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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 122

MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2000

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.*

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**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

## 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.*)

\* 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.

## 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.*)

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

## Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Dr Washer, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Sciacca, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for an increase in the quota for parent visas based on:*
  - (1) a fair contribution by parents or their sponsors towards the costs to be met by Medicare for parents' general health care;
  - (2) any health contributions to be used to offset the increased costs for Medicare and public hospital services; and
  - (3) the size of any contribution not being such as to exclude access to visas by parents of Australian families with limited means”.
- 3 **MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—Mr Horne*).

## Notice

- \*1 **MR ABBOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* in relation to secret ballots for protected action, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 4 **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*).

- 5 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 8 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- \*9 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*10 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) (CHARGE) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- 11 **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*).
- \*12 **PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP (OIL) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*13 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOR WASTE OIL) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*14 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOR WASTE OIL) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*15 **PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP (OIL) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Lee*).
- 16 **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*).
- \*17 **GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- \*18 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (LICENCE CHARGES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).

- \*19 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 20 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 27 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 28 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 29 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 30 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).

- 34 **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*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- \*37 **YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's further requests (*from 21 June 2000*).
- 38 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 39 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 41 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 42 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 43 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 44 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 45 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 46 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 47 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.

- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.



- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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*).
- 90 **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*).
- 91 **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*).
- 92 **TARIFF PROPOSAL (Mr Entsch):**  
     Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 93 **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*).

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

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*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.*)

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

#### **Notices given for Monday, 26 June 2000**

- \*1 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
  - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
  - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
  - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
  - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Notice given 22 June 2000.*)
- \*2 **MR CHARLES:** To move—That this House encourages the Australian research and development community, both public and private, and the motor vehicle manufacturing industry to move as rapidly as possible to embrace the emerging hydrogen economy and to place Australia at the forefront of the development of hydrogen as an energy carrier to replace carbon and commends General Motors for its "HydroGen 1" hydrogen fuel electric car. (*Notice given 22 June 2000.*)
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**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) deplors 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 sufferers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Notice given 12 April 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 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 19 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 June 2000.*)

## 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.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". Any private Members' business not

called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).



## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **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.
- 2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999 (Attorney-General):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ADDING VALUE TO AUSTRALIAN RAW MATERIALS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr Wakelin*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—That the House take note of the report.
  - 2 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SHAPING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Pyne*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
  - 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON VISIT TO EAST TIMOR, 2 DECEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—That the House take note of the report.
  - 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2000—Ms Worth*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.
  - 5 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.
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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

*First appeared on date shown*

*10 February 1999*

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

*8 March 1999*

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

*9 August 1999*

- 798 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff positions will be dedicated to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) related tasks referred to in the Portfolio Budget Statement for the Australian Taxation Office in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-01, (c) 2001 -02 and (d) 2002-03.
  - (2) What will be the total cost of staff in each year referred to in part (1).

- (3) How many staff will be sourced (a) internally and (b) via external recruitment for GST related tasks.
  - (4) What will happen to staff currently dealing with sales tax.
  - (5) Will the ATO achieve the savings necessary to reduce staffing expenditure from \$996 762 000 in 1999-2000 to \$ 879 060 000 in 2002-03.
- 827 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—For each year since 1995-96, how many doctors bulk-billed (a) Australia wide, (b) in each State and Territory, and (c) in the electoral Division of Batman.

*30 September 1999*

- 955 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Coalition promise not to introduce new taxes or increase existing taxes during the 1996 election.
  - (2) What tax rates did the Government increase and what new taxes did it introduce between the 1996 and 1998 Federal elections.

*11 October 1999*

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

*22 November 1999*

- 1041 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Government, or any person on behalf of the Government, conducted research into the health effects of poor dental health.
  - (2) Does poor dental health have direct links to negative outcomes for pregnancy, birth weight, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
  - (3) Does poor dental health also impact directly on primary health care, pharmaceutical, work force and social political issues.
  - (4) Has research been undertaken as to the preventative value of regular access to dental care where regular review of a patient's teeth by the dentist contributes to positive primary health care outcomes.
  - (5) Do those positive health outcomes have positive economic outcomes; if so what are those positive economic outcomes.

*9 December 1999*

- 1125 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the Commonwealth Government is unable, under the Constitution, to (a) limit the fees charged by medical practitioners for their services and (b) ensure aged pensioners and other people on low

incomes are direct billed or at least charged only the schedule fee for medical consultations and services.

- (2) Will he provide, for the electoral divisions of Bradfield and Calare, data in respect of (a) Level B surgery consultation MBS item number 23, (b) total unreferral attendances and (c) total diagnostic imaging services, for services processed in 1998-99 (i) number of services (ii) fees charged (iii) schedule fees (iv) schedule fee observance (v) percentage of services direct billed and (vi) average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for persons aged 65 years and older.
- (3) If he is unable to provide the data requested for the electoral divisions of Bradfield and Calare, could he provide the requested data for each of the six RRMA classifications in NSW.

*15 February 2000*

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

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

1160 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Do the findings of the Morbidity of Vietnam Veterans series of reports indicate a significantly higher incidence of a range of very serious illnesses and disabilities among Vietnam veterans and their children than among the general population; if so, why has his Department become increasingly reluctant to grant Vietnam veterans their due entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.
- (2) Has he instructed his Department to take a tougher line with Vietnam veterans in determining whether they qualify for entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlements Act; if so, will he provide a copy of the instructions.
- (3) Have there been other instructions or directives to departmental officers about determinations for claims made by Vietnam veterans; if so, will he provide a copy of the instructions.
- (4) Has he been instructed by other members of the Government in relation to the matters referred to in parts (2) and (3).
- (5) What was the total number of (a) claims, (b) grants and (c) rejections made for the Disability Pension in (i) each year since 1994-95 and (ii) the period 1 July to 31 December 1999.
- (6) In relation to each part of part (5), how many, and what proportion, were for Vietnam veterans.
- (7) Since 1995, in respect of rejections for the Disability Pension, how many appeals have been made to (a) review officers, (b) the Veterans' Review Board and (c) the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.
- (8) How many, and what proportion, of the instances referred to in part (7) were for Vietnam veterans.



- (9) What were the results of each appeal referred to in part (7), and how many, and what proportion, were for Vietnam veterans.
  - (10) Will he implement each of the recommendations in *Morbidity of Vietnam Veterans: Volume Three: Validation Study*; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1169 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In what percentage of cases in 1999 was one or other of the parties not represented by a legal practitioner in the (a) Family Court, (b) Federal Court of Australia and (c) High Court of Australia.
  - (2) Has any research been undertaken as to (a) the settlement rate in respect to cases in which one or other of the parties is unrepresented and (b) the average length of cases in which one or other of the parties is unrepresented.
  - (3) If so, what does the research reveal; if research has not been undertaken will he arrange for an appropriate study and report to Parliament.
- 1172 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concerns raised by Bass Strait Oil Management Limited about the likely impact of the proposed entity taxation system on investors in the Bass Strait Oil Trust – a widely held, listed public trust which distributes all its income to unit holders.
  - (2) Is he aware that people who have invested in the Bass Strait Oil Trust have done so on the basis of an entitlement to receive a return of their capital over 10 years and that all income and capital gains which they may derive from the investment is fully taxed in their hands.
  - (3) Were investments like the Bass Strait Oil Trust intended to be caught by the entity taxation system; if so, why.
  - (4) Will the Government expand the collective investment vehicle criteria so that investments like the Bass Strait Oil Trust will be excluded from the entity tax regime; if not, why not.

*16 February 2000*

- 1175 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—
- (1) What will be the total cost to the Office of Indigenous Policy (OIP) for compliance with the Government's Goods and Services Tax.
  - (2) What sum has been, or will be, spent in each budget year on GST compliance costs by OIP.
  - (3) From which programs will the cost of this GST compliance be found.
  - (4) Will the Government be providing extra funding to OIP to cover these GST compliance costs.
  - (5) Has OIP estimated the cost to Commonwealth funded Indigenous organisations for GST compliance; if so, what are the names of these organisations and what are their individual GST compliance costs.
  - (6) Has OIP estimated the cost to non-Commonwealth funded Indigenous organisations for GST compliance; if so, what are the names of these organisations and what are their individual GST compliance costs.

(7) Has OIP estimated the full impact of the GST, including compliance costs, in its areas of responsibility.

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

(1) What will be the total cost to the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) for compliance with the Government's Goods and Services Tax.

(2) What sum has been, or will be, spent in each budget year on GST compliance costs by CAR.

(3) From which programs will the cost of this GST compliance be found.

(4) Will the Government be providing extra funding to CAR to cover these GST compliance costs.

(5) Has CAR estimated the full impact of the GST, including compliance costs, in its areas of responsibility.

*6 March 2000*

1204 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

(1) To what extent has the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme replaced entitlements previously available to veterans under the Veterans' Entitlements Act (VEA).

(2) In respect to each instance where an entitlement has been replaced, what is the Government's rationale for replacing those entitlements which were previously available under the VEA.

1205 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

(1) Has the Government removed items from the list of medications available to sick veterans which were previously available on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, if so, which items.

(2) Will veterans now have to pay the full price for those medications.

1208 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

(1) How many grants have been provided to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women.

(2) How many, and which State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.

(3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation with each organisation.

(4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.

1209 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

(1) Which Ministers, Members and Senators have additional office space provided by the Commonwealth other than their allocation for an electorate office.

(2) Where is the additional office space located.

1218 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) For each year from 1994-95 to 1998-99 what was the total expenditure on hospitals.
- (2) What (a) sum and (b) percentage of the total was covered by private health funds in each year.
- (3) What was the Total Health Price Index in each year.
- (4) What was the Government Expenditure on Hospital and Clinical Services Index in each year.
- (5) What was the Hospital and Medical Services CPI in each year.
- (6) What were the ratios of benefits paid to contribution incomes for private health insurance funds in each year.
- (7) What percentage of households in each of the income quintiles had private health insurance in each year.
- (8) Using constant dollars, what were the top hospital premiums and the average hospital premiums in each year.
- (9) What was the ratio of reserves to benefits payable for the private health insurance funds in each year.
- (10) What was the number and percentage of admissions to private and public hospitals in each year.
- (11) What was the number and percentage of hospital bed days in private and public hospitals in each year.
- (12) What was the number and percentage of separations from private and public hospitals in each year.
- (13) What were the most common diagnoses for those admitted to private and public hospitals in each year.
- (14) What were the most common procedures carried out in private and public hospitals in each year.

*7 March 2000*

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

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

- (1) Is he able to say how many full time equivalent staff were employed in (a) his Department, (b) the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, (c) the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, (d) the Department of Defence, (e) the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, (f) the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, (g) the Department of Finance and Administration, (h) the Department of Health and Aged Care, (i) the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, (j) the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, (k) the Department of Transport and

Regional Services, (l) the Department of Veterans' Affairs, (m) Airservices Australia, (n) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, (o) the Australian Bureau of Statistics, (p) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, (q) the Australian Federal Police, (r) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, (s) the Australian Sports Commission, (t) the Australian Taxation Office, (u) Centrelink, (v) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, (w) the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority, (x) Medibank Private, (y) the National Library of Australia, (z) the National Museum of Australia and (aa) the Office of Asset Sales and Information Technology Outsourcing in the provision of legal services, including legal advice, litigation, representation and legislative services, during 1998-99.

- (2) Is he able to say what were the salary costs of those staff in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
- (3) How many legal services staff from his Department were based in each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.
- (4) What were the salary costs of those staff referred to in part (3) in 1998-99, itemised by Department or agency.
- (5) Is he able to say what were the costs of legal services provided under contract to each Department or agency referred to in part (1) in 1998-99.

*9 March 2000*

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

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

*13 March 2000*

1255 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What are the addresses of each Medicare office operating on 1 March 2000 and in which electoral divisions are they located.
- (2) How many, and which, of the offices are open (a) for less than normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and (b) on Saturdays.
- (3) What are the current criteria for closure or relocation of Medicare offices used by the Health Insurance Commission.
- (4) How many Medicare offices have been closed since May 1997 and where were they located before they were closed.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13731), what were the actual costs incurred by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) between 1 July 1996 and 13 March 2000 in respect to (a)

compliance activity, (b) audit activity, (c) research into and implementation of the GST legislation and (d) research into and implementation of the Business Tax Reform Program.

- (2) Have ATO staff been taken off their usual duties to undertake work in respect to research into and implementation of the GST legislation and Business Tax Reform Program; if so, (a) how many staff, (b) have those positions been left unfilled and (c) who is doing the work of those who have moved into work associated with research into and implementation of the GST and Business Tax Reform Program.
- (3) What is the actual expenditure on staff doing work in respect to research and implementation of the (a) GST and (b) Business Tax Reform Program.

*14 March 2000*

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

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

*16 March 2000*

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (4) What is the estimated annual cost to the Budget of making appropriate adjustments to personnel allowances and entitlements to offset increased costs arising from the GST.

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

### 3 April 2000

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

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

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

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

- (1) Was the document posted on the ATO website at [taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999](http://taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999) titled *The new tax system: here's what you need to know* written entirely within the ATO and Treasury, or was part of the drafting provided by his office.
- (2) Does the ATO stand by its assurances at page 7 that prices will not go up by the full 10 per cent because old, unfair taxes such as the wholesale sales tax will be removed and many things will be GST-free.
- (3) What is the basis of the ATO's claim at page 3 that all families, not categories of families, will be better off under the GST
- (4) Will non-prescription skin creams, tampons and sanitary pads, feeding pads and breast pumps, vitamins and minerals, pregnancy kits, spectacle frames, contact lens solutions, first aid kits and band-aids, antiseptics and lozenges, school uniforms, school shoes, stockings and socks, stationery, pens, pencils and paintbrushes and school bags and cases be subject to the GST; if so, how can the ATO claim at page 1 that there will be no GST on health and education.
- (5) Does the ATO stand by its assurance at page 13 that the price of a new \$30 000 family car will fall by around \$2400.

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

- (1) Does the Portfolio Budget Statement for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for 1999-2000 state that the value of the ATO's holding of land and buildings will progressively be reduced over the next 3 years from \$3 022 000 to \$2 948 000.
- (2) What are the changes in the ownership of land and buildings that will result in this reduction.
- (3) With respect to other accommodation for the ATO, for (a) 1996-1997, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 (i) what is the total expenditure on rental or leased accommodation, (ii) what sites does the ATO rent or lease, (iii) are

any sites that the ATO is renting, leasing or owns currently unoccupied or not in active use for current activities of the ATO; if so, which sites, and (iv) is the ATO entering into any new leases for accommodation whilst holding unoccupied accommodation.

*4 April 2000*

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

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

*6 April 2000*

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

1388 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

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



*10 April 2000*

1414 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he considering a submission from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for more extensive assistance for ADF spouse employment; if so, (a) when was work on the proposal commenced, (b) when did it reach his office and (c) when will he complete his consideration.
- (2) What sum has been allocated by the Defence Community Organisation for this purpose and what sum has been spent.
- (3) Has this function recently been reviewed by his Department; if so, will he publicly release the review; if not, why not.

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

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

*12 April 2000*

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

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

- (1) Under the package agreed to with the NT Government to address concerns about the Territory's mandatory sentencing laws (a) what will constitute a minor offence and (b) will the stealing of pens, textas and liquid paper from a school after hours be a minor offence.
- (2) Did the 10 April 2000 Joint Communique issued with the NT's Chief Minister state among other things that the General Orders of the NT police will be changed to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences and, in more serious cases, to provide discretion for police to divert offenders and on successful completion of a program not to pursue charges; if so, (a) why will the General Orders of the NT police be used as the means to make these changes rather than legislation passed after proper

parliamentary scrutiny and (b) on what grounds is the Federal Government satisfied that internal police orders are a sufficiently open mechanism by which to make the proposed changes.

- (3) With regard to the agreement to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences, but at the same time to maintain the mandatory sentencing provisions, is there a risk that people accused of an offence will be forced to admit guilt to avoid going to court and being sentenced mandatorily; if not, why not; if so, why has the Government agreed to a proposal that prima facie threatens the presumption of innocence fundamental to any fair criminal justice system.
- (4) What does “divert for minor offences mean” and does it include police cautions.
- (5) How many times will an accused who admits guilt be able to be mandatorily referred to diversionary programs before being mandatorily sentenced to detention.
- (6) If “divert” does include police cautions, (a) to what offences will such cautions apply and (b) will the Northern Territory legislate to specify where cautions will be permitted or will this also be covered by the General Orders of the NT police.
- (7) Is the Government aware of allegations that the NT police force has a poor record in complying with several aspects of the current General Orders, in particular, the requirement to notify the Aboriginal Legal Service when a young Aboriginal person is taken into custody; if so, what guarantees has the Federal Government been given that police will comply with the proposed changes to the General Orders.
- (8) With regard to the proposal to closely monitor the agreed initiatives and review them after 12 months, (a) what will this monitoring and review involve, (b) what body or bodies will conduct it, (c) why has no monitoring or review of the Territory’s mandatory sentencing laws also been proposed and (d) if the monitoring or review will be conducted by a departmental agency or agencies, in the interest of openness and accountability, will the Government support review of the initiatives by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; if not, why not.
- (9) When will full details of the proposed juvenile justice package be made publicly available.

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

- (1) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to the concerns of computer retailers and resellers, particularly in major regional centres, about Telstra’s plans to expand its Telstra Shop retail outlets from 90 to 200 by the end of 2001.
- (2) What is the Government’s view on Telstra’s expansion into the computer retail, and other new markets.
- (3) Is the Government concerned that Telstra’s entrance into the computer retail market could threaten the viability of a range of small businesses in regional Australia.

- (4) Will the Government consider restricting Telstra's entrance into the computer retail sector, if not, why not.
  - (5) What legislative or other safeguards are in place to ensure that Telstra does not misuse its position in the computer retail market and does the Government consider these protections adequate; if so, why.
- 1433 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1071 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13751), did the 16 redundancies at the Wynnum office occur at the same time.
  - (2) What distinction is made between the 7 bona fide and 9 non-bona fide redundancies.
  - (3) Who made the decision to offer either bona fide or non-bona fide redundancies.
  - (4) On what basis were the 9 employees offered the non-bona fide redundancy.
  - (5) Has the Wynnum office recruited new staff since May 1999; if so, have any of those new staff been employed to perform the same duties as those 9 non-bona fide redundant employees.
  - (6) Was a decision made to make the 9 non-bona fide employees bona fide redundancies.
  - (7) Was any ruling or advice sought from the Australian Taxation Office in relation to the manner in which the 9 non-bona fide redundancies were to be treated; if so, what was that ruling/advice.
  - (8) When were the 9 non-bona fide redundancy employees advised that their redundancies would be treated as non-bona fide.

*13 April 2000*

- 1437 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the UN sponsored referendum on the self determination of Western Sahara due to be held in July 2000 will proceed.
  - (2) Has his attention been drawn to US Department of State 1999 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices released on 25 February 2000.
  - (3) Has he made appropriate representations to the Government of Morocco concerning the human rights abuses outlined in the report referred to in part (2).
  - (4) Will Australian Government Ministers receive, formally or informally, Polisario Front representatives who do not hold Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic positions.
- 1441 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the reply given to Senator Harradine on 10 February 1999 regarding 'the supply of Medicare statistics on pregnancy terminations for 1997 from May 5 and for the entire year 1998', published in Australian Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Examination of Budget Estimates 1998-99, Additional Information

Received, Volume 3 (Programs 2 & 3) Health and Aged Care Portfolio, April 1999.

- (2) Is the prescribed definition of item 34643 given in his Department's answer entirely due to pregnancy terminations or a percentage of them.
- (3) Are the claims under item 35643 a percentage; if so, what is that percentage.
- (4) Is the prescribed definition of item 16525 given in his Department's answer entirely due to pregnancy terminations or a percentage of them.
- (5) Are the claims under item 16525 a percentage of all claims; if so, what is that percentage.
- (6) Is there data for terminations of pregnancies which are not represented in the Department's supplied data; if so, (a) what is the source of the additional data and (b) how many additional abortions were performed in Australia (i) over that same period and (ii) to date.
- (7) How many abortions are carried out in public hospitals and what is the cost of those abortions.
- (8) What are items (a) 35626, (b) 35630, (c) 35639 and (d) 35640 for medical services, as prescribed in the relevant legislation and by-laws.

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

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

**MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1449 - 1458)—

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

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

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

*9 May 2000*

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1026 (*Hansard*, 6 December 1999, page 12924), does the Administrative Appeals Tribunal impose a \$500 application fee if a person or an organisation that does not receive an

agency's decision within the time limits prescribed under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act makes application for appeal to the Tribunal; if so, does this make this avenue an ineffective remedy.

- (2) Can the Commonwealth Ombudsman impose sanctions pursuant to its investigation of complaints of agencies' actions under the FOI Act, including decisions, delays, and refusal or failure to act; if not, does this make this avenue an ineffective remedy.
- (3) Why are there time frames for responses to be provided within the FOI Act when these limits are not adhered to by agencies, including Comcare Australia, and when effective remedies are not available.

1473 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

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

1476 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

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1477 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what literacy and remedial education programs operate in the Northern Territory, including those offering assistance to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.
- (2) Where does each program operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the programs.
- (4) Who operates the programs.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the programs identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the programs, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
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- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the programs by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.

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- (1) Is he able to say what literacy and remedial education programs operate in Western Australia, including those offering assistance to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.
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- 1483 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he update his answer to question 889 (*Hansard*, 30 September 1999, page 11177) regarding funding to the National Health and Medical Research Council in respect to Hepatitis C and HIV research.
- 1484 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Have representatives of his Department been requested to advise the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade in respect to matters relating to mandatory sentencing and, in particular, Australia's compliance with international conventions in respect to that matter; if so, when was it arranged for those representatives to brief the committee.
  - (2) Has the briefing been cancelled or postponed; if so, why.
- 1485 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Do the provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill apply to the activities of State-owned corporations listed in Schedule 5 to the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* (NSW) such as Energy Australia, the New South Wales Lotteries Corporation and Sydney Water Corporation; if so, which provisions; if not, is there anything preventing State-owned corporations such as these from making improper use of Australians' personal information.
- 1486 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What were the major recommendations of the Review of Service Entitlement Anomalies in respect of South East Asian Service 1955-75.
  - (2) Will the Government implement the recommendations.
- 1487 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In response to my question without notice (*Hansard*, 12 April 2000, page 15119) regarding transparency in wholesale petrol pricing, did he say that when the recommendation of the ACCC was put to the Australian Senate to deregulate the petroleum industry at the retail level, it was opposed by a political party which was more interested in keeping up differential rates for rural and regional people than in acting on that recommendation and bringing the differential down; if so, was the legislation to which he was referring the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 1998.
  - (2) If so, (a) did that legislation pass the House of Representatives on 11 March 1999, (b) was it introduced to the Senate on 22 March 1999 and (c) does it remain on the Senate Notice Paper under Government Business, undebated and not voted on; if so, does he stand by his statement in response to my question; if not, (d) to which legislation was he referring and (e) how was it opposed by the Senate.
- 1488 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Treasurer—On selling their homes, will the owners of mobile homes or manufactured homes be treated in the same way as other home owners in that the price of their homes will be GST free.



- 1489 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Did the Vietnam Veterans' Health Study released in December 1999 find that the children of Vietnam veterans had higher rates of death than children of other members of the community.
  - (2) What action is he taking to address the needs of children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans, particularly with regard to suicide and illness.
  - (3) When will he put this into effect.
- 1490 **MR ADAMS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many persons, by age group, have been recruited into the Australian Defence Force from Tasmania in each year since 1985.
  - (2) Into which service did Tasmanian recruits enter each year.
  - (3) When will the next round of recruitment be undertaken in Tasmania.
  - (4) How is this information being advised to young persons who are not necessarily at school.
- 1492 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many businesses are under investigation by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for non-payment of Superannuation Guarantee payments.
  - (2) What is the usual time taken to respond to notifications of non-payment of superannuation guarantee.
  - (3) When was the ATO first notified by workers or their representatives from the Wide Bay Brickworks concerning unpaid Superannuation Guarantee levy for them.
  - (4) What action did the ATO take after receiving that notification.
- 1493 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) able to use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO.
  - (2) Is the ATO able to use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO while the company is trading from an insolvent position; if so, how frequently does the ATO use Section 218 notices to garnishee income from a company that is in debt to the ATO while the company is trading from an insolvent position.
  - (3) Does the Government accept the use by the ATO of Section 218 notices to have debts to the ATO repaid ahead of workers' entitlements when this would not be the case if the provisions of the Corporations Law were followed.
- 1494 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Business Review Weekly* of 14 April 2000 entitled "Petroulias v Carmody and the \$300 cigars".
  - (2) Did Mr Nick Petroulias propose in writing to Tax Commissioner Michael Carmody that he be appointed First Assistant Commissioner in charge of a planned National Strategic Intelligence Unit.
  - (3) Did Mr Carmody and Mr Petroulias then have negotiations regarding Mr Petroulias' possible appointment as Chief of the Strategic Intelligence Unit,

involving an exchange of e-mails concerning the possible function of the Strategic Intelligence Unit and a face to face meeting concerning the position in Canberra.

- (1) Did Mr Carmody subsequently offer Mr Petroulias the position at Assistant Commissioner level.
- (2) Did Mr Petroulias reject that offer, but subsequently accept the position when the offer was increased to promotion to First Assistant Commissioner.

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

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

1496 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a recent conviction of a Queensland truck driver on three counts of defrauding the Commonwealth, relating to excise evasion through purchasing marked solvent and selling the product to service stations as transport fuel.
- (2) What other prosecutions were undertaken for fuel excise evasion in 1997, 1998 and 1999, and what were the outcomes of those prosecutions.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What is the estimated incidence of emphysema in the Australian community and how many deaths each year are attributable to the condition.
- (2) Is the incidence of emphysema linked to particular demographic characteristics; if so, what groups are at increased risk of contracting the disease.

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

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

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

*10 May 2000*

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

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

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

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

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

appellate matters rather than cases which are in the nature of trials under the Migration Act.

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

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

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

- (1) How many staff, advisers and consultants have been employed by the Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation with native title funding since 1997.
- (2) What selection processes have been conducted to employ or engage staff, advisers and consultants since 1997.
- (3) What are the terms and conditions of all employee, adviser and consultant contracts.
- (4) What were the issues under investigation and the outcome of the Australian Federal Police inquiries at the Native Title Unit at the Corporation in 1998.
- (5) Since 1997, what percentage of the budget has been allocated to legal advice.
- (6) Is the Minister able to say whether in 1998 and 1999 the Martu legal advisers organised formal and informal meetings, without the knowledge or authority of the Martu people, between the Martu legal adviser and Rio Tinto (RTZ), and in some cases the Native Title Tribunal was involved.
- (7) On whose authority were these discussions and meetings conducted.
- (8) Have there been any discussions between the Martu legal adviser and RTZ in 2000; if so, on whose authority.
- (9) How is the Martu legal adviser receiving his instructions in this matter now.
- (10) In 1996 did the Martu instruct the WDPAC to prepare a report of Martu opinions about the environmental and social impact of a uranium mine at Kintyre and subsequently the company prepared a report in response to the WDPAC report.
- (11) When will the Martu have the opportunity to examine the RTZ report of early 1998.
- (12) What funds remain for engaging independent specialists to assess the report.

- (13) Does WDPAC intend to engage such specialists; if so, when.
  - (14) Does the legal representative intend to conduct workshops in the communities about the report as agreed in September 1998; if so, when will they commence.
  - (15) In 1997 did the Martu agree to a request from RTZ to send two anthropologists into the communities to question people about the social impact of a uranium mine at Kintyre and did the company agree to send a copy of the report to the Martu.
  - (16) Has the report been completed; if so, when will the Martu people receive a copy.
- 1513 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Australian Financial Review* on 26 April 2000 headed “Late GST decision software problem”.
  - (2) When will the Australian Taxation Office rule on how to convert foreign currency to Australian dollars under a GST.
  - (3) When will the format of the Business Activity Statement be finalised.
- 1514 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Australian Financial Review* of 20 to 25 April 2000 entitled “Mystery of Petroulias appointment”.
  - (2) When was Mr Nick Petroulias appointed to the position of First Assistant Commissioner within the Australian Taxation Office.
  - (3) Was the position gazetted; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (4) Who comprised the Selection Committee for this appointment.
  - (5) Who approved the appointment.
- 1515 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In relation to the \$500m GST Start Up Assistance Program, what proportion of the \$130m to assist Industry and Professional organisations deliver GST related information was directed to industry or professional organisations of Non-English speaking background.
  - (2) What proportion of the \$130m was directed to the provision of information in languages other than English.
  - (3) What proportion of the \$7m allocated to “Train the Trainer” program was directed to the provision of training in languages other than English.
  - (4) What proportion of the advertising funded by the GST Start Up Assistance Office has been provided in languages other than English.
  - (5) Have any videos or other publications been produced in languages other than English; if so, what are they.
- 1516 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Minister received submissions concerning the periodic payment of common law personal injury compensation from the Structured Settlements Group, representative of the Law Council of Australia, the Insurance Council of Australia, the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers, the Australian Medical Association, Injuries Australia and others.

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

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

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a recent conviction of a Queensland truck driver on three counts of defrauding the Commonwealth, relating to excise evasion through purchasing marked solvent and selling the product to service stations as transport fuel.
- (2) What other prosecutions were undertaken for fuel excise evasion in 1997, 1998 and 1999, and what were the outcomes of those prosecutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No 1212 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 15323), why was a detailed assessment of the financial impact of handing back Employment National's (EN) Job Network 1 contracts not undertaken before the contracts were handed back.
- (2) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No 1212, will he provide further supporting information that the cost to EN of servicing the contracts would have been \$22 million and what is the detailed breakdown of that figure.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No 1212, was the financial advice tendered by EN provided to him after his decision to direct EN to hand back intensive assistance contracts; if so, why did he not seek advice before issuing that direction.
- (4) Further to the answer to part (8) of question No 1212, before issuing such a ministerial direction to a Government Business Enterprise (GBE) is it standard practice to seek advice from that GBE on the material effect of such a direction.
- (5) Did the Minister for Employment Services Minister, the Minister's advisers or the Minister's Department, discuss his direction to EN to hand back the contracts with him, his advisers or his Department before that decision was made; if so, did he, his advisers or his Department express a view as to whether the contracts should be handed back; if so, what was that view.

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

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

*11 May 2000*

**MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1529 - 1543)—

- (1) Does the Minister's Department administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations, businesses or individuals can apply for funding in Tasmania; if so, what are the programs.

- (2) Does the Minister's Department advertise these funding opportunities; if so, (a) what print media outlets have been used for the advertising of each of these programs and (b) were these paid advertisements.

1529 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Treasurer.

1530 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1531 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1532 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1533 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

1534 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1535 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1536 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

1537 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

1539 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

1540 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

1541 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1542 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

1543 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1544 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Did the Minister's Department, under the Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Participatory Program, award a new research project grant for 1999 to the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, with the joint principal investigators being Dr Robert Blakemore and Dr Timothy Kingston.
- (2) Was that grant later refused by the Director of the Queen Victoria Museum; if so, (a) when and (b) was the refusal made in writing.
- (3) Was the grant subsequently transferred, re-allocated or awarded to Dr Blakemore under the administration of another institution; if so, (a) which institution and (b) what was the title and project summary of the grant awarded to Dr Blakemore.
- (4) Is the Minister satisfied that in the re-allocation of the ABRS grant to Dr Blakemore, due consideration was given to protecting the individual rights of Dr Kingston in his capacity as joint principal investigator in the original, successful application; if so, what is the basis for his satisfaction.

1545 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has a timetable been set for the disposal by the Commonwealth of the site of the RAAF Base Williams at Point Cook; if so, what are the details.



- (2) Has the Defence Estates Organisation (DEO) defined a heritage precinct for RAAF Base Williams; if so, (a) which buildings at, and features of, RAAF Base Williams are included in the heritage precinct, (b) what guidelines have been used by the DEO in its definition and (c) what expert advice on heritage matters has been considered in its definition.
- (3) Is the entire site of RAAF Base Williams on the Register of the National Estate and classified by the Australian Heritage Commission as historic; if so, on what basis has any part of the site been excluded from being part of the heritage precinct defined by the DEO.
- (4) Does the heritage precinct defined by the DEO include (a) the runways, (b) the Parade Ground of 1930, (c) the War Memorial of 1938, (d) the RAAF Chapel, (e) Building 95, the Waterplane hangar of 1915, (f) Building 210, the aeroplane hangar of 1914, (g) Building 104, the battleplane hangar of 1917, (h) the hydroplane and seaplane jetty dating from 1916, (i) Building 488, the single officers quarters erected in 1914, (j) Buildings M004-006, M010 and M026, (k) Building M011, married quarters, erected in 1915-1916, (l) Building 18, the former Single Officers' Mess dating from 1918, (m) Building 23, the Single Officers' Quarters of 1918, (n) Buildings 24 and 27-29, single officers quarters of 1929-1939, (o) Buildings 41, 42 and 46, airmen's quarters, 1928-1939, (p) Building 33, the new Officers' Mess of 1937, (q) Building M027-028, CO's Married Quarters of 1937-38, (r) Building 87, the Base Squadron Headquarters of 1929, (s) Buildings 91 and 92, the Aeronautics Schools of 1922 and 1939, (t) Buildings 93 and 96, the Air Navigation School and Wireless School erected in 1939, (u) Building 101, the seaplane hangar erected in 1927, (v) Building 100, the seaplane squadron headquarters erected in 1938 and (w) the one and two storey weatherboard houses of the Vernacular Style employed by the Commonwealth between 1914 and 1939.
- (5) If a heritage precinct has been defined, what (a) protection from demolition or inappropriate renovation and (b) guarantee of public access to the buildings within the heritage precinct does inclusion in the heritage precinct provide after the property is disposed of by the Commonwealth.
- (6) If any of the buildings or features referred to in part (4) are not included in the heritage precinct defined by the DEO, what protection do such buildings or features have from demolition or destruction after RAAF Base Williams is disposed of by the Commonwealth.
- (7) What consultation process has there been with serving or retired members of the RAAF regarding the definition of the heritage precinct by the DEO.
- (8) What consultation process has there been with local or State Government regarding the definition of the heritage precinct by the DEO.
- (9) What consultation process has there been with the Australian Heritage Commission, the Australian Council of National Trusts or the National Trust of Victoria regarding the definition of the heritage precinct by the DEO.

1546 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to representations by my constituent, Mr Mike Gunton of Lorikeet Avenue, Ingleburn, NSW, to the

Australian Taxation Office (ATO) seeking an answer to a question Mr Gunton has been asking for approximately 16 years.

- (2) Has the ATO provided an answer to Mr Gunton's question; if not, why not.
- (3) Did the ATO derive a tax bill of \$99 000 for this moderately paid PAYE worker; if so, how.
- (4) Has the ATO initiated bankruptcy action without providing information or evidence of why Mr Gunton allegedly owed this money; if so, how.

1551 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to question No. 1550, has action been taken by his Department in relation to the recommendation that the provisions of the Sydney Airport Curfew Act that provide for the transfer to a Badgerys Creek airport of those freight operations which currently occur during the curfew hours at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport should be reviewed and the review should be based on an assessment of the environmental and economic costs and benefits of transferring those operations to a Badgerys Creek airport; if not, why not.

1553 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to question No. 1552 concerning the recommendation that Australian Standard AS2021-1994 should be reviewed having regard to the applicability of the standard to communities affected by a new airport and to communities subject to a significant change in the noise environment as they would be if a major airport was to be built at Badgerys Creek, has he taken action to review the standard; if so, when will the review be finalised and adopted; if not, why not.

1556 **MS KERNOT:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) How many of the intensive assistance initial outcomes for which a provider has received a payment under the Job Network to date are (a) training outcomes and (b) paid work.
- (2) How many of the intensive assistance 13 week outcomes for which a provider has received a payment under the Job Network to date are (a) training outcomes and (b) paid work.
- (3) What portion of the total does the training outcome represent.
- (4) What percentage of sum spent under the Job Network is on accredited training.
- (5) What was the total sum spent on accredited training in the last 12 months.
- (6) How many long term unemployed were placed into employment in the first 19 months of the Job Network.
- (7) How many long term unemployed were scheduled to be placed into employment in the first 19 months of the Job Network.
- (8) How many job seekers were placed into employment in the first 19 months of the Job Network.
- (9) How many job seekers were scheduled to be placed into employment in the first 19 months of the Job Network.
- (10) How many job seekers in total have been placed in work in the last 12 months.
- (11) How many intensive assistance clients have been placed in work in the last 12 months.

- (12) How many non intensive assistance job seekers have been placed in work in the last 12 months.
- (13) How many providers missed out on contracts under Job Network 2 because their bids failed to comply with the revised GST guidelines.
- (14) How many Job Network sites are located within 50m of each other.
- (15) What are the locations of these Job Network sites.
- (16) Counting Job Network sites located within 50 metres of each other as one site, what is the number of sites under Job Network 2.

*29 May 2000*

- 1557 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What proportion of the Dairy Industry Deregulation Community Assistance Package will be allocated to Tasmania.
  - (2) What process is in place for the application for funding under this program.
  - (3) What process is in place for the assessment of applications.
- 1558 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What has been the total outlay by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on the EDS contract in each financial year since EDS won the information technology delivery contract for the ATO.
  - (2) What sum has been spent by the ATO for non-EDS delivered IT functions in each financial year since the commencement of the contract.
  - (3) What is the price charged by EDS to the ATO for a basic call out.
  - (4) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions prior to the contract being outsourced to EDS and did that cost include the cost of call outs.
  - (5) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions after the contract was outsourced to EDS, including the internal support and does that cost include the cost of call outs.
  - (6) Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 19 October 1999, page 11914), will he provide copies of the reports EDS is required to prepare each month on service levels, since the commencement of the contract until 1 May 2000.
- 1559 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) For how many of its staff has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided GST training.
  - (2) How many of those staff have subsequently left the ATO, and how many of them left within six weeks of completing the training course.
  - (3) How many staff left the ATO in 1998-99.
  - (4) How many staff have left the ATO in 1999-2000 to date.
  - (5) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.
  - (6) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.

- (7) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
- (8) What percentage of the ATO budget is being allocated to information technology in financial year 1999-2000.
- (9) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
- (10) Has the ATO given incorrect GST registration numbers to businesses registering for the GST; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the reason for incorrect registration numbers being issued and (c) will businesses in this situation who have printed letterheads, replied to questionnaires and who will incur significant expense in rectifying these errors be offered compensation by the ATO or the Government for expenses incurred as a result.

1560 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government considered the submission from the Investment and Financial Services Association (IFSA) concerning the transitional capital gains tax averaging provisions contained in the New Business Tax System (Income Tax Rates) Bill (No. 2) 1999.
- (2) If so, what would be the revenue implications of IFSA's proposals that the transitional capital gains tax averaging calculations be repealed so that taxpayers are entitled to averaging in respect of capital gains derived prior to 21 September 1999, whether directly or as a unit holder.
- (3) Does the Government have any thing else to say about the proposal.

1561 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the Australian Conservation Foundation April 2000 edition of *Habitat Australia* and the article entitled "What's up at Cape York".
- (2) What sum of the \$40m promised by the Government for the protection of Cape York Peninsula has been spent.
- (3) Is the Minister aware of criticism of the Cape York Natural Heritage Trust by the Centre for International Economics Resource Policy and Management 1999 which describes it as fragmented with no single point of accountability or responsibility and confused messages being given to the community.
- (4) What action has he taken in relation to this concern..

1562 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—What action can or will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) take to address companies introducing charges for services which were previously not charged for in order to get around the ACCC's GST pricing guidelines.

1563 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many complaints does the Australian Taxation Office have on its books concerning Superannuation Guarantee non compliance.

- (2) During (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000 to date, how many Australian workers did not receive their full Superannuation Guarantee entitlements.
- 1564 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Under what circumstances is Centrelink required to seek Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing (OASITO) approval to proceed to selecting a contractor for the supply of products and services that are within the scope of outsourcing.
  - (2) Since the tender for Centrelink outsourcing was issued, what Centrelink contracts have been approved by OASITO prior to Centrelink entering into these contracts.
  - (3) What is the value, and terms, of those contracts.
  - (4) What were the products and services approved.
  - (5) Were any of the approved vendors potential candidates for outsourcing or actual respondees to the outsourcing tender request; if so, what are the details of the individuals and companies concerned.
- 1565 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1161 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 15321), how many applicants for Telstra 2 shares who did not receive their full requested allotment had not received a refund of their payment for those shares not made available, as at (a) 7 February, (b) 21 February, (c) 6 March, (d) 20 March, (e) 3 April, (f) 17 April, (g) 1 May and (h) 15 May 2000.
  - (2) Of those who had not received their refund, for each date referred to in part (1) how many were owed more than (a) \$5000 and (b) \$20 000.
  - (3) What timeframes have been established for refunds to be paid to unsuccessful applicants.
- 1566 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Since 1 July 1999, what contracts have been signed between Centrelink and IBM.
  - (2) What products and services were included in those contracts.
  - (3) Which of those products and services are within the scope of Centrelink outsourcing as per the tender request.
  - (4) Were these contracts approved by the Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing (OASITO) before Centrelink's commitment.
  - (5) Was OASITO involved in the negotiation of the contracts.
  - (6) Who signed the contracts on behalf of Centrelink and the Commonwealth.
- 1568 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What are the current criteria of eligibility of payment of the carer payment for a profoundly disabled child.
  - (2) When were the criteria introduced.
  - (3) Since the criteria have been introduced, how many claims have been lodged for the payment.

- (4) How many claims have been rejected, and of those, how many were with respect to children who suffered from epilepsy or another profound handicap.
- (5) Has the Government recently undertaken a review of the criteria; if so, (a) what recommendations arose from that review and (b) will the recommendations be adopted.

1569 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many litigants in person were there in Family Court matters in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98 and (d) 1998-99.
- (2) How many (a) litigants in person and (b) applicants in the Family Court were refused Legal Aid in (i) 1997-98 and (ii) 1998-99.
- (3) How many matters in the Family Court in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1998-99 had both applicant and respondent as litigants in person.
- (4) Is data available about disposition times of Family Court matters where one or more of the parties is a litigant in person; if so, what is that data.
- (5) Are policies or guidelines in place to assist judicial officers and registry staff of the Family Court in dealing with litigants in person; if so, what are they; if not, are there plans to develop them.
- (6) How many cases have been dismissed by the Family Court for non-compliance with a technicality where one or more of the parties was a litigant in person and the non-compliance was of that litigant in person.
- (7) What are the aims of the Family Court Support Program at the Dandenong Registry of the Family Court.
- (8) What are the aims of the Integrated Client Services Scheme at the Parramatta Registry of the Family Court.
- (9) When, why and by whom were the programs or schemes referred to in parts (8) and (9) introduced.
- (10) Are there plans to implement these programs or schemes at other Family Court registries.

1570 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Does the Minister support the closure of the CSIRO research facility at Prospect.
- (2) When did the Minister first become aware of a report into the CSIRO's Livestock Research Infrastructure.
- (3) When did the Minister first become aware of proposals to close the CSIRO research facility at Prospect.
- (4) Have there been discussions between the Minister's Department and Boral Quarries at Prospect; if so, what was the (a) date and (b) nature of the discussions.
- (5) Have arrangements been made in regard to the future use of the site by Boral Quarries or any other company.
- (6) What plans have been made for the future usage of the site.

- (7) Was there a \$12 million upgrade of the CSIRO Prospect facility in 1995; if so, what specific areas of the site were upgraded and what was the individual cost of each area upgraded.
  - (8) What sum of Commonwealth funding was allocated to the CSIRO research facility at Prospect in (a) 1990-91, (b) 1991-92, (c) 1992-93, (d) 1993-94, (e) 1994-95, (f) 1995-96, (g) 1996-97, (h) 1997-98, (i) 1998-99 and (j) 1999-2000.
  - (9) Did the Minister receive advice detailing the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect; if so, (a) on what date was the advice received and (b) did the advice state that the closure of the facility would (i) involve the loss of highly skilled research staff currently stationed at Prospect and result in the closure of the several research programs owing to the loss of key scientific expertise, (ii) at the least, incur months of disruption to research programs of national importance to the \$7 billion Livestock Industry that would affect producers across Australia and (ii) cut established links between the CSIRO's Prospect facility and the animal nutrition, pig and dairy industries in the Greater Sydney region.
  - (10) What sum of Commonwealth money has been appropriated to allow for relocation for staff and equipment, recruitment of new staff and redundancy packages for staff from the Prospect site.
- 1571 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs— Further to the answer to question No. 1268 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000 1999, page 15328), how many, by country, of the 3484 and 1148 unauthorised arrivals by boat and air, respectively, since July 1999 had applied offshore for refugee and humanitarian visas before entering Australia illegally.
- 1572 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) For each year since 1990, how many seafarers have deserted their vessels in Australia and become unlawful citizens.
  - (2) Is his Department able to say what was the (a) nationality and (b) flag of the foreign vessel of each person referred to in part (1); if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
  - (3) How many of the persons were located and of those, (a) how many sought to remain in Australia, (b) what was the basis of their application to remain in Australia, (c) how many were successful and (d) what was the cost of handling these unlawful persons.
  - (4) What costs or penalties can be imposed on foreign vessels for the cost to taxpayers of tracking down and removal from Australia of unlawful seafarers.
- 1573 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1154 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 15320), is he able to say whether the alleged travel expenditure by former Senator Colston is a matter in the public interest in that this matter involves the alleged expenditure of public monies.
  - (2) Is he able to say whether, for the purposes of the Information Privacy Principles contained in section 14 of the Privacy Act, (a) the alleged travel

ports by former Senator Colston is a matter going to the protection of public revenue and (b) Principle 11 affords him a statutory right to disclose information in relation to the protection of the public revenue.

- (3) Is he able to say whether Principle 11 at sub-paragraph 1(e) provides him, as agent, the right to disclose the medical records of former Senator Colston; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he disclose the names and reports of the two eminent and independent specialists as described in his letter to me (reference CRL 99/9723 and Min 195211), in light of his statutory powers to disclose this information under the Information Privacy Principles.

1574 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Will proposed changes to the South Pacific regional trade and economic cooperation agreement allow garments made in Fiji from non-Australian woven fabric to be provided duty free into Australia.
- (2) Does this have the potential to adversely affect Australian manufacturers in the wool weaving and conversion industries.
- (3) What action will the Minister take to ensure manufacturers like ADA in Bendigo are not disadvantaged by the changes.

*30 May 2000*

1575 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims that a US\$4.8 billion IMF loan was laundered to Russian oligarchs' Swiss bank accounts via Australia.
- (2) Has he seen documentation on this matter by Victor Ilyukhin, Chairman of the National Security Committee of Russia's Duma.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to a letter to the Russian prosecutor dated 23 March 1999 in which Mr Ilyukhin claimed that the US\$4.8 billion was transferred from New York to Australia and back to London and New York over a three day period.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the IMF loan monies wound up in private accounts in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- (5) Who were the Russian oligarchs to whose accounts the loans were diverted.
- (6) What steps has he taken within Australia and with the IMF to see that such money laundering of IMF loans cannot be repeated.

1577 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Comparing the annual death rates attributable to high-risk industries in Australia, what have been the fatality rates since 1997 in (a) the airline industry, (b) industries using high levels of radioactive substances and (c) health care services, including hospitals.
- (2) Are adverse medical events (iatrogenesis) among the top ten leading causes of death in Australia; if so, where does iatrogenesis list among the top ten; if not, what does the Government estimate to be the total number of deaths due to iatrogenesis.



- (3) Can he advise how many citizens die per year or require further medical treatment, due to (a) adverse reactions to correctly prescribed medication, (b) adverse reactions to incorrectly prescribed medication, (c) medical errors during surgery, (d) incorrect medical diagnoses and (e) hospital infections.
- (4) How does the Government keep account of the fatalities arising from the medical treatment it funds.
- (5) Is there a national inventory of fatalities arising from iatrogenesis.
- (6) Do the States and Territories maintain inventories of fatalities arising from adverse iatrogenesis.
- (7) When a patient dies because of medical error, does the (a) Federal Government or (b) State or Territory Government legally require the medical practitioner or hospital concerned to report the death; if not, why not.

1578 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Will the judge of the Family Court who currently services the Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton registries be relocating; if so, when.
- (2) Under what arrangements will the Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton registries operate subsequent to the departure of the judge.
- (3) Will Cairns be included on a new circuit; if so, (a) how often and on which days will a judge visit the Cairns registry and (b) where will the judge who visits Cairns be based.
- (4) Will Townsville be included on a new circuit; if so, (a) how often and on which days will a judge visit the Townsville registry and (b) where will the judge who visits Townsville be based.
- (5) Will Rockhampton be included on a new circuit; if so, (a) how often and on which days will a judge visit the Rockhampton registry and (b) where will the judge who visits Rockhampton be based.

1579 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many matters were filed in the High Court registry in respect of each financial year since 1 July 1997.
- (2) How many of those matters which have been filed relate to matters concerning migration.

1580 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Could he update his answer to question No. 6 (*Hansard*, 30 November 1998, page 995) on the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General in respect of its last meeting held in Melbourne in March 2000.
- (2) When and where will the next meeting be held.

1581 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he received signed copies of the return section from a United Firefighters Union of Australia pamphlet outlining concerns with the direction of aviation fire fighting services; if so, how many.
- (2) What action has he taken in response to the campaign.

- 1582 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Was \$10.9 million allocated for the International Year of Older Persons.
  - (2) How was the sum dispersed.
- 1584 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What are the official figures for the total number of visitor visa applications received and the number of applications refused during each year since 1994-95 by departmental posts in (a) Albania, (b) Bangladesh, (c) Bosnia, (d) Bulgaria, (e) Burma, (f) Cambodia (g) Chile, (h) China, (i) Colombia, (j) Croatia, (k) Czech Republic, (l) Ecuador, (m) El Salvador, (n) Ethiopia, (o) Egypt, (p) Fiji, (q) Greece, (r) Hungary, (s) India, (t) Iran, (u) Iraq, (v) Israel, (w) Jordan, (x) Laos, (y) Lebanon, (z) Lithuania, (aa) FYR Macedonia, (ab) Nepal, (ac) Pakistan, (ad) Peru, (ae) The Philippines, (af) Poland, (ag) Romania, (ah) Russia, (ai) Sri Lanka, (aj) Syria, (ak) Tonga, (al) Turkey, (am) The Ukraine, (an) Uruguay, (ao) Vietnam, (ap) Western Samoa and (aq) Yugoslavia.
  - (2) For each post referred to in part (1), how many visitor visa applications were (a) received and (b) rejected from applicants aged (i) between 20 and 30 years of age, (ii) between 30 and 40 years of age, (iii) between 40 and 50 years of age, (iv) between 50 and 60 years of age and (v) 60 years of age and over.
  - (3) What are the official figures for the total number of visitor visa applications received and the number of applications refused during each year since 1994-95 by departmental posts in the (a) United States and (b) United Kingdom.
  - (4) For each post referred to in part (3), how many visitor visa applications were (a) received and (b) rejected from applicants aged (i) between 20 and 30 years of age, (ii) between 30 and 40 years of age, (iii) between 40 and 50 years of age, (iv) between 50 and 60 years of age and (v) 60 years of age and over.
  - (5) For each post referred to in parts (1) and (3), how many applications for visitor visas in each age group were refused on the grounds that the applicant fitted into one of the categories on the High Risk Factor List.
- 1585 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 15 May 2000 entitled “ATO ignored advice: Petroulias”.
  - (2) Did Mr Nick Petroulias meet with other ATO officials in April 1999 and seek a Government announcement in the May Budget to close off employee benefit schemes designed to avoid tax; if so, what action did the ATO take in response to Mr Petroulias’ request.
  - (3) In September 1998 did the ATO have advice that a legislative response was necessary to close off employee benefits schemes designed to avoid tax; if so, what advice did the ATO provide him or the Assistant Treasurer concerning this matter.

*31 May 2000*

1586 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the Vietnamese newspaper *Lao Dong* in November 1999, which alleged fraud by a Vietnamese Government official of \$16 000 in Australian aid to the Vietnamese Education Department's Industry and Education Centre for the production of an ecology text book.
- (2) Has he made representations to the Vietnamese Government regarding the alleged fraud; if so, what.
- (3) Has the \$16 000 been recovered; if not, what is the status of the investigation.

1587 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to my question No. 473 (*Hansard*, 1 June 1999, page 5731), what progress has the Government made in using social capital indicators in the performance measurement for Commonwealth agencies, as part of the move to accrual budgeting systems in the 2000-2001 Budget.

*1 June 2000*

1588 **MS GERICK:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) What are the unemployment rates for the areas covered by postcodes from 6107 to 6112 and 6208 to 6215.
- (2) What is the youth unemployment rate for (a) men and (b) women in these areas.
- (3) What is the unemployment rate for (a) men over 50 and (b) women over 50 in these areas.

1589 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Were sums allocated in the 2000-2001 Budget for the purposes of insulating houses adversely affected by aircraft noise in the vicinity of domestic and international airports; if so, (a) where and (b) what is the associated cost and timeframe for the project.
- (2) If sums were not allocated, are there plans to allocate sums in future Budgets.

1590 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When will the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) prepare a report on the proposed sale of Ansett shares to Air New Zealand.
- (2) At what stage is the report.
- (3) Who will make a decision on the recommendations made by the FIRB.

1591 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—From discussions with Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd, what is the airline's intentions (a) for extension of its services beyond the Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane triangle to less profitable regional routes and (b) with

respect to the servicing and maintenance of its fleet within Australia by staff directly employed by the company.

1592 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In relation to the new aviation charges to be applied by Airservices Australia from 1 July 2000, what percentage of the increases in (a) Terminal Navigation, (b) Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting and (c) Enroute charges are attributable to the goods and services tax.

1593 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Must B Double trucks travelling north to Brisbane and other main centres use the New England Highway, despite the ongoing upgrade of the Pacific Highway.
- (2) At what stage is Government consideration of the Maitland by-pass and what is the estimated cost of the by-pass.

1594 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say how many ‘holy fighters’ or ‘Jihad warriors’ have arrived in the Moluccas Islands since December 1999.
- (2) Is he able to say whether there has been an increased incidence of civil unrest in the Moluccas Islands since the arrival of the ‘Jihad warriors’.
- (3) Will he request Australia’s Permanent Representative to the UN to call upon the UN Department of Political Affairs to provide a UN presence in the Moluccas Islands, up to and including a peace keeping force.

1596 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the (a) Round Table Conference Agreements of 1949 between The Netherlands, Indonesia and the United Nations, prescribes the basis for the Moluccan claim to self-determination, (b) Agreements provided for transfer of sovereignty over the territory of the Netherlands East Indies from the Netherlands to a new Indonesian state (the United States of Indonesia) which was bound to guarantee its component parts the right of self-determination, (c) Indonesian Government was to have a federal structure in which the component states of Borneo, East Indonesia (including the South Moluccas) and the Republic of Indonesia were automatically recognised as equal powers and (d) desires of an area’s population were to be taken account of in a plebiscite to determine if they wished to form a separate state and if any state did not ratify the final Indonesian constitution, it would have the right to negotiate for a separate status.
- (2) Is he able to say whether (a) in 1950 the Government of Indonesia used armed force to maintain the territory as a unitary state, (b) the Moluccan people, exercising their rights under the Round Table Conference Agreements, declared their independence from the State of East Indonesia and the United States of Indonesia and formed the Republik Maluku Selatan (Republic of South Moluccas), (c) the Republic of South Moluccas was invaded by government forces in July 1950, (d) a second invasion by Indonesia in the Moluccas occurred in September 1950, (e) despite this direct violation of the Round Table Conference Agreements, the Republic of

Indonesia was admitted to the United Nations as a unitary state in September 1950, (f) in December 1950, the Moluccan Army withdrew to Ceram and (g) the Moluccan leader Chris Soumokil was captured and summarily executed in 1966.

- (3) Is he able to say whether forced contraceptions are being inflicted on the Moluccan peoples; if so, how many.
- (4) Is he able to say how many Javanese settlers have been transferred to the Moluccas Islands since 1949.
- (5) Is he able to say how many civilian casualties have arisen from the conflict between Indonesia to the Moluccas Islands since 1949.
- (6) Is he also able to say what is the current situation in respect of freedom of speech and assembly in the Moluccas.
- (7) Will he request Australia's Permanent Representative to the UN to call upon the UN Department of Political Affairs to institute a UN fact finding mission in the Moluccas Islands, having reference to the UN instruments (a) S.C. Committee of Good Offices on the Indonesian Question (1947- 1949), S.C. Commission for Indonesia (1949-1955), (b) Reports: U.N. Docs. S/1373, S/1417, S/1842, S/1873 and S/2087, (c) S.C. Res. (28 Jan 1949). The Round Table Conference Agreements: 69 U.N.T.S. 3 (1950) and (d) Sub-Commission Doc. E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L. 25.

1598 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent death of an SAS Vietnam veteran two days after being admitted to the Hollywood Clinic in Western Australia, and the difficult circumstances confronted by the veteran when being admitted to the clinic.
- (2) Was the veteran initially refused admittance to the clinic pending proof that he was a veteran.
- (3) Was access to the clinic only achieved after intervention by the veteran's voluntary advocate.
- (4) Will he initiate an immediate inquiry into admittance procedures for veterans at this and similar clinics; if not, why not

1599 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did his Department send my electorate office 20 to 25 copies of an A3 size colour poster of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, with a 'with compliments' slip from his Department, in the weeks immediately after the Republic Referendum in November 1999; if so, (a) why were the posters sent to my office without a request, (b) how many colour posters have been distributed to each Member of Parliament, (c) how many copies have been produced in total, (d) what was the cost to produce and distribute the posters, (e) from which budget was funding been sourced and (f) why was the poster produced and distributed.

*5 June 2000*

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

- (1) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are there in each State and Territory.

- (2) How many clients are there in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels in each State and Territory.
- (3) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels were listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required at the commencement of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.
- (4) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required have been removed from those lists since 1997.
- (5) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required as at 5 June 2000.
- (6) What qualifications does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency set for quality assessors or inspectors.
- (7) Are quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency categorised by professions such as nursing care, hygiene, fire, building safety, staff training.
- (8) How many quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency are employed in each State and Territory.
- (9) Do approved providers have any input into the selection of quality assessors or inspectors employed by the Agency; if not, why.
- (10) How many inspections of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have taken place since the commencement of the Aged Care Act in each State and Territory.
- (11) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels (i) failed an inspection and (ii) have been placed under the control of an administrator.
- (12) How many licences have been revoked since the commencement of the Aged Care Act in each State and Territory.
- (13) Since the commencement of the Aged Care Act, how many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have been closed and how many clients were affected in each State and Territory.
- (14) What were the main reasons for the closure of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (15) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have resident committees with consumer representatives.
- (16) Does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency have the power to check nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
- (17) What is the ratio of required bathrooms and toilets per client in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (18) Does this ratio vary for different levels of facilities.
- (19) What is the required ratio of registered nursing staff to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.

- (20) What is the required ratio of trained nursing aid to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.
  - (21) What is the required ratio of Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 carers to clients in each care plan.
  - (22) Are carers required to take a literacy or language test prior to employment in a nursing homes and aged persons hostels; if not, why.
  - (23) What is the minimum number of (a) registered nurses, (b) trained carers and (c) untrained carers required in nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
  - (24) What are the award wage and salary levels for all staff employed in nursing homes and aged persons hostels for each State and Territory.
- 1601 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will he announce a decision on a second airport for Sydney at Badgerys Creek on or before 1 September 2000.
  - (2) Further to his answer to part (1) of question No. 1440 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2000, page 15615), what are the details of the minor impact the implementation of The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System will have on the Long Term Operating Plan at Sydney over the period from the end of July 1999 to mid October 1999.
- 1602 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Under the proposed changes contained in the 'Budget 2000 Child Support Package, is the maximum or cap amount of Child Support Income the highest amount that a paying parent (one having a child support liability) can be assessed upon.
  - (2) Does the proposal drop the maximum or cap child support income amount from \$101 153 to \$78 378.
  - (3) Is Child Support Income the income of the parent used to calculate how much child support is paid.
  - (4) Is income over \$101 153 not taken into account for child support purposes, other than where special circumstances are established.
  - (5) Under the proposed changes, will income over \$78 378 not be taken into account.
  - (6) Do the proposed changes to the Child Support Income threshold give greatest benefits to high income earners.
  - (7) Will the proposed changes reduce the (a) amount of child support from \$24 552 per annum to \$18 301 per annum, or a fall of \$119.89 per week, (b) amount of money available to children and (c) standard of living of the payee or carer parent in favour of raising the standard of living for the payer parent.
  - (8) Under the proposed changes will there be a reduction in child support where there is contact by the payer of at least 30% or more nights per annum.
  - (9) Will child support percentages be reduced when there is contact of at least 10% of nights per annum.

- (10) Is the justification for this change due to the non-carer parent's high costs of having contact with the children.
- (11) Does the level of contact between the payer and child reduce the costs of the carer.
- (12) Do the standing costs of the carer remain, including accommodation, education and clothing costs.
- (13) Will a parent having 10% of nights contact with a child get in excess of a 10% reduction in child support payments if there is one child.
- (14) What are the benefits of the change to the child and the payees in receipt of the child support monies.

1603 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) How many farming interests will be lost as a direct result of dairy farming deregulation.
- (2) What will be the estimated impact in dollars and percentiles of dairy farming deregulation on farm property values.
- (3) Will he implement controls and restrictions on processors and supermarkets so that farmers can continue to receive a fair and reasonable price for their produce.
- (4) Do Australian consumers enjoy the lowest cost and highest quality dairy products in the world; if so, what will be the benefit to the consumer of these deregulatory reforms.
- (5) How will the \$1.7 billion dollar package assist farmers in a price drop.
- (6) What sum will consumers provide to benefit prices through the 11 cents per litre levy.
- (7) What sum will the State and Territory Governments be paid by the Federal Government when the industry deregulates.
- (8) How many NSW farmers will be forced out of the dairy industry should the milk price fall below 25 cents per litre.
- (9) Is it a fact that, according to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics figures, the adjustment package would need to double to \$3.6 billion to afford realistic compensation to dairy farmers for loss of income and quota values.
- (10) What sum will the Federal Government provide for the compensation package over the next eight years.
- (11) Will added pressures be put on the environment due to deregulation; if so, what are those additional pressures especially in respect to milk production.

*6 June 2000*

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

- (1) Did Australia ratify the 1983 Unesco Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific on 23 September 1985.
- (2) Has Australia formally raised the question of ratification or accession with any of the States which have not become parties to the Convention but



which are mentioned in the answer provided by his predecessor to question No. 2115 (*Hansard*, 22 August 1995, page 115).

- (3) On what occasions has Australia raised the question with each of the States referred to in part (2).

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concern by members of the medical research community that grants from overseas based funding bodies such as the National Institutes of Health in the US and The Wellcome Trust in the UK will be subject to the GST and that no comparable refund will be available, effectively reducing the grant by 10%.
- (2) Is this concern justified; if so, will he act to ensure that Australian researchers in receipt of overseas sourced grants are not disadvantaged by the GST.

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

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

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

- (1) On most recent data, how many nursing homes and aged person hostels are there within the electoral division of Charlton.
- (2) On most recent data, how many nursing homes and aged person hostels are operated by (a) private companies and (b) church organisations in the electoral division of Charlton.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1613 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Did he meet his Iranian counterpart, Iran's Construction Jihad Minister, Mohammad Saeedicki in Sydney on 30 May 2000.
  - (2) Is he able to say whether the expression 'Jihad' means Holy War.
  - (3) What was the purpose of his meeting with the Construction Jihad Minister.
  - (4) Was he invited by the Construction Jihad Minister to visit Teheran and did he accept the invitation.
  - (5) Did he raise Australia's concerns about human rights with the Construction Jihad Minister; if not, will he be raising these human rights issues should he visit Teheran.
- 1614 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many persons were held in immigration detention centres throughout Australia on 6 June 2000.
  - (2) How many persons were held in each centre.
  - (3) How many persons have been in detention for more than (a) 9 months and (b) 18 months.
  - (4) How many persons in detention centres have applications before the (a) Federal Court and (b) Refugee Tribunal.
  - (5) How many persons in detention centres are eligible for (a) permanent residence and (b) a three year temporary refugee visa.

*7 June 2000*

- 1616 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the 1991 Special Premiers' Conference agree that road funding should be based on the Commonwealth Government being responsible for national roads, State Governments being responsible for arterial roads and local governments being responsible for local roads.
  - (2) What understandings were reached with State and local governments associated with the Government's new taxation system in the context of the government response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform *Planning not Patching* report.
  - (3) Does the government response at page 41 state that the (a) new taxation system provides an important devolution of financial independence to States, Territories and local government for the road program and (b) Government provides an appropriate level of funding in the Budget for its road program; if so, how does this reconcile with the agreements from the 1991 Special Premiers' Conference and calls to improve local roads and bridge infrastructure throughout Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas.
- 1617 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

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

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

- (1) How many of the organisations who were successful in obtaining Job Network contracts in round 1 and round 2 have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers, and what are the names of those organisations.
- (2) How many of the organisations who were successful in obtaining Community Support Programme contracts in round 1 have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers, and what are the names of those organisations.
- (3) How many of the organisations who were successful in obtaining New Enterprise Incentive Scheme contracts have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers, and what are the names of those organisations.
- (4) How many of the organisations who were successful in obtaining contracts to run New Apprenticeships Centres have sub-contracted all or part of their contracts to other providers, and what are the names of those organisations.
- (5) In each case referred to in parts (1) to (4), what sum or percentage of the contract price has been retained by the successful contractor and what sum or percentage has been paid to the sub-contractor or sub-contractors.
- (6) What form of monitoring does his Department undertake of contracted organisations and their sub-contractors.
- (7) For each of the organisations successful in obtaining round 1 Job Network contracts, and for each of the Job Matching, Job Search Training and Intensive Assistance categories, what percentage of the contract payments went to (a) administration costs; (b) advertising and marketing and (c) profit or retained earnings.
- (8) In the Job Network Evaluation Stage One dated February 2000 and released on 23 May 2000, how many of the 800 interview and focus group participants were job seekers.

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

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

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

*8 June 2000*

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

- (1) What are the major conditions of service that apply to the RAAF's Ground Defence Reserve Group.
- (2) What is the Group's (a) target strength nationally and (b) current number of serving personnel.
- (3) What changes, if any, have been made to the conditions of service for the Group since 1996.
- (4) Are any personnel attached to the Group currently deployed overseas; if so, (a) how many and (b) in what countries.

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

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

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

- (1) What is the estimated sum of Commonwealth funding that will be provided under the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package (FISAP) to (a) NSW, (b) Victoria, (c) WA and (d) Queensland in (i) 2000-01, (ii) 2001-02 and (iii) 2002-03.

- (2) What proportion of the Commonwealth FISAP funding to Victoria is to be allocated to the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) regions of (a) Central Highlands, (b) East Gippsland, (c) Gippsland, (d) North East and (e) West.
- (3) What proportion of further Commonwealth FISAP funding to NSW is to be allocated to the RFA regions of (a) Eden, (b) North East and (c) Southern.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*19 June 2000*

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 Assisting 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.

*20 June 2000*

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.

*22 June 2000*

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.

*26 June 2000*

\*1673 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Was the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child signed for Australia on 22 August 1990.
- (2) Did the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties table its report on the convention in the Senate on 10 November 1998.
- (3) With which Departments must the Government consult, and from which Departments must it have input, before it finalises and tables its response to the report.
- (4) When did his Department first seek consultation with, and receive input from, each of the other Departments.

\*1674 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) On his forthcoming visit to Britain, will he ask his British counterpart, Culture Secretary Chris Smith, for the return of all Aboriginal remains from British museums and other institutions; if so, on what grounds will he argue for the return of the remains.
- (2) Is he able to say whether there is British legislation through which the return of the Aboriginal remains would be facilitated.
- (3) Would those laws also facilitate the repatriation of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece.
- (4) Will he raise with his British counterpart the failure of the British Government to become a party to the Unesco Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 1970).

- (5) Is he able to say whether British museums will not repatriate items unless a government-to-government agreement is in place; if so, will he pursue such an agreement.

**MR TANNER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1675 - \*1692)—

- (1) How many individual transactions with individual members of the public were conducted by each agency in the Minister's portfolio in (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000, and if available, what are the forecast figures for (c) 2000-01, (d) 2001-02, (e) 2002-03 and (f) 2003-04.
- (2) What definition of transaction is used to determine these figures.
- (3) What proportion of these transactions were or are expected to be conducted online.
- (4) What was the total cost of administering these transactions for each agency in (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000 and what is the estimated cost for (c) 2000-01, (d) 2001-02, (e) 2002-03 and (f) 2003-04.
- (5) What was the total cost of administering the online transactions in (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000 and what is the estimated cost for (c) 2000-01, (d) 2001-02, (e) 2002-03 and (f) 2003-04.

\*1675 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1676 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

\*1677 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Treasurer.

\*1678 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

\*1679 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

\*1680 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

\*1681 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

\*1682 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*1683 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

\*1684 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

\*1685 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

\*1686 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

\*1687 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

\*1688 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

\*1689 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Attorney-General.

\*1690 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

\*1691 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

\*1692 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

\*1693 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many firms or consortia submitted expressions of interest for the marketing testing exercise for Defence recruitment.
- (2) Was an in-house bid submitted as part of the market testing exercise.
- (3) How many firms or consortia were short-listed and on what date was the short listing finalised.
- (4) Did the short list include any in-house bid.
- (5) What was the nature of the disclosures that short-listed firms were required to make regarding their assets, liabilities, and financial contingencies.
- (6) Did the Government announce on 23 November that Manpower Services Australia Pty Ltd (Manpower) and Employment National would be invited to participate in a 3 month national trial to assist Defence meet its recruitment needs.
- (7) Did Employment National agree to participate in this trial; if not, why not.
- (8) On what date did Manpower commence its involvement in the national trial and when is the trial due to end.
- (9) Did the Government announce on 29 May 2000 that Manpower was the preferred tenderer for a twelve month contract, with a five year option, to provide Defence recruitment services in Victoria, Tasmania and southern New South Wales.
- (10) Has the contract referred to in part (9) been signed; if so, on what date did this occur.
- (11) Has his attention been drawn to media reports alleging that a former senior executive of Manpower is under investigation for serious fraud.
- (12) Was he or his Department aware of these allegations before they were reported in the media; if so, when was this information received.
- (13) Is he satisfied that Manpower has at all times made all necessary disclosures to his Department.
- (14) In terms of the contracts referred to in parts (8) (9) and (10), what systems are in place to protect taxpayers' funds and to ensure that value for money is obtained.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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## COMMITTEES

*Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament*

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

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

*Current inquiries:*

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

Managing fatigue in transport.

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

*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 Lloyd, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, 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.
- Twofold Bay, NSW—Navy ammunitioning facility.

**Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bartlett, Senator Boswell, Senator Faulkner, Senator Mason, Senator Murray.

*Current inquiry:*

- Conduct of the 1998 federal election.

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Ferguson, (*Chair*), Fran Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mrs Crosio, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Quirke, Senator Schacht.

*Current inquiries:*

- Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief.
- Australia's relations with the Middle East.
- Australia's relations with the United Nations.
- Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America.
- Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war.

**MIGRATION** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

*Current inquiry:*

- Provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2000. (*To report by 8 June 2000*).
- Review of State-specific migration mechanisms.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson.

*Current inquiry:*

- Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

**TREATIES** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mr Byrne, Mrs Elson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

**Joint Select**

**REPUBLIC REFERENDUM** (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

**RETAILING SECTOR** (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES:** Mr Somlyay (*appointed 2 December 1998, for a period of 3 years*).

**COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years*).

**PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST:** Mr Charles (*appointed 24 June 1996*) and Mr McLeay (*appointed 23 November 1998*).