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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 127

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2000

The House meets this day at 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000—Mr O'Connor, 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identified, such as higher student/staff ratios, less frequent lecture and tutorial contact, the persistence of outdated technology and gaps in key areas of professional preparation, as well as eight institutions operating at a deficit, with some regional campuses at risk;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”.
- 2 **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*).

* 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.

- 3 **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*).
- 4 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 5 **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*).
- 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 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 11 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (LICENCE CHARGES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 12 **GENE TECHNOLOGY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 2000—Mr Griffin*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 18 **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*).

- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 37 **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*).
- 38 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 39 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 40 **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*).
- 41 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 42 **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*).
- 43 **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*).
- 44 **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*).
- 45 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 46 **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*).

- 47 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 48 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 9 March 2000*).
- 49 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 50 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 51 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 52 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 53 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 54 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 55 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 56 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 57 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.

- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.

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

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

1 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 28 August 2000.*)

2 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1998-99, SECOND HALF—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Jackie Kelly*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)

- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 8 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- 10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 11 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 12 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 13 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 18 **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 Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowdon—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 28 August 2000.*)
- *19 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECOND CHAMBER: ENHANCING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000—Mr Price, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Price—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 28 August 2000.*)
- *20 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AGE COUNTS: ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MATURE-AGE WORKERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000—Dr Nelson, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—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 28 August 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notice given for Tuesday, 15 August 2000

- *1 **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 14 August 2000*).
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Notices

1 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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)

2 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

3 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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

16 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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

17 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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

18 MR L. D. T. FERGUSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
- (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran’s reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha’is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;

- (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
 - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
 - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Notice given 22 June 2000. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 20 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Report by the Committee of Sydney Inc “Sydney's Gateways In The 21st 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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.)

- 21 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 22 **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. Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 28 August 2000.*)
- 2 **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 28 August 2000.*)
- 3 **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 28 August 2000.*)

- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 28 August 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- *29 **MARKETISATION OF EDUCATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sawford—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

- *30 **TIBETAN PEOPLE'S HEALTH:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000—Mr Danby, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nehl—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- *31 **PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND ETHICS:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Horne—That a Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Ethics be appointed to inquire into whether to permit human surrogacy in Australia and, if so,:
- (1) under what terms and conditions surrogacy should be legalised; and
 - (2) the legal, ethical, moral and religious framework by which legal agreements could be drawn up to allow human surrogacy to take place giving maximum legal safeguards to all people involved. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)
- *32 **PARALYMPIC GAMES:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Cameron—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 28 August 2000.*)

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **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.
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 798, 827, 955, 964, 1041, 1064, 1125, 1134, 1169, 1172, 1175, 1181, 1208, 1209, 1218, 1222, 1242, 1255, 1256, 1276, 1280, 1282-1285, 1290, 1366, 1388, 1414, 1415, 1431, 1441, 1445, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1477, 1481, 1494, 1499, 1501, 1503, 1510, 1513-1515, 1517-1521, 1524, 1532, 1539, 1546, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1569, 1573, 1577, 1580, 1585, 1592, 1598-1600, 1603, 1608, 1611, 1620-1623, 1625, 1627-1630, 1633, 1635, 1637, 1640-1643, 1646-1648, 1650, 1655-1658, 1660, 1664, 1666, 1668, 1671-1676, 1678, 1681, 1683, 1685-1690, 1692-1694, 1699, 1700, 1702, 1705, 1707-1710, 1712, 1713, 1715, 1719, 1721, 1722, 1725, 1729-1732.

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- 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.

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*1796 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Which Australian judges and former judges have served as judges in overseas countries.
- (2) In what country and for what period has each judge served.

*1797 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With regard to Patricks dispute with the Maritime Union of Australia, is he able to say whether the Prime Minister told the 1998 NSW Liberal State Conference that Australia’s export future was at stake.

- (2) What was the cost of a dry container on the (a) Melbourne-Singapore, (b) Melbourne-Hong Kong, (c) Melbourne-Bangkok and (d) Melbourne-Seoul runs (i) prior to the dispute and (ii) in October 1999.
- (3) What is the cost of dry containers on the routes referred to in part (2) in August 2000.
- (4) Has the peak Australian shippers association said that despite the Government's professed concerns at export costs that Australian exports had not had a cent in benefits from increased stevedoring efficiency.
- (5) In the period since January 1998 to July 2000, has Lang Corporation's share price risen from \$1.16 to \$9.09.
- (6) During the period referred to in part (5), what benefits have accrued to Australian importers or exporters as the result of drops in the cost of stevedoring.
- (7) Did he meet Lord Sterling, Chairman of P&O, when he was in London for the Centenary of Federation celebrations; if so, did he raise with Lord Sterling the possibility of passing on some of the cost savings of waterfront reform to Australian importers and exporters; if not, why not.

*1798 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What information does he have about the closer economic, political and cultural links in the ASEAN plus 3 grouping of countries.
- (2) Is he concerned that this grouping will form an economic and political unit which will have the effect of excluding Australia.
- (3) Does he have a strategy to deal with the growing alienation of Australia from this group of nations.

*1799 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What are the reasons behind the several hunger strikes that have recently occurred at refugee detention centres.
- (2) Have any of the complaints highlighted by these hunger strikes been rectified within the detention centre system.
- (3) How many people were involved in these hunger strikes, and how many of these are of (a) Chinese, (b) Arabic, (c) African and (d) other backgrounds.
- (4) Why were the Villawood detainees on hunger strike removed to the Port Hedland Detention Centre.
- (5) Was the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission permitted to interview these detainees to ensure the protection of their rights under Articles 7 and 10 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, before they were removed to Port Hedland.
- (6) What is the current status of these refugees.

*1800 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Why has he accused genuine refugees who have been granted Temporary Protection Visas of rorting the system when he forbids them from having

English classes in order to help their efforts to become employed and therefore financially self-sufficient.

- (2) Does the Temporary Protection Visa bar the reunion of refugees with their spouses and children; if so, why does he believe that a refugee should be forbidden from sending financial assistance to his or her spouse and children.
- (3) Does he have evidence that these refugees are sending monies to people other than their spouse and children; if so, what; if not, will he apologise to the refugees and to the Australian community.

*1801 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1652 concerning the \$6810 bond attached to a Bridging E Visa, allowing an individual recognised as a genuine refugee to leave detention, why are the majority of refugee applicants of Chinese background in Villawood Detention Centre being charged amounts between \$30,000-\$50,000.
- (2) Is the determination of a security amount dependent on the country of origin or ethnic background of the refugee applicant; if not, what criteria does his Department use in determining the amount of a bond or security for a Bridging E Visa application to refugees.

*1802 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) What major developments have taken place in the field of multicultural arts since the election of the Howard Government in 1996.
- (2) What resources has the Government provided specifically targeted for multicultural arts since its election in 1996.
- (3) What action has he taken to ensure that the Australia Council and other funding bodies give equal access to artists from non English speaking backgrounds.
- (4) What direct funding is being made to ethnic community organisations through his Department to maintain the diversity of cultural traditions within a multicultural Australia.

*1803 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) What proportion of the total Aged Care budget for nursing homes and hostels since 1990 on a year-by-year basis has been directed into (a) ethnic-specific nursing homes and hostels and (b) multi-ethnic nursing homes and hostels.
- (2) Since 1990, on a year-by-year basis, what has been the total number of nursing home and hostel beds and of these, how many beds were in (a) ethnic-specific nursing homes and hostels and (b) multi-ethnic homes.

*1804 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Has she developed a policy to ensure that all significant ethnic groupings are being offered the possibility of ethnic-specific hostels and nursing homes.
- (2) Does the Government have a target for the total number of facilities and placements in ethnic-specific nursing homes and hostels.

- (3) What proportion of beds in the current round of nursing home and hostel placements is for ethnic-specific beds.
 - (4) What is the breakdown of ethnic-specific placements being offered and to which individual ethnic communities are they being offered.
- *1805 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government undertaken work on the cost of a West Shepparton by-pass or alternative road; if so, what is the nature of the work undertaken and the associated costings of the road work.
- *1806 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 1612 concerning the 1999 Regional Australia Summit, if invitations were not issued to all Senators and Members to attend the Regional Summit Dinner, how can Senators and Members claim payment for travel allowances, airfares, cars and taxi costs under clause 10(g) of Determination 8 of 1998, which relates to payment of travel allowances for attendance at official government, parliamentary or vice-regal functions.
 - (2) Since when has clause 10(g) of Determination 8 of 1998 been extended to the payment of travel allowances for attendance at official government, parliamentary or vice-regal functions when the only Members and Senators invited to such events are Coalition Members and Senators.
- *1807 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report by Alan Kohler in the *Australian Financial Review* of 10 to 12 June 2000 which states that five tea-tree plantations started over the past couple of years will by 2004 dump 1600 tonnes of tea tree oil each year into a global market and last year amounted to 300 tonnes, and as a result the price has collapsed from \$55 a tonne to \$20.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether the statements made in the article are correct; if so, what is the objective of the \$100,000 Government grant which his media release of 28 June 200 says will develop a national strategy to grow the industry.
- *1808 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the current share of national road funding received by Victoria.
 - (2) Has Victoria's share changed over recent years; if so, by what sums has it changed.
 - (3) How long does the existing agreement for the division of national road funding last.
 - (4) What is the process by which roads are declared Roads of National Importance.
 - (5) On how many occasions during the period 1993-1999 did the Victorian Government seek to secure with the Federal Government an agreement over any Roads of National Importance.
 - (6) What was the first occasion in which the Victorian Government requested the Federal Government to agree to declaring the Scoresby Freeway a Road of National Importance.

- (7) Has the Federal Government refused to fund the Scoresby Freeway project.
- *1809 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Government instructed the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to review existing excise arrangements for petroleum products that may be used as a substitute in fuel.
 - (2) Does this review involve a review of the current testing practices.
 - (3) Is the Government considering directing the ATO to recommence the spot testing for fuel substitution that was curtailed when the excise function was transferred to the ATO from Customs.
 - (4) What petrol stations have been found to be adding methanol to petrol.
 - (5) Does the Government agree with the calls by the Australian Automobile Association and the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of national standards for fuel and regular random fuel testing to prevent excise loss and possible damage to automobiles.
 - (6) Does the Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000 contain proposals to allow the searching of conveyances without warrant to search for tobacco leaf; if so, will the (a) same provisions apply to petroleum products and (b) ATO be directed to apply a similar measure to all excisable products; if not why not.
- *1810 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
What arrangements does the Australian Taxation Office have in place to ensure that the same problems do not arise in relation to Australian Business Numbers as have occurred with Tax File Numbers, in light of the Auditor-General's report that lax administration led to there being 3.6 million more tax file numbers than tax-payers.
- *1811 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
Have all judges been sent their Superannuation Surcharge Notice and have all judges met all their superannuation surcharge liabilities.
- *1812 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many inspections of nursing homes have been carried out by the Government or its agencies on nursing homes in the electoral divisions of (a) Deakin, (b) Chisholm, (c) La Trobe, (d) McEwen and (e) Aston since 1 January 1999.
 - (2) What are the details of inspections in each case.
- *1813 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) On 30 June 2000 was a message sent to military personnel at the Bulimba barracks in Brisbane saying that (a) due to recent events involving consultations and negotiations, no dialogue was to occur between unit representatives and state or federal union officials, (b) that any inquiries posed by state or federal union officials should be directed to either the Industrial Relations Officer or the Commanding Officer and (c) the request was not intended to gag consultation between management and the union movement but to ensure "we all sing from the same sheet of music".
 - (2) In his answer to question No. 1104 (*Hansard*, 16 February 2000, page 13719), did he say that enterprise agreement negotiations were matters

between the contractors and the union and not the Defence Department and the union; if so, why does Defence maintain a process of negotiation with unions given that Drake Personnel is the employer and not the Department of Defence.

- (3) What strategy or approach is involved with the desire to ensure “we all sing from the same sheet of music”.
- (4) What role does Defence play in the negotiations concerning conditions for contractors’ employees.

*1814 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are contractors and their employees permitted to obtain meals from the Army personnel canteen at the Bulimba base in Brisbane.
- (2) Were the costs for these meals previously the same to all permitted to purchase there.
- (3) Who made the recent decision that meals charged to Army personnel and public servants at the Bulimba base in Brisbane would cost \$3.40, while those charged to other workers at the base would cost \$7.40.
- (4) When and why was the decision made.
- (5) Is it a nationwide decision or peculiar to the Bulimba base.
- (6) How are the prices determined.

*1815 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What are the (a) names, (b) qualifications, (c) nominating states and (d) terms of the present members of the (i) Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination established under the 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, (ii) Human Rights Committee established under the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, (iii) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights established under the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, (iv) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women established under the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, (v) Committee against Torture established under the 1984 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, (vi) Committee on the Rights of the Child established under the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child and (vii) International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission established under the 1977 Protocol I Additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

*1816 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What are the methods available to detect cervical cancer.
- (2) Is there a method available which is 100% accurate in detecting cervical cancer; if so, what is the method; if not, what is the most accurate method for detecting cervical cancer and what percentage accuracy does that method have.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to a pamphlet distributed by the Pap Smear Register which says pap smears are no longer the most effective method of detecting cervical cancer.

- (4) Has his attention been drawn to an adjunctive test known as ThinPrep Pap Test.
- (5) Is ThinPrep Pap Test listed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule; if not, why not.

*1817 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answers to questions No. 1654 and No. 1153 (*Hansard*, 8 June 2000, page 16339), is the information concerning former Senator Colston a matter relating to law enforcement pursuant to subsection 488(1)(e) of the Migration Act with respect to charges alleging misappropriation of Commonwealth revenue, namely travel rorts.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

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

Current 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.

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.

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.*)

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*).