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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 133

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2000

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


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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**
**Notices**

- \*1 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.
- \*2 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to shipping, and for related purposes.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr Price*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*3 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Proposed ABC Perth Accommodation Project, East Perth, Western Australia.

\* Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 5 **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*).
- 6 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE TRUSTS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES—INTEGRITY OF MEANS TESTING) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 7 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 11 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
- 17 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 18 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 25 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- \*28 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*29 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (ASSURANCE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*30 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*31 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).

- \*32 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OVERSEAS STUDENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- \*33 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 34 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **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*).
- 38 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 39 **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*).
- 40 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 41 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 42 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 43 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 44 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 45 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 46 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 47 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 48 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 49 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).

- 50 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 51 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—IMPACT OF COMPETITION POLICY REFORMS ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY TO 15 DECEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL—REPORT FOR 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.

- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.

- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.



- 96 **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*).
- 97 **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*).
- 98 **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*).
- 99 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Entsch*):  
Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 100 **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*).  
\*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2000)—*moved 30 August 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Smith*).  
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*).
- 101 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998**: Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



## BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

### COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

#### Presentation and statements

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** The measure of an Army: Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war. (Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Australia's trade with South America. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—JOINT COMMITTEE:** A watching brief: Nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO's public reporting activities. (*Statements to conclude by 1.20 p.m.*)
- 4 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Not the Hilton: Immigration detention centres inspection report. (*Statements to conclude by 1.30 p.m.*)

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

#### Notices

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an Aviation Noise Ombudsman, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 15 August 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1998-99, 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 4 September 2000.*)
- 2 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 September 2000.*)

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

- 18 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SIX TREATIES TABLED ON 6 JUNE 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 19 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—NUMBERS ON THE RUN: REVIEW OF THE ANOA REPORT NO. 37 1998-99 ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TAX FILE NUMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

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

#### **Notices given for Thursday, 31 August 2000**

- \*1 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That this House:
- (1) Congratulates the countries of Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Namibia, The Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, The Philippines, Portugal, senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uruguay and Venezuela for being signatories to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
  - (2) Recognises the CEDAW as the only woman specific human rights mechanism at the international level;
  - (3) Recognises that the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW is a major step forward in realising Governments' commitments with regard to women's human rights;
  - (4) Recognises that the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW creates procedures for the United Nations to promote the enjoyment of human rights to all women and the world-wide elimination of discrimination against women;
  - (5) Recognises that signatories to the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW reject all forms of injustice and systemic discrimination suffered by women world-wide;
  - (6) Recognises that the Optional Protocol provides a significant opportunity for women who have suffered from discrimination to seek justice through the United Nations;
  - (7) Expresses concern at the significantly diminished role Australia is playing in the negotiations of the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW and the low priority given to the Optional Protocol by the Howard Government;

- (8) Calls on the Howard Government to take an active role in the negotiation process and to promote a speedy ratification of the Optional Protocol; and
  - (9) Calls on the Howard Government to have Australia become a signatory to the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW. (*Notice given 30 August 1999.*)
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### Notices—*continued*

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 4 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.)*

**7 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.)*

**8 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.)*

**9 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.)*

- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 11 **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 will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 12 **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 will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 13 **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 will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 14 **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 will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 15 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Report by the Committee of Sydney Inc “Sydney's Gateways In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Part 1: The Airports”, prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
    - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
    - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is \$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and
    - (c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of

noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and

- (2) urges the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to have an Independent Commission of Inquiry into Sydney's Transport Needs and examine all options including Speed Rail, Interim measures to extend KSA, BCA and other alternative sights for Sydney's Second Airport. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

**16 MR MOSSFELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the Federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 14 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

**17 MR WILKIE:** 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 28 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

18 **MS O'BYRNE:** 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 28 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 2 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 3 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 4 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 5 **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 4 September 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 September 2000.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 September 2000.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 September 2000.*)

- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 September 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 14 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.)*

- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 30 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 31 **POST POLIO SYNDROME:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Adams—That this House:
- (1) recognises Post Polio Syndrome, as thousands of Australians are now experiencing the late effects of contracting polio some 30 to 40 years after the initial infection;
  - (2) notes that it is estimated that a minimum of 20 000 to 40 000 people had paralytic polio in Australia between the 1930's and the 1960's and it has only been recently that this syndrome has been diagnosed;
  - (3) gives support to the Post Polio Network set up around Australia;
  - (4) helps the establishment of assessment clinics for those that suffer from this disorder;
  - (5) helps educate medical professionals to recognise this syndrome and encourage further research; and
  - (6) legislates to recognise the need for post polio suffers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)
- 32 **NEEDLE SUPPLY AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Billson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 September 2000.*)

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS** (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 4 September 2000". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**

*Thursday, 31 August 2000*

*The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.*

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

- 1 **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*).

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 30 August 2000—Mr Bartlett, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECOND CHAMBER: ENHANCING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 2000—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.
- 7 **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.

- 8 **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*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—*continued*

**Orders of the day—*continued***

- 2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 3 **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.



## 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, 1218, 1222, 1255, 1256, 1276, 1280, 1283-1285, 1290, 1366, 1388, 1414, 1415, 1431, 1441, 1445, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1477, 1481, 1494, 1499, 1501, 1510, 1513, 1514, 1517-1521, 1524, 1532, 1546, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1569, 1577, 1585, 1598-1600, 1603, 1608, 1611, 1620, 1623, 1627, 1633, 1635, 1640-1642, 1646-1648, 1656-1658, 1664, 1668, 1673, 1675, 1676, 1681, 1685, 1687, 1689, 1692, 1694, 1699, 1700, 1702, 1709, 1710, 1712, 1715, 1722, 1731, 1734-1846, 1848-1858.

### *28 August 2000*

1859 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on 8 August 2000 entitled “ATO keeps them posted”.
- (2) Will the Australian Taxation Office and Australia Post no longer accept payment of HECS and income tax bills in person; if so, why has the option of paying tax bills at the tax office been removed.
- (3) Is this removal a breach of the Taxpayers’ Charter.
- (4) Will he refer this matter to the Board of Taxation.

1860 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Between March 1996 and August 2000 how many spot checks were carried out on nursing homes within the electoral division of Prospect.
- (2) How many complaints regarding nursing homes within the electoral division of Prospect were received by the Minister in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999 and (e) 2000.
- (3) Further to the answer to question No. 1636 concerning spot checks to be undertaken by her Department after a nursing home receives accreditation, will spot checks be performed on a yearly, half yearly, quarterly, monthly or random basis.
- (4) How long does a nursing home’s period of accreditation last.

1861 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What was the total sum, on an itemised basis, spent by (a) Airservices Australia, (b) the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and (c) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority on Board expenses including remuneration, travel, accommodation, provision of laptop computers, facsimile machines or other office equipment, reimbursements for other Board member expenses and any hospitality in each year since 1995.



1862 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the submission made to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, supported by Aboriginal leaders; if so, what is the Government's response to the claims that it has failed to address problems in Aboriginal health on a nationwide scale.
- (2) Will the Government also reject any criticism from this Committee in light of the Government's response to criticism from other UN Committees in 2000.
- (3) Is the Government aware of the criticisms which are being levelled at Australia by a range of governments around the world because of its dismissive attitude to any criticism on indigenous issues.

1863 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the term of Mr John Spender as Special Australian Envoy on the Cyprus issue, been completed; if not, what has Mr Spender achieved to date on this issue; if so, has Mr Spender provided a report to the Government on his achievements during his term as Special Envoy.
- (2) If reports from Mr Spender are available, will he make a statement to Parliament or publicly release the reports.
- (3) What other information does the Government have from its UN Mission and from other Australian diplomatic posts on the latest developments on the Cyprus Issue.
- (4) What information does he have as to whether the recent proximity talks in Geneva have achieved any positive outcome.

1864 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is his Department or its contracted agents required by law to provide detainees with information regarding their rights.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to claims by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission that detainees' oral and written requests for legal assistance have been ignored.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to claims by Amnesty International, given in evidence to a parliamentary inquiry, that a detainee had been denied telephone access to a lawyer.
- (4) Is it in accordance with Australia's international human rights obligations for detainees to not have access to legal assistance until they specifically ask for it.

1865 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to allegations about the use of physical restraint and sedation in the removal of people from Australia.
- (2) What safeguards are in place to prevent the mistreatment of people being removed from Australia.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee recommended in its report *A Sanctuary Under Review* that appropriate protocols be developed between carriers and contract removal service providers and that these protocols, and the implementation of them, should be

subject to audit by an external and independent body (Recommendation 10.3); if so, should similar standards be applied to the provision of detention services.

- (4) What safeguards exist against possible abuses and what control does his Department retain when services such as these are outsourced.

1866 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is ministerial discretion an adequate mechanism in meeting Australia's fundamental commitments to refugees who may have failed in their applications for refugee status before the Tribunal, in cases where there is evidence that these people may be subjected to persecution in their home country.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to criticisms from the Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre citing serious concerns about a lack of transparency and accountability in the operation of ministerial discretion; if so, how does he respond to these criticisms.
- (3) Does he have enormous latitude in ministerial discretion matters; if so, what processes are in place to ensure that ministerial discretion operates in an effective and equitable manner.

1867 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Does the Minister believe that that the operation of ministerial discretion satisfies Australia's international obligations under conventions such as the Convention against Torture (CAT), the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), as well as the Refugee Convention.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to claims by Amnesty International that without incorporation into domestic law, people seeking protection under conventions such as the CAT and the ICCPR would have no recourse to enforceable rights or obligations.
- (3) Will the Government move to incorporate the provisions of such international conventions into Australian domestic law; if not, why not.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee recommended in its report *A Sanctuary Under Review* that in the future "appropriately trained DIMA staff consider all s417 requests and referrals against CROC, ICCPR and CAT"; if so, why has this not been standard procedure in the past.

1868 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did he release a Press Statement on 10 August 2000 stating that Australia has returned 22 people to China less than one month after they landed illegally in Cairns; if so, considering Australia's international commitments to the UN International Convention on Civil and Political Rights to protect those escaping oppressive foreign regimes, what was the basis of his statement that these 22 people had no claim to remain in Australia.
- (2) Did these 22 people claim refugee status under Australia's international humanitarian guidelines; if not, what was their reason for escaping China and risking the dangerous boat journey to Australia.

- (3) If these people did seek refugee status, were these requests processed through the proper Departmental channels for asylum seekers.
  - (4) If these people were processed and rejected within one month of their arrival, why does it take up to two years to process the claims of those asylum seekers held in the various detention centres around Australia.
- 1869 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims made on ABC news on 21 August 2000 that the Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit has been forced to close its doors because of a funding shortage; if so, to what extent is the Federal Government responsible for the closure.
  - (2) What evidence does the Government have that it is providing sufficient support to groups such as these, whose aim is to improve living conditions of Aboriginal people in Australia.

*29 August 2000*

- 1870 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report on ABC Radio at 8.15 am on Friday 11 August 2000 that Pakistan successfully tested an intermediate range ballistic missile; if so, what are the regional implications of Pakistan's acquisition of offensive missile systems.
  - (2) Is he able to say whether this offensive missile technology was provided by the People's Republic of China; if so, has the Australian Government raised the issue of the provision of this technology with the People's Republic of China.
- 1871 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he able to confirm the accuracy of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) report on 31 July regarding his visit to Iran which quoted him as saying "Despite all of these rumours I closely witnessed the trend of democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran which impressed me very much".
  - (2) Is he also able to confirm the successful test in Iran of the Shahab 3 missile on 15-16 July 2000 which allegedly has a range of 1300 miles and can carry an 800kg warhead; if so, is he able to say whether the technology for this missile was provided by either China or North Korea.
  - (3) Whilst in Iran did he raise the danger Tehran's acquisition of an offensive missile capacity represents to regional peace.
- 1872 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Were a Mr and Mrs Berisha included in the 15 Kosovars who were deported from Port Hedland Detention Centre on 22 August 2000; if so, (a) does Mr Berisha suffer from emphysema, (b) was Mrs Berisha taking medication following the removal of a brain tumour and (c) did either have immediate family or a home to return to in Kosovo.
  - (2) Did any of the 15 Kosovars have trauma assessments prior to their forced deportation from Port Hedland.

- (3) Did the Australian Kosovar Support Network meet with Senator Kay Patterson as his representative; if so, did she agree to pass on the Network's requests that the Kosovars receive trauma assessments; if not, why not.
- (4) If Senator Patterson's request for trauma assessments was being processed, why were the Kosovars deported before this process was concluded.

1873 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) How many workers in each State and Territory who have lost their employee entitlements through company insolvency have received financial payments contributed from the Regional Assistance Program and the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme with the result that the employees received 100 per cent of their legally accrued entitlements.
- (2) What are the names of the companies concerned.

1874 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has his office demanded that totally disabled ex-servicemen and women who are fighting for an increase in their rate of pension no longer email his office; if so, (a) why, (b) has his office suggested an alternative means of contact for these ex-servicemen and women to use in order to bring their circumstances to his attention and (c) will he review this demand; if not, why not.

1875 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he received a letter from Mr Bob Buick MM regarding the unfair treatment Australian veterans are receiving from the Government over approvals to wear Vietnamese Awards granted following the battle of Long Tan.
- (2) Will he ensure that this matter is reviewed and will he give personal attention to that review; if not, why not.

1876 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are Australia's Collins Class Submarines performing extremely well in international naval exercises.
- (2) Has his Department and the Royal Australian Navy been silent about the success of the Collins Class Submarines in these exercises because they are seeking additional funds to fix problems with these submarines.
- (3) Has the combat system been a major failing of the Submarine Construction Project.
- (4) Were the specifications for the combat system developed by his Department and the supplier of the system also selected by his Department.
- (5) Has his Department refused to allow the Australian Submarine Corporation to place the American supplier of the system into default of contract as far back as 1993.
- (6) Has his Department, rather than the Australian Submarine Corporation, accepted blame for this deficiency, if not, why not.

1877 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he aware of public comments by Australian Submarine Corporation (ASC) management that if further work contracts, either for refits or

ongoing maintenance, do not eventuate the ASC will retrench a significant number of its highly skilled and committed workforce.

- (2) Can he advise what steps he has taken to ensure that the strategic asset which the workforce of the ASC represents is secured.

**MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1878 - 1880)—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice from the Treasury or the Australian Taxation Office since March 1996 on the risk to revenue from employee benefit tax avoidance schemes.
- (2) If so, (a) when was each piece of advice received, (b) what course of action was recommended in each case and (c) what action did the Government take in response to each of these recommendations.

1878 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

1879 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1880 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer.

1881 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to any businesses that have not paid employees the tax cut that they were meant to receive after 1 July 2000.
- (2) If so, (a) how many businesses are you aware of in this situation and what do you believe the total loss to employees may be, (b) what opportunities do employees have to pursue unpaid tax cuts, (c) what action is the Government taking to pursue unpaid tax cuts on behalf of workers.

1882 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Of the 137 registered software products on the registered software facility, (a) are all of these products 'GST ready' (b) what testing procedures or standards must they meet and (c) who assesses the products.
- (2) If approved products are used and result in incorrect business activity statements due to software error, will the users, the ATO, or the producers be liable for any fines or penalties associated with lodging incorrect returns.

1883 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Why have up to 80 detainees at Woomera Detention Centre, many of whom are victims of extreme levels of persecution in their homelands, become distressed enough to violently protest and cause severe damage to the complex.
- (2) What is the average length of time these protesting refugees have spent in mandatory detention.
- (3) In light of these protests, and the public demonstrations that occurred in detention centres all over the country, does he recognise a growing movement of public disenchantment with the Government's policies of mandatory detention.

1884 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to significant public demonstrations at the Villawood and Maribyrnong Detention Centres on 26 August 2000.

- (2) Is there a gap between Government policy and public sentiment on mandatory detention, especially in the light of approximately 2000 public protestors at these rallies.
- (3) Will he reconsider the Government's policy of detaining all refugee migrants who do not have the opportunity to apply for a visa before entering Australia.
- (4) Will he respond to the public criticism of the mandatory detention policy from organisations including the United Nations, the National Council of Churches, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Amnesty International and the Refugee Council of Australia.

1885 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has he consulted with welfare organisations, including the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It, which are facing funding cuts up to \$100,000.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to growing public sentiment including that exemplified in *The Age* editorial that older migrants should be allowed to enjoy a small slice of the prosperity they helped create and that the Government should review this decision.
- (3) What are the implications of the funding cuts he authorised to various welfare communities around Australia to the coherence of our multicultural society.
- (4) What is the justification of these cuts to essential services for people who require welfare assistance to survive within their community.
- (5) Is he concerned at the furore created by these unjustified cuts, as exemplified in the headlines of ethnic newspapers such as *Neos Kosmos* and *Il Globo*.

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1886 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the Australian Government's attention been drawn to (a) gender discriminatory provisions of Iraqi family law and of the civil code still operative in Iraqi Kurdistan, (b) the forced closure of the Independent Women's Organisation Office and Shelter in Suleimania on 21 October, (c) the murder of an estimated 500 women in the area controlled by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, due to concepts of honour killing on behalf of family and males and (d) the murder of Nasrin Aziz Rashid by male relatives after she was deprived of the Shelter's support; if not, will his Department investigate these matters.
- (2) What measures does Australia undertake to ensure that a degree of UN assistance is conveyed to non-government organisations in Iraqi Kurdistan, particularly those facilitating women's rights.
- (3) Will Australia intervene to seek assurances as to the protection of Kazhal Kider, Surma Rasool Mina, Layla Ismail, Niyan Ali Ahmad, Asmer Abdulla, Shoghan Salih, Bayan, Chiman, Zamman, Badria Rasool, Basos Abdulla and their children as attested, since they are now deprived of the Shelter's valued protection.

1887 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Is he aware of community concerns about a perceived lack of transparency in retail petrol prices in regional Australia, particularly with regard to the

passing on of price changes relating to the fluctuations in the world parity price of crude oil.

- (2) Is it the case that when the cost of a barrel of oil rises or the Australian dollar drops in value the pump price of fuel rises almost immediately, but when the cost of crude oil falls, or the Australian dollar rises, the reduced cost is not passed on to consumers within the same timeframe.
- (3) What powers does the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission have to ensure that price cuts are passed on to consumers as quickly as price rises.
- (4) Does the Government consider that level of regulation adequate; if so, why.
- (5) Given that petrol regularly sells for 10 cents a litre less in the Blue Mountains than it does in Bathurst, will the Government support an inquiry focusing only on the reasons for and solutions to the city-country petrol price differential; if not, why not.

1888 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Given the Government's stated desire to provide a faster, more efficient and cheaper family law service to litigants, why was it considered preferable to create a completely new court, the Federal Magistrates Service, rather than expand the role of local courts in each State by appointing specialist magistrates and increasing delegated powers.
- (2) Did the Government consider this option; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Government continue diverting funds from the Family Court of Australia to the Federal Magistrates Service, even if this jeopardises the existence of Family Court sub-registries in regional areas.
- (4) Will the Government ensure that where Family Court sub-registries are closed in regional areas, those communities will not be left without a service; if so, how will this be achieved.
- (5) What guarantees can the Government give that there will be no reduction in family law services available to people in regional Australia during the transition of service provision responsibilities from the Family Court to the Federal Magistrates Service.
- (6) Is it the Government's intention to abolish the Family Court of Australia, eventually shifting all family law responsibilities to the Federal Magistrates Service; if so, what is the proposed time frame; if not, what are the Government's long terms plans for the Court.
- (7) Is the Government aware that funding cuts to the Family Court have already led to substantial reductions in counselling and mediation services available in some regional areas; if not, what is the Government's assessment of the current availability of Primary Dispute Resolution Services in regional areas such as the Central West of NSW.
- (8) Is it the intention of the Government to outsource the Family Court Counselling Service to community agencies; if so, (a) what is the expected time frame for the outsourcing, (b) what are the expected savings to the Government if the Family Court Counselling Service is outsourced and how has this figure been determined, and (c) what will be the criteria for

accrediting community agencies to carry out the work previously done by the Family Court Counselling Service.

- (9) If the Counselling Service is outsourced, (a) how will the Government ensure the services it currently provides are maintained and (b) is it the Government's intention to ensure that 'the best interests of the child principle' remains a priority for community agencies following outsourcing; if so, how will this commitment be achieved.

1889 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Are self-funded retirees required to complete Form 3086FLY-5.2000 from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to be eligible to claim their Self-Funded Retirees Supplementary Bonus.
- (2) Have the forms been printed; if so, how many have been printed.
- (3) What is the cost to the Commonwealth for printing the forms.
- (4) Are the forms available to the public; if not, why not.
- (5) How many picking slips were sent from the ATO Forms Distribution Centre to members of the public who have been unable to procure the form.
- (6) What was the postage cost of sending the picking slips.
- (7) Does the ATO keep a record of the length of time taken from ordering forms to dispatch from the ATO Distribution Centre; if not, why not.
- (8) What is the (a) average and (b) longest waiting time for a member of the public to receive Form 3086FLY-5.2000 from the Distribution Centre.

1890 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Will he amend the levy arrangement for each stevedore's liability so that the levy payment will terminate upon repayment of the amount received from MIFCo funding, plus accrued interest and related costs.
- (2) If not, will he implement an alternative remedy for Sea-Land in South Australia so that levy payments made by Sea-Land that exceed the aggregate of MIFCo funding received by Sea-Land plus accrued interest and administrative costs are rebated by the Commonwealth Government to South Australia for the specific purpose of re-investment in new technology and equipment to improve the productivity of the Adelaide Container Terminal; if not, why not.

1891 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What plans are held for the Northam Army Barracks, WA.
- (2) Will the Barracks be sold; if so, (a) how will the sale proceed and (b) will the Barracks be offered for private sale to local tourist interests or to a particular local authority.
- (3) What is the (a) total area and (b) estimated value of the land involved.

1892 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 1665 (*Hansard*, 28 August 2000, page 17725) concerning vehicle import schemes, (a) has the number of eligible Japanese models decreased from 122 to 20 under the new



Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle Scheme (SEVS), (b) will the increase in the annual cap for passenger motor vehicles from 25 to 100 to enhance the viability of small operators conflict with the decrease in eligible Japanese models, (c) what is the expected impact of the new registered workshop regime on small business and employment, (d) has he produced a working model which demonstrates the viability of the registered workshop regime and (e) what is the justification for the statement that the Government believes that affected businesses will have ample opportunity to adjust to the new SEVS arrangements.

- (2) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 1665, (a) did Low Volume (LV) imports peak at approximately 15 000 vehicles per year in 1999-2000, (b) did Full Volume (FV) imports experience record sales in 1999-2000 and (c) given that LV imports have peaked whilst FV imports continue to rise, do the SEVS regulations place an anti-competitive restriction on LV imports.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (6) of question No. 1665, why have further restrictions been imposed on the LV industry when market forces are controlling the current volumes at approximately 15 000 units per annum.
- (4) Further to the answer to part (8) of question No. 1665, why is a subsidy being provided to the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme, whilst the Government is effectively closing down the LV industry.
- (5) Further to the answer to part (9) of question No. 1665, which of the Diesel 4WDs are eligible 4WDs.
- (6) Further to the answer to part (13) of question No. 1665, has the Office of Regulation Review given its approval that the Regulatory Impact Statement was conducted in accordance with the prescribed guidelines in demonstrating transparency to all stakeholders..
- (7) Further to the answer to part (14) of question No. 1665, has the level of imports now stabilised at approximately 15 000 units per annum.
- (8) Is the LV volume of 14 437 vehicles in 1999 large enough to have an impact on the mainstream motor trade.
- (9) What quantity and quality of LV imports would need to be met in order for there to be a demonstrable impact on the Government's and the Motor Vehicle Standards Act's environmental and safety objectives.

1893 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What proportion of the Government's Fuel Grant Scheme was paid to (a) BP, (b) Shell, (c) Caltex and (d) Mobil in July 2000.
- (2) What was the total sum of revenue raised from petrol excise and taxation during (a) June and (b) July 2000.

1894 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—What sum was allocated for small business research in the 2000-2001 Budget.

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- \*1895 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1224 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 15325) has the Minister written to the Tasmanian Government unilaterally proposing changes to the agreed funding provisions of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (RFA); if so, did any process of review and consultation with key stakeholders precede this letter.
  - (2) What reduction in funding has the Minister proposed for funding to Tasmania for (a) the program to protect conservation values on private land in support of the CAR reserve system, (b) the implementation of new intensive forest management initiatives, (c) the implementation of employment and industry development measures, (d) road infrastructure, (e) tourism infrastructure and (f) new reserve management.
  - (3) What has been the response of the Tasmanian Government to the Minister's reported proposal.
- \*1896 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—How many personnel who first enlisted in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) prior to May 1985 are estimated to have re-enlisted in the ADF since August 1991.
- \*1897 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Prior to the commencement of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Enterprise Productivity Arrangement 1999-2002, (a) how many Service personnel were in receipt of the Isolated Establishment Allowance, (b) what was the annual cost of the Allowance and (c) which specific Defence bases were designated as an isolated establishment for the purposes of the Allowance.
  - (2) Has the Government decided to abolish the Isolated Establishment Allowance; if so, (a) what is the reason for doing so, (b) is the abolition of the Allowance subject to phasing in provisions and (c) what are the details.
  - (3) Has the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal expressed concern that the abolition of the Allowance will have a detrimental effect on the serving members concerned and involve a significant adverse impact on take-home pay in some areas.
  - (4) Has the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal also questioned whether the Enterprise Productivity Arrangement 'no disadvantage test' can be said to have been met because of the abolition of the Isolated Establishment Allowance.
- \*1898 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Further to his announcement of 24 August 2000, what funding has been allocated in (a) 2000-01, (b) 2001-02, (c) 2002-03 and (d) 2003-04 for (i) subsidies to employers of reservists and self-employed reservists, (ii) accreditation of reserve training, (iii) reserve survey, (iv) reserve swipe card technology and (v) communications and public awareness strategies.

- \*1899 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Under what circumstances can the Australian Defence Force (ADF) agree to assume the HECS obligations of serving members who are undergoing University study.
  - (2) For the latest year for which data is available, how many service men and women were undertaking University study for which the ADF had agreed to meet their HECS obligations.
- \*1900 **MR MCLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State— Does his Department keep a central record of all property utilised by Ministers, Members and Senators.
- \*1901 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—
- (1) Will he bring up to date the information that he provided in the answer to Question No. 48 (*Hansard*, 1 March 1999, page 3700).
  - (2) When did he receive the text of the recommendations of the British House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee relating to the care and safe-keeping of indigenous remains and to the handling of requests for their return.
  - (3) What communications have he and his Department had with their British counterparts on this issue.
- \*1902 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—What support is the Federal Government giving to the Cape York partnerships project initiated by Mr Noel Pearson and supported by the Queensland Government.
- \*1903 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many retired grandparents in Australia have full-time custody and care of their grandchildren.
  - (2) Does the Government recognise the special financial burden and lifestyle issues faced by grandparents in these circumstances; if so, what support does the Government provide through the social welfare system.
- \*1904 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Further to my question No. 790 (*Hansard*, 12 October 1999, page 11407) how many persons received the Disability Support Pension (DSP) in 1999-2000.
  - (2) What was the total cost of the DSP in 1999-2000.
  - (3) How many DSP recipients have declared in ABS employment surveys that they are seeking work.
- \*1905 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Has the Government given in-principle support to the recommendations of the McClure Report on Participation Support for a More Equitable Society; if so, does this include the recommendation that the concept of

mutual obligation be extended to the social responsibilities of corporate Australia and how will this be implemented.

\*1906 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What programs based on the principle of pooled Federal and State health funding is the Government trialing and what health services are involved.
- (2) In each case, how is the day-to-day administration of the funding pool being managed.

\*1907 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to my question No. 818 (*Hansard*, 29 September 1999, page 10333), what are the results of the planning study examining the need for additional ramps on the F5 between Casula and Campbelltown.
- (2) What progress has been made in implementing the findings of the report.

\*1908 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is he aware of a joint project between NASA and the CSIRO involving the use of aerial radar imaging to reveal aspects of the earth's geological structure.
- (2) Is this a government sponsored project; if so, (a) can he say how and by whom the project was initiated and (b) what are the arrangements for the distribution of the project's intellectual property rights between the project partners.

\*1909 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) On the most recent data, how many aged pension recipients reside in the postcode areas of (a) 3148, (b) 3149, (c) 3150, (d) 3151, (e) 3166, (f) 3167, (g) 3168 and (h) 3127.
- (2) On the most recent data, how many disability pension recipients reside in the postcode areas of (a) 3127 (b) 3129, (c) 3125, (d) 3147, (e) 3148, (f) 3149, (g) 3150, (h) 3151, (i) 3166, (j) 3167, (k) 3168 and (l) 3128.

\*1910 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) On the most recent data, (a) how many people residing in the Chisholm electorate have applied for the aged care savings bonus and (b) how many have received the full \$1000 and \$2000 bonus respectively.
- (2) How many complaints about the bonus have been lodged with Centrelink.
- (3) How many Centrelink clients have had their bonuses topped up through the review process.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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## **SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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## **COMMITTEES**

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

### **Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

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

*Current inquiries:*

Art Indemnity Australia.

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:*

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.
- Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal, NT—Development of Range Support Facilities.
- Newcastle, NSW—CSIRO Energy Centre at Steel River.
- Stirling, ACT—Construction of mixed residential dwellings.
- Sydney—Remediation of Defence land at Neutral Bay.

**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 Hutchins, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, 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.
- National interest statement: Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea.
- 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 inquiries:*

- 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.

*Current inquiries:*

Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

Inquiry into the Kyoto Protocol.

Three Treaties tabled 15 August 2000.

**Joint Select**

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

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

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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