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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 144

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to repeal or amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2000*, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Monetary Agreements Act 1947*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2000—Mr Quick, in continuation*).
- 2 **WOOL SERVICES PRIVATISATION BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 September 2000—Mr Sciacca*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (IMPROVED MONITORING OF ENTITLEMENTS TO PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for*

* 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.

- Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 September 2000—Mr Horne).
- 7 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson).
 - 8 **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).
 - 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 **PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 12 April 2000—Mr McClelland).
 - 11 **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).
 - 12 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (from 26 June 2000).
 - 13 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne).
 - 14 **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).
 - 15 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith).
 - 16 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 April 2000—Mr Smith).
 - 17 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne).
 - 18 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis).
 - 19 **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).
 - 20 **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).
 - 21 **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*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (MORAL RIGHTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr O'Connor*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 29 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 30 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 31 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 32 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 33 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 34 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 35 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 36 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 37 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).

- 38 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *39 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 October 2000—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.

- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.

- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Williams):**
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 67 **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*).

68 **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, 30 OCTOBER 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO ZIMBABWE:** The Parliamentary Elections in Zimbabwe 24 - 25 June 2000: Report of the Australian Parliamentary Observer Delegation. (*Statements to conclude by 12.45 p.m.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the Australian Government Loan to Papua New Guinea. (*Statements to conclude by 12.55 p.m.*)
- 3 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 36: Two treaties tabled on 15 August 2000. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*. (*Notice given 5 October 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **MS KERNOT:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish an authority to monitor the operations of the Job Network, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- 4 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 2 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

- 19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 20 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 21 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 22 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 23 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SHARED ENDEAVOURS: EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—Dr Nelson, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 24 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 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 30 October 2000.*)
- 25 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—35TH REPORT—AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will*

be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notices—continued

1 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 30 October 2000.*)

2 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 30 October 2000.*)

- 3 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 4 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.)

- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.)*
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.)*
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.)*

10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

13 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 5 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

14 MR WILKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
- (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirus Zabih-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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

15 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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

16 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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

17 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;

- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
 - (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
 - (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
 - (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
 - (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
 - (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
 - (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
 - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
 - (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 18 **MR PRICE:** To move—
- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (ba) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;

- (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 19 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

- 20 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
 - (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 21 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be*

removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.)

- 22 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
 - (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
 - (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 23 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 275A be omitted and the following standing order be substituted:

Statements by Members

275A Notwithstanding standing order 275, when the Main Committee meets on a Thursday, the business before the Committee shall be interrupted at 1 p.m. and the Chair shall call for statements by Members. A Member, other than a Minister, may be called by the Chair to make a statement for a period not exceeding 3 minutes. The period for Members' statements may continue for a maximum of 1 hour. Any business under discussion at 1 p.m. and interrupted under the provisions of this standing order shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 2 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 3 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 4 **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 30 October 2000.*)
- 5 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 30 October 2000.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.*)

- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.*)
- 8 **INTERNATIONAL TRADE:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2000—Mr Wilkie, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr St Clair—That the House:
- (1) notes the crucial importance of international trade to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy, particularly in rural regions;
 - (2) commends the Government for the ongoing development of bilateral trade with more and more countries;
 - (3) urges the Government to continue its efforts to use sanitary and phytosanitary protocols to gain increased access of Australian agricultural and horticultural products to Korea, Taiwan and China; and
 - (4) commends Australian agricultural producers for their ongoing efforts to secure such market opportunities. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 30 October 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 22 **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 suffers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 24 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 25 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 30 October 2000.*)
- 27 **BURMA:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000*) on the motion of Mr Edwards—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 30 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, 30 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

Thursday, 12 October 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—BEYOND THE MIDNIGHT OIL: AN INQUIRY INTO MANAGING FATIGUE IN TRANSPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 October 2000—Dr Lawrence*).
 - 2 **HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 October 2000—Dr Lawrence*).
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 827, 955, 1041, 1125, 1134, 1175, 1181, 1208, 1218, 1222, 1256, 1283, 1284, 1290, 1415, 1431, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1494, 1501, 1513, 1514, 1517-1521, 1524, 1532, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1600, 1620, 1633, 1635, 1640, 1641, 1646, 1647, 1657, 1658, 1664, 1668, 1681, 1692, 1694, 1702, 1710, 1712, 1715, 1722, 1734, 1737, 1739-1741, 1746, 1750-1755, 1758-1760, 1762, 1763, 1765, 1772-1774, 1777, 1783-1785, 1787, 1788, 1790, 1791, 1793, 1795-1797, 1802-1805, 1808-1810, 1812, 1814-1819, 1824, 1826, 1832, 1836, 1840, 1841, 1845, 1849, 1850, 1852, 1853, 1859-1862, 1869, 1875, 1878-1882, 1886-1890, 1893-1897, 1901-1903, 1906, 1907, 1910-1913, 1915, 1917, 1922, 1924-1927, 1938, 1940-1942, 1945, 1950-1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1964-2030.

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- 2031 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Roads of National Importance program can he provide the requests for funding under this program submitted by each State and Territory Government for the (a) 1999/2000, (b) 2000/2001 and (c) 2001/2002 financial years.
- 2032 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—What discussions took place between him, his staff, his Department, and/or the Office of the Employment Advocate concerning the Commonwealth Bank's decision to offer Australian Workplace Agreements to Commonwealth Bank employees; when did these discussions occur; and who was involved.
- 2033 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Can he provide a list of pharmacies that have been granted permission to act as Medicare agents within the electorate of Swan.
 - (2) Can he detail the requirements that must be met by pharmacies prior to being granted permission to act as a Medicare agent.
- 2034 **MS KERNOT:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) What proportion of Centrelink offices have touch screens available.
 - (2) What proportion of Job Network members have touch screens available.
 - (3) What proportion of Job Network members have computers with internet access for the sole use of job seekers.
 - (4) What days and hours is on line access available at each Job Network provider.

- (5) What proportion of Job Network providers have more than one internet access computer or touch screen.

2035 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) What is the expected increase in international tourism to Australia over the next ten years.
- (2) Has her Department provided advice on the capacity of Sydney Airport to cope with the projected increase; if so, what are the details.

2036 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 1196 (*Hansard*, 3 April 2000, page 14531), is he aware of the Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics estimate that the Alice Springs to Darwin railway has a benefit-cost ratio of 0.56:1; if so, does he regard this as an accurate estimate.
- (2) For the (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-01 Budgets, does the reporting of the Government's expenditure on the Alice Springs to Darwin railway comply with its accrual accounting guidelines; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Has the Government recorded (a) the expected outcomes and (b) a benefit-cost ratio for the Alice Springs to Darwin railway in its last two Budget statements; if so, what are the details.

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2037 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports that his electorate officer, Margaret Nicolls, contacted the Tax Office on behalf of a constituent, and was told by an officer of the Tax Office that it was about time the Treasurer knew what people were experiencing with the delays and current workload of the ATO.
- (2) Is it the case that bad language used by the Tax Officer was the subject of a report to him.
- (3) Has the Tax Officer concerned been the subject of disciplinary action; if so, what action was taken against him

2038 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many businesses in the electorate of Prospect have been issued with a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (2) What is the average time taken for the ATO to conduct a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (3) Is a business required to close during a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (4) If daily business operations are disrupted during a Review to the extent that trading is affected, will the ATO compensate the business for lost revenue.
- (5) What is the average period of time between the completion of a review and the business owner being notified of the result.
- (6) How many employees of the ATO have been assigned to conduct reviews of Business Activity Statements in the South Western Sydney region.

2039 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What are the details of the framework implemented “to give effect to the Prime Minister’s commitment to maintain government service levels right across the Commonwealth” referred to in his letter to participants in the Regional Summit, including (a) when and (b) how the public was informed of it.
- (2) What mechanisms and processes for complaints of diminished services are included in that framework.

2040 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that the GST is being charged on Vitalcall services adding around \$56 to the cost of this potentially lifesaving service.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that Vitalcall is an essential health service for sick and elderly people in the event of serious illness or accident.
- (3) Did the Minister for Health and Aged Care raise this matter with you or your department at any stage during the drafting of the GST legislation; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he act to ensure that the GST is removed from this service for elderly people; if not, why not.

2041 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he aware that the GST is being charged on Vitalcall services adding around \$56 to the cost of this potentially lifesaving service.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that Vitalcall is an essential health service for sick and elderly people in the event of serious illness or accident.
- (3) Did you or your department raise this matter with the Treasurer or his department at any stage during the drafting of the GST legislation; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he act to ensure that the GST is removed from this service for elderly people; if not, why not.

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2042 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In the event that a person or company pays a large amount of money, for example \$38 million, for exclusive access to another person’s or company’s private golf club, under what circumstances would that payment be (a) tax deductible for the person making the payment and (b) taxable for the person receiving the payment.
- (2) If the payment was considered to be tax deductible for the payer would it necessarily be considered taxable for the payee.

2043 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he aware that some Defence personnel from the RAAF have been classified as medically unfit and therefore discharged because they are insulin dependent diabetics.

- (2) Is he also aware that some Defence personnel in the RAAF, the Army and the Navy who are also insulin dependent diabetics have been maintained in the Defence Forces.
- (3) Can he investigate and explain why those Defence personnel who have been discharged as medically unfit do not receive the same right to employment as other RAAF personnel with insulin dependent diabetes.

2044 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) During the period 1 January 1997 to date, what is the average number of days that a Judge of the Family Court of Australia sat in Court for proceedings other than giving judgments.
- (2) During the period 1 January 1997 to date, how many days has the Hobart based Family Law Court Judge sat in Court for proceedings other than giving judgments.
- (3) How many reserved judgments of the Hobart based Family Law Court Judge are outstanding
- (4) In respect of the Hobart based Family Court Judge what was the date of the last day of hearing of those matters where judgment remains outstanding.

2045 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the Government will make a decision this year in relation to the site of Sydney's second airport.
- (2) Is he able to confirm media reports that say the Government is proposing to abandon the second airport site at Badgery's Creek.
- (3) Will he confirm whether these media reports are accurate.
- (4) If a second airport is not built, in light of forecast traffic movements is he able to say at what date demand at Sydney Airport will exceed its aircraft movements capacity.

2046 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Apart from Badgery's Creek, what other sites is the Government considering in relation to the location of a second airport for Sydney.
- (2) Is he able to confirm recent media reports which record him as saying that Sydney Airport coped well during the Sydney Olympics.
- (3) In light of the success of Sydney Airport coping with the Olympics, does Sydney need a second airport.

2047 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—What is the definition of “self funded retiree” used by Centrelink and does this definition include people retired for reasons other than being over 55.

2048 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What is the current estimate of the numbers of people who have arrived “unauthorised by boat” in the 1999-2000 period referred to in his letter promoting Austcare Refugee Week 2000.
- (2) What is the current estimate of the total number of “unauthorised arrivals” during the same period.
- (3) What is the current estimate of the percentage of total unauthorised arrivals who arrive by boat.

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- *2049 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What guidance, if any, has been given to Ministers about the need to ensure that their media releases are included in AusInfo's Ministerial Document Service.
 - (2) How many year 2000 media releases by the Minister for Forestry and Conservation have been published in the Ministerial Document Service to date.
- *2050 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—If, as stated, the ASM with clasp Vietnam 1975 is only cancelled once eligibility for the AASM has been established, why has the Director Honours and Awards, Air Force Medals Section, Defence Personnel Executive, advised recipients that the ASM with clasp Vietnam 1975 is no longer recognised under the Australian Honours System and must therefore be cancelled.
- *2051 **MR M. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many recipients of AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY payments are liable to pay the minimum child support of \$5 per week (\$260 per year).
 - (2) Are the necessary administrative systems in place to ensure that the minimum child support liability of AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY recipients is paid to custodial parents.
 - (3) Have any administrative difficulties been encountered in the payment of the minimum child support liability of AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY recipients to custodial parents, particularly those that receive Centrelink payments; if so, what action is being taken to overcome these difficulties.
- *2052 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 472 (*Hansard*, 10 September 1996, page 3919), what communications have occurred between the Government and the New Zealand Government regarding monetary and currency union.
 - (2) On what terms and conditions does the Government support monetary and currency union.
- *2053 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office conduct a major audit of transfer pricing practices in 1998; if so, what information and conclusions did the audit reveal.
- *2054 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—What proportion of Australian individual taxpayers complete their tax returns without professional assistance.
- *2055 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to his answer to question No. 1007 (*Hansard*, 6 February 1997, page 306), what progress has been made in developing and publishing an intergenerational report on the long term sustainability of government policies.
- *2056 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Further to his answers to questions No.1305 (*Hansard*, 27 August 1997, page 7196) and No. 2189 (*Hansard*, 28 May 1998, page 4223), what progress has been made in establishing open access regimes at the terminals of Australia's major oil companies.

- (2) Do these regimes allow all petrol stations to shop around for the cheapest wholesale price.

*2057 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to his answers to questions No. 578 (*Hansard*, 18 November 1996, page 7035) and No. 3058 (*Hansard*, 15 July 1998, page 6263), does the Government plan to produce budget estimates on an expenditure tax basis.
- (2) Would this allow the Government to publish figures regarding the net budget contribution to national savings.
- (3) Does the Government's Charter of Budget Honesty or other budget guidelines currently require the publication of figures showing the net budget contribution to national savings.

*2058 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of competitive federalism practices by the States and Territories, particularly the financial cost to the public sector of (a) taxation discounting designed to attract investment, (b) direct financial subsidies to the private sector, (c) subsidies on government business enterprise pricing and (d) local preference clauses in State and Territory tenders.
- (2) What adjustments in Commonwealth financial payments are made in response to the practices referred to in part (1).
- (3) What other Federal Government policies are designed to prevent investment bidding wars between the States and Territories.

*2059 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Has he received advice from the Australian Taxation Office regarding the incidence of tax evasion and tax minimisation following the Government's decision to halve the capital gains tax rate; if so, what are the details.

*2060 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to research findings by Monash University, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, showing that the Government's private health insurance rebate will substantially increase the unit cost of health care.
- (2) Has his Department undertaken a similar analysis; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Does Departmental advice show that better results would be achieved by directly funding public hospitals to cope with the public demand for secondary care.

*2061 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to research findings from the Australia Institute showing that 50 per cent of the benefit of the Government's private health insurance rebate flows to the wealthiest one-third of Australia's income earners and only one-third of Australians with low taxable incomes are benefiting from the rebate.
- (2) Has his Department undertaken a similar analysis; if so, what are the details.

***2062 MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Did the Government, in negotiations with Australian Democrats, promise to introduce a National Child Nutrition Program to compensate people on low incomes for the impact of the GST.
- (2) Have applications been called for under the program; if so, (a) when did applications for the program open and close and (b) what progress has been made in allocating funds and commencing projects.

***2063 MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he aware of the findings of the National Competition Council paper, *Reforming the Health Care Professions*, regarding the role of the specialist colleges in limiting the number of medical specialists in Australia and inflating specialists' incomes.
- (2) What progress has been made in opening up the control and administration of the specialist colleges.
- (3) Are these colleges operating in a manner consistent with the principles of National Competition Policy.

***2064 MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the June 2000 issue of the journal, *Health Affairs*, in which the head of his Department states that the Government's 30 per cent private health insurance rebate "may be seen as a move towards the opt-out model".
- (2) Does this statement reflect Government policy; if so, what type of opt-out arrangements is the Government planning to introduce for the Medicare system.
- (3) Has the Government considered exempting private insurance holders from the Medicare levy; if so, what are the details.

***2065 MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Is it the case that in its Final Budget Outcome 1999-2000 the Government reported significant expense variations in his Department.
- (2) What is the amount and cause of the under-spending for (a) apprentice initiatives (b) Schools Quality Outcomes (c) the Tasmanian Training Initiative (d) the Jobs Pathway and (e) Literacy and Numeracy Training for the Unemployed.

***2066 MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Did the Government appoint a Steering Committee to oversee the development of its new SES-based model for the recurrent funding of non-government schools.
- (2) Did three of the eight members of the Committee represent the Catholic Education Commission; if so, what are the details.
- (3) Given the decision of the Catholic Education Commission not to participate in the SES system, why were three of its representatives invited onto the Steering Committee.

*2067 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) For each of the past 10 years how many people have been classified by DSS/Centrelink as incapacitated unemployed within the (a) Job Search Allowance (b) Newstart Allowance and (c) Youth Allowance (other) programs.
- (2) For each of the past 10 years how many people have been classified by DSS/Centrelink as eligible for Sickness Allowance.

*2068 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) How much does the Federal Government spend each year on industry welfare.
- (2) What corporate responsibility requirements are associated with the programs and outlays in (1) above.
- (3) Does the Minister support the recommendation of the McClure Report that mutual obligation requirements be extended to corporate Australia; if so, what will this involve.

*2069 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is he aware of recent criticism by the head of Microsoft, Mr Bill Gates, that the involvement of Telstra in the cable industry has inflated broadband Internet prices in Australia and slowed the take-up rate for high-speed access.
- (2) What is Telstra's response to this criticism.
- (3) What is his response to this criticism.

*2070 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has he made a written determination that the Health Expenses Refund Scheme carried out by Hay Point Services Pty Ltd is not an employee health benefits scheme under the *National Health Act 1953*.
- (2) What determinations has he made since 1996 that a scheme is not an employee health benefits scheme under the *National Health Act 1953* and when were such determinations made.

*2071 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, (i) applied for and (ii) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (2) How many pensioners registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus between \$1 and \$50.
- (3) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus of less than \$1.

- (4) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1,000 for pensioners and \$2,000 for self-funded retirees.
- (5) What was the average Aged Persons Saving Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self-funded retirees registered with the Centrelink offices in (i) Tuggeranong, ACT, (ii) Woden, ACT and (iii) Conder, ACT.
- (6) How many persons living in the electoral division of Canberra (a) applied for and (b) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (7) How many persons living in the electoral division of Canberra received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1,000 for pensioners and \$2,000 for self-funded retirees.
- (8) How many persons living in the electoral division of Canberra appealed to have their Aged Persons Savings Bonus payment adjusted.
- (9) What was the average Aged Persons Saving Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self-funded retirees in the electoral division of Canberra.

*2072 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Between March 1996 and August 2000, how many spot checks were carried out on nursing homes within the electoral division of Canberra.
- (2) How many complaints regarding nursing homes within the electoral division of Canberra were received by her in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999 and (e) 2000.
- (3) Will spot checks be undertaken by her Department after a nursing home receives accreditation; if so, will they be done on a yearly, half-yearly, quarterly, monthly or random basis.

*2073 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has Telstra recently awarded a maintenance contract on Telstra's cabling in South-East Queensland to a company called Skilled Communications, if so, (a) when was this contract awarded, (b) how much was it for and (c) what period of time was it intended to cover.
- (2) Has Telstra refused to honour its contract with Skilled Communications; if so, has this resulted in a large number of employees in Skilled Communications' Geebung plant being given notice.
- (3) What reasons has Telstra provided to the company and the Government on why it is not proceeding with this maintenance contract at this time.
- (4) As the majority shareholder in Telstra, what action does the Government intend to take on this matter.

*2074 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that ATO customers are having to wait for up to 90 minutes on the telephone before reaching ATO staff in order to obtain advice on PAYG and other tax policy changes.
- (2) What is the average time delay for ATO customers between a customer initiating a telephone call to the ATO and calls being answered by ATO staff.

- (3) Has this delay changed over the last two years; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Given the quantity and complexity of tax policy change, are these delays in obtaining advice considered acceptable for the Australian public.
- (5) Does he intend to take action to reduce the average telephone waiting time; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) by how much will these waiting times be reduced.

*2075 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does he regard the current practice of providing Australian troops serving in East Timor with one free telephone call to Australia each week of 5-10 minutes as adequate.
- (2) Has he, his Department or the ADF received complaints from Australian troops in East Timor about the adequacy of this service in terms of the ability of these troops to maintain contact with families and loved ones back in Australia.
- (3) What are the current charging rates for calls from East Timor to Australia on commercial mobile telephone services provided by OPTUS and Telstra that are available to Australian troops and are these rates comparable to other international mobile rates over similar distances.
- (4) Does he intend to take any action to encourage OPTUS and Telstra to provide more affordable charging rates for soldiers in East Timor.

*2076 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did the Indonesian Government notify the UN in East Timor of their request for assistance in evacuating UN staff from Atambua in West Timor in early September.
- (2) What was the precise content of this request.
- (3) Once this request was received by the UN in Dili, to which (a) elements of the UN Peace Keeping Forces and (b) individuals was it passed.
- (4) Was this request passed to the Australian Government; if so, (a) when was this done, (b) to whom was it passed in the first instance, (c) who considered this request and decided on the response, (d) when was it replied to, (e) what was the content of the reply, (f) to whom in East Timor was the reply delivered and (g) (i) when and by what chain of command was this reply conveyed to Australian field units in East Timor and (ii) what did those units then do in response.
- (5) What role did (a) Australian units and (b) New Zealand units play in the evacuation of UN staff.
- (6) What policy and procedures govern Australian military responses to situations such as that which arose from the request for the evacuation of UN staff from Atambua; were those policies and procedures followed in that instance and have they subsequently been changed; if so, in what respect.
- (7) Apart from a request from the Indonesian Government was there also a request for assistance from the UNHCR itself on the day of the Atambua murders; if so, (a) what was that request, (b) when was that request made, (c) by whom was it made, (d) to whom in the UNTAET was it delivered, (e) when was it conveyed to the UNPKF, (f) when was it conveyed to (i)

Australian military units in East Timor and (ii) to the Australian Government, and (g) what was the Australian response.

***2077 MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Government support the proposal for the Sydney West Orbital.
- (2) Did the Minister recently meet with the Sydney West Orbital Task Force in Canberra.
- (3) Is he aware of reports that the population of Western Sydney, which will benefit the most by the construction of the orbital, will grow from 1.2 million to 1.4 million, an increase of over 266,000 over the next twenty years.
- (4) Is he aware that by the year 2006, 55 tonnes of freight will be moved along the route proposed for the West Sydney Orbital and that this is a 40 per cent increase over 1996.
- (5) What consideration, if any, has the Government given to the immediate start of construction on the Sydney West Orbital.
- (6) Has land been acquired by the government to be used for the construction of the orbital.
- (7) Will the Government use any funds from the recent increase in petrol excise to allocate funds towards the building of the Sydney West Orbital.
- (8) Has the Government considered a full cost analysis of the Sydney West Orbital.
- (9) Is he able to say whether the Government will make a decision on the Sydney West Orbital by 31 December 2000.

***2078 MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) According to the Government's new funding system, what is the SES score of (a) Bossley Park High School, (b) Fairfield High School, (c) Fairvale High School, (d) Greystanes High School, (e) Holroyd High School, (f) Mary McKillop College in Wakeley, (g) Patrician Brothers College in Fairfield, (h) Prairiewood High School in Wetherill Park, (i) St Johns Park High, (j) St Pauls Catholic College in Greystanes and (k) Westfields Sports High School.
- (2) Under the new funding arrangements, how much Federal funding will (a) Bossley Park High School, (b) Fairfield High School, (c) Fairvale High School, (d) Greystanes High School, (e) Holroyd High School, (f) Mary McKillop College in Wakeley, (g) Patrician Brothers College in Fairfield, (h) Prairiewood High School in Wetherill Park, (i) St Johns Park High, (j) St Pauls Catholic College in Greystanes and (k) Westfields Sports High School receive.
- (3) Will States lose Federal Government funding if the public schools' share of the education market falls as a result of the new funding arrangements.

***2079 MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the last ten financial years, what has been the (a) dollar amount and (b) proportion of Commonwealth road funding to each State and Territory.

*2080 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Ipswich Motorway, (a) at what stage is the major upgrade concept planning and (b) when is it expected that the Government will proceed with the major upgrade to relieve congestion and improve safety on the motorway.

*2081 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Are remarks by the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Reconciliation to international newspapers about Indigenous people and their civilisation an accurate representation of the views of the Government on issues of reconciliation; if so what is the Government's response to condemnation of those views by the community and the Indigenous community.
- (2) Why has the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Reconciliation completely failed to apologise to the Indigenous community and the Australian people and Parliament for his remarks about Aboriginal culture and civilisation, since the Minister's return to Australia.
- (3) If it is not the intention of the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Reconciliation to apologise and explain the Minister's comments, in light of the condemnation by the community how can he have confidence that the Minister will be able to do anything constructive in his role as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Reconciliation.

*2082 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Reconciliation—

- (1) Does he recognise that his remarks to international newspapers about Indigenous people and their civilisation are in conflict with the views of the majority of the Australian people on reconciliation.
- (2) Is he aware of the outrage created by his comments in the Indigenous community, and amongst Australians generally.
- (3) Why has he (a) not apologised to the Indigenous community for his comments about Aboriginal culture and civilisation since his return from overseas and (b) not made a statement to Parliament about this matter.
- (4) How can he continue to serve in his role as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Reconciliation, when the role requires him to deal with the Indigenous people and a range of community organisations that have expressed outrage at his comments

*2083 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say what the Government's likely response will be to the failure to pass legislation relating to the creation of a special category requiring payments for parents sponsorships.
- (2) Will he abandon the idea of charging for parent sponsorships.
- (3) Will he increase the quota under the general parents category from 500 to 4000 over two years, as envisaged under the proposed legislation.

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 Jull, Mr Lindsay, Ms Livermore, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr Murphy, Mr St Clair.

Current inquiry:

Art Indemnity Australia.

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 inquiry:

Education of boys.

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.

Current inquiry:

The development of high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting.

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.

Current inquiry:

Provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 (*To report by 31 March 2001*).

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

Current inquiry:

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND

FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr Melham, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Woodley.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Lindsay, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr K. J. Thomson, Senator Coonan, Senator Faulkner, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Community Education and Information Programme.

Contract management in the Australian Public Service.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries:

Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal, NT—Development of Range Support Facilities.

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 inquiry:

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*).