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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 137

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2000

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

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- \*1 **MRS B. K. BISHOP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and for other purposes.
- \*2 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*, and for related purposes.
- 3 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to privatise the Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 5 September 2000.*)
- \*4 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Research Council and to provide for the funding of research programs, and for related purposes.
- \*5 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to repeal or amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *Australian Research Council Act 2000*, and for other purposes.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2000—Mr Anthony, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Anthony—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:*

- (1) condemns the Government for the way it has misused compliance and debt processes to brand average families and other decent Australians as welfare cheats;

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

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

- (2) condemns the Government in particular for the application of a cold-hearted, zero tolerance policy against families that sees substantial debts raised against people whose only error is their inability to predict future income to the exact dollar;
  - (3) calls on the Government, in the spirit of the McClure Report, to make sanctions and penalties a last rather than a first resort, and to turn its attention to the restoration of essential capacity building programs that help people move from welfare to work; and
  - (4) calls, above all else, for a change of heart from the Government and a positive approach that provides real opportunities for those with a capacity to work to do so, while affording dignity to those whose circumstances prevent it”.
- 2 **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*).
  - 3 **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*).
  - 4 **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*).
  - 5 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1999—Mr Horne*).
  - 6 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
  - 7 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
  - 8 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
  - 9 **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*).
  - 10 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
  - 11 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 18 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- \*21 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (IMPROVED MONITORING OF ENTITLEMENTS TO PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*22 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **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*).

- 26 **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*).
- 27 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OVERSEAS STUDENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- 28 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 29 **MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 30 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 34 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 35 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 37 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 38 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 39 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 41 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 42 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 43 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).

- \*44 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999—2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*45 **AGREEMENT MAKING UNDER THE WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT—REPORTS 1998 AND 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **CO-REGULATORY SCHEME FOR INTERNET CONTENT REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.

- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):  
Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 64 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):  
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 (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*).

**65 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, 9 OCTOBER 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**

#### **Presentation and statements**

- 1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 35: Three treaties tabled on 15 August 2000. (*Statements to conclude by 12.55 p.m.*)
- 3 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)
- 4 COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on managing fatigue in transport. (*Statements to conclude by 1.35 p.m.*)

- 5 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief. (*Statements to conclude by 1.45 p.m.*)
- 6 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on employee share ownership in Australian enterprises. (*Statements to conclude 20 minutes after the resumption of private Members' business after question time.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notice

- †1 **MR EDWARDS:** To move—That this House calls on the Government of Burma to cease infringing the right of Aung San Suu Kyi to conduct her democratic activities with freedom and in safety and further calls on the Burmese Government to involve itself in a substantive political dialogue with her National League for Democracy. (*Notice given 4 September 2000. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time*)



## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 9 October 2000.*)
- 2 **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 sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)



- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 8 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 17 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON 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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 18 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—FROM PHANTOM TO FORCE: TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ARMY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 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 9 October 2000.*)

- 19 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA’S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AMERICA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—Mr Prosser, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—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 9 October 2000.*)
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE NATURE, SCOPE AND APPROPRIATENESS OF ASIO’S PUBLIC REPORTING ACTIVITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—Mr Jull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—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 9 October 2000.*)
- 21 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NOT THE HILTON—IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES: INSPECTION REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Gallus—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 9 October 2000.*)

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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—continued**

### **Notices—continued**

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**3 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**4 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.)*
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.)*
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.)*
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

**15 MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the Federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 14 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

**16 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 Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
- (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
- (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
- (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Notice given 28 August 2000. Notice will be removed from*



*the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

18 **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 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

### Orders of the day

- 1 **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 9 October 2000.*)
- 2 **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 9 October 2000.*)
- 3 **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 9 October 2000.*)
- 4 **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 9 October 2000.*)

**5 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**6 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**7 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**8 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**9 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 the next sitting Monday after 9 October 2000.*)

**10 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

**11 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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)

- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 25 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 26 **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 1930s and the 1960s and it has only been recently that this syndrome has been diagnosed;
  - (3) gives support to the Post Polio Network set up around Australia;
  - (4) helps the establishment of assessment clinics for those that suffer from this disorder;
  - (5) helps educate medical professionals to recognise this syndrome and encourage further research; and
  - (6) legislates to recognise the need for post polio sufferers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 28 **AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 2000** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 4 September 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 29 **WATER**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000*) on the motion of Mr Lawler—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 2000.*)
- 30 **CHILD ABUSE**: Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless*

*re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 9 October 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, 9 October 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, 7 September 2000*

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

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (RURAL AND REMOTE AREA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 2000—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 3 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).

### **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**

#### **Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 6 September 2000—Ms Kernot, 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.



## 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, 1041, 1064, 1125, 1134, 1175, 1181, 1208, 1218, 1222, 1255, 1256, 1276, 1280, 1283, 1284, 1290, 1366, 1388, 1414, 1415, 1431, 1445, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1477, 1481, 1494, 1499, 1501, 1510, 1513, 1514, 1517-1521, 1524, 1532, 1546, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1577, 1585, 1600, 1603, 1608, 1611, 1620, 1623, 1633, 1635, 1640-1642, 1646-1648, 1656-1658, 1664, 1668, 1675, 1681, 1687, 1689, 1692, 1694, 1699, 1700, 1702, 1709, 1710, 1712, 1715, 1722, 1734-1798, 1801-1805, 1807-1822, 1824-1833, 1835-1846, 1848-1910.

### *4 September 2000*

1911 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is he aware of plans by companies in Fiji to import textiles from China and export the finished goods to Australia.
- (2) Will he make clear that Australia will discontinue its export credit scheme under which clothing imports to Australia from Fiji attract a 50% reduction in duty.
- (3) What measures are in place to alert Australian importers and Fijian exporters that attempts to import finished clothing to Australia would be a violation of the Australian sanctions on Fiji while Fiji is ruled by an undemocratic, unelected regime.

1912 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it the case that (a) prior to 1 July 1998 Australians leaving the country permanently could access their superannuation regardless of its value and (b) that until that time, superannuation deposits of less than \$500 could be withdrawn by their holders.
- (2) Is it also the case that since 1 July 1998 people leaving Australia permanently have been unable to access their superannuation before retirement unless their holdings are \$200 or less; if so, why.
- (3) Is he aware that as a result of these changes (a) young people leaving Australia with small superannuation holdings risk losing track of their superannuation altogether or having it eroded by fees or charges and (b) may be unable to access their superannuation for 30-40 years.
- (4) Will the Government consider reforming the superannuation early access rules to allow amounts held by Australians leaving the country permanently to be rolled over into a complying fund in the country the claimant moves to; if not, why not.

1913 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For each State and Territory, what proportion of Australian (a) three year olds and (b) four year olds attend preschool education.
  - (2) How do these statistics compare with other OECD nations.
  - (3) What initiatives has the Government taken to: (a) improve basic literacy and numeracy skills in preschool and (b) introduce diagnostic testing for speech and hearing among preschool students.
  - (4) Does the Government propose to introduce a national preschool program.
- 1914 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—  
Has agreement been reached between the Commonwealth and the States regarding the introduction of literacy and numeracy testing and benchmarking in years 7 and 9; if so, what progress has been made with the introduction of this program.
- 1915 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Is the Government introducing a funding system for Catholic schools different to the remainder of the non-government sector; if so, (a) why and (b) will the Government collect and publish school-by-school data concerning (i) the allocation of Federal funds to each Catholic school and (ii) the performance of each school.
  - (2) Has the Government calculated the benefit to the Catholic systems if they joined the new SES funding model; if so, what do these calculations reveal.
  - (3) Is the Government aware of how each State and Territory Catholic system undertakes the distribution of funding between schools; if so, what are these methodologies.
  - (4) Is the Government aware of concerns that the distribution of funds within the New South Wales and Queensland Catholic systems is not as equitable as in the other States; if so, what action is the Government taking to correct this problem.
- 1916 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—  
Is it possible to apply the new SES methodology for the funding of non-government schools to the government sector; if so, what discussions has he or his Department had with their State and Territory counterparts on this matter.
- 1917 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—  
Is he aware of evaluation reports concerning the performance of Education Action Zones in Britain; if so, what do these reports show, particularly regarding the impact on school grades.
- 1918 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What are the findings and recommendations of ANTA's Lifelong Learning Project.
  - (2) What progress has been made in the implementation of this report.
- 1919 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—  
For each Australian university: (a) what proportion of academic staff hold PhD qualifications; and (b) what proportion of graduates secure full-time employment within a (i) three month, (ii) six month, and (iii) 12 month period and (c) what is the average starting salary for graduates moving into full-time employment.

- 1920 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What progress has the Government made with the implementation of a Learning Circles program.
  - (2) What delays were experienced with the implementation of the program dealing with the Australian Republic and what were the reasons.
- 1921 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What support does the Federal Government give to the adult and community education sector.
  - (2) What discussions has the Minister or his Department had with their State and Territory counterparts regarding the transfer of adult and community education responsibilities to the Commonwealth.
- 1922 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Government propose to allow early access to superannuation investments for the purpose of vocational training and lifelong learning.
- 1923 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) What proportion of Australia's child care centres employ qualified preschool teachers.
  - (2) Does the Government propose to increase the component of preschool education in the child care sector; if so, what are the details of this initiative.
- 1924 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to research findings from the health economics unit at Monash University showing that (a) the cost of the 30% private health rebate has blown out to \$2.8 billion per annum and (b) the rebate will yield savings to public hospitals of no more than \$1.4 billion per annum.
  - (2) Has his Department undertaken a similar analysis; if so, what are the details.
  - (3) Is a 2:1 cost/benefit outcome seen as a satisfactory use of health outlays.
- 1925 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) In relation to the Commonwealth Acting Director of Public Prosecutions' (DPP) decision to decline to proceed with charges of defrauding the Commonwealth pursuant to section 29D of the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth) against the former Senator, Mr Malcolm Arthur Colston, was this a matter in which the Acting Director had declined to proceed 'after commitment' for the purposes of the Prosecution Policy.
  - (2) In reference to the DPP Media Statement dated 5 July 1999 titled 'Prosecution of Mr Malcolm Colston', what weight did the DPP put upon the following factors in declining to proceed; (a) 'health of the alleged offender' and (b) 'seriousness of the alleged offences'.
  - (3) Was the DPP asserting that irrespective of Mr Colston's health the matter is insufficiently serious to warrant the continuation of proceedings.
  - (4) Is he able to say which of the following consideration(s) under the Prosecution Policy were considered by the DPP when making the decision not to proceed with the prosecution: (a) the 'interests of the suspected offender' (paragraph 2.2), (b) the 'interests of the community at large'

(paragraph 2.2), (c) ‘fairness and consistency’ (paragraph 2.3), (d) the ‘sufficiency of evidence’ (paragraph 2.5), (e) the ‘presupposition of the impartiality of the jury’, particularly as it relates to Mr Colston’s illness and (f) that there was ‘no reasonable prospect of a conviction being secured’ (paragraph 2.5).

- (5) What public interest criteria were satisfied in commencing proceedings against Mr Colston.
- (6) What public interest criteria under the Prosecution Policy (paragraph 2.10) were satisfied in declining to proceed with prosecution.
- (7) To what extent was the ‘necessity to maintain public confidence in such basic institutions as the Parliament and the courts’ (Prosecution Policy subparagraph 2.10(t)) a paramount consideration in declining to proceed with prosecution.
- (8) Are there any alternative enforcement mechanisms available to the DPP in respect to possible action against Mr Colston; if so, what are they.
- (9) Are there any alternative enforcement mechanisms which could be considered in substitution to criminal proceedings against Mr Colston; if so, when will these alternative enforcement mechanisms be applied.
- (10) Would the DPP consider obtaining a further medical examination in order to ascertain Mr Colston’s current fitness to stand trial.
- (11) Will the DPP or another relevant agency consider new evidence (Prosecution Policy paragraph 5.22) as to the health of Mr Colston.
- (12) Was the decision not to proceed with prosecution made under the DPP’s power pursuant to subsection 9(4) of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act (Cth); if not, then under what power was the decision made.
- (13) When did (a) Mr Colston raise the issue of his health in respect to the proceedings against him, (b) the DPP commence investigations into the case of Mr Colston, (c) the DPP file and serve summon(es) on Mr Colston, (d) Mr Colston’s committal proceedings commence, (e) Mr Colston’s legal counsel file evidence of his medical condition, (f) Mr Colston’s hearing take place and (g) the DPP decline to take further proceedings.
- (14) In relation to the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board’s Best Practice for Fraud Control – Fraud Control Policy of the Commonwealth, is it in the public interest to establish the current state of health of Mr Colston.

### *5 September 2000*

1926 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Is Australia the only significant developed nation to refuse to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; if so, why.
- (2) What explanation will he give the UN Millennium Conference with regard to Australia’s position.

1927 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What action will the Government take to ensure that its decision to refuse the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the

Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women will not have a negative impact on overcoming discrimination against Australian women.

- (2) Will the Government make a commitment to ensure the determinations of the Sexual Discrimination Commissioner are implemented in legislation.

**DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1928 - 1930)—

- (1) Did Australia's 3 November 1999 submission to the UN Human Rights Committee state that the UN treaty body system contributes significantly and directly to the protection and promotion of human rights by monitoring implementation of the core human rights treaties, highlighting violations of these treaties and human rights standards, interpreting the rights and obligations contained in the treaties and encouraging better implementation and compliance through advice to the States.
- (2) Has the performance and function of this committee altered to such an extent to warrant Australia's withdrawal from this treaty committee.
- (3) Will Australia's recent announcement to retreat from such committees provide an excuse for other nations, especially those with worse human rights records, to do likewise.
- (4) How will ceasing cooperation with this body create some positive real change within the treaty body itself.
- (5) How will a reduction in Australia's standards of human rights be prevented as a result of ending cooperation with these international human rights bodies.

1928 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1929 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1930 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

**DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1931 - 1933)—

- (1) Does the Minister stand by the definition of a refugee used in the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees as a person owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country.
- (2) Are refugees being accorded treatment as favourable as possible with regard to education, as Australia committed itself to do in Article 22 of the Convention; if so, how does this correlate with the Temporary Protection Visa provision to deny access to basic English classes.
- (3) Is the policy of mandatory detention consistent with Australia's commitment to Article 31 of the Convention which forbids imposing penalties on illegal entrants.
- (4) Do the Government's actions meet the criterion stated in Article 31 of the Convention that refugees should be given a reasonable period and all the necessary facilities to obtain admission into another country.
- (5) Did the Minister abide by Article 45 of the Convention, which provides an official process for revision of the Convention, rather than publicly



criticising and ceasing cooperation with the treaty bodies created by this Convention; if not, why not.

- 1931 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 1932 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 1933 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- 1934 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Given the condemnation Australia has received from various UN treaty bodies, how can he maintain in his “Meet the Press” media interview on 3 September 2000 that the Government adheres to Australia’s treaty obligations.
  - (2) Is his recent announcement of Australia’s position with regard to the UN Treaty bodies in contravention of Article 35 of the Convention which ensures Contracting States undertake to cooperate with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.
- 1935 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) In reference to his “Meet the Press” media interview on 3 September 2000 and his claim that people whose claims would not be accepted as refugee claims elsewhere are accepted in Australia, is he able to say which other Western nations are in this position and what are these tougher criteria.
  - (2) Is it an acceptable argument to reject UN submissions about individual refugees who have met international criteria, simply because some other countries may not accept them.
- 1936 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—In reference to his “Meet the Press” media interview on 3 September 2000 and his dislike of the practice of photographs being taken in detention centres due to possible acts of retribution that may be taken against family members residing in the home country, why does he refuse accepted refugees from reuniting with their spouse and children, which gives rise to similar and more serious human rights threats to their families.
- 1937 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Given that the vast majority of the Kosovar refugees have been returned, and the drastic circumstances of the 18 refugees remaining in detention in Australia, eight of whom are children, and all of whom come from Preshevo in Southern Serbia, which the UNHCR has reported cannot return to their home villages, will he immediately release these 18 refugees to the care of the Kosovar Community and support groups of Australia, pending further determination of their permanent resident status.
- 1938 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What programs or grants administered by the Minister’s Department provide assistance to people living in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports.

- (2) What was the level of funding provided through these programs or grants in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000.

1939 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) What was the level of funding provided through programs or grants administered by her Department to provide assistance to people living in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports in 1999-2000.
- (2) What level of funding provided through these programs or grants has been appropriated for 2000-2001.

1940 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will the Government remove the requirement for the lodgement of tax returns for certain classes of employees; if so, which employees.
- (2) Has the Taxation Task Force considered this proposal; if so, what work has it undertaken.
- (3) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) consider the idea of option tax returns.
- (4) Did the ATO pilot the statement approach in 2000-2001; if not, why not.
- (5) Will this idea be considered by the Board of Taxation.

*6 September 2000*

1941 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to promises made on numerous occasions in recent years by members of his Government to base the Airborne Early Warning and Control unit at RAAF Base Williamtown.
- (2) Has the Minister for Defence indicated that he will be retiring from politics at the end of 2000; if so, will he assure the people of the Hunter Region that his Government will support the Airborne Early Warning and Control unit at RAAF Base Williamtown.

1942 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons registered with the Centrelink office in Fairfield, NSW, (a) applied for and (b) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (2) How many pensioners registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received a payment between \$1 and \$50.
- (3) How many persons registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus of less than \$1.
- (4) How many pensioners registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1000 for pensioners and \$2000 for self funded retirees.
- (5) What was the average Aged Persons Savings Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self funded retirees registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office.
- (6) How many persons living in the electoral division of Prospect (a) applied for and (b) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (7) How many pensioners in the electoral division of Prospect received an Aged Persons Saving Bonus payment between \$1 and \$50.

- (8) How many persons in the electoral division of Prospect received an Aged Persons Saving Bonus of less than \$1.
  - (9) How many persons in the electoral division of Prospect received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1000 for pensioners and \$2,000 for self funded retirees.
  - (10) How many persons living in the electoral division of Prospect appealed to have their Aged Persons Savings Bonus payment adjusted.
  - (11) What was the average Aged Persons Savings Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self funded retirees in the electoral division of Prospect.
- 1943 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to his decision to award a proportion of permanent visa positions to the temporary-entry visa scheme in the year 1999-2000, how many of the 10 000 permanent visa positions were awarded to the temporary entry protection visa scheme.
  - (2) Were the remaining permanent visa positions filled in 1999-2000; if not, what happened to those positions.
  - (3) If temporary protection visa recipients are awarded permanent residency in three years time, will he guarantee that they will not be taken from that year's refugee program, but will be counted as part of the 1999-2000 program.
  - (4) If he can give this guarantee in relation to the 1999-2000 program, can he also give a guarantee that such a practice will be carried out in relation to the refugee programs for 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.
- 1944 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What is the procedure for the determination of the refugee status of temporary protection visa holders after the three year period has concluded.
  - (2) Will these genuine refugees be subject to another temporary visa, or be given permanent visa status.
  - (3) If these refugees will be eligible for a permanent visa, (a) what specific process will be put into place for the provision of these visas and (b) will these refugees be required to go through the whole refugee determination process again.
- 1945 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) If a charitable organisation has had its funding cut by virtue of receiving a Commonwealth Jobs Network grant gross up of only 7.2% following the introduction of the GST, can it claim a top up adjustment from the Commonwealth.
  - (2) If not, are they disadvantaged in providing those services compared to non-charitable organisations in the employment services sector.
  - (3) What is the reason for differential approaches between Departments, including the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, the Department of Family and Community Services and the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, in the percentages

used to gross up grants to charitable organisations providing government funded services following the introduction of the GST.

1946 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Have some organisations received Commonwealth Jobs Network grants from his Department that have been grossed up by only 7.2% following the introduction of the GST; if so, why.
- (2) If a Jobs Network organisation in receipt of a Commonwealth grant was a registered charity and able in the past to claim a wholesale sales tax exemption, is a gross up of its grant of only 7.2% following the introduction of the GST an effective funding cut.

*7 September 2000*

**MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*1947 - \*1948)—

- (1) With respect to the Sydney Airport pricing proposal, why was the industry consultative meeting scheduled for 10 August 2000 cancelled at the request of Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd (SACL).
- (2) When will the Revised Draft Proposal be available for review by the airlines.
- (3) Will the airlines be guaranteed an opportunity to review and comment on the SACL Revised Draft Proposal before it is submitted to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for determination.
- (4) To what extent is the Minister's office and the Minister's Department consulted in finalising the SACL pricing proposals.
- (5) Should the SACL include as part of its pricing proposal a Service Level Agreement with airport users, including compensation to airlines for any failure by SACL to deliver services to the specified standard.

\*1947 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

\*1948 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

\*1949 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1698 (*Hansard*, 28 August 2000, page 17728) concerning the aircraft noise levy scheme, will the Government consider providing for registration of property titles to confirm that renovation under the scheme has been completed in order to avoid double dipping that has occurred under the scheme.
- (2) If so, will the Government guarantee that such a registration scheme is established in Adelaide prior to the commencement of renovation work so as to ensure that airlines and the Government are not held liable for the costs of replacement work on properties where there had been interference with the original work.
- (3) Will the Government complete a report called for by the Sydney Airport Community Forum regarding (a) how many builders taking part in the program are on probation, (b) what happens if insulation is removed or

downgraded through either age or change of ownership and (c) the scope for covenants on titles to protect the noise insulation qualities of the houses; if so, (i) who will complete that report, (ii) will it be made public and (iii) when will it be completed.

\*1950 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Are there Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations governing the regularity of checking and clearing debris and objects from runways at Australia's capital city and major regional airports, if so (a) how often are checks required, (b) does CASA conduct audits to ensure airport compliance with CASA runway inspection regulations, (c) how many audits have been conducted since 1995, and at which airports have they been conducted and (d) have there been any prosecutions or show cause notices issued to airport operators with respect to the runway inspection regulations since 1995.
- (2) Is the airport owner or operator responsible for ensuring the checks occur.
- (3) Do airport operators record the frequency of runway checks.

\*1951 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter dated 20 December 1999 written by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) regarding the individual complaints process of the Convention Against Torture in response to correspondence from the Secretary of his Department dated 25 October 1999.
- (2) When was the possibility of withdrawing from the individual complaints process first mooted within his Department.
- (3) Was the original letter from the Secretary of his Department suggesting that the possible withdrawal from the individual complaints process be kept open as an option written at his direction.
- (4) Has his Department been contemplating the withdrawal from any other obligations or processes adopted by Australia as part of the UN Human Rights treaty committees.
- (5) Was DFAT's advice that withdrawal from the individual complaints process would have serious ramifications for Australia's reputation on human rights and credibility in seeking reform of the UN treaty committee system considered in the Government's decision to implement the package of measures to improve interaction with UN human rights treaty committees which he announced with the Attorney-General and the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 29 August 2000.

\*1952 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Is he aware of plans of the Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing (OASITO) to replace IT infrastructure and services at the CSIRO, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO), Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) and the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) with a single IT contract.
- (2) Will requests for tenders will be announced; if so, (a) when, (b) what are the terms and conditions of the tender and (c) will the successful tenderer (i)

have access to the CSIRO's clients' information and (ii) be required to have scientifically qualified staff who will work closely with the scientific staff at the CSIRO, ANSTO, AIMS, AGSO, AAD and BOM.

- (3) Will the successful tenderer be required to supply staff on site to all scientific agencies and sites; if not, which sites in which agencies will not have permanent on site IT staff.
- (4) What formal assessment or study has been completed, either by the Government, or another organisation to ensure that outsourcing the IT infrastructure and services will be more productive and beneficial to the development of science in Australia.
- (5) Due to the size, complexity, viability and importance of such a contract to the development of Australian science, would a local IT business be best suited to the terms of the contract.
- (6) Can he guarantee that there will be no job losses at the CSIRO, ANSTO, AIMS, AGSO, AAD and BOM as a result of outsourcing IT infrastructure and services.

\*1953 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many applicants have applied for the position of Federal Magistrate in Launceston.
- (2) How many of those applicants were deemed to meet the selection criteria for the position of the Federal Magistrate.
- (3) When did the interviews of the applicants take place.
- (4) How many applicants have been recommended for the position by the selection panel.
- (5) What is the process for acceptance of any applicant recommended by the selection panel.
- (6) What was the initial time frame for announcing the successful applicant for the 1 July 2000 starting date.
- (7) What is the Government's current time frame for announcing the successful applicant.
- (8) When will the position of Federal Magistrate in Launceston be operational.

\*1954 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he bring up to date the information provided in his answers to paragraphs 4 to 8 in question No. 834 (*Hansard*, 2 September 1999, page 9904) concerning the Unesco Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Hague, 1954).

\*1955 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—How much Federal Government funding is allocated to each Catholic school in the electoral division of Werriwa.

\*1956 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—Will the Minister bring up to date the information provided in his answer to question No. 835 (*Hansard*, 23 September 1999, page 10487) concerning the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.

\*1957 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question number 1655 (*Hansard*, 5 September 2000, page 18217) concerning former Senator Colston, is he able to say whether the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs exercised his power under subsection 488(2)(e) of the *Migration Act 1958*, to authorise a member of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to perform for the purposes of law enforcement one or more of those actions in subsection 488(1) of the Act; if so, what were the particulars of that authority; if not, were reasons given for the Minister not authorising a member of the AFP.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the movement records of former Senator Colston is information relevant to the charge of defrauding the Commonwealth made against him.
- (3) Is he also able to say whether the movement records of former Senator Colston is information relevant to protecting the public revenue.
- (4) If an authority has not been given by the Minister pursuant to subsection 488(2)(e), will he advise the Minister to give such authority to a member of the AFP.

\*1958 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question number 1655 (*Hansard*, 5 September 2000, page 18217) concerning former Senator Colston, did he exercise his power under subsection 488(2)(e) of the *Migration Act 1958* to authorise a member of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to perform for the purposes of law enforcement one or more of those actions in subsection 488(1) of the Act; if so, what were the particulars of that authority; if not, why not.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the movement records of former Senator Colston is information relevant to the charge of defrauding the Commonwealth made against former Senator Colston.
- (3) Is he also able to say whether the movement records of former Senator Colston is information relevant to protecting the public revenue.
- (4) If he has not given an authority pursuant to subsection 488(2)(e), will he give such authority to a member of the AFP.

\*1959 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many nursing homes are operating within the electoral division of Lowe.
- (2) How many complaints have been received by her, her Department and the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency against nursing homes within the electoral division of Lowe between October 1998 and 6 September 2000
- (3) How many spot checks of nursing homes have been conducted by her Department and the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency within the electoral division of Lowe between October 1998 and 6 September 2000

\*1960 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did Australia accede on 20 March 1973 to the Statute of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

- (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results did his Department last consider ratification of, or accession to, each of the conventions drawn up by the Institute.

\*1961 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did he fly to the UN in order to boycott it; if so, why.

\*1962 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does his Department have proposals to sell-off its extensive Bundock Street site in the electoral division of Kingsford-Smith.
- (2) Does the Bundock Street site include premises leased to The Children's Garden Rudolf Steiner School by his Department.
- (3) Is he aware of the very valuable educational role of this school and its reputation for excellence.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the school spent tens of thousands of dollars on the rehabilitation of the buildings it occupies and regularly spent further monies on extensive remediation of the surrounding land.
- (5) Did his Department commit itself to allow the school to continue in its premises as part of the proposed development of the Bundock Street site.
- (6) Did his Department indicate to the school that it would be offered a new lease so that it would not be left homeless and its existence not threatened by his Department's desire to sell off the Bundock Street site.
- (7) Has his Department reneged on its commitments and is now threatening the school with eviction upon the expiry of its current lease on 31 December 2000.
- (8) Is he able to say whether the school council has been obliged to condemn his Department's statements concerning the Bundock Street site and the future of the School as generally misleading and in some instances completely false.
- (9) Is he aware that his Department's actions have caused enormous anxiety amongst the school community and threatens the school's viability and survival.
- (10) Will he intervene in this matter and ensure his Department does not force the closure of The Children's Garden Rudolf Steiner School.

\*1963 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What is the current status of Australia's trade relations with (a) Romania, (b) Croatia and (c) Hungary.
- (2) What are the current levels of imports and exports to or from those countries.
- (3) How do the levels compare, on a year-by-year basis, since 1995.
- (4) Is he satisfied with the current situation of trade relations with these nations.
- (5) What initiatives have been implemented by him to improve these trade relations.
- (6) Are there any identifiable problems in trade with nations of Eastern Europe.

\*1964 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—



- (1) How many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors and (c) administrative staff were employed by the Commonwealth of Australia in Darwin for the conduct of the recently determined Stolen Generation Cases (*Cubillo v. Commonwealth of Australia* and *Gunner v. Commonwealth of Australia* ("the Stolen Generation Cases"))).
- (2) Other than barristers, solicitors and administrative staff employed by the Commonwealth in Darwin in connection with the Stolen Generation Cases, were there other barristers, solicitors, administrative staff and others employed by the Commonwealth in the conduct of the Commonwealth's case; if so, how many (a) barristers, (b) solicitors, (c) administrative staff and (d) others were employed by the Commonwealth in places other than Darwin in the conduct of the Stolen Generation Cases.
- (3) What has been the total cost to date, or if precise figures are not available, the approximate total cost, of the conduct of the Commonwealth's case in the Stolen Generation Cases.
- (4) Who instructed counsel for the Commonwealth about the scope of their cross-examination of Mrs Cubillo, Mr Gunner and other witnesses called by the applicants in the Stolen Generation Cases.
- (5) Is it expected by superior courts in Australia that the Commonwealth will conduct all litigation in which it is involved as a model litigant.
- (6) Did the counsel for the Commonwealth in the Stolen Generation Cases suggest to Mrs Cubillo and Mr Gunner in cross-examination that they were lying and suggest to the Honourable Justice O'Loughlin in submissions that Mr Gunner and Mrs Cubillo were lying about their experiences; if so, what was the basis of such suggestions.
- (7) Did counsel for the Commonwealth submit to the Court that witnesses called by Mr Gunner who gave evidence of sexual abuse in St. Mary's Home in Alice Springs were lying and had conspired to concoct false evidence; if so, what was the basis of such submissions.
- (8) Was counsel for the Commonwealth involved in passing on evidence given in the case of *Gunner v. Commonwealth of Australia* to Mr Constable, the person found by Justice O'Loughlin to be the sexual molester of Mr Gunner, so as to permit Mr Constable to change his evidence.
- (9) Did (a) he or (b) the Prime Minister give instructions to counsel for the Commonwealth concerning the conduct of the Stolen Generation Cases.
- (10) Did the Commonwealth employ private detective agencies in conducting the Stolen Generation Cases; if so, what was the cost of hiring these private detective agencies.
- (11) Is it standard practice for the Commonwealth to employ private detectives in the conduct of civil litigation.
- (12) During the conduct of the Stolen Generation Cases, were there members of the Prime Minister's staff present in court at any time.
- (13) Did members of the staff of the Prime Minister or members of his staff instruct counsel for the Commonwealth as to the nature and scope of cross-examination.

- (14) What is the total number of applicants bringing Federal or High Court proceedings against the Commonwealth of Australia similar to the cases brought by Mr Gunner and Mrs Cubillo.
- (15) What is the total number of cases brought against the Commonwealth by persons alleging that they are the children or grandchildren of Aboriginal people removed from their families.
- (16) Have any attempts been made by the Commonwealth to resolve the claims brought against the Commonwealth in cases similar to that brought by Mr Gunner and Mrs Cubillo; if so, what attempts have been made.
- (17) Has an estimate been made of the cost of resolving all Stolen Generation litigation brought against the Commonwealth without requiring further litigation; if so, what is that estimated cost.

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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.

*Current inquiry:*

Inquiry into the needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

**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, Ms Plibersek, 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, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz, Dr Washer. (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 Griffin, Mr Kerr, 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.

**BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS:** The Speaker, The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

**CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES:** Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

**NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY:** Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Somlyay, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator McGauran.

*Current inquiry:*

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

**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.

Perth—Proposed ABC Perth Accommodation Project.

Stirling, ACT—Construction of mixed residential dwellings.

Sydney—

Proposed Reserve Bank of Australia Head Office building works.

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 Snowden, 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.

National interest statement: Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea.

Review of the Department of Defence Annual Report 1998-99.

**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*).