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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 139

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notice**

- *1 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the use of information provided under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for other purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mrs D. M. Kelly*).
- 2 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr McLeay*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 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*).

* 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.

- 7 **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*).
- 8 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 9 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 10 **WOOL SERVICES PRIVATISATION BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 11 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr McLeay*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr O'Connor*).
- 15 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
- 18 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).

- 22 **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).
- 23 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne).
- 24 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis).
- 25 **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).
- 26 **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).
- 27 **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).
- 28 **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).
- 29 **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).
- 30 **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).
- 31 **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).
- 32 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor).
- 33 **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).
- 34 **COMPENSATION FOR NON-ECONOMIC LOSS (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 25 March 1999—Ms Macklin).
- 35 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (from 15 March 2000).
- 36 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (from 7 March 2000).

- 37 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 38 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 39 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 40 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 41 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 42 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 43 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 44 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *46 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—ABORIGINALS BENEFITS ACCOUNT—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *47 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—BARROW CREEK (KAYTETYE) LAND CLAIM NO. 161 WITH EXPLANATORY STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *48 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ARPANSA FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *49 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY (TSRA)—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *50 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—STRATEGIC PLAN 2000-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **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.

- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 1997-2000—MOTION TO TAKE**

NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 71 **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*).

**72 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 1 p.m.*)
- 3 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000. (*Statements to conclude by 1.20 p.m.*)
- 4 COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on managing fatigue in transport. (*Statements to conclude by 1.45 p.m.*)
- 5 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 Snowden, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowden—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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 Mrs 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.*)
- 22 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—‘SHADOW LEDGERS’ AND THE PROVISION OF BANK STATEMENTS TO CUSTOMERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr Sercombe, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—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.*)

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 21st Century - Part 1: The Airports”, prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
 - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
 - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is \$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and
 - (c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and

- (2) urges the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to have an Independent Commission of Inquiry into Sydney's Transport Needs and examine all options including Speed Rail, Interim measures to extend KSA, BCA and other alternative sights for Sydney's Second Airport. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice 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 phyto-sanitary 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.)

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).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 4 October 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (RURAL AND REMOTE AREA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Hawker*).
- 2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **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, 1125, 1134, 1175, 1181, 1208, 1218, 1222, 1256, 1283, 1284, 1290, 1415, 1431, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1477, 1481, 1494, 1501, 1513, 1514, 1517-1521, 1524, 1532, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1600, 1620, 1633, 1635, 1640, 1641, 1646, 1647, 1657, 1658, 1664, 1668, 1675, 1681, 1689, 1692, 1694, 1702, 1709, 1710, 1712, 1715, 1722, 1734, 1737, 1739-1741, 1744, 1746, 1750-1756, 1758-1760, 1762-1765, 1769, 1772-1774, 1776, 1777, 1780, 1783-1785, 1787, 1788, 1790, 1791, 1793, 1795-1797, 1801-1805, 1807-1810, 1812, 1814-1819, 1824, 1826, 1827, 1831-1833, 1835, 1836, 1840, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1849-1853, 1856, 1857, 1859-1862, 1869, 1873, 1875-1882, 1886-1890, 1893-1899, 1901-1908, 1910-1915, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1924-1927, 1931-1942, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1950-1960, 1962-1964.

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1965 **MS HALL:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Have savings bonus cheques been returned to him by disgruntled pensioners; if so, what will he do with those cheques.
- (2) What will he do, or has he done, with cheques and money orders made out to him and sent by pensioners insulted by receiving cheques for minuscule sums.

1966 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of the most recent judicial appointment to the High Court, (a) what was the process by which the Government made the appointment, (b) according to what criteria did the Government select the most suitable person to be appointed, (c) at what stage of the process, if any, did consultation with the legal profession on the proposed person to be appointed occur, (d) at what stage of the process, if any, did consultation with governments of the States and Territories on the proposed person to be appointed occur and (e) what was the outcome of that process.
- (2) What are the barriers to increased consultation with the legal profession and governments of the States and Territories on proposed appointments to the High Court.
- (3) In respect of the most recent judicial appointment to the (a) Federal Court, (b) Family Court and (c) Federal Magistrates Service, (i) what was the process by which the Government made the appointment, (ii) according to what criteria did the Government select the most suitable person to be appointed, (iii) at what stage of the process, if any, did consultation with the legal profession on the proposed person to be appointed occur and (iv) what was the outcome of that process.

- (4) What are the barriers to increased consultation with the legal profession on proposed appointments to the (a) Federal Court, (b) Family Court and (c) Federal Magistrates Service.
- 1967 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 1580 (*Hansard*, 31 August 2000, page 18047), will he update that answer in respect of the meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General held in Brisbane on 27 to 28 July 2000.
- 1968 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Have flight patterns for Hoxton Park Airport changed recently; if so, why.
 - (2) Have there been 4 serious incidents at Hoxton Park Airport in the last 2 years; if so, why are flights now directed over residential areas.
- 1969 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is there an independent tribunal to deal with appeals lodged by claimants to unfavourable decisions relating to the Government's Bonus for Older Australians; if not, why not.
 - (2) Are receipt of all appeals acknowledged in writing by the Australian Taxation Office; if not, why not.
 - (3) Do the qualification guidelines for the Bonus for Older Australians preclude claimants from receipt of the bonus because they have suffered a financial loss in previous years; if so, why.
- 1970 **MR LEE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Does the table "Catholic Systems - ERI/SES Funding - 1999 Figures", provided by his Department, show that the change from ERI category 11 to SES-based funding for non-government schools involves an additional \$100 704 281 per year for Catholic systems.
 - (2) What are the estimates for each year from 2001 to 2004.
- 1971 **MR LEE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What was the most recent movement in Average Government Schools Recurrent Costs for (a) primary and (b) secondary schools
 - (2) By what sum were the figures contained in the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000 indexed to give the new figures contained in the Government's amendment to the Bill.
 - (3) What steps were involved in calculating the sum referred to in part (2).
- 1972 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—Will Centrelink's decision to use a telephone contact number with a "13" prefix result in Centrelink customers paying a higher rate of 25 cents for a local call to Centrelink rather than 15 cents per call if they had access to neighbourhood calls; if so, why was the decision made.
- 1973 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In the context of Australian comments concerning Sri Lanka at the 56th Session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, 20 March to 28 April 2000, what has been the level of sales of Australian military and dual use equipment to Sri Lanka in (a) 1997-98, (b) 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

- (2) When did the Inter Departmental Committee chaired by his Department, for the granting of export licences, last assess Sri Lanka's human rights picture, and what was the outcome of the review.
 - (3) Have Sri Lankan defence personnel been trained in Australia; if so, what was the nature of the training.
- 1974 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Are training courses available for a blind 24 year old man in regional Victoria to enable him to gain meaningful employment; if so, what are they; if not, what plans are envisaged to provide appropriate training.
- 1975 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has a decision been made on the application by the Salvation Army to provide a Bendigo contact service for children of separated parents; if so, when will the Salvation Army be advised of the decision.
- 1976 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) What increase in funding for microcredit has been included in the 2000-2001 aid budget.
 - (2) Is the additional funding supporting lending to the poorest people.
 - (3) Is the funding being used to enable non-government organisations to distribute assistance to individual microcredit programs.
- 1977 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Are compensation payments to some former Commonwealth employees still frozen at pre-1988 levels as a result of the *Commonwealth Safety and Rehabilitation Act 1988*.
 - (2) How many former employees are affected in this way.
 - (3) What is the annual value of the payments made to those affected public servants.
 - (4) Did he or other representatives of the then Opposition promise to change the Act prior to the 1996 general election; if so, what action has been taken to implement the decision.
- 1978 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Did ComSuper in the 1970s and 1980s (a) formulate guidelines for Departments to enable them to fully inform resignees of their superannuation entitlements, (b) train personnel staff in agent Departments to ensure consistent application of the guidelines and (c) regularly monitor Departments to ensure adherence to the guidelines; if so, can documentation be provided to prove that it did so.
 - (2) What percentage of resignees eligible to defer did so between (a) 1977 and 1987 when form S2A was in use, (b) 1988 and 1992 when there was some awareness of the deferred benefits option and (c) 1993 to 2000.
 - (3) Is the percentage referred to in part (2)(a) low compared to the percentage in part (2)(c); if so, is he able to say why.
 - (4) Was Form S2A redesigned; if so, (a) why and (b) was it considered inadequate.

- 1979 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) recommended that the pharmaceutical Ritalin (methylphenidate hydrochloride) be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
 - (2) Did he accept the recommendation made by the PBAC in relation to Ritalin; if not, why not.
- 1980 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What are the estimates for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004 for the Regional Solutions Programme (RSP).
 - (2) For each year referred to in part (1), of the totals for each year, what amounts are to come from reductions in funding for the Regional Assistance Programme and what amounts from the sale of an Australian Maritime Safety vessel.
 - (3) Have the amounts for the RSP been incorporated into the forward estimates; if not, when will this occur.
- 1981 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is the Australian Film Television and Radio School campus at North Ryde carried as an asset in the Commonwealth's balance sheet; if so, (a) has the valuation been based on historic cost, replacement value or deprival value, (b) when was the valuation made and (c) what is the balance sheet value.
- 1982 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What are the forward estimates for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004 for the Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund.
 - (2) What sum has been committed to projects for each year referred to in part (1).
- 1983 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What are the forward estimates for (a) 2001-2002, (b) 2002-2003 and (c) 2003-2004 for the Regional Assistance Programme.
 - (2) What sum of the estimates in each year is committed.
- 1984 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—What are the forward estimates for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004 for operating subsidies for Comcar.
- 1985 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What were the key findings of the valuation of Telstra in the Commonwealth's balance sheet referred to in Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Budget Estimates hearings (Senate *Committee Hansard*, 23 May 2000, pages 157-8).
 - (2) Were forward estimates of the sale cost, net income and underlying budget impact of the sale of the Commonwealth's remaining two thirds share of Telstra provided at pages 2 to 39 of Budget Paper No. 1 in 1998-99; if so, why cannot this same information be provided with respect to the sale of the

Commonwealth's remaining interest in Telstra on the basis that it is "commercially confidential".

1986 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1566 (*Hansard*, 14 August 2000, page 17327), which of the agreements listed in the answer were cleared by the Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing (OASITO).
- (2) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 1564 (*Hansard*, 28 August 2000, page 17721), what were the names of the organisations about which Centrelink consulted OASITO in relation to its IT acquisitions.

1987 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1566 (*Hansard*, 14 August 2000, page 17327), what IBM or IBM-owned products which are not implemented in Centrelink at present, does Centrelink plan to implement prior to outsourcing.
- (2) If there are no current plans, is Centrelink developing plans to implement IBM products that are not presently implemented.
- (3) Which of the products referred to in parts (1) or (2) are within the scope for outsourcing.
- (4) What incumbent products will the IBM products replace.
- (5) What are the recommended products and who approved these plans.
- (6) Were any of these products acquired in the agreements listed in the answer to question No. 1566; if so, which products.
- (7) Was the Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing notified of the plans.
- (8) Have these IBM products been tendered by the short listed outsource providers.

1988 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to question No. 1805 concerning the proposed Goulburn Valley Shepparton Highway by-pass, has the Government undertaken work on all the by-pass options; if so, what is the nature of the work undertaken and the associated costings of the road work.

1989 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761, are all imported second hand or used buses and coaches required to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADRs); if so, what legislation or regulation specifies this requirement.
- (2) Is there a proposal to change this requirement; if so, (a) which States, organisations or individuals have requested a change and (b) for what purpose.
- (3) What would be the (a) effect of any such change on the safety of passengers travelling in those imported second hand or used buses and coaches and (b) the cost of an imported second hand or used bus or coach relative to an Australian one.

- (4) Which agency, Department or authority is responsible for auditing imported second hand or used buses and coaches to ensure they comply with ADRs.
- (5) How many audits has that organisation conducted each year since 1995 and how quickly are audits conducted after date of importation.
- (6) How many second hand or used buses and coaches were imported in each year since 1995 and from which country were they imported.
- (7) When audited, how many of these imported second hand or used buses and coaches were found not to comply with ADRs.

1990 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many flights per week are made by Fokker 27 aircraft in and out of Perth airport.
- (2) What rules or regulations determine the flight paths followed by these aircraft.
- (3) Are there any safety, environmental or operational reasons why these aircraft cannot use jet aircraft flight paths.
- (4) Would the use by these aircraft of the jet flight paths reduce the noise for residents.
- (5) What steps is the Government taking to reduce the impact of Fokker 27 noise on Perth residents.

1991 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) now using its website as the primary means of communicating with the aviation industry.
- (2) Are there any documents, draft regulations or discussion papers on that site that are only made available via the website.
- (3) What steps has CASA taken to ensure that aviation operators, especially those in rural and regional Australia who do not have effective access to internet facilities, (a) stay informed and involved in proposed changes to regulations that affect their industry and (b) access other information on the website that they require to operate in the aviation industry.
- (4) How many hits has the CASA website received each month since September 1999.

1992 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did he state at a Conference on the Gold Coast on 14 July 2000 that the Melbourne to Brisbane railway had the capacity to proceed without Government funding.
- (2) Has the Federal Government been approached for financial assistance for the project; if so, what was the nature of the approach.
- (3) Will the Government provide financial assistance for the project.
- (4) On what basis were Members of Parliament and local government leaders appointed by him to a Task Force Committee to examine the Melbourne to Brisbane railway.

(5) Who was appointed to the Task Force Committee.

1993 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 510 (*Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 5318) concerning the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race, what was the final cost to the Government, including the Department of Defence, of using civil search and rescue services and the defence force in the rescue operations.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the Bureau of Meteorology issued race officials with a gale warning for part of the race area about 4 hours before the race start, which was upgraded to the first of a series of storm warnings, the most severe warning issued by the Bureau outside tropical latitudes about an hour after the start of the race; if so, was any of the cost to the Government of using civil search and rescue services and the defence force in the rescue recoverable; if not, has the Government considered changing its policy to make such costs recoverable.

1994 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did his electorate office request his Department to supply it with a list of all projects, grants and funding programs in the electoral division of Gwydir since March 1996; if so, who authorised the request.
- (2) Was it requested that where possible the information be provided by specific localities in the electorate, including Wellington, Mudgee, Gulgong, Gilgandra, Coonamble, Baradine, Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Coolah, Mendooran, Gunnedah, Boggabri, Narrabri, Warialda, Moree, Wee Waa, Walgett, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Mungindi.
- (3) Was the material prepared by noon Wednesday, 20 September 2000 in accordance with a memo of 13 September 2000 from the Acting Director of Policy Development and Coordination.
- (4) What was the cost incurred by his Department to prepare the material.
- (5) Has his Department produced similar reports for other electoral divisions; if so, (a) which divisions and (b) who authorised the preparation of the reports.
- (6) What are the details of the response prepared by his Department to the request from his electorate office, of the projects, grants and funding programs in the electoral division of Gwydir since March 1996.

1995 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) For each month since the stevedoring levy was introduced by the Government to facilitate the funding by the Maritime Industry Finance Company (MIFCO) of redundancy obligations by stevedoring companies as a result of the 1998 maritime dispute, what sum has been paid by each company liable to pay the levy.
- (2) For each month since the levy was introduced, (a) what sum has been paid by MIFCO to each company eligible to receive payments and (b) how many employees has each company made redundant.

- (3) Will some companies receive far less in payments from MIFCO than the levy they have paid; if so, what is the reason for the inequity.
- (4) For each month since stevedoring companies were required to pay the levy, what has been the performance of companies receiving payments from MIFCO against the Government's productivity benchmarks compared to productivity levels at the time of the 1998 maritime dispute.
- (5) Were any companies exceeding or equalling the Government's productivity benchmarks in advance of the 1998 maritime dispute; if so, (a) who were they, (b) are they required to pay the levy; if so, is it inequitable for such companies to be required to pay the levy to assist non-performing stevedoring companies and (c) what payments have they made to MIFCO.
- (6) Has the Government received complaints that some companies receiving MIFCO payments are using payments to offer artificial incentives to assist them in competition with other stevedoring companies.
- (7) Has the Government been advised that Sea-Land believes Patricks has been able to use the levy payments to offer artificial incentives to South Australian exporters and importers to ship via Melbourne to the disadvantage of South Australian operators; if so, does the accusation have any foundation.

1996 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What revenue has been collected from the Passenger Movement Charge each year since 1995, including 2000.

1997 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—What has been the cost each year since 1995, including 2000, of providing customs services and processing at each airport where those services are provided.

1998 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—What has been the cost each year since 1995, including 2000, of providing immigration services and processing at each airport where those services are provided.

1999 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—What has been the cost each year since 1995, including 2000, of providing quarantine services and processing at each airport where those services are provided.

2000 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does a landlord require an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- (2) Does a tenant require an ABN.
- (3) Is a tenant who is operating a business from their rented accommodation required to supply an ABN to the landlord.
- (4) Does Taxation Ruling MT 2000/2 state that "If you let out residential premises where the whole of the premises is to be used predominantly for residential accommodation purposes you are entitled to get an ABN, but you do not need one for PAYG withholding purposes"; if so, what is the definition of "whole" and "predominantly" and how is the determination arrived at.

- (5) If a taxpayer rents a residential flat and uses one of the three bedrooms to run a web publishing business is he or she required to provide an ABN to the landlord.
 - (6) How does a landlord determine (a) the use of the premises and (b) whether or not they should require the presentation of an ABN.
- 2001 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the average or standard cost of providing a woman with in-vitro fertilisation treatment.
 - (2) How much of the cost is (a) covered by Medicare and (b) paid by the patient.
- 2002 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—If a child is born to a couple as a result of in-vitro fertilisation treatment, and the couple subsequently separates, is the (a) non-custodial parent liable to pay child support and (b) custodial parent required to seek to obtain that child support as a condition of accessing social security if the couple has been (i) married, (ii) in a defacto heterosexual relationship and (iii) in a same sex relationship.
- 2003 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Do Australia Post outlets no longer stock the complete range of Australian phone directories.
 - (2) What is the reason for the withdrawal of phone directories from Australia Post outlets.
 - (3) Does the Minister recognise that while phone directories are available on-line, many people, particularly in country areas, do not have access to the Internet and require the use of hard copies.
 - (4) Will the Government take action to restore this service, if not why not.
- 2004 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say what are the current costs of production of oil in Australia as declared by the major companies involved in such production.
 - (2) On a year-by-year scale, how does this cost compare with previous years since 1990.
 - (3) How do the costs of production compare with those in other oil producing countries, including the USA, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and Nigeria.
 - (4) How does the cost of Australian production compare with the OPEC price and on a year-by-year scale, what has been this comparison since 1990.
 - (5) What is the reason for the difference between the cost of production in Australia and the OPEC figures.
- 2005 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say what are the current rates of profit of the oil-production companies within Australia and on a year-by-year scale, how does this compare with previous years since 1990.

- (2) What percentage of these profits is currently being spent on exploration and on a year-by-year scale, how does this compare with previous years since 1990.
- (3) Given the level of profits made by the oil production companies, is the Government satisfied that the level of investment in exploration justifies the linking of Australia's oil prices to the international price.

2006 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) What efforts are being made to implement new technologies that would serve to loosen the grip that oil companies have on the Australian motorist.
- (2) Is the Government exploring the idea of alternative fuels to be used in new cars, such as the use of ethanol based E-85 in all government cars in Illinois, USA.
- (3) Is the Government prepared to follow the lead of other nations such as the USA and implement an initiative which would promote clean fuel-burning and also serve to help sugar farmers who could sell their sugar cane to produce the ethanol needed for E-85.

2007 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In reference to his comments on the decision by the NZ Government to introduce new provisions to regularise the immigration status of certain overstayers, is he considering a change in Government policy in relation to Australia's current common immigration agreements with New Zealand.
- (2) Has he considered the implications for the Closer Economic Relations Agreement if there were a breakdown in the immigration arrangements between the two governments.
- (3) Can he specify the ramifications he was referring to when he stated on 19 September 2000 that it is inevitable that the NZ initiative will have significant longer term ramifications.
- (4) Will he threaten the immigration agreement between the two countries whenever an NZ Government decision becomes inconvenient for his own Government's policies.

2008 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What is the average period for approval of applications from newly married Australian citizens and permanent residents wishing to sponsor their spouse to come to Australia from the time the application is made to the approval time.
- (2) What is the average time for approval of applications for spouses coming from (a) Great Britain, (b) Ireland, (c) Western Europe, (d) Croatia, (e) Hungary, (f) Romania, (g) Baltic States, (h) Russian Federation, (i) Slovakia, (j) Czech Republic, (k) Slovenia, (l) Poland, (m) Turkey, (o) Israel, (q) Jordan, (r) Syria, (s) Egypt, (t) Iran, (u) Afghanistan, (v) Pakistan, (w) India, (x) Sri Lanka, (y) China, (z) Japan, (aa) Phillipines, (ab) South Korea, (ac) Thailand, (ad) Malaysia, (ae) Hong Kong, (af) Singapore, (ag) Indonesia, (ah) Fiji, (ai) Papua New Guinea, (aj) Samoa, (ak) Vanuatu, (al)

USA, (am) Canada, (an) Latin America, (ao) Sudan, (ap) Ethiopia, (aq) Kenya, (ar) Zimbabwe, (as) South Africa, (at) Ghana, (au) Nigeria and (av) Mauritius.

- (3) Are there unjustifiable delays in the processing of applications, especially from certain countries; if not, why not.

2009 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is it a fact that under the new Transitional Provision of the NZ Government it would take at least seven years before an individual granted a transitional visa could become an NZ citizen and therefore be able to enter Australia without a visa; if so, has he given the wrong public impression of the NZ Government's policy by claiming that it will undermine the Australian Government's current policies.
- (2) Is he concerned that his comments are being interpreted as being discriminatory against Pacific Island people and having a racist basis.

2010 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Are the Government's various visa requirements for skilled and extended family immigration designed to cater only for individuals coming from countries that have the educational and technical base to achieve high levels of skilling; if so, what is the Government's response to claims that the requirements discriminate against people coming from countries such as the Pacific Islands where skilling opportunities are rarely available.
- (2) Will he introduce immigration guidelines which permit a variation in skills assessment such that people coming from those countries where skilled training opportunities are less available, or not available at all, would be given the opportunity to enter Australia on the basis that they can complete their training in this country.
- (3) If not, will the Government introduce a special immigration program for people from the Pacific Islands, as currently exists in New Zealand, including a program to bring Pacific Islanders to Australia for skills training.
- (4) Have Australian parliamentary committees in the past recommended such a course of action.
- (5) Has the Government received representations from Pacific Island governments in relation to the availability of visas for Pacific Islanders; if so, what has been the Government's response to the representations.

4 October 2000

*2011 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) With regard to the Government's claims that tax avoidance through employee benefit schemes can be dealt with through the courts under existing law, how many court cases has the Government instituted in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999 and (e) 2000.
- (2) How many of these cases have been determined.
- (3) How much revenue has been returned to the Government as a result of these cases.

- *2012 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—In light of his statement that the Government has received advice on tax avoidance through employee benefit schemes (*Hansard*, 6 September 2000, p. 18273), has any of that advice proposed the option of amending legislation.
- *2013 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In respect of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax, what was the 2000-01 Budget revenue estimate for the 2000-01 financial year.
 - (2) On what price per barrel of oil was this estimate based.
- *2014 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office place an embargo on private binding rulings in respect of employee benefit tax schemes; if so, is that embargo still in place; if not, on what date was it lifted.
- *2015 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What is the cost, on an annual basis, of the Government's 30 per cent private health insurance rebate scheme.
 - (2) Are premium loadings for people who delay taking up private health insurance membership under the Lifetime Health Cover scheme covered by the Government's 30 percent private health insurance premium rebate; if so, what is the projected effect on the total cost of the 30 percent private health insurance rebate of the Lifetime Health Cover scheme premium loadings.
- *2016 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he aware that the ATO deducted company tax payments from GST refunds around 1 September 2000.
 - (2) Is he also aware that this caused some companies to make a "double payment" of company tax as some companies had already paid their company tax when it was due.
 - (3) How many companies had their company tax payment taken from their GST refunds.
 - (4) How many companies has the ATO had to make refunds to as a result of the double payments.
 - (5) What is the total of the extra tax collected by the ATO as a result of the double payments.
 - (6) How long did it take the ATO to refund this money to small businesses.
 - (7) Was interest paid to the affected companies; if so, how much.
 - (8) Did the ATO notify affected companies that it would deduct company tax due from GST refunds; if not, why not.
 - (9) What measures have been taken to prevent this occurring again.
- *2017 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is it the case that some prime contractor transport operators are forcing some sub-contractors to accept commercially unconscionable rate cuts as a means for prime contractors to extract from sub-contractors lower rates in order to pass through savings under the new tax system to customers.

- (2) Is it the case that reported GST freight rate cuts may be unfairly based as they do not take into account other cost increases such as fuel price rises which have increased by up to 47 per cent since last year.
- (3) Is it the case that the impact of such unfairly based GST freight rate cuts may result in sub-contractors compromising maintenance and general safety issues due to the requirement to accept commercially unsustainable rates to remain in the road transport industry.
- (4) Taking into account the application of the chain of responsibility principle to prime contractor transport operators and the capacity, in the case of a fatal accident involving a sub-contractor for example, for a prime contractor transport operator to be prosecuted due to their imposition of commercially unconscionable rates on sub-contractors, does the Government intend to take any action on these commercially unsustainable rates; if not, why not.
- (5) Is it a fact that police raids on a truck shop at Peak Hill near Parkes, NSW, and various locations in Victoria, Queensland and the ACT on 8 August 2000 led to the arrest of eight people including three truck drivers, allegedly involved in the production and distribution of methyl-amphetamine (speed).
- (6) Is it the case that freight rates are so low at the moment that employee and owner drivers may be forced to drive longer and faster and resort to the use of drugs to meet client demands.

*2018 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Given the Government's support for the chain of responsibility principle in road transport, what is the Government doing to make the chain of responsibility a feature of commercial transport dealings and thereby stopping trucking companies from taking short cuts with safety, putting lives at risk and undercutting operators who work by the rules.
- (2) Is it the case that until the chain of responsibility concept becomes a feature of commercial dealings, transport prime contractors will continue to pressure sub-contractors to conform to schedules which cannot be met without breaking laws such as driving hours legislation, occupational health and safety legislation and industrial relations legislation.

*2019 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What action does the Government intend to take in relation to (a) the failure by Western Australia to introduce the uniform national licensing and registration reform and (b) the proposal by the Northern Territory Government to introduce a licence demerit points scheme that excludes intrastate drivers who commit road safety offences.

*2020 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Under which program did the government grant \$4.5m over three years to the Inland Marketing Corporation and for what purpose is the grant to be used.
- (2) Does the grant of \$4.5m reflect a change in Government policy from one of opposition to the Inland Marketing Corporation's proposed major airport development at Parkes, NSW, to one of support for the proposed Inland

Marketing Corporation's proposed airport; if so, what was the basis of this change in policy.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

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, Mr Lawler, 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 Snowden, 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 Faulkner, Senator Ferris, Senator Mason, Senator Murray.

Current inquiries:

- Electoral funding and disclosure.
- Integrity of the Electoral roll.

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

Current inquiries:

- Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief.
- Australia's relations with the Middle East.
- Australia's relations with the United Nations.
- 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.*)

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*).