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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 126

MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2000

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on review of the Main Committee. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 2 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on issues specific to mature-age workers. (*Statements to conclude by 1.10 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- †1 **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. Debate to conclude by 1.30 p.m.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †3 **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,:

\* *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.*

- (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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†4 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 2000 a.m.—Mr Mossfield, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Kemp—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lee, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:*
  - (1) notes with concern that the Government has failed:
    - (a) to address the problems in universities which its own Cabinet submission identified, such as higher student/staff ratios, less frequent lecture and tutorial contact, the persistence of outdated technology and gaps in key areas of professional preparation, as well as eight institutions operating at a deficit, with some regional campuses at risk;
    - (b) to respond to calls from academics, scientists and the business community to increase significantly higher education research funding; and
    - (c) to produce legislation to implement its proposed changes to university research funding, due to start in six months, and legislation to make urgently-needed changes to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act; and
  - (2) calls on the Government to immediately address each of these major issues”.

- \*3 **RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS SCHEME EXTENSION BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*4 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 5 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 6 **TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT (MADRID PROTOCOL) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Ms Kernot*).
- \*10 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (2000 BUDGET AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Swan*).
- 11 **GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 12 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (LICENCE CHARGES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 13 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 14 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 15 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
- 16 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (INTERNATIONAL LINER CARGO SHIPPING) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*17 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Lee*).

- 18 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- \*19 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*20 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 21 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*22 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Swan*).
- \*23 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Swan*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- \*26 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 27 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN WORKPLACE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 28 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 29 **PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*30 **PATENTS AMENDMENT (INNOVATION PATENTS) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

- 31 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 32 **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*).
- \*33 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TALLIES AND PICNIC DAYS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Swan*).
- 34 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*35 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*36 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 37 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 38 **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*).
- 39 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 40 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 41 **COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 42 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 43 **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*).
- 44 **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*).
- 45 **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*).

- 46 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 47 **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*).
- 48 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 49 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 50 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 51 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 52 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 53 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 54 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 55 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 56 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 57 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 58 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*59 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.

- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **TRADE MISSION TO THE GULF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.

- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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*).
- 102 **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*).
- 103 **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 McClelland*).
- 104 **TARIFF PROPOSAL (Mr Entsch):**  
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 105 **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 (*Dr 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 (*Dr 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*).

\*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

\*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000)—*moved 29 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*).

\*Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

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

### **Contingent notices of motion**

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

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

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

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

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## **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 14 August 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 14 August 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 14 August 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 14 August 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 14 August 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 14 August 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 14 August 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 the next sitting Monday after 14 August 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.

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- 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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 3 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*
- 16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Kerr, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—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 14 August 2000.*)
- 19 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, CANBERRA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Somlyay, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—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 14 August 2000.*)
- 20 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—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 14 August 2000.*)
- 21 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON CONDUCT OF 1998 FEDERAL ELECTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Nairn, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—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 14 August 2000.*)
- 22 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REGIONAL RADIO RACING SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—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 14 August 2000.*)
- 23 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will*

*be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

- 24 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 25 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—CERD AND THE NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT ACT 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

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

#### **Notice given for Monday, 14 August 2000**

- \*1 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) commends the Australian Tourist Commission (ATC) in its recognition of the benefit of the Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games for Australian tourism and for the \$12 million four year program it has put in place to maximise the tourist potential of Australia; and
  - (2) notes the ATC's plans to:
    - (a) generate additional publicity for Australia by hosting additional media;
    - (b) work with major Olympic sponsors on joint promotional programs;
    - (c) assist with National Olympic Committees' official tour operators; and
    - (d) work with international broadcasters who have rights to the Games. (*Notice given 29 June 2000.*)

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#### **Notices—*continued***

- 1 **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 14 August 2000.*)

**2 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 14 August 2000.*)

**3 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 14 August 2000.*)

**4 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 14 August 2000.*)

**5 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 14 August 2000.*)
- 6 **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 14 August 2000.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

**9 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

**10 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

**11 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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

**15 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

**16 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

**17 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

**18 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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.)*

21 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

**22 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

**23 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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

- 24 **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 Sirius 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. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 25 **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. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 26 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Report by the Committee of Sydney Inc "Sydney's Gateways In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Part 1: The Airports", prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
    - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
    - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is \$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and



- (c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and
- (2) urges the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to have an Independent Commission of Inquiry into Sydney's Transport Needs and examine all options including Speed Rail, Interim measures to extend KSA, BCA and other alternative sights for Sydney's Second Airport. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 27 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the valuable role played by the Australian civilian ships in supporting the Interfet Force deployment in East Timor without which, as Commander Peter Cosgrove stated in his letter to the Maritime Union of Australia of 15 October 1999, the deployed Forces' logistics build up would have been severely hampered;
- (2) recognises that the role played by Australian civilian ships in East Timor continues the enormous role the Australian Merchant Navy has played historically in our ever expanding peacetime carriage of trade both domestically and internationally and through its service in two World Wars at cruel cost, with one seafarer in every eight dying and many more disappearing unrecorded in the ships of many nations;
- (3) supports the International Maritime Organisation's recognition of maritime workers and the importance of merchant shipping, including Australian coastal shipping through the celebrations of Maritime Day on September 24; and
- (4) believes that World Maritime Day should be regarded as a day of maritime pride and history and that the Australian Government should promote the flying of the Australian Flag rather than Flags of Convenience. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 14 August 2000.*)
- 2 **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 14 August 2000.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 14 August 2000.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 14 August 2000.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 14 August 2000.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

29 **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (OBJECTIVITY, FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL 2000** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 2000.*)

30 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2000 [NO. 2]** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 14 August 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 today 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).

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## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 2 **ROAD AND RAIL—GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.



## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each week, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the week are included 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 unREFERRED attendances and (c) total diagnostic imaging services, for services processed in 1998-99 (i) number of services (ii) fees charged (iii) schedule fees (iv) schedule fee observance (v) percentage of services direct billed and (vi) average patient contribution per service (patient billed services only) for persons aged 65 years and older.
- (3) If he is unable to provide the data requested for the electoral divisions of Bradfield and Calare, could he provide the requested data for each of the six RRMA classifications in NSW.

*15 February 2000*

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.

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*

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.

*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.

*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.

### 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*

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.

*13 April 2000*

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.

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

- (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.

*9 May 2000*

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—

- (1) Is he able to say what services operate in Western Australia to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
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- 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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- (1) Is the 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.
- (2) Where does each program operate.
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- (13) What proportion of total expenditure by Western Australia is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the programs in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Western Australia.

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.

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.
- 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*

- 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.

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.

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.
- 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. 1531 - 1539)—

- (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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

*29 May 2000*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 reports 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.

*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.

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.

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.

*1 June 2000*

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.

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.

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*

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.

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.

7 June 2000

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

*21 June 2000*

- 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.

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), (e) 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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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

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.
- 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.

27 June 2000

1694 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Commonwealth obtain permission to use music and other intellectual property of Mr Joe Cocker and Mushroom Records before the Government put to air advertisements concerning the Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) If not, (a) has the Commonwealth paid Mr Cocker, (b) may Mushroom Records, as owners of the intellectual property, set the price in conformance with accepted copyright industry practice, in substitution for a legal suit against the Commonwealth on grounds of breach of copyright and (c) has Mr Cocker and Mushroom Records sued or threatened to sue the Commonwealth for unpaid royalties.
- (3) If the Commonwealth did obtain permission, has the Commonwealth paid a sum for the use and broadcast of intellectual property in the hands of Mr Joe Cocker and Mushroom Records; if so, (a) what was the sum and (b) for what goods or services was the money spent.

1698 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Have there been allegations of rorting of the Sydney Airport Noise Levy Scheme, including allegations of landlords of properties that have been insulated and air conditioned under the scheme, removing the air conditioning systems for use in their own homes.
- (2) Have there been allegations of the failure to deliver wool based insulation material to contract specifications.
- (3) Has the Sydney Airport Community Forum called for a full report on (a) how many builders taking part in the program are on probation, (b) what happens if insulation is removed or downgraded through either age or change of ownership and (c) the scope for covenants on titles to protect the noise insulation qualities of houses.
- (4) What steps will be taken to ensure that problems with the Sydney Airport Noise Levy Scheme will not be transplanted to the proposed Adelaide noise insulation scheme.
- (5) What is the basis for calculating the noise levy for Adelaide Airport.

1699 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the justification for the Government's decision in the 2000-2001 Budget to introduce an additional 0.036 cents per litre to the aviation fuel excise to fund Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) activities.
- (2) Why is the levy imposed on the airlines, who are the consumers of the services, whereas the airports, the suppliers of the service, are not charged.
- (3) Why are the airlines, the consumers of the airports' pricing arrangements paying the levy whereas for telecommunications and postal services, the ACCC levy is imposed on Telstra and Australia Post, that is the suppliers of the services the subject of ACCC prices monitoring.

- (4) Was consideration given in determining the levy to reconcile actual levy collections against the \$900 000 that is supposed to be raised for the ACCC.
- (5) Will the levy result in increased levy collections and provide a windfall to the Government, given higher than expected airline activity and increased fuel usage.

1700 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Was the Passenger Movement Charge on international departing passengers implemented to cover the cost of border control services of immigration, customs and quarantine services at international airports; if so, are monies collected under the charge directed towards the costs of those services.
- (2) Does the charge collect more than is required to meet these costs.
- (3) Are Government agencies which the charge was supposed to fund experiencing difficulties at the newly privatised airports because the Government does not allocate the money collected to meet the agencies' direct costs.

1701 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the total expected cost to Government of the 30% private health insurance rebate in 2000-2001, based on the number of persons with private health insurance at the end of June 2000.
- (2) Is this expenditure in excess of the May 2000 budget projections; if so, by what sum.
- (3) For those with private insurance, what is the actual cost per capita to the Government of the private health insurance rebate in 2000-2001 referred to in part (1).
- (4) What percentage of those who had private health insurance at the end of June 2000 had (a) never previously had private health insurance, (b) private health insurance for less than 12 months, (c) private health insurance for less than 5 years and (d) private health insurance for five years or more.
- (5) What is the average annual cost per person of private health insurance premiums as at the end of June 2000.
- (6) What was the average per capita out-of-pocket gap for medical and hospital services for those with private health insurance as at the end of June 2000.

1702 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Since the Senate Estimates Committee hearing in May 2000, has there been any increase in the total sum, including travel, accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses, paid to Dr Jack Best for the Rural Stocktake report on medical education facilities Dr Best undertook for his Department.
- (2) Has Dr Best undertaken other work for him or his Department since then.
- (3) When will Dr Best's report be released.
- (4) Were the recommendations made by Dr Best the basis for budget decisions to provide funding for three new university departments of rural health and nine new clinical schools to undertake relevant undergraduate training.



- (5) Has a decision been made about where these new departments of rural health will be located; if so, (a) what was the process used to decide which universities would be funded to establish these departments, (b) which universities have been successful and (c) what funding has been agreed in each case; if not, (a) when will the decision be made public and (b) what process is being used to reach the decision about which universities will be allocated funds for the new departments.
- (6) Have decisions been made about the sum of additional funding to be provided to each of the medical schools for undergraduate training in rural health; if so, (a) what was the process used to arrive at these decisions, (b) what sums have been agreed in each case and (c) when are these funds to be made available; if not, when and how will the decisions be made.
- (7) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department to recommend which medical schools should receive funds to establish the three new rural health departments.
- (8) Has Dr Best made recommendations about the amount of funding for each of the successful universities.
- (9) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department about the amount of funding to be provided to medical schools for undergraduate clinical programs in rural health.

*28 June 2000*

1705 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is RAAF Base Amberley being used for any civilian purposes; if so, by whom and for what purpose.
- (2) Does the Minister's Department have plans or proposals to use the site for other than RAAF uses; if so, what are the plans.
- (3) Is the Minister's Department investigating or developing an alternative use for the site; if so, what are the projects.

1707 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many (a) judges, (b) counsellors, (c) registrars and (d) others will be attending the 9th National Family Law Conference in Sydney, 3 to 7 July 2000.
- (2) What will be the cost of conference registration and other fees, travel costs including Comcar and travel allowances for each conference participant category referred to in part (1).

1708 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to allegations contained in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 26 June 2000 which states that Sydney's aircraft noise-sharing plan is under threat of collapse in the wake of claims by international pilots that the use of the east-west runway should be curtailed because of potentially dangerous cross winds.
- (2) Has the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association (IFALPA) put a 'red star' on Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) because the east-west runway is allowed to be used in crosswinds of up to 25 knots.

- (3) Is the IFALPA threatening to put a further 'black star' on KSA if the airport is further upgraded to permit the east-west runway to be used in conditions of up to 25 knots.
- (4) Do international rules for operating aircraft permit aircraft movement in 25 knot cross winds, whereas a 15 knot limit is set for noise abatement purposes.
- (5) If the standard put forward by the IFALPA is accepted, should the third runway be governed by the same rules.
- (6) Is the third runway at KSA approximately 100m shorter than the east-west runway.
- (7) If the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) must be compromised in favour of the safety findings, has KSA exceeded its environmental sustainable development threshold.
- (8) Is the environmental sustainability of KSA predicated on the LTOP.
- (9) Must a finding that the operational plan of KSA is unsafe be measured by his gazetted LTOP.
- (10) Notwithstanding the findings on safety by the IFALPA, is he bound to his gazetted LTOP and that this responsibility is not mitigated by the belated findings of alleged aircraft safety after the gazettal of the LTOP.
- (11) Did he consider the matters raised by the IFALPA when the LTOP was proclaimed.

1709 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) What are the names of the Australian delegates to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conferences in 1998, 1999 and 2000.
- (2) How did Australian (a) Government; (b) employers and (c) workers delegates vote on each convention and recommendation adopted by each of the Conferences.
- (3) To what positions did Australia seek election at the Conferences.
- (4) Which members of the Far East Asia and Pacific sub-region were elected as members and deputy members of the ILO Governing Body at the Conferences.
- (5) Where and when will the next regional meeting be held.
- (6) What ILO Conventions have been considered for ratification by Australia since 1997 and when were they considered.
- (7) By what process and with what outcome were the Conventions considered.

1710 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will a special input credit be available for wholesale sales tax paid on demonstration motor vehicles sold by motor dealers after 1 July 2000; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Government aware of concerns expressed by motor traders, about the cost of the proposed treatment of demonstration vehicles to their businesses; if so, (a) what sum does Treasury estimate this treatment will cost (i) the motor trading industry as a whole and (ii) the average new car dealer and (b)

how does the Government justify placing this additional cost on motor traders.

- (3) Is the Government aware of concerns expressed by some businesses at the cashflow implications of the Pay As You Go instalment system; if so, what is the Government's response to these concerns.

*29 June 2000*

1712 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which individual recommendations of the Glenn Report tabled in 1995 relating to (a) The External Environment, (b) Vision for ADF Personnel 2005, (c) Principles of Personnel Policy Strategy, (d) Employment and Work Practices, including phased careers, staffing, flexible work practices and social justice, (e) Reward, Recognition and Entitlements, including an independent approach, rank, the pay system, allowances, accommodation and relocation, non-financial recognition and presentation, (f) Support for Members and Families, (g) The Reserves, (h) A Learning Organisation, (i) Setting the Balance - A New Management Style, (j) Strategic Links - The Personnel Process, (k) Industrial Relations in the ADF, (l) Supporting Personnel Management, (m) Change and Communication and (n) Major Challenges have been implemented, and when and how were they implemented.
- (2) Which specific recommendations have not been implemented.
- (3) Which of the recommendations not implemented are progressing and when and how are they are likely to be implemented.
- (4) Have any recommendations been rejected; if so, why.

1713 **MR LEE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) What is the current distribution, by institution, of the 21 500 HECS-exempt higher degree research places.
- (2) What is the distribution, by institution, of the remaining 3500 Commonwealth funded research places.

1715 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—In the transition to the New Tax System, will real estate management fees for residential property be GST free until 1 July 2005 if signed before 2 December 1998, while fees for commercial properties will be GST free until 1 July 2005 if signed before 8 July 1999; if so, why.

1717 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What has been the consequence of the cessation of the Commonwealth Dental Health Program.

1719 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What (a) in-patient, (b) accident and emergency and (c) outpatient services are currently provided at Kapooka Medical Centre.
- (2) How many staff are employed at the Centre.
- (3) Is the Government considering any reduction in services at the Centre; if so, what are the details.

1721 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1363 (*Hansard*, 5 June 2000, page 16005), how many in-patient beds were operational at Puckapunyal Medical Centre when the original contract was let with Serco Gardner Merchant Pty Ltd.
- (2) How many in-patient beds are currently operational at the Centre.
- (3) Is the Government considering transferring the responsibility for (a) in-patient services and (b) accident and emergency services from the Puckapunyal Medical Centre to Seymour Hospital.
- (4) If the Government is considering transferring some responsibilities to Seymour Hospital, does that hospital currently have (a) any resident medical staff or (b) a designated accident and emergency centre.
- (5) How many on-call doctors are currently available at (a) Seymour Hospital and (b) Puckapunyal Medical Centre.
- (6) Has the Director-General of Defence Health Service, Brigadier Ramsey, suggested that Puckapunyal personnel could also utilise hospital services in the northern suburbs of Melbourne; if so, (a) which specific hospitals does Defence have in mind and (b) what is the distance from Puckapunyal to these hospitals.
- (7) Did the Prime Minister make certain undertakings at Nyngan on 30 January 2000 regarding the continuation of Commonwealth services and Defence functions in regional areas; if so, will he maintain current services at the Puckapunyal Medical Centre; if not, why not.

1722 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) still have an Information Technology department; if so, (a) what is the cost of that department, (b) how many staff does it employ and (c) what is its function.
- (2) What is the total of the financial penalties levied upon EDS for non-achievement of service credits to date and over the first year of the contract.
- (3) Has the ATO hired a company to ascertain whether or not the ATO has achieved savings by outsourcing its IT department to EDS; if so, (a) what is the name of the company, (b) what is its brief, (c) what is the cost to the ATO of the review and (d) did the company have to win a tender to carry out this work.

1725 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What progress has been made on implementing the recommendations of the inquiry by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade into the loss of HMAS *Sydney*.

1729 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the allocation of funds under the ADF Spouse Employment Assistance Program for (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-00 and (c) 2000-01.

- (2) What was the actual expenditure in (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-00 and (c) estimated expenditure in 2000-01.
- (3) How many support networks have been established under the Program.
- (4) How many employment information seminars have been conducted under the Program and how many spouses have attended.
- (5) How many spouses have been provided with assistance through (a) Defence-specific Job Clubs and (b) general community Job Clubs.
- (6) What initiatives has the Defence Community Organisation taken to highlight the employment needs of Defence spouses to employers and how has the success or otherwise of these initiatives been measured.
- (7) What services does the Job Network provide to Defence spouses and what evaluation, if any, has the Defence Community Organisation conducted of those services.
- (8) Has Defence conducted an evaluation of the Spouse Employment Assistance Program; if so, what were the findings and recommendations of the evaluation.
- (9) What further measures has the Government subsequently adopted to improve the employment position of Defence spouses and what funding has been allocated for this purpose.

1730 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Following the *Report of the Independent Review Panel for the End of War List for Vietnam* what action has the Government taken to revise (a) the quota system for operational awards, (b) the process for recommending operational awards including the desirability of an Independent Assessment Panel within Defence and (c) the *Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards*.
- (2) If the Government has not reviewed these matters since the Report, will he undertake to do so; if not, why not.

1731 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Defence reservists are expected to serve in Sydney as part of Operation Gold in support of the Olympic Games.
- (2) Has Defence agreed that these personnel will serve on a continuous full-time basis as part of this Operation; if not, why not.
- (3) Are reservists serving on a continuous full-time basis entitled to additional entitlements in the form of (a) leave, (b) employer superannuation contributions and (c) other extra benefits; if so, what are the details.

1732 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many investigations of alleged breaches of ss 45D or 45E of the Trade Practices Act have been undertaken since March 1996.
- (2) What was the nature of each allegation and who were the parties investigated

- (3) How many investigations have resulted in (a) withdrawal of the allegation or (b) settlement of the allegation prior to court action being concluded.
- (4) How many court actions under sections 45D or 45E of the Trade Practices Act have been commenced since March 1996.
- (5) Of the court actions commenced, how many of these court actions have been successful.
- (6) What penalty has been levied in each successful prosecution under ss 45D or 45E of the Trade Practices Act

*14 August 2000*

- \*1734 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has he or his Department received a report on the feasibility in each State and Territory of a national insurance scheme to protect employee entitlements in cases of business insolvency; if so, (a) who compiled the report, (b) what was the cost, (c) to whom has the report been provided and (d) will the report be tabled or made public; if so, when; if not, why not.
- \*1735 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Has the Minister received any communication or advice, either written or oral, from the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, his office, Department or anyone acting under his instructions or advice in relation to the payment of union fees by payroll deduction; if so, (a) what was that advice, (b) when was it provided, (c) was that advice communicated to Telstra; if so, what was the nature of that communication and when was it provided and (d) was that advice communicated to any other Government instrumentality; if so, to which instrumentality and when.
- \*1736 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Does his letter to me and other Australians of 20 June 2000 state that some people who have money can afford to minimise their tax through schemes; if so, what action is the Government taking to crack down on these schemes.
  - (2) Does his letter say that the old system discriminates against country Australia; if so, will a 10% GST have a more adverse effect on country Australia than metropolitan Australia because prices on many items are already higher in country Australia, and that adding 10% to the cost of the item will increase the city-country price differential.
  - (3) Does his letter state that the old tax system contains hidden taxes; if so, did he expressly reject Labor amendments which would have required the GST to be shown on price tags, and that as a result the GST will itself be a hidden tax.
  - (4) Does his letter describe capital gains tax concessions as a benefit for older Australians, small businesses and farmers; if so, (a) has his Government elsewhere described the capital gains tax changes as revenue neutral and (b) if the capital gains tax changes are not revenue neutral, what is the cost to revenue of them.
- \*1737 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the Government defined what is an education course in relation to the application of the goods and services tax

on education; if so, (a) how is that definition applied to adult and community education courses and (b) when was the definition released to the public.

\*1738 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the membership of the Flood Liaison Committee.
- (2) What are the terms of reference of the Flood Liaison Committee.
- (3) Are minutes available from meetings of the Flood Liaison Committee; if so, will he provide copies.
- (4) How often and when has the Flood Liaison Committee met.
- (5) Has the committee taken any action concerning flood mitigation works and the provision of information concerning areas in risk of flooding.
- (6) Has the committee made any recommendations regarding improving the performance of the insurance industry on claims for water damage.
- (7) Does the Flood Liaison Committee have any formal standing or backing to implement its findings.

\*1739 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does Taxpack 2000 contain two separate instructions for the spouse superannuation contributions rebate which request taxpayers to calculate their spouse's assessable income and also their taxable income.
- (2) Which calculation is used for the purposes of claiming the spouse contribution rebate.
- (3) Will the two different calculations result in some taxpayers inadvertently over claiming the rebate and facing penalties from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (4) Will the ATO levy penalties on taxpayers who inadvertently over claim the spouse rebate in 1999-2000.
- (5) How many erroneous spouse rebate claims were made in 1997-98 and 1998-99.
- (6) Were penalties levied by the ATO against taxpayers who erroneously claimed the spouse rebate in 1997-98 and 1998-99.
- (7) What is the ATO's assessment of the number of expected erroneous spouse rebate claims for 1999-2000.
- (8) What is the estimated cost of the superannuation contributions for spouse rebate in each financial year it has been operating.
- (9) What is the total value of superannuation contributions that have been made on behalf of spouses under the rebate scheme in each financial year since the rebate has been operating.
- (10) Will he provide the RIM Group modelling that was undertaken on the cost of the superannuation contribution spouse rebate which the ATO confirmed had been undertaken in evidence before the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation in 1997 and which was originally requested by the Senate Committee in 1997; if not, why not.

\*1740 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) When did the Centre for Global Financial Services change its name to AXISS.
- (2) What was the reason behind the name change.
- (3) What benefits does the Government expect from the name change.
- (4) Were consultants used to determine the name change; if so, what were the costs and names of consultants used for the name change.
- (5) Did the name change involve signage, letterhead and other related costs; if so, what were the costs of those changes.
- (6) What was the total cost involved in changing the name from Centre for Global Financial Services to AXISS.
- (7) What is the cost of developing the Australian Financial Services Training Alliance (AFSTA).
- (8) What is the cost of developing the AFSTA website.
- (9) From where are the funds for the AFSTA coming.
- (10) Will members of the AFSTA be charged or pay a fee for being a part of AFSTA and having access to the AFSTA website; if so, (a) what will be that fee, (b) who will collect it and (c) how will it be collected.

\*1741 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What checks have been put in place to ensure that only those with a genuine entitlement to, and requirement for, an Australian Business Number (ABN) have been issued with one.
- (2) How many cases have there been of organisations being issued with more than one ABN when they only applied for one ABN.

\*1742 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) What is the total sum of grants given by the Commonwealth Government to the University of Western Sydney (UWS) in each year since 1995.
- (2) What is the projected sum of total grants for each of the next three years.
- (3) What sum has the Commonwealth Government given to UWS under Commonwealth research funding schemes in each year since 1995.
- (4) What is the estimated sum of grants to be given to UWS under Commonwealth research funding schemes in each of the next three years.
- (5) For each year since 1995 how many research students at UWS were (a) in Commonwealth funded places and (b) full fee paying students.
- (6) What is the estimated number of research students at UWS for each of the next three years who will be (a) in Commonwealth funded places and (b) full fee paying students.
- (7) How do the figures referred to in parts (1) to (6) compare with (a) other regional universities and (b) the “Sandstone” universities.

\*1743 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Is he, his Department or anyone on his behalf aware of international aviation



safety incidents occurring as a result of aircraft landing or taking off in cross winds of 25 knots or more; if so, what are the circumstances of each incident.

- \*1744 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Has he, his Department or any one on his behalf received representations from the Australian International Pilots Association to the effect that the Association is concerned that safety at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport is subservient to noise abatement demands; if so, will he take action to investigate those concerns and what will that action be.
- \*1745 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the Airline Pilots Association designated Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport as a “red star” airport; if so, why.
  - (2) Will he investigate the concerns of the Airline Pilots Association; if so, what action will he take.
- \*1746 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Further to the answer to question No. 1505, will the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and Airservices Australia be considering a definition of “an acceptable safety hazard” as a benchmark for their review of using the short runways at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport with up to 25 knots of crosswind; if not, against what criteria will safety considerations be evaluated.
- \*1747 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1302 (*Hansard*, 31 May 2000, page 15811), with which Departments is his Department consulting on the legislation to implement the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
  - (2) When did his Department first seek consultation with, and receive input from, each of the other Departments.
- \*1748 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Did the Prime Minister in answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 5 June 1997, page 5101) describe the closure of the St George Campus of the University of New South Wales as a decision of the governing authority of the University implementing the very clear government policy of greater autonomy for universities.
  - (2) On 11 March 1999 did he in a press release support the transfer of the site to Trinity Grammar for the establishment of a school, commenting that students from southern Sydney remain well served by higher education.
  - (3) Did he meet with Senator Tierney on 21 June 2000 to talk about the St George Campus.
  - (4) Did Senator Tierney ask him to consider releasing Federal funds to ensure a continuation of a tertiary presence at the St George campus.
  - (5) Are Federal funds to be released to ensure a tertiary presence on the campus; if so, what sum and when will the money be released.

\*1749 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Has he been invited to attend the Young Australian Writers' Awards sponsored by the Australian Children's Literary Board; if so, how many times has he been invited.
- (2) Has he ever attended the Awards; if not, why not.
- (3) Has he been invited to meet with the committee of the Australian Children's Literary Board; if so, how many times has he been invited.
- (4) Has he met with the Board; if not, why not.
- (5) Has he been approached for funding for the Australian Children's Literary Board; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what sum was requested.
- (6) Was a request for funding refused; if so, why was it refused.

\*1750 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many registrars worked in the (a) Federal and (b) Family Courts as at 30 June 2000.
- (2) How many registrars work in the (a) Federal and (b) Family Courts after 3 July 2000.
- (3) How many Federal Magistrates were appointed and ready to hear matters in the Federal Magistrates' Court on 3 July 2000.
- (4) What are the filing fees for the Magistrates' Court.
- (5) If the filing fees have not been settled, when will they be settled.
- (6) What are the rules and procedures for the Magistrates' Court.
- (7) If the rules and procedures for the Court have not been settled, when will they be settled.
- (8) When and how will practitioners and litigants of the Court know what the filing fees, rules and procedures of the Court are.
- (9) Are all Magistrates' Court registries to be physically separate from Family and Federal Court registries.
- (10) Will each Magistrates' Court have its own (a) library, (b) staff and (c) facilities.
- (11) Has the Government budgeted to appoint further magistrates if required.
- (12) Does the Magistrates' Court budget make specific provision for alternative dispute resolution; if so, what sum is provided.
- (13) Will the Family Court still have an alternative dispute resolution role.
- (14) What sum of the Family Court budget is directed to alternative dispute resolution in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-2001.

\*1751 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) For each Statistical Local Area (SLA), (a) how many authorised community based civil marriage celebrants are located in that area, (b) how many ministers of religion of recognised denominations who are registered under Division 1 of Part VI of the Marriage Act are located in that area, (c) how many state or territory government civil celebrants are located in that area and (d) what is the population of that area.

- (2) How does he determine whether there is a need for civil celebrants in a particular area.
- (3) In respect of the special needs category of authorised civil marriage celebrants, (a) how many community based civil marriage celebrants are currently authorised in this category and (b) in respect of each celebrant so authorised, what is the relevant special needs community.
- (4) How many community based authorised civil marriage celebrants are there and how many of these celebrants possess a relevant civil marriage celebrant qualification.
- (5) How many written complaints were made to his Department about community based civil marriage celebrants in 1999-2000.
- (6) How many complaints were resolved with no formal action taken against the relevant celebrant.
- (7) How many members does each association of civil celebrants recognised by him have.
- (8) When will the review which was announced in April 1997 be complete.

\*1752 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Are there guidelines about how the \$20 million of Commonwealth money over 4 years for diversionary programs in the Northern Territory is to be spent; if so, (a) what are they and (b) by whom or by which Department were they developed.
- (2) Are there acquittal guidelines for the Commonwealth monies; if so, (a) what are they, (b) who or what Department developed them and (c) when were they developed.
- (3) Has the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet given any direction to his Department about how the first instalment of \$5 million, or any of the Commonwealth grant monies, is to be spent by the NT Government; if so, what were those directions.
- (4) Do the guidelines require that some of the first \$5 million go towards the provision of an Aboriginal interpretation service.
- (5) Will that interpretation service be an extension of the current NT interpretation service or will a new service be created.
- (6) Will a new service be funded; if not, why not.
- (7) What sum is to be directed to an interpretation service and what proportion of that sum will be (a) Commonwealth and (b) NT money.
- (8) If the money is used to expand the current Northern Territory interpretation service and fund other organisations to be able to access that service, will organisations currently funded by Commonwealth money, for example, the Aboriginal Legal Service, be funded by the extra Commonwealth money to access the interpretation service.
- (9) Will the number of Aboriginal languages offered by the interpretation service be expanded; if so, how.
- (10) Will more interpreters be trained; if so, where.

- (11) Will any of the \$5 million of Commonwealth funds be used to increase police numbers in the NT; if so, will those positions specifically target diversionary programs; if so, how.
- (12) Has the format of the diversionary programs that the NT intends to implement been agreed upon; if so, (a) what is that format, (b) who will run the programs, (c) which juvenile offenders will be targeted and (d) where will those programs run.
- (13) Does his Department have any expertise or specialist knowledge in diversionary programs for Aboriginal juvenile offenders; if so, how is that expertise being used in terms of developing the NT program.
- (14) Is his Department consulting with any non-government agencies or bodies in the NT about the scope or the form of diversionary programs.
- (15) Is he able to say whether the NT Government is consulting with non-government agencies about the scope or format of diversionary programs.
- (16) What is the timetable for commencement of all or any of these diversionary programs.

\*1753 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In the Federal Court in (a) 1997-98, (b) 1998-99 and (c) 1999-2000 how many applications concerned disability discrimination under the Disability Discrimination Act.
- (2) How many applications referred to in part (1) resulted in an award of costs against the (a) applicant and (b) respondent.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to research which identifies the extent to which the prospects of costs being awarded against applicants in disability discrimination matters deters potential applicants from commencing proceedings in the Federal Court; if so, how does the Government propose to address this barrier to disabled Australians achieving access to justice.
- (4) Has his Department conducted any evaluation of the impact of the legislative changes in the *Human Right Amendment Bill 1988* on disabled Australians; if not, is an evaluation planned.

\*1754 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—

- (1) What Federal Government funding has been provided to the Northern Territory for 2000-2001.
- (2) Has any of this sum been allocated for specific purposes; if so, what sums and for what purposes has the money been allocated.
- (3) What financial management and accountability measures are in place in respect of Federal Government funds allocated to the Northern Territory or for a purpose or purposes within the Northern Territory.

\*1755 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied that Federal monies allocated to the NT Government or for purposes within the Northern Territory during 1999-2000 were expended for the purpose or purposes for which they were appropriated; if

so, is the Minister's satisfaction based on financial management and accountability procedures; if so, what are those procedures.

- (2) Has the Minister made appropriate inquiry regarding the expenditure of funds provided by the Federal Government to the NT Government or for purposes within the Northern Territory; if not, will the Minister conduct an appropriate audit to ensure that the monies have been expended for the purpose or purposes for which they were appropriated.

\*1756 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Will a wife's Partner Service Pension be included as assessable income under Part B of the Family Tax Benefit package.
- (2) Will this mean that a family which receives DVA benefits for war service of \$509 per week will be about \$44 per week worse off.
- (3) What arrangements will he put in place to remedy that situation.
- (4) Will those arrangements restore the status quo or will they include an additional sum to compensate ex-servicemen and their partners for the effects of the GST.
- (5) Will any compensation be permanent rather than just transitional during the period of the GST implementation.

\*1757 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Has the Australian Electoral Commissioner been forced to correct evidence given to a Senate Committee Inquiry into the provision of information by the Electoral Commissioner to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for the purpose of a mail out on the Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) If so, what were the circumstances in which the Electoral Commissioner was forced to correct his earlier evidence.
- (3) What is the correct chronology of correspondence between Mr Becker and Mr Carmody regarding the provision of information by the Electoral Commissioner to the ATO in the period since 1 April 2000.

\*1758 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the design capacity of the declared road reservation for land on the eastern side of the Murrumbateman by-pass, NSW, including the (a) size of the reserve, (b) vehicle speed and (c) number of carriageways of the road used as the basis of determining that reserve.
- (2) When was this reservation made, and by whom was it made.
- (3) Are other reserves declared in the vicinity of Murrumbateman.

\*1759 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the term of the peppercorn lease over the Tarcoola to Alice Springs railway line which the Government provided the Asia Pacific Transport Consortium.

- (2) What agreement does the Government have with the Consortium about the management, maintenance and upgrade of this line during the period of the lease.
- (3) What agreement does the Government have with the Consortium about the state of repair or condition the track is to be in at the end of the lease.
- (4) What is the financial value of that line.

\*1760 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many nights has the current Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Airservices Australia spent out of Australia since January 2000.
- (2) Which countries has the current CEO visited since January 2000.
- (3) What was the duration and purpose of each visit.
- (4) Did the Airservices Australia board approve each visit.
- (5) What was the total cost of this travel, including airfares, accommodation, expenses and allowances.
- (6) When does the employment contract of the current CEO expire.
- (7) Has the CEO confirmed that he will not be seeking a further term; if so, when did he advise that he was not seeking a further term.
- (8) What travel is planned for the CEO between now and the end of his employment contract.
- (9) What is the process for appointing a CEO for Airservices Australia and who has the authority to make the appointment.
- (10) Has the process for appointing a CEO commenced; if not, when and where will the position be advertised.
- (11) What is the financial value of the salary and conditions package for the CEO.
- (12) What will be the financial value of the employment contract offered to the next Airservices Australia CEO.

\*1761 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Are all imported buses and coaches required to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADRs); if so, what legislation or regulations specify the requirement.
- (2) Is there a proposal to change this requirement; if so, (a) which States, organisations or individuals have requested a change and (b) for what purpose.
- (3) What would be the effect (a) of any change on the safety of passengers travelling in buses and coaches and (b) on the cost of an imported bus or coach relative to an Australian made bus or coach.
- (4) Which agency, department or authority is responsible for auditing imported buses and coaches to ensure they comply with ADRs.
- (5) How many audits has that organisation conducted in each year since 1995, and how quickly are audits conducted after the date of importation.

- (6) How many buses and coaches were imported in each year since 1995 and from which countries were they imported.
- (7) When audited, how many of those buses and coaches were found to not comply with ADRs.

\*1762 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did he issue a media release dated 24 May 2000 titled “Sale of National Rail Corporation to Proceed Shortly”.
- (2) What is the timeframe for proceeding with the sale.
- (3) What are the sale management arrangements agreed between the shareholders to govern the terms of the sale process.
- (4) Will the sale arrangements be released to the public.
- (5) Will the process be an open tender process and who will make the decision on the preferred buyer.
- (6) Will public sector rail organisations be permitted to bid to purchase National Rail in their own right or as part of a consortia; if not, why not.

**MR HATTON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1763 - \*1780)—

- (1) Is the Minister’s Department and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio compliant in respect of the Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) What action did the Minister’s Department and agencies within the Minister’s portfolio take to ensure that they were GST ready by 1 July 2000.
- (3) Is the Minister able to guarantee that no agency within the Minister’s portfolio will suffer negative impacts on its budget or services due to the GST; if not, or if the guarantee was subsequently proved incorrect, would the Minister be prepared to resign.

\*1763 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

\*1764 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

\*1765 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Treasurer.

\*1766 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

\*1767 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

\*1768 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

\*1769 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

\*1770 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

\*1771 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

\*1772 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

\*1773 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

\*1774 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

\*1775 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

- \*1776 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.
- \*1777 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- \*1778 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- \*1779 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- \*1780 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- \*1781 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did he ask for a report from Navy about the allegations in the *Bulletin* article of 16 May 2000 concerning an alleged cover up about the four deaths on HMAS *Westralia*; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the details requested of Navy.
  - (2) Has the report been provided to him; if so, when was it provided.
  - (3) Will he make the report publicly available; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (4) Has he taken action on the report; if so, what; if not, why not.
- \*1782 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Did he request a report from the Navy into the awarding of bravery medals and awards from the *Westralia* tragedy; if so, when did he request the report.
  - (2) Has he received the report; if so, when did he receive it.
  - (3) Will he make the report publicly available; if not, why not.
  - (4) Were families advised in writing that they could write to the Chief of Navy about the matter; if so, when; if not, why not.
  - (5) What action has been taken in response to the report.
  - (6) Has the citation awarded to Leading Seaman Bradley Meek been upgraded; if not, why not.
- \*1783 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What funding did the Government grant to the University of Melbourne for the purpose of providing student accommodation in (a) 1973-74, (b) 1974-75, (c) 1975-76, (d) 1976-1977 and (e) 1977-78.
  - (2) Is the Government aware of the University of Melbourne's plans to sell houses purchased for the purpose of providing student accommodation; if so, is the Government aware of what the University intends to do with the proceeds of those sales.
  - (3) Has he, his advisers or his Department discussed the sale of these houses with the University of Melbourne; if so, what are the details.
  - (4) What alternative strategies is the Government putting in place to ensure the adequate provision of affordable student accommodation for University of Melbourne students.
- \*1784 **MR MCMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Commonwealth, State and Territory Transport Ministers sign draft transport standards under the Disability Discrimination Act in April 1999.
  - (2) If so, have the standards been gazetted; if not, why not.



\*1785 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has an environmental impact statement been undertaken for National Rail's Adelaide Freight Terminal and shunting facility at Islington and its impact in neighbouring residential areas, including Kilburn.
- (2) Has the Government considered funding a buffer zone at Kilburn to assist in the noise problem; if so, what was the nature and cost of the proposal.
- (3) Will documents to potential purchasers relating to the proposed sale of National Rail refer to the environmental difficulties associated with the operation of the Islington Depot and the community campaign for a buffer zone, including its cost.
- (4) What environmental impact will any extension of the Islington freight terminal have on the surrounding community as a result of work arising from the development of the Alice Springs to Darwin line.

\*1786 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has he noted the recommendation in the report of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, ordered to be printed by the British House of Commons on 18 July 2000, that the United Kingdom sign the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and that the Government bring forward legislation to give effect to its provisions and facilitate early ratification.
- (2) Is he able to say which states have (a) signed, (b) ratified or (c) acceded to the Convention since his answer to question No. 2436 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 147).
- (3) Will he bring up-to-date the information in parts (4), (5) and (6) of his answer to question No 2436.

\*1787 **MR MCCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Where are the locations of access points to Botany Bay in the event of an aircraft emergency in the Bay.
- (2) What are the evacuation points for vessels to unload injured passengers who may be rescued from the water and how far are those access points from the St George Hospital.
- (3) Has the Government considered the need for additional access points.
- (4) Has his attention been drawn to Rockdale City Council's proposed repairs and modifications to the Brighton Jetty which would make the structure wider than normal to enable a vehicle such as an ambulance to drive down the jetty and then turn around at the end and to allow boats to come alongside in various weather conditions.
- (5) Is the jetty ideally located as an emergency access point to the Bay; if so, will his Department investigate the proposal with a view to the Commonwealth providing financial assistance for the project.

\*1788 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many operational changes affecting how air traffic is managed have been implemented at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport since (a) 1 April 1996 and (b) 1 August 1999.
- (2) How many operational changes affecting air traffic management are planned for implementation in the period 1 August to 1 October 2000.
- (3) Have the failure rates of the Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS) equipment increased in the period July 1999 to May 2000; if so, why.
- (4) What are the failure rates for the TAAATS equipment for June and July 2000.
- (5) Has he had discussions with Airservices Australia about the concerns of the Civil Air union published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 28 July 2000; if so, what was the substance of the discussions and how does Airservices Australia plan to deal with the concerns.

\*1789 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What was the budget for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-01.
- (2) How much of each of those budget amounts was or is earmarked for salaries for legal officers.
- (3) When those salary components were identified, were any external comparisons made to remuneration of solicitors in private practice or to legal officers in other Commonwealth agencies; if not, why not.
- (4) How many solicitors at Level 2 or above have left the DPP in the period January 1998 to August 2000.
- (5) How many of those who left the DPP in this period gave remuneration as a reason.
- (6) If the information sought in part (5) is not available, why not.
- (7) Is he able to say whether a solicitor at Legal 2 level in the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business base salary is \$81 692 with increments to \$86 247.

\*1790 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In determining the 2001 budget for Victorian Legal Aid, were the views of the Victoria Legal Aid Community Consultative Committee taken into account.
- (2) Did the budget process acknowledge the committee's concerns about the increase in unrepresented litigants, the extra burden on legal aid partners, for example private solicitors, community legal centres and other community organisations and, what the committee perceives as denial of access to justice to disadvantaged Victorians.
- (3) If the budget process did address the committee's concerns as described or in any other way, how were they addressed.

- (4) If the budget process did not address the committee's concerns as outlined or in any other way, why not.

\*1791 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Are there plans to change the nature or the processes of the Attorney-General's NGO Forum on Domestic Human Rights; if so, what are they.
- (2) If changes are planned, has consultation taken place with forum members about the nature of those changes; if not, why not.
- (3) Will he recommend ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he recommend recognition of rape in armed conflict as grounds for refugee status on the basis of social exclusion as an ongoing form of persecution; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the National Action Plan for Human Rights been completed and has the chapter on human rights education been included.
- (6) Is there any provision in the 2000-2001 court administrative budget for an increase in the number of interpreters; if not, why not.
- (7) What is he doing to ensure that international human rights obligations are not breached in relation to (a) waiting periods for access to social services and benefits for disabled and spousal immigrants and (b) the Government's policy on refugees and detention, the issuing of temporary visas and *refoulement* of refugees.
- (8) What are the measures which his Department, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Defence are currently considering which need to be implemented before Australia can ratify the International Criminal Court Statute.
- (9) What position has he put to the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding the minimum age for recruitment and participation in hostilities.
- (10) What is he doing to ensure that non government agencies are consulted during the Government's review of Australia's relationship with the United Nations human rights treaty system.
- (11) Has his Department had any information from the Federal Court about cost orders in its human rights jurisdiction.
- (12) Are mandatory sentencing laws contrary to Australia's human rights obligations; if not, why not.
- (13) When will the Government's response to the Pregnancy and Work Inquiry be ready.

\*1792 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many RAAF personnel have been awarded the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with clasp VIETNAM 1975.
- (2) Did the Government subsequently decide to create a new clasp of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 for service in support of the UN Children's Emergency Fund in Vietnam in March and April 1975; if so, on what date was the new award gazetted.

- (3) How many RAAF personnel have (a) applied for and (b) received the new clasp of the AASM 1945-75 referred to in part (2).
  - (4) Have personnel who were awarded the ASM VIETNAM 1975 been advised by Defence that their Medal has been cancelled and should be returned even if that are not eligible for the replacement award of the AASM 1945-75; if so, what is the justification for this action.
- \*1793 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the agreed timetable for the completion of the Atomic Test Participants Cancer Incidence and Mortality Study.
  - (2) Is there an independent Steering Committee for the study; if so, who are the members of the Committee.
  - (3) What sum, if any, did Defence spend on the study in 1999-2000.
  - (4) What is the estimated funding allocation for the study for (a) 2000-01 and (b) subsequent years.
  - (5) Through which Budget appropriation item is the study being funded.
- \*1794 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the required process of enlistment that a civilian who wishes to join the Army Reserve must go through.
  - (2) For the most recent year for which data is available, what is the average time in weeks, from the date of first application, that it takes to complete this enlistment process.
  - (3) Can Regular Army personnel who have completed their full-time service automatically transfer to the Army Reserve if they wish to do so, if not, what further checks are they subjected to.
  - (4) For the most recent year for which data is available, what is the average time in weeks to complete the transfer process from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve.
- \*1795 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Did the Government place a full-page advertisement entitled “Tax Cuts, the GST and Country Australia”, in the inner city Melbourne publication, *The Port Phillip Leader* on 26 June 2000.
  - (2) How many “GST Chain” advertisements relating to regional Australia were placed in other inner city newspapers.
  - (3) What was the cost of the advertisements.
  - (4) How does the Government justify spending taxpayers’ funds on advertisements about regional Australia in inner city newspapers.



**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 inquiry:*

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.

**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.

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 ORGANISATION:** 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 inquiries:*

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

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:*

Adelaide—RAAF Base Edinburgh, Redevelopment Stage 1.

Belconnen, ACT—Fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Darwin—Development of 90 apartments.

Newcastle, NSW—CSIRO Energy Centre at Steel River.  
Stirling, ACT—Construction of mixed residential dwellings.

### 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.

**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, Dr 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, Senator West.

#### *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*).