regulation to be subject to a regulatory impact statement.
 - (13) Has a regulatory impact statement satisfactory to the Productivity Commission been provided to the Government.
 - (14) Is the LVIS a threat to new car industry market share, or Australian motor vehicle manufacturing jobs in the past, present or future; if so, will he provide figures to support that contention.
- *1666 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What positive outcomes were achieved from his visits to Solomon Islands and Fiji.
 - (2) What role will Australia take in the resolution of these crises.
 - (3) Were any undertakings as to Australia's role made as a consequence of these visits.
 - (4) Will he make a comprehensive statement to the House in relation to his visits to the Solomon Islands and Fiji.
 - (5) Will he arrange for the House to have a full debate on the crisis in the Solomon Islands and Fiji.
- *1667 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What information has been made available to the Australian Government, either directly or through its diplomatic posts, about the living conditions and general circumstances of Kosovar refugees who were in Australia and were required to return.
 - (2) Did Kosovar refugees defy the Government's edict and remain in Australia; if so, (a) how many, (b) where are they being held in detention and (c) what progress has been made on processing their refugee claims.
 - (3) Given that these refugee claimants were invited to Australia by the Government, why will the Government not heed Albanian Community Organisations and others and release this small number of people into the care of those community organisations until such time as their refugee claims are finalised.
- *1668 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Prior to the 1998 election did he give a commitment to a group representing apple growers from the Orange district and the then National Party candidate for Calare, that if re-elected, the Coalition would hold an inquiry into the fresh produce (including apple) industry; if so, is he able to say when the inquiry will take place.
- *1669 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Trade—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the US Government recently applied backdated anti-dumping duties on apple juice concentrate imports from China under

current WTO guidelines; if so, (a) why have the duties been applied and (b) why have they been backdated.

- (2) Has the amount of Chinese apple juice concentrate imported into Australia increased from 5,560,251 litres in 1993 to 14,277,851 in 1999; if not, by what amount have these imports increased over that period.
- (3) Has the dumping of Chinese apple juice concentrate led to the closure of processing plants in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales; if not, what impact have Chinese apple imports had on the Australian apple industry.
- (4) In light of the US's decision, why is Chinese apple juice concentrate being allowed onto the Australian market without similar protection for the Australian apple industry.
- (5) Is the Government taking steps to consult the Australian apple industry about the impact of these imports; if so, what; if not why not.

*1670 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What agency is responsible for supplying facsimile machines, photocopiers and terminals for use by job seekers in Centrelink.
- (2) What are the criteria used for calculating the number of facsimile machines and photocopiers supplied to each Centrelink Office for use by job seekers.
- (3) What agency or contractor is responsible for the maintenance of the facsimile machines and photocopiers supplied to each Centrelink Office for use by job seekers.
- (4) How many photocopiers have been provided for use by job seekers in the Centrelink offices in Innaloo and Mirrabooka, WA.
- (5) How many facsimile machines have been provided for use by job seekers in the Centrelink offices in Innaloo and Mirrabooka.
- (6) Does the agency or contractor which is responsible for the maintenance of the facsimile machines and photocopiers supplied to each Centrelink Office for use by job seekers keep records of maintenance costs and down-time; if so, (a) how many hours were job seekers left without the use of (i) photocopiers and (ii) facsimile machines at the (A) Innaloo and (B) Mirrabooka Centrelink offices in (I) 1996-97, (II) 1997-98 and (III) 1998-99.

*1671 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) What organisations are contracted to provide Job Network services to unemployed persons living in the electoral division of Fowler.
- (2) Where are the services located.

*1672 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) What organisations are contracted to provide work for the dole positions to unemployed persons living in the electoral division of Fowler.
- (2) Where are the positions located.
- (3) How many persons are engaged on each project.

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Current inquiries:

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

Managing fatigue in transport.

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

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.

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 Greig, Senator McGauran.

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 Snowden, 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.*)

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*).