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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 156

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the pig industry.
- *2 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to communications and the arts, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR SCOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide funding to supplement expenditure on roads.
- *5 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: RAAF Base Edinburgh, Redevelopment Stage 1, Adelaide.

Orders of the day

- *1 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2000:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 2 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESERVES AND MODERNISATION) BILL 2000** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Cox, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House regrets the failure of the Government to introduce arrangements to optimise the successful operation of the Defence Force, including the Government’s failure to:*

* *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.*

- (1) articulate a coherent policy on the expected contribution of reservists and Reserve Units to our national Defence effort;
 - (2) reintroduce defence leave for reservists as an allowable award matter;
 - (3) review its disastrous experiment with Common Induction Training in the Army;
 - (4) implement employment and education protection measures before the deployment of reservists to East Timor;
 - (5) reverse the dramatic decline in recruitment levels in recent years;
 - (6) address anomalies in pay and conditions for reservists;
 - (7) properly manage the provision of training opportunities and of necessary equipment;
 - (8) clarify ongoing levels of funding for its announced measures beyond the current financial year; and
 - (9) consult adequately with relevant stakeholder groups”.
- 3 **DEFENCE RESERVE SERVICE (PROTECTION) BILL 2000** (*Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
 - 4 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
 - 5 **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*).
 - 6 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
 - 7 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 8 **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*).
 - 9 **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*).
 - 10 **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*).
 - 11 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - 12 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).

- 13 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).
- 14 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *15 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSALS) BILL 1998 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- *16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *18 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *19 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *20 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *21 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY OF REGIONAL MIGRATION SCHEMES) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *22 **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *23 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- *27 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).

- 28 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 29 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 30 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 31 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 32 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 33 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 34 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 35 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 37 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 38 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 39 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 40 **MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR 2000-01—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **SERVICE CHARTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 45 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **ANINDILYAKWA LAND COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORTS FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **AUSTRALIA COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption

of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.

- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **ABORIGINALS BENEFIT TRUST 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.
- 61 **BARROW CREEK (KAYTETYE) LAND CLAIM NO. 161—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 62 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 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.
- 63 **TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY—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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.

- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 85 **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*).
- 86 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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



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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 104TH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE AND BI-LATERAL VISIT TO VIETNAM:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.35 p.m.*)
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO IRELAND AND CHINA:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 3 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on enforcement of copyright in Australia. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)
- 4 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 37: Seven treaties tabled on 10 October 2000. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- †1 **MR WILKIE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
 - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
 - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;

- (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
- (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Notice given 28 August 2000. Time allowed—private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†2 **MR PYNE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its dismay at the ongoing violence and incitement to violence in the Middle East and calls on both sides to immediately stop all violent acts and for the restoration of calm to the region;
- (2) takes note of the far-reaching and courageous proposals made by Israel's Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, at Camp David and its disappointment that this historic opportunity was not successfully seized by all parties to the peace process;
- (3) calls on all partners to resume negotiations without the threat of violence and without the premature announcement of unilateral declarations;
- (4) expresses its grief for the innocent lives lost on both sides and condemns the unacceptable inclusion of children in violent activities on the front line and expresses the hope that violence will be stopped in accordance with the Sharm el-Sheik agreement;
- (5) hopes that the conflict will be resolved in the framework of agreement and compromise;
- (6) calls on the leadership of the Israeli and Palestinian people to restore trust and confidence in order to pave the way for the resumption of peace negotiations;
- (7) calls on all countries surrounding the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian territories to ensure their sovereign territory not be used to promote aggression into an already turbulent area; and
- (8) believes that peaceful coexistence is the only option for both Israelis and Palestinians now and into the future. (*Notice given 30 October 2000. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†3 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the extraordinary deeds of Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean and his crew mates upon the sinking of HMAS *Armidale* on 1 December 1942 off the Timor coast;
 - (2) implores the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross of Australia to Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean to properly recognise his courageous deeds on 1 December 1942; and
 - (3) encourages the Government to establish a mechanism to address outstanding issues and anomalies in the military honours system such as recognising the courageous deeds of people such as Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean on 1 December 1942. (*Notice given 9 November 2000. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued**Orders of the day**

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

- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 December 2000.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)

- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 20 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 21 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—36TH REPORT—TWO TREATIES TABLED ON 15 AUGUST 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 22 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—DEFENCE ACQUISITION PROJECTS; DEBT MANAGEMENT; PLASMA FRACTIONATION: REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS 1999-2000—SECOND QUARTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 November 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 23 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—CONTRACT MANAGEMENT IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 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 4 December 2000.*)
- 24 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 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 4 December 2000.*)
- 25 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2000—Mr Nugent, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nugent—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notices given for Thursday, 30 November 2000

- *1 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Government for failing to ensure that residents in nursing homes receive an adequate standard of personal medical care;
 - (2) notes the concerns of the families of nursing home residents and workers in the aged care industry about the impact of the Government's aged care policy on nursing home standards and care; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to review its aged care policy to ensure that the wellbeing of nursing homes is paramount and not secondary to government savings. (*Notice given 29 November 2000.*)
- *2 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Government for agreeing to allow a French nuclear-powered attack submarine to visit Australia in March 2001;
 - (2) urges the Government to prohibit the visit; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to make a commitment to keeping Australian ports free of nuclear-powered and armed vessels. (*Notice given 29 November 2000.*)
- *3 **MR BEVIS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the Corporations Law, in order to assist workers to recover employee entitlements lost in cases of artificial corporate re-structuring. (*Notice given 29 November 2000.*)
- *4 **MR HAWKER:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognising the increasing demands being placed upon Australia’s armed forces;
 - (2) welcoming the widespread community support for our armed forces;
 - (3) accepting the need for the Parliament to be as well informed as possible on all aspects of the operation of the forces but recognising that fewer Members and Senators now have direct experience of service in the forces;
- agrees that a Parliamentary Armed Forces Scheme be introduced to enable Members and Senators to gain first hand knowledge of service life and to enable service personnel to gain an insight into political life. (*Notice given 29 November 2000.*)
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Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 4 December 2000.*)
- 2 **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 4 December 2000.*)

3 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 the next sitting Monday after 4 December 2000.)

4 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)*

5 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)

6 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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 7 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 8 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 13 **MR K. J. ANDREWS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that stroke is the second highest cause of death in Australia;
- (2) notes that there has been a slowing down of the decline in stroke death rates in recent years;
- (3) notes that the number of people dying from stroke and those surviving with a permanent disability is likely to increase in the future;
- (4) notes that the risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, tobacco smoking, heavy alcohol consumption, high blood cholesterol, being overweight, and insufficient physical activity;
- (5) notes that the length of stay in hospital for stroke is twice as long as that for other cardiovascular conditions;
- (6) notes that while more women are affected by stroke, the proportion of men who suffer a stroke is 30 per cent higher than for women, and that for people aged 25-64, those from the lowest socio-economic group are twice as likely to die from stroke as those in the highest socioeconomic group with indigenous death rates from stroke in the same age group being eight times the rate in the rest of the population; and
- (7) urges the Government to continue to support public awareness about the high risk factors associated with stroke. (*Notice given 6 November 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 14 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That items [4201] [4204] [4206] [4306] and [4307] of Schedule 4 of the *Migration Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 5)*, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 259 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Reform Act 1992* be disallowed. (*Notice given 27 November 2000. Items will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 13 sitting days, including today.*)

- 15 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That items [4116] [4117] [4118] [4119] [4304] and [4305] of Schedule 4 of the *Migration Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 5)*, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 259 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Reform Act 1992* be disallowed. (*Notice given 27 November 2000. Items will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 13 sitting days, including today.*)

16 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) promotes Australian civic and citizenship values during the Centenary of Federation year 2001 by repealing section 17 of the Citizenship Act to ensure Australian citizens over the age of 18 do not lose their Australian citizenship on the acquisition of citizenship of another country;
- (2) recognises that section 17 of the Citizenship Act denies Australian born citizens the benefits and privileges that come from holding two or more citizenships;
- (3) acknowledges that countries such as New Zealand, the UK, Ireland, Canada, France, USA, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Brazil and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia allow their citizens to obtain another citizenship without losing their original citizenship; and
- (4) calls on the Government to repeal section 17 of the Citizenship Act to allow Australian born citizens the same rights as those naturalised Australian citizens who may hold dual citizenship. (*Notice given 27 November 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000*)

Orders of the day1 **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 4 December 2000.*)

2 **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 4 December 2000.*)

- 3 **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 4 December 2000.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 December 2000.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 December 2000.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)

- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 11 **POST POLIO SYNDROME:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Adams—That this House:
- (1) recognises Post Polio Syndrome, as thousands of Australians are now experiencing the late effects of contracting polio some 30 to 40 years after the initial infection;
 - (2) notes that it is estimated that a minimum of 20 000 to 40 000 people had paralytic polio in Australia between the 1930s and the 1960s and it has only been recently that this syndrome has been diagnosed;

- (3) gives support to the Post Polio Network set up around Australia;
 - (4) helps the establishment of assessment clinics for those that suffer from this disorder;
 - (5) helps educate medical professionals to recognise this syndrome and encourage further research; and
 - (6) legislates to recognise the need for post polio sufferers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 17 **SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*): Second reading (*from 30 October 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 18 **JOB NETWORK MONITORING AUTHORITY BILL 2000** (*Ms Kernot*): Second reading (*from 30 October 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 19 **PARALLEL IMPORTING:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That this 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

- 20 **JOHN SIMPSON KIRKPATRICK:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000*) on the motion of Ms Hall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 21 **RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 22 **INTERNET VOTING:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mr C. P. Thompson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Ripoll—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 23 **HYDROGEN ECONOMY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000*) on the motion of Mr Charles—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. (*Order of the day will be*

removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)

24 OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN:

Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mrs D. M. Kelly, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

25 AUDITOR OF PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES AND ENTITLEMENTS BILL

2000 (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 27 November 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)

26 HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRY: Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2000—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That this House:

- (1) recognises the contribution to Australia's export earnings of the Australian horticultural industry and its potential for future growth;

- (2) notes that recent shortfalls in horticultural labour has caused delays in harvesting crops and, in some cases, spoilage of the harvest;
 - (3) acknowledges the need for the horticultural industry to have access to an adequate labour force;
 - (4) promotes recognition of the National Harvest Trail to encourage Australians to take on harvest work in different regions throughout the year;
 - (5) facilitates promotion of the Harvest Trail in domestic and international publications;
 - (6) commends the report by the National Harvest Trail Working Group entitled “Harvesting Australia”; and
 - (7) calls on the Government to take up the recommendations of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 27 **CASUAL EMPLOYMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sawford—That this House acknowledges the grave dangers inherent in the dramatic rise of precarious casual employment in Australia. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 28 **RAIL:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 November 2000—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr St Clair—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of an efficient and well networked rail system to the Australian economy;
 - (2) urges private and government capital investment to ensure more freight is carried by rail to reduce the extent of road transport as an issue of public road safety; and
 - (3) applauds the initiative of the Government in the abolition of diesel fuel excise for rail use as a significant element in the reduction of rail freight cost thereby encouraging greater use of rail. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 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, 4 December 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, 30 November 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

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

- 1 **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 2 November 2000—Fran Bailey*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **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 12 October 2000—Mrs Elson*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That the House take note of the report.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 1041, 1134, 1208, 1222, 1256, 1283, 1290, 1415, 1431, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1513, 1517-1521, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1600, 1620, 1633, 1635, 1640, 1646, 1657, 1692, 1702, 1710, 1715, 1722, 1734, 1737, 1750, 1752, 1758, 1777, 1787, 1791, 1802, 1809, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1859, 1875, 1878-1882, 1890, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1953, 1960, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2010-2020, 2022, 2025-2027, 2029, 2031, 2036-2042, 2044, 2046, 2050, 2052-2054, 2057-2059, 2062, 2067, 2070-2072, 2074-2077, 2079, 2080, 2084-2087, 2093, 2095-2097, 2099-2103, 2106, 2107, 2109-2111, 2113-2119, 2122, 2125-2131, 2133, 2135-2143, 2145-2150.

27 November 2000

2151 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) How much of the \$27.3m over four years allocated under the Tough on Drugs program to his Department for the development and implementation of the National School Drug Education Strategy has been spent.
- (2) Which organisations and experts has his Department consulted in developing the strategy.
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in the development of the strategy or in any materials; if so, what are the details of the consultants employed, costs and tasks undertaken.
- (4) What materials have been produced, or what programs or projects have been funded, under the strategy.

2152 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Does his Department have a website containing a document outlining National Illicit Drugs Strategy “Tough on Drugs” initiatives at <http://www.health.gov.au/pubhlth/strateg/drugs/illicit/index.htm>.
- (2) Does the document contain up-to-date details of all Howard Government spending under the National Illicit Drugs Strategy “Tough on Drugs” which is the responsibility of his Department; if not, will he provide the information not contained in the document.
- (3) Further to the “Demand Reduction Measures” section of the document and dot point two under sub-heading *Treatment* claiming that funding has been provided for a range of activities aimed at identification, promotion and dissemination of best practice in treatment of illicit drug dependence, (a) was there a budget commitment specific to this funding; if so, when was the commitment made and what were the details, (b) is his Department responsible for providing this funding; if so, where can it be found in the budget papers, (c) what are the criteria for funding under this program and if

there is no program, how are funding decisions made, (d) what sum has been spent to date on this program, or if there is no program, what is the total sum which has been given to projects, (e) will he provide details of projects funded, including (i) to whom funding was given, (ii) what the funding was for, (iii) what sum was provided, (iv) when was funding given, (v) what are the evaluation criteria for projects which have been funded and (vi) what were the outcomes of projects which have been funded.

- (4) Further to the third dot point under *Treatment*, referring to the \$212m Federal Government commitment to the COAG Diversion Program announced by the Prime Minister in April 1999, (a) how many jurisdictions have signed agreements with the Federal Government to implement diversion programs, (b) what are the terms of each agreement, (c) which Department has responsibility for developing the policy and negotiating these agreements, (d) what sum has been allocated to each State under the relevant agreements and will these funding allocations be given as 'one-offs', or is there recurrent funding over a specified time period, (e) is the money being provided to State governments to distribute to various programs or organisations or is the Federal Government directly funding these programs and organisations, (f) what sum has been provided to each jurisdiction to date, (g) what criteria and processes are in place to evaluate the diversion programs in each jurisdiction, (h) when will the Federal Government report on the outcome of these diversion programs and (i) when will agreements be reached between the Federal Government and the other jurisdictions.
- (5) Further to the third dot point under *Treatment* referring to funding of \$11.3m under the COAG Diversion Program agreement to strengthen and support families coping with illicit drugs, (a) over what period will the \$11.3m be made available, (b) is his Department responsible for providing the funding, (c) where can the \$11.3m be found in the budget papers, (d) what guidelines and criteria exist for grants under this funding commitment, (e) what projects have been funded under this commitment and what sum has been given to each project and (f) what framework is in place to evaluate projects funded under this commitment.
- (6) Further to dot point three under subheading *Prevention* referring to the Australian Drug Information Network (ADIN), (a) is the ADIN online; if not, what has been causing the delay and when is it expected to be online, (b) which individuals, organisations and Government Departments have been involved in the development of the ADIN, (c) how long has the ADIN been in development, (d) what is the content of the ADIN, (e) what sum has the ADIN cost to date, and if it is not completed, what are the estimated costs to bring it to completion and (f) what are the estimated costs of maintaining the ADIN, including staffing costs.
- (7) Further to dot point five under subheading *Prevention* referring to the National Illicit Drugs Campaign (NIDC), (a) does his Department have primary responsibility for the NIDC, (b) which other Departments, non-government organisations, experts or other bodies have been involved in developing the NIDC, (c) where can the cost of the NIDC be found in the budget papers, (d) what work has been carried out under the NIDC to date,

(e) what is the cost of that work to date, (f) have consultants been employed to develop the NIDC; if so, what are the details of (i) each consultant, (ii) task undertaken and (iii) cost and (g) will there be a national education campaign carried out in the next twelve months; if so, (i) when will the campaign be launched and (ii) what will the campaign cost.

- (8) Further to subheading *Training* referring to a \$3m three year allocation towards projects to train and better equip front-line workers, (a) where can the \$3m allocation be found in the budget papers, (b) what are the guidelines or criteria for funding projects under the allocation, (c) what framework has been put in place for the evaluation of projects and (d) what funding has been given to projects to date.
- (9) Further to dot point one under subheading *Monitoring and Evaluation* referring to the National Evaluation of Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Dependence, (a) what sum has been allocated to the program, (b) where can the funding be found in the budget papers, (c) what sum has been spent to date and (d) have there been any outcomes from the trials; if so, where and how have these outcomes been disseminated.
- (10) What sum does the Federal Government spend annually on the (a) National Drug Strategy Household Survey, (b) National Coronial Information System and (c) National Illicit Drug Reporting System.

2153 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the financial hardship individuals have faced since the Howard Government's failure to introduce a moratorium on GST on building materials and associated costs on building contracts existing prior to 1 July, but not completed before that date.
- (2) Were delays in completing building contracts prior to 1 July a direct result of the introduction of the GST and the rush by individuals to finish or commence building prior to extra charges being incurred after 1 July.
- (3) Is the \$7000 GST rebate offered to first home buyers, designed to offset the cost of GST, being almost entirely used for the purchase of pre-owned homes that do not attract the GST, thereby negating the intended effect of the rebate.
- (4) What is the total sum of revenue obtained by the Government through GST on building contracts that were in existence before 1 July.
- (5) Has his attention been drawn to claims of job losses through the slowdown in the building industry; if so, what action will he take to ensure that the building industry does not collapse.
- (6) Is the introduction of the GST on existing building contracts prior to 1 July in line with the Government's promise that no-one will be worse off under the GST; if so, why have extra costs as high as \$20 000 been incurred by individuals.
- (7) What action will he take to ensure that (a) individuals are compensated for losses incurred due to the introduction of the GST in relation to building contacts, (b) a moratorium is put in place to ensure that building contracts can be completed without further penalty, (c) the building industry does not suffer any further losses and job cuts as a result of the introduction of the

GST and (d) individuals are compensated for the extra costs incurred in building contracts as a result of the introduction of the GST.

2154 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has the Government's attention been drawn to a low-noise approach technique proposed by Ansett involving aircraft on descent into Sydney using minimum power, thereby potentially making less noise until aircraft reach an altitude of 1000 feet; if so, will this proposal be considered as part of the current trial of the new Precision Runway Monitoring System and will that testing include consideration of whether the proposal helps minimise greenhouse emissions.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia or the Civil Aviation Safety Authority conducted any separate analysis or safety assessment of the technique referred to in part (1) or any similar system; if not, why not.

2155 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) been tracking sales and volume moved in the legal tobacco movement in relation to its enforcement of the excise laws.
- (2) Will he provide a copy of that tracking information.
- (3) Excluding any increase in the rate of excise, has revenue from tobacco excise increased since the implementation of the Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Act.
- (4) Is the ATO monitoring the sales of empty cigarette tubes; if so, what are the results of the monitoring.
- (5) Should controls be introduced on the supply of empty cigarette tubes.
- (6) How many empty cigarette tubes were (a) imported and (b) sold in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998 and (d) 1999.

2156 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is superannuation required to be included in the pension means test for those over 55 years and 9 months, but below pension age; if so, what sum did the Government save in (a) 1997-98, (b) 1998-99 and (c) 1999-2000 by implementing this measure.
- (2) How many individuals did the measure affect in (a) 1997-98, (b) 1998-99 and (c) 1999-2000.
- (3) Since the inclusion of superannuation in the means test has the Retirement Income Modelling Task Force, or any other group, done modelling on the cost of this measure; if so, what are the results of the modelling.

2157 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What were the changes made to the Competition Principles Agreement (CPA) the recent Council of Australian Governments (CoAG) meeting on 3 November 2000.
- (2) Will the changes need to be assessed by the Federal Parliament.
- (3) How will the changes address the concerns about National Competition Policy (NCP) expressed in the (a) Productivity Commission's report into the

Impact of Competition Policy Reforms on Rural and Regional Australia and (b) Senate Select Committee into the Socio-Economic impacts of National Competition Policy.

- (4) What impact will the changes made have on (a) the perceived economic impact of NCP reforms, (b) the involvement of the public in determining the 'public interest', (c) the transparency of the decision making process surrounding the application of competitive neutrality, (d) the decision making process for assessing jurisdictions implementation process and payment of NCP tranche payments and (e) improving the role of elected Governments in the process.
- (5) Has the five-year review been completed, if not when will it be completed.
- (6) Since March 1996, (a) how often has CoAG met, (b) how often has it considered NCP and (c) what decisions were made.
- (7) Have changes been made to the role of the National Competition Council; if so, what changes.

2158 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Is it anticipated that passage of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 1998 would reduce or increase the number of applications for judicial review to the High Court in its original jurisdiction.

2159 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) In respect of merits review currently provided by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) concerning decisions under the Corporations Law and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act, does the AAT have jurisdiction to provide a person with a right of review if the Australian Securities and Investments Commission orders that he or she be banned from dealing in securities or banned from being a director of a company.
- (2) Has provision been made to transfer these jurisdictions to the Administrative Review Tribunal in the Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000; if not, (a) why not and (b) what alternatives to merits review have been provided for people who wish to challenge decisions of this kind.

2160 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Further to his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 8 November 2000, page 19803), and in relation to the increase in the number of applications under the Migration Act for judicial review in the Federal Court and High Court, how would the passage of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 1998 reduce the number of applications for judicial review to the High Court in its original jurisdiction.

2161 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many Australia Post mail processing centres closed in the Sydney metropolitan region in 1999 and 2000, and what was the date and location of each closure.
- (2) How many employees were retrenched, given redundancies or relocated to other mail processing centres.

- (3) Which processing centres received relocated employees after the closure of other centres.
- (4) How many employees were relocated to each centre.
- (5) How many full time employees were there in mail processing centres in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (6) What sum of Commonwealth expenditure was invested into new capital and technology within Australia Post in (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000.
- (7) What is the average number of hours worked per week, including overtime, for (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual employees of Australia post mail processing centres.
- (8) Are there plans to relocate other mail processing centres; if so, which centres.
- (9) What consultations have taken place between management and Australia post employees or their unions regarding the proposed relocations.
- (10) Did Australia Post recently operate a weekend delivery service in the Western Sydney Metropolitan Region; if so, when did the service (a) commence and (b) cease.
- (11) According to service failure records, how many parcels each day are delivered late from each parcel processing centre in the Sydney metropolitan region.

2162 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No 1797 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2000, page 19674) in which he quotes Mr Corrigan as saying that since the Government's most recent waterfront reform, stevedoring charges have declined, has the increase in productivity due to higher crane lift rates and the reduction in the workforce led to the declining charges.
- (2) Are importers and exporters paying the same stevedoring rates, and in some cases higher rates, as they were paying prior to the waterfront reform; if so, why.

2163 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether, following the canonisation of 120 Chinese Catholic martyrs by Pope John Paul II, the Chinese Government has extended its denunciation of these canonisations to the ostensibly independent administrative region of Hong Kong.
- (2) Are Australian representatives in contact with Bishop Joseph Zen, deputy ecclesiastic head of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong.
- (3) Is he or the Australian High Commissioner able to confirm whether Beijing's Office of Liaison warned the Catholic Bishop to down play the canonisations.
- (4) Is he able to say whether a Chinese language newspaper, the *Ming Pao* on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, reported of China's attitude to the Catholic Church in Hong Kong that "Beijing is very dissatisfied with you".
- (5) Has the Australian Government been in contact with the authorities in Beijing about this and other apparent attempts to interfere in the independent political and administrative region of Hong Kong.

2164 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to recent visit to Beijing by Ms Anson Chan, Secretary of the Hong Kong Administrative Region, to meet Chinese Vice Premier Qian Qichen.
- (2) Is he able to say whether Ms Chan's meeting with the Chinese leader was followed by an admonition in the official Beijing newsagency *Xinhau* that the Hong Kong civil service headed by Ms Chan had been asked "to better support" Chief Executive Tung Chee Hua.
- (3) How does the Australian Government interpret this criticism of Ms Chan and the independent civil service guaranteed under the One Country - Two Systems accord that is the basis of Hong Kong's relationship with China.

2165 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) Has she commenced or otherwise obtained any report or findings or recommendations relating to the effects or possible effects of current and continuing high fuel prices on tourism in regional and rural Australia.
- (2) If so, (a) what is the nature of the report or findings, (b) from where have they originated and (c) what use has she made of them.
- (3) If not, will she commission an independent inquiry into the effects or possible effects of the current and continuing high level of fuel prices on tourism in regional and rural Australia.

2166 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Have any objections or concerns been expressed to his Department or his office about the process for the replacement of the Prime Systems Integrator Panel; if so, (a) what was the nature of the concerns and (b) how have they been addressed.
- (2) What internal processes does his Department have in place to deal with such complaints and were those processes followed in this case.
- (3) Is he satisfied that the process was conducted in accordance with the Departmental Secretary's responsibilities under the Financial Management and Accountability Act.

2167 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the process involved leading to the supply of desktop computers to replace PD 50 computers under the Defence Preferred Computer Systems Panel (DPCSP).
- (2) Was the timetable for the development of the DPCSP advised to prospective tenderers and was it adhered to.
- (3) Have any objections or concerns been expressed to his Department or his office about the process leading to the DPCSP; if so, (a) what was the nature of the concerns and (b) how have they been addressed.
- (4) What internal processes does his Department have in place to deal with such complaints and were those processes followed in this case.
- (5) Is he satisfied that the process was conducted in accordance with the Departmental Secretary's responsibilities under the Financial Management and Accountability Act.

- 2168 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1987 (*Hansard*, 9 November 2000, page 19988), will all Centrelink IT infrastructure needs be met through the outsourcing process; if so, why is Centrelink negotiating independently and directly with IBM for the procurement of its brand new mainframe.
 - (2) Have the companies competing for the outsource tender advised Centrelink of the impact such a change in technology will have on their Data Centres.
 - (3) Will negotiating with the current sole supplier IBM deliver greater savings to the Commonwealth than negotiating mainframe capacity upgrade requirements through the competitive outsourcing tender process.
- 2169 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Prior to being reimbursed by the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) for the provision of traditionally non-medical services such as acupuncture, naturopathy, homoeopathy or manipulation, are medical practitioners required to have attained formal distinct accreditation in those services; if not, will the Government close this loophole.
 - (2) Specifically regarding spinal manipulation, do medical undergraduate courses in Australia provide education and supervised clinical experience that equate with the qualifications required by State and Territory Governments of a chiropractor or an osteopath to gain registration; if not, do State medical registration boards know which medical registrants have completed post-graduate training that would equate with the qualifications required by State and Territory Governments of a chiropractor or an osteopath.
 - (3) Do State medical registration boards provide the HIC with a record showing which registrants have, or do not have, that equivalent qualification to provide spinal manipulation.
 - (4) What arrangements does the Federal Government have in place to permit the HIC to differentiate between those medical providers who have, and those medical providers who do not have, that equivalent qualification to provide spinal manipulation.
 - (5) Does the HIC know which medical providers are, or are not, qualified to provide spinal manipulation.
 - (6) Is it a fact that the HIC will reimburse a medical provider for the provision of manipulation without requiring that the provider has attained a separate and distinct qualification with regard to manipulation.
- 2170 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—What facilities, programs and resources are available to assist the sufferers of Alzheimer's disease and their carers in the electoral Division of Barton.
- 2171 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) What consultations and negotiations did the Government conduct with Mitsubishi prior to its decision in 1997 to freeze car tariffs.

- (2) As part of the process referred to in part (1), did Mitsubishi give certain undertakings regarding the future of its car production operations in Australia; if so, what are the details.
- (3) How many people are employed in the Australian car manufacturing industry.
- (4) What sums are provided in (a) direct subsidies and support, (b) import protection and (c) other indirect assistance to the car manufacturing industry by (i) the Commonwealth Government and (ii) State governments.

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2172 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 1546 (*Hansard*, 4 October 2000, page 20847), what evidence can the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provide that it conveyed to Mr Gunton the appropriate information prior to the commencement of bankruptcy proceedings.
- (2) Did the ATO send the information referred to in part (1) to addresses in the Sydney suburbs of Smithfield and Sutherland, even though Mr Gunton did not reside at these addresses.
- (3) What evidence can the ATO present that Mr Gunton actually received the information referred to in part (1).
- (4) Is the ATO aware that it forwarded Mr Gunton's tax assessments in the mid-1980s to the wrong addresses; if so, what are the details.
- (5) What evidence can the ATO present showing that Mr Gunton earned income from a commercial enterprise in 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 and has it ever conveyed this evidence to Mr Gunton; if so, what are the details.

2173 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Has Centrelink recently written to tax practitioners seeking their assistance in arranging for their clients to provide information to Centrelink regarding their involvement in private trusts and private companies.
- (2) Did Centrelink obtain client identification numbers from another Department or Departments for the purpose of that mail out; if so, (a) which Department or Departments provided that client identification number to Centrelink and (b) were the principles contained in the Privacy Act complied with in respect to the provision of that information.

2174 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Is Australia a signatory to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; if not (a) why not, (b) will he seek to ensure that Australia signs this international instrument and (c) when is Australia likely to become a signatory to this international instrument.

2175 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to provide the cost to his Department of the creation of a secure document network; if not, why not; if so, what is the approximate cost.
- (2) Will the secure document network proposal will be scrapped.

2176 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister able to confirm whether several days worth of e-mail were lost within the National Office for the Information Economy (NOIE) in the week beginning Sunday, 5 November 2000; if not, why not.
- (2) If so, (a) how much e-mail was so lost and (b) was the reason for the loss of e-mail due to alleged inefficiencies from the contracted and outsourced Information Technology firm responsible for the management and storage of NOIE e-mail.

2177 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Further to the answer to question No. 2120 (*Hansard*, 28 November 2000, page 20155), will the Minister now recommend legislation to protect the ABC's non-commercial character by proposing an amendment to the ABC Act to extend the Act's current prohibition on advertising to cover the ABC's online services and ABC linked or associated websites.

2178 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Who is eligible for the Australian Service Medal (ASM).
- (2) Have ASM medals been awarded to national servicemen who performed their service wholly within Australia.
- (3) Will he consider adding a new National Service Clasp to the ASM in recognition of all National Servicemen who underwent military training in the compulsory call-ups between 1951 and 1972 inclusive.
- (4) If not, will he consider a new medal in recognition of the service of National Servicemen who underwent military training in the compulsory call-ups between 1951 and 1972 inclusive.

2179 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Commonwealth Government eliminated Commonwealth public funding for dental care.
- (2) Have Commonwealth Government cutbacks in dental funding had a crippling impact on NSW dental services.
- (3) Is the average waiting period for dental surgery at the Dental Clinic at Concord Hospital 18 months.
- (4) Are dental services a joint Commonwealth and State Government health responsibility.
- (5) Will the Commonwealth Government reinstate Commonwealth funding for public dental services.
- (6) Will the Commonwealth Government facilitate negotiations with the State Government to enter into a Commonwealth-State agreement on dental services that clearly outlines the responsibilities of each party.

2180 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Did the Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO) release a study in 1994 indicating that clean energy resources, being geothermal power, capable of meeting Australia's total present energy needs for the next 830 years, had been found in two areas of the Artesian basin in South Australia.

- (2) Has the Energy Research and Development Corporation said the AGSO study indicated Australia's total hot rock energy reserves would last the nation for 7500 years at present annual rates of all forms of energy.
- (3) Will the Minister introduce legislation to conduct the necessary investigations required leading to the feasibility of harnessing this untapped clean energy.

2181 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) What was the original intent of Division 1 AA - Country of Origin Representations of Part V of the Trade Practices Act, in force since 13 August 1998.
- (2) Why is it that if a qualified claim such as 'Made in Australia from imported goods' is made then the Australian Competition and Consumer Commissioner does not require the producer of the good to meet either the substantial transformation or 50% safe harbour test.
- (3) Does the ACCC's treatment of qualified claims effectively allow products made anywhere in the world, but packed, bottled or assembled in Australia to be labelled as "Made in Australia" ; if not, (a) on what basis is this treatment justified and (b) how is it consistent with the original intent of the legislation.

2182 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to his decision to select the Gosport Corridor as the preferred by-pass for Moree, NSW, what was the cost of the alternative Bolla Bolla outer by-pass option and did this include the cost of rail overbridges.
- (2) Was any consideration given to, and costings prepared for, a Bolla Bolla by-pass option that used an alternative to rail overbridges, eg level crossings; if so, what was the cost of the modified option.
- (3) What will be the maximum speed allowable for vehicles travelling on the proposed new Gosport Street route and how many sets of traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and roundabouts will be included on the route.
- (4) How do the statistics referred to in part (3) compare with the (a) current route through Balo Street and (b) alternative Bolla Bolla option.
- (5) Did consultation occur with individual residents and businesspeople along the proposed Gosport Street route; if so, (a) what organisation conducted that consultation, (b) how many meetings were held, (c) how many people attended each meeting and (d) what was the outcome of the meetings.
- (6) Has an environmental impact study for the Gosport Street corridor been completed; if so, is it available to the public.
- (7) Was the support of the Moree Plains Shire Council and the Chamber of Commerce for the Gosport route conveyed to the Government in writing; if so, are copies of those letters available to the public.

2183 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1944 (*Hansard*, 1 November 2000, page 21969) concerning the granting of permanent protection visas after the expiry of the relevant period for a temporary protection visa (TPV), will a TPV holder who is determined to be a genuine refugee after the three year period has elapsed be guaranteed a permanent protection visa, assuming character and health criteria are met.
- (2) Did he make an assurance in a public meeting in Melbourne on 22 November 2000 that these TPV holders would definitely be granted permanent protection.

2184 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
What mechanisms are in place to ensure that students at non-government schools who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents and are not eligible to attend Australian government schools on a fee-free basis, are not counted in the calculation which determines the level of government funding for such non-government schools.

2185 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons within the electoral division of Prospect were penalised for breaches of Centrelink guidelines in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (2) How many persons within the electoral division of Prospect were penalised more than once in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (3) What is the total sum of money received through penalties of welfare recipients living in the electoral division of Prospect in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.

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2186 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) When were Australian properties last considered for inscription on the (a) World Heritage List and (b) List of World Heritage in Danger and with what results.
- (2) Which Australian properties have been nominated for inscription at the 24th annual session of the World Heritage Committee in Cairns.
- (3) On what occasions has the Sydney Opera House been considered for inscription on the World Heritage List.

2187 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he received a copy of the report from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority assessing the respective Murrumbateman by-pass options, including costings; if so, when (a) did he receive the report and (b) will he release a copy of the report to the local community of Murrumbateman for its consideration.
- (2) When will he announce a decision on the by-pass.

2188 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Did Army or Defence personnel provide advice to CMAS Consulting on the suitability of former staff when it

gained the contract for the supply of labour at Enoggera and South Queensland Logistic Group; if so, were the staff given a copy of that information; if not, why not.

2189 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Where is the work formerly performed at South Queensland Logistic Group Banyo now undertaken.
- (2) Have any performance indicators and quality control procedures been introduced for this work.
- (3) Has any comparison been made of the quality and cost-effectiveness of this work with the previous in-house work.

2190 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many recipients of the Australian Sports Medal reside in the electoral divisions of (a) Chisholm, (b) Deakin, (c) Casey, (d) Menzies and (e) Aston.
- (2) What are the names of the recipients in the electoral division of Chisholm.

2191 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Why were the drugs Aricept and Exelon used to treat Alzheimer's disease rejected by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing in September 2000.
- (2) Will he include these drugs on the PBS and relieve many Alzheimer's sufferers and their carers from the financial burden of these costly but effective drugs.

2192 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many complaints to her Department has she received about the 75 Thames Street Hostel since it opened.
- (2) On what dates were these complaints made and when were they acted upon by her Department.

2193 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has the Commonwealth land including the Anzac Rifle Range at Malabar been listed by the National Trust as a most important natural and cultural site on the Sydney Coast.
- (2) Will the Government honour its September 1998 commitment and dedicate the site for passive recreation following the relocation of the Anzac Rifle Range to Holsworthy.
- (3) Will the Government ensure Malabar Headland remains open space and is available to the public for recreation.
- (4) Will the Government institute a plan of management for the site; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Government remediate damage to the site's wetlands caused by the Commonwealth's contract bulldozers during drainage work for a new leachate pond in October 2000.
- (6) Will the Government ensure that any future work on the site does not damage endangered plant communities and the site's fragile wetlands.
- (7) What additional steps, other than signposting, will the Government take to prevent damage to parts of the site as a result of trail bike riding.

- (8) What are the Commonwealth's plans for addressing site contamination including leachate.
- (9) Will the Commonwealth release scientific data on core samples taken from the site.
- (10) Will the Commonwealth agree to regular public consultations between government and local community representatives, *The Friends of Malabar Headland* and ensure that the future of the site is considered in an open and transparent manner.

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*2194 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the Roads to Recovery Program, how will the Government ensure that councils maintain their expenditure on local roads.
- (2) On what date is the requested schedule of proposed additional works to be provided to the Federal Government.
- (3) What are the guidelines for preparing and providing that information, including the categories of information on particular projects required to be provided to the Federal Government.
- (4) Will these schedules of proposed additional works be published on his departmental website; if so, when.
- (5) Will the Federal Government monitor the completion of proposed additional works against the schedules submitted; if so, (a) how will that occur and (b) on what timeframe.
- (6) Does the Federal Government have any authority to change or influence the additional works proposed by the councils; if so, what is the extent of that authority.
- (7) How did the Federal Government determine the respective percentage increases in local road funding in each State and Territory.
- (8) When calculating road length in the formula for distributing the funds, (a) what roads were measured and (b) were sealed and unsealed roads, proposed or planned roads and roads that require no maintenance over the next 4 years included.
- (9) What authority does the Federal Government have over States and Territories to require them to maintain their existing levels of local road funding.
- (10) What criteria and guidelines have been issued for the signs required to be displayed at works funded from the new program.
- (11) Will funding be withdrawn if these signs are not displayed.
- (12) What sum will each sign cost and what sum has been allocated in the program to cover signage.

*2195 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Did he issue a joint media release with the Minister for Finance and Administration on 23 December 1998, announcing the placement of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner at Liverpool Hospital.

- (2) Did he describe Liverpool Hospital as the largest new teaching hospital in Australia in an underserved region for MRI facilities.
- (3) Did the Minister for Finance and Administration say in the release that he had worked hard to secure the new technology for the South-West Sydney population of 750,000.
- (4) Has Liverpool Hospital still not received its MRI scanner after nearly two years; if not, (a) why not and (b) what action is he taking to finally deliver on his announcement of 23 December 1998.

*2196 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answers to questions No. 1915 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2000, page 20075), No. 1970 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2000, page 20077) and No. 2066 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2000, page 22261), has his attention been drawn to a statement by Father Tom Doyle, Deputy Chairman of the National Catholic Education Commission, before a Senate Committee on 22 August 2000 that the Catholic systems would have actually benefited more from an aggregation according to SES levels; if so, does he agree with this assessment.
- (2) Did the SES simulation project model the likely impact of SES funding on Catholic systemic schools; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) what was the projected impact for every school modelled.
- (3) Has his Department advised any Member of the House of the likely impact of the application of the SES model on Catholic systemic schools; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) what is the likely impact.
- (4) For each year from 2001 to 2004, what is the difference in funding between the amounts allocated to Catholic systems in the State Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill and an aggregation according to SES levels.

*2197 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1658 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2000, page 20073), based on the DEWRSB Small Area Labour Markets, June Quarter 2000 figures, what were the unemployment rates for the Sydney SLAs.
- (2) How many Job Network sites are located in each of the SLAs referred to in part (1).

*2198 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Did he receive the necessary supporting documentation from the NSW Government in August 1999 for the provision of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner for Liverpool Hospital under the Federal Adjustment and Relocation Scheme.
- (2) Did he state in a press release dated 23 December 1998 that subject to the supporting documentation, he expected the hospital to have an MRI as soon as possible.
- (3) Has he delayed the approval of funding for an MRI scanner for Liverpool Hospital under the scheme; if so, why.
- (4) When will he approve funding for an MRI scanner at Liverpool Hospital.

*2199 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many persons under the age of 18 have been held in detention centres in 2000.
- (2) What has been the average length of stay for persons under the age of 18 in detention centres.
- (3) How many persons under the age of 18 have been held in adult compounds rather than in family quarters.
- (4) Have any persons under the age of 18 knowingly been detained in adult compounds where they do not have a close relative.
- (5) On how many occasions have close family groups been separated in detention centres.
- (6) What priority is given to providing family accommodation to detainees arriving at the (a) Curtin, (b) Darwin and (c) Woomera Centres.
- (7) Are detention centres subject to State laws.
- (8) What procedures are there for detainees or staff at detention centres to lodge complaints with State Government agencies.
- (9) Are detainees routinely prohibited from communicating with media representatives; if so, why.
- (10) Are any agencies independent of the Commonwealth Government permitted to investigate and report on conditions in detention centres; if so, which agencies.
- (11) Have any complaints alleging sexual abuse been made by detainees at the Villawood Detention Centre; if so, were the complaints referred to the appropriate NSW authorities.

*2200 **MS HALL:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What was the total sum of Aged Persons Savings Bonus payments returned to him from the electoral division of Shortland.
- (2) What was the sum in dollar terms of Aged Persons Savings Bonus payments returned to him from the electoral division of Shortland in (a) cheques made out in favour of the Government, (b) money orders made out in favour of the Government, (c) cash, (d) returned savings bonus cheques, (e) cheques made out in favour of him and (f) money orders made out in favour of him.

*2201 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What was the total sum of Aged Persons Savings Bonus payments returned to the Minister's Department from the electoral division of Shortland.
- (2) What was the sum in dollar terms of Aged Persons Savings Bonus payments returned to the Minister's Department from the electoral division of Shortland in (a) cheques, (b) money orders, (c) cash and (d) returned savings bonus payments.

*2202 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons within the electoral division of Shortland were penalised for breaches of Centrelink guidelines in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.

- (2) How many persons within the electoral division of Shortland were penalised more than once in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (3) How many persons within the electoral division of Shortland were precluded from receiving any Centrelink payment, and for what length of time, in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (4) What is the total sum of money received through penalties of welfare recipients living in the electoral division of Shortland in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.

*2203 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons registered with Centrelink offices living in the electoral division of Shortland (a) applied for (b) received the Aged Persons Saving Bonus.
- (2) How many persons registered with Centrelink offices living in the electoral division of Shortland who met the eligibility criteria in every aspect other than the aspect of earned income did not receive any Savings Bonus Payment.
- (3) How many persons registered with Centrelink offices living in the electoral division of Shortland received between \$1 and \$50.
- (4) How many persons registered with Centrelink offices living in the electoral division of Shortland received an Aged Savings Bonus payment of less than \$1.
- (5) How many persons registered with Centrelink offices living in the electoral division of Shortland received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1000 for pensioners and \$2000 for self-funded retirees.
- (6) What was the average Aged Persons Savings Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self-funded retirees in the electoral division of Shortland.
- (7) How many pensioners and self-funded retirees have appealed to date to have their Aged Persons Savings Bonus payments adjusted.

*2204 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Is the Sydney-based Wine Society in receipt of a \$300,000 grant under the Government's Regional Assistance Program.
- (2) Is he aware that the Wine Society no longer intends taking up a lease within Sydney's Argyle Centre.
- (3) Is he satisfied that the grant will be used for the purposes for which it was intended.



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Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons,
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Current inquiries:

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

Progress in rail reform.

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 Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1998-99.

International financial market effects on government policy.

Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Dr Nelson (*Chair*),
Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Elson, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Ms Gillard,
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Current inquiry:

Education of boys.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett,
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Current inquiries:

Catchment management.

Public good conservation - the impact of conservation measures imposed on landholders.

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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:

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 inquiries:

Alleged intimidation or interference against witness: Corporal Craig Smith.

Alleged unauthorised disclosure of *in camera* evidence.

Intimidation of committee witness: Mr Peter Osborne.

Status of records held by Members of the House of Representatives.

PROCEDURE: Mr Nairn (*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 Crowley, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Auditor-General's Reports.

Auditor-General's audit report No. 9, 2000-2001, First Quarter.

Coastwatch.

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 Danby, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Pyne, Mr St Clair, 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*): Mr Nugent (*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 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 Ferguson, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht.

Current inquiries:

Australia's relations with the Middle East.

Australia's relations with the United Nations.

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

Use of foreign aid to advance human rights in developing nations.

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 inquiries:

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

Sale of the Christmas Island resort.

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 Extradition Law, Policy and Practice.

Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

Kyoto Protocol.

Statute for the International Criminal Court.

Treaties tabled on 10 October.

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*).