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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 157

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2000

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

## 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 Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
- (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;

\* *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.*

- (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.*)



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

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- \*2 **ROADS TO RECOVERY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Transport and Regional Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr McLeay*) on the motion of Mr Anderson—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. 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 notes the importance of the additional road funding, calls for the development of a national infrastructure strategy including a national transport plan; and as a fundamental part of this approach calls on the Government to remove the effect of the GST from the fuel excise indexation adjustment in February 2001”.
- 3 **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:
  - (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”.
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 29 November 2000*).

- 6 **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*).
- 7 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 28 June 2000—*Mr Bevis*).
- 8 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 12 October 2000—*Mr Swan*).
- 9 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (from *Senate*): Second reading (from 26 June 2000).
- 10 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 31 May 2000—*Mr Horne*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 17 August 2000—*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 16 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 April 2000—*Mr Smith*).
- 17 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 12 April 2000—*Mr Horne*).
- 18 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 November 2000—*Mr Horne*).
- 19 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 November 2000—*Mr Horne*).
- 20 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 November 2000—*Mr Horne*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- \*25 **PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- \*26 **COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- \*27 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 31 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 32 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 33 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 34 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 35 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 37 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 38 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 39 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 40 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 41 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 42 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 43 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 44 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*45 **EMPLOYMENT NATIONAL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*46 **FAMILY LAW COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*47 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*48 **BRINGING THEM HOME—PROGRESS ON COMMONWEALTH INITIATIVES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.

- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.

- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.



- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.

87 **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.

88 **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.

89 **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.

90 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

91 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICES—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

92 **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.

93 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).

94 **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*).

**95 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.

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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.*)

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

#### **Notice given for Monday, 4 December 2000**

- \*1 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern at the hardship created by the implementation of the Government policy of granting three year temporary visas to refugees arriving without papers, even after they have been accepted as genuine under Australia's refugee determination processes;
  - (2) recognises that the provision in the three year visa which prevents the unification of those persons granted refugee status under the new policy with their spouse and dependent children, is inhumane and unacceptable under international human rights provisions, and is likely to prevent these refugees from seeing their spouses and children for more than the three year period; and
  - (3) calls upon the Government to abolish this excessively punitive provision for those persons granted refugee status and to allow them to sponsor their spouses and dependent children to be with them for as long as they are given protection under Australia's international obligations. (*Notice given 30 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Part 1: The Airports", prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
  - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
  - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is \$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in



the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and

(c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and

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

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

(1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;

(2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;

(3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;

(4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;

(5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and

(6) calls on the Federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 14 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 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 12 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 12 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.*)
- 17 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 18 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.*)
- 19 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 December 2000.)

20 **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. 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 day

1 **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 have 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.*)

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS** (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business. Its determinations for today are shown under “Business accorded priority for this sitting”. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE****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.
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

*10 February 1999*

- 404 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the private health rebate advertising program.
  - (2) Will he provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
  - (3) Will private health cover become 30 percent cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
  - (4) What guidelines has he provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
  - (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.
  - (6) What sum will a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
  - (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, are now paying \$192.95.

*8 March 1999*

- 460 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) How many general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practise in each electoral division.
  - (2) How many and what percentage of general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practising in each electoral division bulk-billed in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.
- 461 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many services were (a) provided in total and (b) bulk-billed by (i) general practitioners and (ii) specialists, by specialty, in each electoral division in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.

*22 November 1999*

- 1041 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Government, or any person on behalf of the Government, conducted research into the health effects of poor dental health.
  - (2) Does poor dental health have direct links to negative outcomes for pregnancy, birth weight, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
  - (3) Does poor dental health also impact directly on primary health care, pharmaceutical, work force and social political issues.



- (4) Has research been undertaken as to the preventative value of regular access to dental care where regular review of a patient's teeth by the dentist contributes to positive primary health care outcomes.
- (5) Do those positive health outcomes have positive economic outcomes; if so what are those positive economic outcomes.

*15 February 2000*

1134 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Were additions, improvements or renovations made to (a) Kirribilli House, (b) The Lodge or (c) his Parliament House office in 1999; if so, what (a) are the details and (b) was the cost in each case.
- (2) What was the total maintenance cost for each location in 1999.

*6 March 2000*

1208 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) How many grants have been provided to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women.
- (2) How many, and which State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.
- (3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation with each organisation.
- (4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.

*7 March 2000*

1222 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Has the Australian Defence Force transported to East Timor, or met the transport costs of, civilian Australian personnel involved in the distribution of medical supplies to refugee camps and similar Timorese population centres; if so, were any personnel less than 18 years of age; if so, what are the details.

*13 March 2000*

1256 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13731), what were the actual costs incurred by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) between 1 July 1996 and 13 March 2000 in respect to (a) compliance activity, (b) audit activity, (c) research into and implementation of the GST legislation and (d) research into and implementation of the Business Tax Reform Program.
- (2) Have ATO staff been taken off their usual duties to undertake work in respect to research into and implementation of the GST legislation and Business Tax Reform Program; if so, (a) how many staff, (b) have those positions been left unfilled and (c) who is doing the work of those who have moved into work associated with research into and implementation of the GST and Business Tax Reform Program.

- (3) What is the actual expenditure on staff doing work in respect to research and implementation of the (a) GST and (b) Business Tax Reform Program.

*16 March 2000*

- 1283 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—How many (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual staff were employed by the Commonwealth in (i) Tasmania and (ii) the electoral division of Denison on (A) 2 March 1996 and (B) March 2000.

*3 April 2000*

- 1290 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was the document posted on the ATO website at [taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999](http://taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999) titled *The new tax system: here's what you need to know* written entirely within the ATO and Treasury, or was part of the drafting provided by his office.
- (2) Does the ATO stand by its assurances at page 7 that prices will not go up by the full 10 per cent because old, unfair taxes such as the wholesale sales tax will be removed and many things will be GST-free.
- (3) What is the basis of the ATO's claim at page 3 that all families, not categories of families, will be better off under the GST
- (4) Will non-prescription skin creams, tampons and sanitary pads, feeding pads and breast pumps, vitamins and minerals, pregnancy kits, spectacle frames, contact lens solutions, first aid kits and band-aids, antiseptics and lozenges, school uniforms, school shoes, stockings and socks, stationery, pens, pencils and paintbrushes and school bags and cases be subject to the GST; if so, how can the ATO claim at page 1 that there will be no GST on health and education.
- (5) Does the ATO stand by its assurance at page 13 that the price of a new \$30 000 family car will fall by around \$2400.

*10 April 2000*

- 1415 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Are there wine cellars at Kirribilli House and The Lodge.
- (2) If so, how many wines are stored in each cellar, and for each wine (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage, (e) in what year was it purchased and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (3) How many bottles of wine were purchased in 1999, and for each wine purchased (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage of each new purchase and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (4) Of the wines cellared at Kirribilli House and The Lodge, how many are local produce.
- (5) Was a wine consultant appointed to implement a wine cellaring strategy for Kirribilli House and The Lodge; if so, (a) what sum, if any, of Commonwealth money was used to pay for the wine consultant's services and (b) what were the terms of the consultant's appointment.

12 April 2000

1431 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Under the package agreed to with the NT Government to address concerns about the Territory's mandatory sentencing laws (a) what will constitute a minor offence and (b) will the stealing of pens, textas and liquid paper from a school after hours be a minor offence.
- (2) Did the 10 April 2000 Joint Communique issued with the NT's Chief Minister state among other things that the General Orders of the NT police will be changed to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences and, in more serious cases, to provide discretion for police to divert offenders and on successful completion of a program not to pursue charges; if so, (a) why will the General Orders of the NT police be used as the means to make these changes rather than legislation passed after proper parliamentary scrutiny and (b) on what grounds is the Federal Government satisfied that internal police orders are a sufficiently open mechanism by which to make the proposed changes.
- (3) With regard to the agreement to require police to divert at the pre-charge stage in the case of minor offences, but at the same time to maintain the mandatory sentencing provisions, is there a risk that people accused of an offence will be forced to admit guilt to avoid going to court and being sentenced mandatorily; if not, why not; if so, why has the Government agreed to a proposal that prima facie threatens the presumption of innocence fundamental to any fair criminal justice system.
- (4) What does "divert for minor offences mean" and does it include police cautions.
- (5) How many times will an accused who admits guilt be able to be mandatorily referred to diversionary programs before being mandatorily sentenced to detention.
- (6) If "divert" does include police cautions, (a) to what offences will such cautions apply and (b) will the Northern Territory legislate to specify where cautions will be permitted or will this also be covered by the General Orders of the NT police.
- (7) Is the Government aware of allegations that the NT police force has a poor record in complying with several aspects of the current General Orders, in particular, the requirement to notify the Aboriginal Legal Service when a young Aboriginal person is taken into custody; if so, what guarantees has the Federal Government been given that police will comply with the proposed changes to the General Orders.
- (8) With regard to the proposal to closely monitor the agreed initiatives and review them after 12 months, (a) what will this monitoring and review involve, (b) what body or bodies will conduct it, (c) why has no monitoring or review of the Territory's mandatory sentencing laws also been proposed and (d) if the monitoring or review will be conducted by a departmental agency or agencies, in the interest of openness and accountability, will the Government support review of the initiatives by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; if not, why not.

- (9) When will full details of the proposed juvenile justice package be made publicly available.

*13 April 2000*

1449 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does the Minister administer legislation which relates to domestic violence.
- (2) If so, what is the definition applied by the Minister's Department to the term "domestic violence".
- (3) Is the definition sourced from a policy document or statute.
- (4) Is there discretionary flexibility available to be exercised by the Department when applying the definition to individual circumstances; if so, are there internal departmental manuals outlining discretionary options.

*9 May 2000*

1473 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what services operate in the Northern Territory to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the services, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (7) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (9) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (10) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (11) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (12) What proportion of total expenditure by the Commonwealth is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Commonwealth.
- (13) What proportion of total expenditure by the Northern Territory is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Northern Territory.

1476 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is he able to say what services operate in Western Australia to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
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- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Western Australia.
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*10 May 2000*

1513 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Australian Financial Review* on 26 April 2000 headed “Late GST decision software problem”.
- (2) When will the Australian Taxation Office rule on how to convert foreign currency to Australian dollars under a GST.
- (3) When will the format of the Business Activity Statement be finalised.

1517 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to a recent conviction of a Queensland truck driver on three counts of defrauding the Commonwealth, relating to excise evasion through purchasing marked solvent and selling the product to service stations as transport fuel.

- (2) What other prosecutions were undertaken for fuel excise evasion in 1997, 1998 and 1999, and what were the outcomes of those prosecutions.

1518 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many claims for compensation for defective administration were made to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in each year since 1996-97.
- (2) How many claims for compensation were successful in each year.
- (3) What was the total compensation bill in each year.
- (4) How many claims were made by tax agents on behalf of clients in each year.
- (5) How many (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful applicants for compensation were subsequently audited by the ATO.

1519 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Have any claims for compensation for defective administration made to the Australian Tax Office over the period of 1996 to 2000 been paid out either improperly or incorrectly to the wrong person; if so, (a) how many were paid and (b) what sum was paid.
- (2) Is compensation still owed to another party with respect to these claims.

1520 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—In cases where a tax agent corrects an item of defective administration of the Australian Tax Office (ATO) on behalf of a client, can the tax agent directly claim compensation from the ATO for that professional time used to deal with an item of defective administration; if not, why not.

1521 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What were the administrative costs to process claims for compensation for defective administration made to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in each year since 1996-97.
- (2) How many claims ended being heard in court in year.
- (3) What were the legal costs for defending any court action in each year.
- (4) How many hours were spent by the ATO's legal section working on these claims in each year.

*29 May 2000*

1558 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What has been the total outlay by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on the EDS contract in each financial year since EDS won the information technology delivery contract for the ATO.
- (2) What sum has been spent by the ATO for non-EDS delivered IT functions in each financial year since the commencement of the contract.
- (3) What is the price charged by EDS to the ATO for a basic call out.
- (4) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions prior to the contract being outsourced to EDS and did that cost include the cost of call outs.
- (5) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions after the contract was outsourced to EDS, including the internal support and does that cost include the cost of call outs.

- (6) Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 19 October 1999, page 11914), will he provide copies of the reports EDS is required to prepare each month on service levels, since the commencement of the contract until 1 May 2000.

1559 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) For how many of its staff has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided GST training.
- (2) How many of those staff have subsequently left the ATO, and how many of them left within six weeks of completing the training course.
- (3) How many staff left the ATO in 1998-99.
- (4) How many staff have left the ATO in 1999-2000 to date.
- (5) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.
- (6) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.
- (7) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
- (8) What percentage of the ATO budget is being allocated to information technology in financial year 1999-2000.
- (9) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
- (10) Has the ATO given incorrect GST registration numbers to businesses registering for the GST; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the reason for incorrect registration numbers being issued and (c) will businesses in this situation who have printed letterheads, replied to questionnaires and who will incur significant expense in rectifying these errors be offered compensation by the ATO or the Government for expenses incurred as a result.

1563 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many complaints does the Australian Taxation Office have on its books concerning Superannuation Guarantee non compliance.
- (2) During (a) 1998-99 and (b) 1999-2000 to date, how many Australian workers did not receive their full Superannuation Guarantee entitlements.

*5 June 2000*

1600 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are there in each State and Territory.
- (2) How many clients are there in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels in each State and Territory.
- (3) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels were listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required at the commencement of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

- (4) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required have been removed from those lists since 1997.
- (5) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons' hostels are listed as (i) urgent action required and (ii) action required as at 5 June 2000.
- (6) What qualifications does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency set for quality assessors or inspectors.
- (7) Are quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency categorised by professions such as nursing care, hygiene, fire, building safety, staff training.
- (8) How many quality assessors or inspectors of the Agency are employed in each State and Territory.
- (9) Do approved providers have any input into the selection of quality assessors or inspectors employed by the Agency; if not, why.
- (10) How many inspections of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have taken place since the commencement of the Aged Care Act in each State and Territory.
- (11) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels (i) failed an inspection and (ii) have been placed under the control of an administrator.
- (12) How many licences have been revoked since the commencement of the Aged Care Act in each State and Territory.
- (13) Since the commencement of the Aged Care Act, how many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have been closed and how many clients were affected in each State and Territory.
- (14) What were the main reasons for the closure of (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (15) How many (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels have resident committees with consumer representatives.
- (16) Does the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency have the power to check nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
- (17) What is the ratio of required bathrooms and toilets per client in (a) church managed and (b) privately owned nursing homes and aged persons hostels in each State and Territory.
- (18) Does this ratio vary for different levels of facilities.
- (19) What is the required ratio of registered nursing staff to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.
- (20) What is the required ratio of trained nursing aid to clients in each care plan in each State and Territory.
- (21) What is the required ratio of Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 carers to clients in each care plan.



- (22) Are carers required to take a literacy or language test prior to employment in a nursing homes and aged persons hostels; if not, why.
- (23) What is the minimum number of (a) registered nurses, (b) trained carers and (c) untrained carers required in nursing homes and aged persons hostels at any time.
- (24) What are the award wage and salary levels for all staff employed in nursing homes and aged persons hostels for each State and Territory.

*7 June 2000*

1620 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Have the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and other Ministers stated that the policy of mandatory detention of refugees is not inconsistent with Australia's international human rights obligations.
- (2) Did the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs receive advice from the Attorney-General's Department supporting this view; if so, will he provide a copy of that advice.
- (3) Does the advice does cover the (a) convention relating to the status of refugees, (b) international covenant on civil and political rights, (c) convention against torture and all forms of cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment and punishment and (d) convention on the rights of the child; if not, how is the policy of mandatory detention consistent with those conventions.

*19 June 2000*

1633 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Tax Office (ATO) known since August 1996 that Chaucer's Reception Centre in Melbourne was not paying superannuation on behalf of its employees; if so, why did it not take action until after JB and TM Catering went bankrupt in March 2000.
- (2) What prospects do Chaucer's former employees have of recovering the superannuation contributions to which they are entitled.
- (3) How many other firms have not paid their employees their entitlements under the Superannuation Guarantee.
- (4) Is the ATO enforcing Superannuation Guarantee compliance or has implementation of the goods and services tax precluded it from doing so.

1635 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What action has he taken to give effect to undertakings given in his answer to the question without notice (*Hansard*, 30 September 1999, page 11091) regarding alcohol based essence mixtures available to minors in supermarkets.
- (2) What is the present situation regarding an Australia New Zealand Food Authority labelling agreement.
- (3) What proposals have been put by the Commonwealth to the States to secure a uniform national agreement to resolve this problem.
- (4) What has been the response by each State.

- (5) What undertakings have been given by manufacturers and retailers on this issue.

1640 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) At how many of 1,000 seminars conducted around Australia as part of the Australian Tax Office's GST communication and education campaign was there a capacity to translate questions or answers into languages other than English.
- (2) How many staff are available to translate or answer questions in languages other than English during the 159 000 calls to call centres made each month in 2000.
- (3) How many of the 9 million booklets sent to every household and business in Australia have contained information in languages other than English.
- (4) How many of 27 different print advertisements that appeared 81 times across 9 rural newspapers, 542 times across 31 metropolitan papers, 4866 times in 394 regional papers, and 1266 times in suburban metropolitan papers, have been in languages other than English.
- (5) How many television advertisements which have run on 15 metropolitan and 22 regional stations and radio advertisements for 29 metropolitan and 193 regional radio stations, have been in languages other than English.
- (6) How many of the 34 million hits on the ATO website could have accessed information in languages other than English.
- (7) How many of the 2.4 million new tax system registration kits posted out to businesses contained information in languages other than English.

*20 June 2000*

1646 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the (a) membership, (b) role and (c) function of the (i) Management Board and (ii) Corporate Business Forum of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
- (2) What changes have there been to the structure of corporate governance at the ATO since 1995.
- (3) What will be the (a) membership, (b) role and (c) powers of the Board of Taxation.

*21 June 2000*

1657 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Do wage and salary earners with HECS debts who have elected to pay through the tax system have a component of this debt taken out each pay period which is paid to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as extra income tax.
- (2) Does the ATO hold this contribution in the employer's group tax account and during August each year, does it transfer the monies across to the HECS account in a single yearly transaction.
- (3) Does the ATO apply an indexation to the HECS debt at 1 June each year.

- (4) Does the indexation occur before the monies collected through the tax system in a financial year are deducted from the debt; if so, is interest charged on the sum already paid back through the tax system but not deducted from the debt.
- (5) Does the level of inflation determine the indexation rate.
- (6) Has Treasury undertaken modelling to examine the effect of inflationary pressures caused by the implementation of the GST on the cost of a range of student HECS repayments; if not, why not.
- (7) If so, what would (a) be the increase in the HECS indexation rate for each percentage increase in inflation and (b) this translate to in real cost per annum to the person repaying the HECS loan in the income brackets (i) below \$22 346, (ii) \$22 346 to \$23 565, (iii) \$23 566 to \$25 393, (iv) \$25 394 to \$29 456, (v) \$29 457 to \$35 551, (vi) \$35 552 to \$37 420, (vii) \$37 421 to \$40 223 and (viii) \$40 224 and above.

*27 June 2000*

1702 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Since the Senate Estimates Committee hearing in May 2000, has there been any increase in the total sum, including travel, accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses, paid to Dr Jack Best for the Rural Stocktake report on medical education facilities Dr Best undertook for his Department.
- (2) Has Dr Best undertaken other work for him or his Department since then.
- (3) When will Dr Best's report be released.
- (4) Were the recommendations made by Dr Best the basis for budget decisions to provide funding for three new university departments of rural health and nine new clinical schools to undertake relevant undergraduate training.
- (5) Has a decision been made about where these new departments of rural health will be located; if so, (a) what was the process used to decide which universities would be funded to establish these departments, (b) which universities have been successful and (c) what funding has been agreed in each case; if not, (a) when will the decision be made public and (b) what process is being used to reach the decision about which universities will be allocated funds for the new departments.
- (6) Have decisions been made about the sum of additional funding to be provided to each of the medical schools for undergraduate training in rural health; if so, (a) what was the process used to arrive at these decisions, (b) what sums have been agreed in each case and (c) when are these funds to be made available; if not, when and how will the decisions be made.
- (7) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department to recommend which medical schools should receive funds to establish the three new rural health departments.
- (8) Has Dr Best made recommendations about the amount of funding for each of the successful universities.
- (9) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department about the amount of funding to be provided to medical schools for undergraduate clinical programs in rural health.

*28 June 2000***1710 MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Will a special input credit be available for wholesale sales tax paid on demonstration motor vehicles sold by motor dealers after 1 July 2000; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the Government aware of concerns expressed by motor traders, about the cost of the proposed treatment of demonstration vehicles to their businesses; if so, (a) what sum does Treasury estimate this treatment will cost (i) the motor trading industry as a whole and (ii) the average new car dealer and (b) how does the Government justify placing this additional cost on motor traders.
- (3) Is the Government aware of concerns expressed by some businesses at the cashflow implications of the Pay As You Go instalment system; if so, what is the Government's response to these concerns.

*29 June 2000***1715 MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—In the transition to the New Tax System, will real estate management fees for residential property be GST free until 1 July 2005 if signed before 2 December 1998, while fees for commercial properties will be GST free until 1 July 2005 if signed before 8 July 1999; if so, why.**1722 MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) still have an Information Technology department; if so, (a) what is the cost of that department, (b) how many staff does it employ and (c) what is its function.
- (2) What is the total of the financial penalties levied upon EDS for non-achievement of service credits to date and over the first year of the contract.
- (3) Has the ATO hired a company to ascertain whether or not the ATO has achieved savings by outsourcing its IT department to EDS; if so, (a) what is the name of the company, (b) what is its brief, (c) what is the cost to the ATO of the review and (d) did the company have to win a tender to carry out this work.

*14 August 2000***1734 MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Has he or his Department received a report on the feasibility in each State and Territory of a national insurance scheme to protect employee entitlements in cases of business insolvency; if so, (a) who compiled the report, (b) what was the cost, (c) to whom has the report been provided and (d) will the report be tabled or made public; if so, when; if not, why not.**1737 MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the Government defined what is an education course in relation to the application of the goods and services tax on education; if so, (a) how is that definition applied to adult and community education courses and (b) when was the definition released to the public.**1750 MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many registrars worked in the (a) Federal and (b) Family Courts as at 30 June 2000.
- (2) How many registrars work in the (a) Federal and (b) Family Courts after 3 July 2000.
- (3) How many Federal Magistrates were appointed and ready to hear matters in the Federal Magistrates' Court on 3 July 2000.
- (4) What are the filing fees for the Magistrates' Court.
- (5) If the filing fees have not been settled, when will they be settled.
- (6) What are the rules and procedures for the Magistrates' Court.
- (7) If the rules and procedures for the Court have not been settled, when will they be settled.
- (8) When and how will practitioners and litigants of the Court know what the filing fees, rules and procedures of the Court are.
- (9) Are all Magistrates' Court registries to be physically separate from Family and Federal Court registries.
- (10) Will each Magistrates' Court have its own (a) library, (b) staff and (c) facilities.
- (11) Has the Government budgeted to appoint further magistrates if required.
- (12) Does the Magistrates' Court budget make specific provision for alternative dispute resolution; if so; what sum is provided.
- (13) Will the Family Court still have an alternative dispute resolution role.
- (14) What sum of the Family Court budget is directed to alternative dispute resolution in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-2001.

1752 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Are there guidelines about how the \$20 million of Commonwealth money over 4 years for diversionary programs in the Northern Territory is to be spent; if so, (a) what are they and (b) by whom or by which Department were they developed.
- (2) Are there acquittal guidelines for the Commonwealth monies; if so, (a) what are they, (b) who or what Department developed them and (c) when were they developed.
- (3) Has the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet given any direction to his Department about how the first instalment of \$5 million, or any of the Commonwealth grant monies, is to be spent by the NT Government; if so, what were those directions.
- (4) Do the guidelines require that some of the first \$5 million go towards the provision of an Aboriginal interpretation service.
- (5) Will that interpretation service be an extension of the current NT interpretation service or will a new service be created.
- (6) Will a new service be funded; if not, why not.
- (7) What sum is to be directed to an interpretation service and what proportion of that sum will be (a) Commonwealth and (b) NT money.
- (8) If the money is used to expand the current Northern Territory interpretation service and fund other organisations to be able to access that service, will

organisations currently funded by Commonwealth money, for example, the Aboriginal Legal Service, be funded by the extra Commonwealth money to access the interpretation service.

- (9) Will the number of Aboriginal languages offered by the interpretation service be expanded; if so, how.
- (10) Will more interpreters be trained; if so, where.
- (11) Will any of the \$5 million of Commonwealth funds be used to increase police numbers in the NT; if so, will those positions specifically target diversionary programs; if so, how.
- (12) Has the format of the diversionary programs that the NT intends to implement been agreed upon; if so, (a) what is that format, (b) who will run the programs, (c) which juvenile offenders will be targeted and (d) where will those programs run.
- (13) Does his Department have any expertise or specialist knowledge in diversionary programs for Aboriginal juvenile offenders; if so, how is that expertise being used in terms of developing the NT program.
- (14) Is his Department consulting with any non-government agencies or bodies in the NT about the scope or the form of diversionary programs.
- (15) Is he able to say whether the NT Government is consulting with non-government agencies about the scope or format of diversionary programs.
- (16) What is the timetable for commencement of all or any of these diversionary programs.

1758 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the design capacity of the declared road reservation for land on the eastern side of the Murrumbateman by-pass, NSW, including the (a) size of the reserve, (b) vehicle speed and (c) number of carriageways of the road used as the basis of determining that reserve.
- (2) When was this reservation made, and by whom was it made.
- (3) Are other reserves declared in the vicinity of Murrumbateman.

1777 **MR HATTON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Minister's Department and agencies within the Minister's portfolio compliant in respect of the Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) What action did the Minister's Department and agencies within the Minister's portfolio take to ensure that they were GST ready by 1 July 2000.
- (3) Is the Minister able to guarantee that no agency within the Minister's portfolio will suffer negative impacts on its budget or services due to the GST; if not, or if the guarantee was subsequently proved incorrect, would the Minister be prepared to resign.

1787 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Where are the locations of access points to Botany Bay in the event of an aircraft emergency in the Bay.

- (2) What are the evacuation points for vessels to unload injured passengers who may be rescued from the water and how far are those access points from the St George Hospital.
- (3) Has the Government considered the need for additional access points.
- (4) Has his attention been drawn to Rockdale City Council's proposed repairs and modifications to the Brighton Jetty which would make the structure wider than normal to enable a vehicle such as an ambulance to drive down the jetty and then turn around at the end and to allow boats to come alongside in various weather conditions.
- (5) Is the jetty ideally located as an emergency access point to the Bay; if so, will his Department investigate the proposal with a view to the Commonwealth providing financial assistance for the project.

1791 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Are there plans to change the nature or the processes of the Attorney-General's NGO Forum on Domestic Human Rights; if so, what are they.
- (2) If changes are planned, has consultation taken place with forum members about the nature of those changes; if not, why not.
- (3) Will he recommend ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women; if not, why not.
- (4) Will he recommend recognition of rape in armed conflict as grounds for refugee status on the basis of social exclusion as an ongoing form of persecution; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the National Action Plan for Human Rights been completed and has the chapter on human rights education been included.
- (6) Is there any provision in the 2000-2001 court administrative budget for an increase in the number of interpreters; if not, why not.
- (7) What is he doing to ensure that international human rights obligations are not breached in relation to (a) waiting periods for access to social services and benefits for disabled and spousal immigrants and (b) the Government's policy on refugees and detention, the issuing of temporary visas and *refoulement* of refugees.
- (8) What are the measures which his Department, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Defence are currently considering which need to be implemented before Australia can ratify the International Criminal Court Statute.
- (9) What position has he put to the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding the minimum age for recruitment and participation in hostilities.
- (10) What is he doing to ensure that non government agencies are consulted during the Government's review of Australia's relationship with the United Nations human rights treaty system.
- (11) Has his Department had any information from the Federal Court about cost orders in its human rights jurisdiction.
- (12) Are mandatory sentencing laws contrary to Australia's human rights obligations; if not, why not.

- (13) When will the Government's response to the Pregnancy and Work Inquiry be ready.

*15 August 2000*

1802 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) What major developments have taken place in the field of multicultural arts since the election of the Howard Government in 1996.
- (2) What resources has the Government provided specifically targeted for multicultural arts since its election in 1996.
- (3) What action has he taken to ensure that the Australia Council and other funding bodies give equal access to artists from non English speaking backgrounds.
- (4) What direct funding is being made to ethnic community organisations through his Department to maintain the diversity of cultural traditions within a multicultural Australia.

1809 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government instructed the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to review existing excise arrangements for petroleum products that may be used as a substitute in fuel.
- (2) Does this review involve a review of the current testing practices.
- (3) Is the Government considering directing the ATO to recommence the spot testing for fuel substitution that was curtailed when the excise function was transferred to the ATO from Customs.
- (4) What petrol stations have been found to be adding methanol to petrol.
- (5) Does the Government agree with the calls by the Australian Automobile Association and the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of national standards for fuel and regular random fuel testing to prevent excise loss and possible damage to automobiles.
- (6) Does the Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000 contain proposals to allow the searching of conveyances without warrant to search for tobacco leaf; if so, will the (a) same provisions apply to petroleum products and (b) ATO be directed to apply a similar measure to all excisable products; if not why not.

*16 August 2000*

1819 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 681 (*Hansard*, 1 September 1999, page 9723), have the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade finalised criteria for the distribution of tickets available to the Government for use at the Sydney Olympic Games; if so, what are the criteria.



- (2) Has the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received a license agreement for the SuperDome box as yet and what is the basis of the agreement.
- (3) In addition to the \$850 000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240 000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120 000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what is the estimate and breakdown of other costs to be incurred by the Prime Minister and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.

*17 August 2000*

1849 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) representing a Mrs Haywood and a Mrs Nardi in relation to letters addressed to them dated 27 April 2000 from Ms Christine Trevett, a former staff member of Mr Cameron Thompson MP.
- (2) Is it the case that both Mrs Haywood and Mrs Nardi are not employed by Mr Thompson in his capacity as a Member of Parliament.
- (3) Are there any restrictions on the classes of clients which the AGS may represent; if so, what are those restrictions.
- (4) On what basis is the AGS representing Mrs Haywood and Mrs Nardi.
- (5) Who is paying the costs of the AGS in respect of Mrs Haywood and Mrs Nardi.
- (6) What is the sum of those legal costs to August 2000.

1852 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it a fact that for motor vehicle leases signed before 2 December 1998 and which span 1 July 2000, the GST does not apply to periodic lease payments but does apply to the residual value of a motor vehicle purchased by a lessee at the end of a lease agreement, however, for motor vehicle leases signed after 2 December 1998 and which span 1 July 2000, the GST applies to both periodic lease payments and the residual value of a vehicle purchased by a lessee at the end of a lease agreement; if so, why does the GST apply differently in each case.
- (2) Do monthly payments and residual values of motor vehicles arising from lease arrangements entered into prior to 1 July 2000 include a wholesale sales tax component; if not, why not; if so, (a) why is GST being applied to such leases on top of wholesale sales tax, (b) what is the Government's response to claims that such treatment amounts to double taxation and (c) what sum does the Government estimate will be collected from GST paid on (i) motor vehicle leases and (ii) vehicles purchased for a residual value arising from leases spanning 1 July 2000.
- (3) Will the Government remove the GST from periodic payments and the residual purchase prices of motor vehicles arising from transitional leases; if not, why not.

*28 August 2000*

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

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

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

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

**MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1878 - 1879)—

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

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

1879 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer.

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

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

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

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

### *30 August 2000*

1890 **MR SAWFORD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will he amend the levy arrangement for each stevedore’s liability so that the levy payment will terminate upon repayment of the amount received from MIFCo funding, plus accrued interest and related costs.

- (2) If not, will he implement an alternative remedy for Sea-Land in South Australia so that levy payments made by Sea-Land that exceed the aggregate of MIFCo funding received by Sea-Land plus accrued interest and administrative costs are rebated by the Commonwealth Government to South Australia for the specific purpose of re-investment in new technology and equipment to improve the productivity of the Adelaide Container Terminal; if not, why not.

*31 August 2000*

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

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

*4 September 2000*

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

- (1) For each State and Territory, what proportion of Australian (a) three year olds and (b) four year olds attend preschool education.
- (2) How do these statistics compare with other OECD nations.
- (3) What initiatives has the Government taken to: (a) improve basic literacy and numeracy skills in preschool and (b) introduce diagnostic testing for speech and hearing among preschool students.
- (4) Does the Government propose to introduce a national preschool program.

*6 September 2000*

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

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

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

- (1) How many persons registered with the Centrelink office in Fairfield, NSW, (a) applied for and (b) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (2) How many pensioners registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received a payment between \$1 and \$50.
- (3) How many persons registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus of less than \$1.

- (4) How many pensioners registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1000 for pensioners and \$2000 for self funded retirees.
- (5) What was the average Aged Persons Savings Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self funded retirees registered with the Fairfield Centrelink office.
- (6) How many persons living in the electoral division of Prospect (a) applied for and (b) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (7) How many pensioners in the electoral division of Prospect received an Aged Persons Saving Bonus payment between \$1 and \$50.
- (8) How many persons in the electoral division of Prospect received an Aged Persons Saving Bonus of less than \$1.
- (9) How many persons in the electoral division of Prospect received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1000 for pensioners and \$2,000 for self funded retirees.
- (10) How many persons living in the electoral division of Prospect appealed to have their Aged Persons Savings Bonus payment adjusted.
- (11) What was the average Aged Persons Savings Bonus paid to (a) pensioners and (b) self funded retirees in the electoral division of Prospect.

1945 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) If a charitable organisation has had its funding cut by virtue of receiving a Commonwealth Jobs Network grant gross up of only 7.2% following the introduction of the GST, can it claim a top up adjustment from the Commonwealth.
- (2) If not, are they disadvantaged in providing those services compared to non-charitable organisations in the employment services sector.
- (3) What is the reason for differential approaches between Departments, including the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, the Department of Family and Community Services and the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, in the percentages used to gross up grants to charitable organisations providing government funded services following the introduction of the GST.

*7 September 2000*

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

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

- (7) What is the Government's current time frame for announcing the successful applicant.
- (8) When will the position of Federal Magistrate in Launceston be operational.

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

- (1) Did Australia accede on 20 March 1973 to the Statute of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).
- (2) On what occasions, in what circumstances and with what results did his Department last consider ratification of, or accession to, each of the conventions drawn up by the Institute.

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

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

- (10) Did the Commonwealth employ private detective agencies in conducting the Stolen Generation Cases; if so, what was the cost of hiring these private detective agencies.
- (11) Is it standard practice for the Commonwealth to employ private detectives in the conduct of civil litigation.
- (12) During the conduct of the Stolen Generation Cases, were there members of the Prime Minister's staff present in court at any time.
- (13) Did members of the staff of the Prime Minister or members of his staff instruct counsel for the Commonwealth as to the nature and scope of cross-examination.
- (14) What is the total number of applicants bringing Federal or High Court proceedings against the Commonwealth of Australia similar to the cases brought by Mr Gunner and Mrs Cubillo.
- (15) What is the total number of cases brought against the Commonwealth by persons alleging that they are the children or grandchildren of Aboriginal people removed from their families.
- (16) Have any attempts been made by the Commonwealth to resolve the claims brought against the Commonwealth in cases similar to that brought by Mr Gunner and Mrs Cubillo; if so, what attempts have been made.
- (17) Has an estimate been made of the cost of resolving all Stolen Generation litigation brought against the Commonwealth without requiring further litigation; if so, what is that estimated cost.

*3 October 2000*

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

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

- 1967 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the answer to question No. 1580 (*Hansard*, 31 August 2000, page 18047), will he update that answer in respect of the meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General held in Brisbane on 27 to 28 July 2000.
- 1977 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Are compensation payments to some former Commonwealth employees still frozen at pre-1988 levels as a result of the *Commonwealth Safety and Rehabilitation Act 1988*.
  - (2) How many former employees are affected in this way.
  - (3) What is the annual value of the payments made to those affected public servants.
  - (4) Did he or other representatives of the then Opposition promise to change the Act prior to the 1996 general election; if so, what action has been taken to implement the decision.
- 1979 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) recommended that the pharmaceutical Ritalin (methylphenidate hydrochloride) be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
  - (2) Did he accept the recommendation made by the PBAC in relation to Ritalin; if not, why not.
- 1980 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What are the estimates for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004 for the Regional Solutions Programme (RSP).
  - (2) For each year referred to in part (1), of the totals for each year, what amounts are to come from reductions in funding for the Regional Assistance Programme and what amounts from the sale of an Australian Maritime Safety vessel.
  - (3) Have the amounts for the RSP been incorporated into the forward estimates; if not, when will this occur.
- 1989 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1761 (*Hansard*, 3 October 2000, page 18559), are all imported second hand or used buses and coaches required to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADRs); if so, what legislation or regulation specifies this requirement.
  - (2) Is there a proposal to change this requirement; if so, (a) which States, organisations or individuals have requested a change and (b) for what purpose.
  - (3) What would be the (a) effect of any such change on the safety of passengers travelling in those imported second hand or used buses and coaches and (b) the cost of an imported second hand or used bus or coach relative to an Australian one.
  - (4) Which agency, Department or authority is responsible for auditing imported second hand or used buses and coaches to ensure they comply with ADRs.

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

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

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

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

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

1995 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each month since the stevedoring levy was introduced by the Government to facilitate the funding by the Maritime Industry Finance Company (MIFCO) of redundancy obligations by stevedoring companies as a result of the 1998 maritime dispute, what sum has been paid by each company liable to pay the levy.



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

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

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

- (1) Does a landlord require an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- (2) Does a tenant require an ABN.
- (3) Is a tenant who is operating a business from their rented accommodation required to supply an ABN to the landlord.
- (4) Does Taxation Ruling MT 2000/2 state that "If you let out residential premises where the whole of the premises is to be used predominantly for residential accommodation purposes you are entitled to get an ABN, but you do not need one for PAYG withholding purposes"; if so, what is the definition of "whole" and "predominantly" and how is the determination arrived at.
- (5) If a taxpayer rents a residential flat and uses one of the three bedrooms to run a web publishing business is he or she required to provide an ABN to the landlord.
- (6) How does a landlord determine (a) the use of the premises and (b) whether or not they should require the presentation of an ABN.

2001 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the average or standard cost of providing a woman with in-vitro fertilisation treatment.

- (2) How much of the cost is (a) covered by Medicare and (b) paid by the patient.

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

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

*4 October 2000*

2013 **MR CREAN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In respect of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax, what was the 2000-01 Budget revenue estimate for the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) On what price per barrel of oil was this estimate based.

2015 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the cost, on an annual basis, of the Government's 30 per cent private health insurance rebate scheme.
- (2) Are premium loadings for people who delay taking up private health insurance membership under the Lifetime Health Cover scheme covered by the Government's 30 percent private health insurance premium rebate; if so, what is the projected effect on the total cost of the 30 percent private health insurance rebate of the Lifetime Health Cover scheme premium loadings.

2016 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that the ATO deducted company tax payments from GST refunds around 1 September 2000.
- (2) Is he also aware that this caused some companies to make a "double payment" of company tax as some companies had already paid their company tax when it was due.
- (3) How many companies had their company tax payment taken from their GST refunds.

- (4) How many companies has the ATO had to make refunds to as a result of the double payments.
- (5) What is the total of the extra tax collected by the ATO as a result of the double payments.
- (6) How long did it take the ATO to refund this money to small businesses.
- (7) Was interest paid to the affected companies; if so, how much.
- (8) Did the ATO notify affected companies that it would deduct company tax due from GST refunds; if not, why not.
- (9) What measures have been taken to prevent this occurring again.

2017 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

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

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

- (1) Given the Government's support for the chain of responsibility principle in road transport, what is the Government doing to make the chain of responsibility a feature of commercial transport dealings and thereby stopping trucking companies from taking short cuts with safety, putting lives at risk and undercutting operators who work by the rules.
- (2) Is it the case that until the chain of responsibility concept becomes a feature of commercial dealings, transport prime contractors will continue to pressure sub-contractors to conform to schedules which cannot be met

without breaking laws such as driving hours legislation, occupational health and safety legislation and industrial relations legislation.

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

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

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

#### *5 October 2000*

2022 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1611 (*Hansard*, 4 October 2000, page 18682), how did inviting all Coalition Members and Senators and only two Opposition Members and an Opposition Senator and one Democrat Senator to the Summit Dinner contribute to providing “all Australians with a better understanding of the needs and concerns of regional Australia”, as stated in the aims of the Summit.
- (2) Did the Summit Reference Group consider inviting more community representatives and fewer politicians to the dinner.
- (3) Is the Government planning to hold another Regional Summit; if so, are any plans being made to include more community representatives and fewer politicians.
- (4) Under what criteria did the Government invite all Coalition Members and Senators, but not all Members of other political parties.

2025 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In light of the report made in the *Australian Financial Review* of 3 October 2000 in respect to the Speedrail project, what is the Government's estimate of the cost the Speedrail project.
- (2) What route is envisaged for the Speedrail project.
- (3) Is he able to say whether denying funding to the Speedrail project would undermine the viability of finding a site for the location of a further Sydney airport outside the Sydney Basin and airshed.

2026 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In light of statements made in the *Australian Financial Review* of 3 October 2000 in respect of the Western Sydney Orbital link, what is the Government's estimate of the cost of the Western Sydney Orbital Link.
- (2) What route is envisaged for the Western Sydney Orbital Link.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the Western Sydney Orbital Link funding is predicated on a second Sydney airport being located at Badgery's Creek.
- (4) Is he able to say whether assumptions about the rate of return on investment in the Western Sydney Orbital Link depend on estimated traffic flow arising from the location of a second Sydney airport at Badgery's Creek.

2027 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the 'loss of crucial support' for Speedrail as expressed in the *Australian Financial Review* of 3 October 2000 and the decision to commit a large amount of money to the Western Sydney Orbital Link mitigates against alternatives to Badgery's Creek as the site for Sydney's Second Airport.
- (2) Will he consider a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement on the site selection process that considers sites other than Badgery's Creek.
- (3) Is he able to say what is the relationship between Macquarie Bank and its subsidiaries and Infrastructure Trust of Australia.
- (4) Is he able to say what is the relationship between Macquarie Bank and its subsidiaries and (a) the Airport Motorway (b) the M5 Motorway and (c) the M2 Motorway projects, which are all located in Sydney.
- (5) Who has advised the Government in respect to the estimates of the costs of (a) The Western Sydney Orbital Link and (b) the Speedrail proposal.
- (6) Is he able to say whether Macquarie Bank has had any part in the cost estimations relied upon by the Government in influencing its transport policy agenda.

2029 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What were the criteria for introducing the SM26 Postage Meters and who made the decision to introduce this particular model of postage meter, above other models.
- (2) Did any Member or Senator request the replacement of the existing franking machines
- (3) What has been the total cost to date of installing and maintaining the SM26 Postage Meters in Members' and Senators' electorate offices Australia wide.
- (4) How many problems regarding the functioning of the machines have so far been reported to his Department and how many machines have broken down completely.
- (5) Can he say whether the 2.5% saving that Australia Post will re-fund on postage accounts for those who use the machines is out weighed by the cost and inconvenience of the malfunctions and breakdowns of these machines.

- (6) How many years will it take the Commonwealth to recover the capital cost of replacing the existing franking machines at the estimated 2.5% per annum saving with the SM26.

*9 October 2000*

2031 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Roads of National Importance program can he provide the requests for funding under this program submitted by each State and Territory Government for the (a) 1999/2000, (b) 2000/2001 and (c) 2001/2002 financial years.

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

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

*10 October 2000*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*11 October 2000*

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

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

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

- (1) During the period 1 January 1997 to date, what is the average number of days that a Judge of the Family Court of Australia sat in Court for proceedings other than giving judgments.

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

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

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

*12 October 2000*

2052 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 472 (*Hansard*, 10 September 1996, page 3919), what communications have occurred between the Government and the New Zealand Government regarding monetary and currency union.
- (2) On what terms and conditions does the Government support monetary and currency union.

2053 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Did the Australian Taxation Office conduct a major audit of transfer pricing practices in 1998; if so, what information and conclusions did the audit reveal.

2054 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—What proportion of Australian individual taxpayers complete their tax returns without professional assistance.

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

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

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

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of competitive federalism practices by the States and Territories, particularly the financial cost to the public sector of (a) taxation discounting designed to attract investment, (b) direct financial subsidies to the private sector, (c) subsidies on government business enterprise pricing and (d) local preference clauses in State and Territory tenders.



- (2) What adjustments in Commonwealth financial payments are made in response to the practices referred to in part (1).
  - (3) What other Federal Government policies are designed to prevent investment bidding wars between the States and Territories.
- 2059 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—Has he received advice from the Australian Taxation Office regarding the incidence of tax evasion and tax minimisation following the Government's decision to halve the capital gains tax rate; if so, what are the details.
- 2062 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Did the Government, in negotiations with Australian Democrats, promise to introduce a National Child Nutrition Program to compensate people on low incomes for the impact of the GST.
  - (2) Have applications been called for under the program; if so, (a) when did applications for the program open and close and (b) what progress has been made in allocating funds and commencing projects.
- 2067 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) For each of the past 10 years how many people have been classified by DSS/Centrelink as incapacitated unemployed within the (a) Job Search Allowance (b) Newstart Allowance and (c) Youth Allowance (other) programs.
  - (2) For each of the past 10 years how many people have been classified by DSS/Centrelink as eligible for Sickness Allowance.
- 2070 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has he made a written determination that the Health Expenses Refund Scheme carried out by Hay Point Services Pty Ltd is not an employee health benefits scheme under the *National Health Act 1953*.
  - (2) What determinations has he made since 1996 that a scheme is not an employee health benefits scheme under the *National Health Act 1953* and when were such determinations made.
- 2071 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, (i) applied for and (ii) received the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
  - (2) How many pensioners registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus between \$1 and \$50.
  - (3) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received an Aged Persons Savings Bonus of less than \$1.
  - (4) How many persons registered with the Centrelink offices in (a) Tuggeranong, ACT, (b) Woden, ACT and (c) Conder, ACT, received the maximum Aged Persons Savings Bonus of \$1,000 for pensioners and \$2,000 for self-funded retirees.

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

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

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

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

- (1) Is he aware that ATO customers are having to wait for up to 90 minutes on the telephone before reaching ATO staff in order to obtain advice on PAYG and other tax policy changes.
- (2) What is the average time delay for ATO customers between a customer initiating a telephone call to the ATO and calls being answered by ATO staff.
- (3) Has this delay changed over the last two years; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Given the quantity and complexity of tax policy change, are these delays in obtaining advice considered acceptable for the Australian public.
- (5) Does he intend to take action to reduce the average telephone waiting time; if so, (a) what are the details and (b) by how much will these waiting times be reduced.

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

- (1) When did the Indonesian Government notify the UN in East Timor of their request for assistance in evacuating UN staff from Atambua in West Timor in early September.
- (2) What was the precise content of this request.
- (3) Once this request was received by the UN in Dili, to which (a) elements of the UN Peace Keeping Forces and (b) individuals was it passed.
- (4) Was this request passed to the Australian Government; if so, (a) when was this done, (b) to whom was it passed in the first instance, (c) who considered this request and decided on the response, (d) when was it replied to, (e) what

was the content of the reply, (f) to whom in East Timor was the reply delivered and (g) (i) when and by what chain of command was this reply conveyed to Australian field units in East Timor and (ii) what did those units then do in response.

- (5) What role did (a) Australian units and (b) New Zealand units play in the evacuation of UN staff.
- (6) What policy and procedures govern Australian military responses to situations such as that which arose from the request for the evacuation of UN staff from Atambua; were those policies and procedures followed in that instance and have they subsequently been changed; if so, in what respect.
- (7) Apart from a request from the Indonesian Government was there also a request for assistance from the UNHCR itself on the day of the Atambua murders; if so, (a) what was that request, (b) when was that request made, (c) by whom was it made, (d) to whom in the UNTAET was it delivered, (e) when was it conveyed to the UNPKF, (f) when was it conveyed to (i) Australian military units in East Timor and (ii) to the Australian Government, and (g) what was the Australian response.

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

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

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

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

proceed with the major upgrade to relieve congestion and improve safety on the motorway.

*30 October 2000*

2084 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Is he able to say what is the current position of the Federal Government and each State and Territory Government in relation to ILO Occupational Health and Safety Conventions (a) C139 Occupational Cancer, 1974, (b) C148 Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration), 1977, (c) C155 Occupational Safety and Health, 1981, (d) C162 Asbestos, 1986, (e) C167 Safety and Health in Construction, 1988, (f) C170 Chemicals, 1990, (h) C174 Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents, 1993; and (i) C176 Safety and Health in Mines, 1995.

2085 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Are compensation payments under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act payable to employees over 65 years of age; if not, what options has he considered to amend the Act to provide for such payments to employees over the age of 65 years.
- (2) Has he or his Department issued a discussion paper or sought the views of relevant stakeholders in relation to such a proposal.
- (3) Will he amend the Act to provide for weekly compensation payments to employees over the age of 65 years; if so, when.

2086 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What was the outlay for payment of the adjustment to Commonwealth superannuants falling due on the first payday after 1 July 2000.
- (2) What is the anticipated outlay for payment of the adjustment to Commonwealth superannuants falling due on the first payday after 1 July 2001.
- (3) Has the Government made provision for advance GST compensation to be paid to public sector superannuants relative to their superannuation pensions as has been the case for other pensioners; if not, why not.
- (4) What would the outlay be for the 4% pensioner GST compensation to be paid to public sector superannuants for (a) Commonwealth, (b) State and (c) Territory superannuants.
- (5) Did the Government index public sector superannuation pensions in advance of the predicted 1.9% CPI increase as a result of the introduction of the GST; if not, why not.
- (6) What is the estimated cost of indexing public sector superannuation pensions to Male Total Average Weekly Earnings.
- (7) Why are public sector superannuation pensions not indexed on a 6 monthly basis like other pensions.

2087 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he able to say who profited from the 13 minutes of trading in ASX on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, before trading was halted, after his

announcement of an increase in the individual shareholding limit for the ASX, during which time ASX shares jumped from \$10.96 to \$11.70.

- (2) Is it a fact that the ASX, the regulator of the Australian Stock Exchange, cannot investigate itself; if so, will he request the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to investigate.

2093 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1744 (*Hansard*, 31 October 2000, page 19346), will he update the progress of the review being undertaken by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in conjunction with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and Airservices Australia.

*31 October 2000*

2095 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does page 4 of the Australian Taxation Office's June 2000 publication *Off-Road Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Guide for Claimants* state that under proposed regulations, like fuels will include heavy fuel oil, light fuel oil and all fuels that attract the same rate of duty as diesel (except for gasoline, coal tar, and coke oven distillates).
- (2) Since 1 August 2000 have both diesel and unleaded petrol attracted excise of 38.118 cents per litre.
- (3) Given that unleaded fuel is more environmentally friendly than diesel, and is taxed at an identical tax rate, why is the Off-Road Rebate not available for unleaded fuel used for qualifying off-road purposes.
- (4) Given the current high cost of diesel, will the Government extend the Off-Road Rebate Scheme to cover unleaded fuel; if not, why not; if so, when will this happen.

2096 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 209 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165 and 23 June 1999, page 5736), what proportion of (a) total health expenditure in Australia was funded by health insurance funds in each year since 1996-97 and (b) recurrent health expenditure was funded by health insurance funds for (i) public acute care hospital, (ii) private hospitals, (iii) medical services, (iv) dental services, (v) other professional services and (v) all other services in each year since 1996-97.

*1 November 2000*

2099 **MR QUICK:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What items of electronic/electrical equipment were used between 1969 and 1973 by a person who was training as an air electronics officer to operate Neptune and HS748 aircraft.
- (2) What items of electronic/electrical equipment were used by an air electronics officer who served on Neptune and HS748 aircraft between 1969 and 1973.
- (3) What were the radiation emission levels from the electronic/electrical equipment used during training.
- (4) What were the radiation emission levels from the electronic/electrical equipment used on Neptune and HS748 aircraft between 1969 and 1973.

- 2100 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Have there been breaches of the legislated cap of 80 movements per hour at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, (a) when were the breaches, (b) has he sought an explanation from Airservices Australia for the breaches and (c) what penalties or punitive action has he imposed for the breaches.
- 2101 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many resolutions have been carried by the Sydney Airport Community Forum since its formation in 1996.
  - (2) How many resolutions have been supported by the Government with action.
  - (3) What were the resolutions referred to in part (2).
- 2102 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) For the year 1999-2000, how many aircraft movements were there at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
  - (2) How many of those movements were from or to regional areas.
- 2103 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Does the web site of the Federal Magistrates Service advertise the existence of a Magistrate based in Launceston.
  - (2) Is it normal practice for Federal Courts to publicise the existence of a judge or magistrate when the official is yet to be appointed.
  - (3) Will he ensure that the web site of the Federal Magistrates Service accurately reflects the Government's progress in appointing a Magistrate to Launceston.
- 2106 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) On what date does the term of the Family Court's lease over its premises in East Street, Rockhampton, expire.
  - (2) What is the sum of rent paid (a) annually and (b) monthly by the Family Court to lease its premises in Rockhampton.
  - (3) What is the sum budgeted for Family Court counselling in Rockhampton for the period 1 January to 31 December 2001.
  - (4) What is the sum of the wages to be paid to the receptionist/filing clerk employed in the Rockhampton registry of the Family Court for the period 1 January 2000 to 1 September 2001.
- 2107 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) With respect to the recent and anticipated reduction of counselling services operated by the Family Court, how will counselling services which currently are, or until recently were, provided by the Family Court, be provided in future.
  - (2) How does the Court propose to meet the needs of clients for whom they will no longer be able to offer these services.
  - (3) What role will the community-based not-for-profit organisations, funded to provide counselling services under the Family Law Act, be expected to play in picking up those clients who would have been seen by Court personnel.
  - (4) Where there is more than one community-based not-for-profit organisation which provides such services in a location in which services were previously

provided by the Family Court, how will a decision be taken as to which organisation should provide those services.

- (5) Will these organisations be expected to increase their service levels from within their existing resources.
  - (6) Will the Court be contracting out mediation or counselling services previously delivered by the Court, and what is the process by which such contracts have been, or will be, awarded.
- 2109 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For the latest year for which data is available, how many recruits to the Army Reserve completed Common Induction Training.
  - (2) Of those referred to in part (1), how many were (a) full time students, (b) unemployed, (c) self employed, (d) employed in the private sector, (e) employed by State or local government and (f) employed by the Federal Government
- 2110 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he include the drugs Aricept and Exelon, used to treat Alzheimers Disease, on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 2111 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What sum is to be provided to the Wine Society to set up a wine centre at The Rocks in Sydney through the Growing Regional Opportunities for Work program.
  - (2) What is the purpose of the project.
  - (3) In providing this funding, is he confident there are tangible spin-off benefits for regional tourism, particularly regional wineries, and how will the Government measure or track these benefits.

*2 November 2000*

- 2113 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Community Business Partnership been placed under review; if so, what is the purpose of the review.
- 2114 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—For the most recent financial year for which statistics are available, (a) what proportion of Australian taxpayers made capital gains, (b) what proportion of wage and salary earners made net capital gains and (c) what proportion of capital gains was accounted for by (i) property development; (ii) mining; (iii) agriculture; and (iv) trusts and partnerships.
- 2115 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What changes does the Government propose to make to the system of Members and Ministerial entitlements.
  - (2) Will these changes involve the aggregation and capping of entitlements under a global budgeting system.
- 2116 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—For each Federal electorate, what are the names of the private hospitals located within its boundaries and how many beds does each hospital provide.

2117 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Was he, his staff or his Department consulted by the Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) concerning the Chairman's decision to write for the *Business Review Weekly* every four weeks.
- (2) What is the nature of the ACCC Chairman's appointment and what are the details of the Chairman's remuneration package.
- (3) Will the Chairman of the ACCC write for the journal every four weeks, covering any subject he chooses, as reported in the *BRW* on 20 October,
- (4) Has the Government developed guidelines or held discussions with Professor Fels about his position and the type of subjects on which he chooses to write.
- (5) Will Professor Fels be required to declare publicly any financial benefit he receives for writing for the *BRW*.
- (6) Given Professor Fels' heavy workload as reflected in the ACCC annual report 1999-2000, will his remuneration package be discounted for any earnings he receives from the *BRW*.

2118 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) Is DMG Industries Pty Ltd, or any associated entity, located in Keysborough, Vic., currently in receipt, either directly or indirectly, of any Federal Government financial assistance; if so, (a) what is the sum being received, (b) under what program is the funding delivered and (c) what are the criteria for receipt of the funding.
- (2) Has DMG Industries Pty Ltd, or any associated entity, received any direct or indirect financial assistance since June 1996; if so, (a) what was the sum received, (b) under what program was the funding delivered and (c) what were the criteria for receipt of the funding.
- (3) Has DMG Industries Pty Ltd, or any associated entity, applied for any direct or indirect financial assistance since June 1996; if so, (a) what was the sum applied for, (b) under which program was the application made and (c) what are the criteria for receipt of the funding.
- (4) If the application was unsuccessful, on what grounds did it fail.

2119 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the retail price of diesel on (a) 30 June 2000 and (b) 30 September 2000.
- (2) What proportion of the 30 September 2000 price was represented either by the GST or GST related factors.
- (3) What was the industry-specific rationale for providing both farmers and the heavy transport industry with access to the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme.
- (4) What was the cost to budget of the application of that Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme to those two industry sectors.
- (5) Is he aware of the impact of the increase in diesel prices on the civil engineering contracting business.



- (6) Will he consider including the civil engineering contracting business within the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme; if not, how does this industry sector differ from the two industry sectors to which he has extended the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme.
- (7) What was the impact of diesel price increases between 30 June and 30 September 2000 on the construction price of underground power, footpaths, country roads and residential real estate developments for consumers.

2122 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Federal Magistrates Service currently conducting circuits; if so, (a) what are those circuits, (b) how frequent are those circuits and (c) how long does the Service sit in each location on the circuit.
- (2) Will the Federal Magistrates Service conduct circuits in the future; if so, (a) what will be those circuits, (b) how frequent will those circuits be and (c) how long will the Service sit in each location on the circuit.
- (3) Does the work of the Federal Magistrates Service rely on community-based family and relationship counselling services.
- (4) How is the operation of those services co-ordinated with the operation of the Service.
- (5) What are the financial arrangements between the court and the community-based organisations with respect to the provision of family and relationship counselling services, including whether there is an agreed fee schedule.

2125 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the Government yet finalised its response to the August 1997 Abadee report into the judicial independence of military trials; if not, what is the reason for the delay.
- (2) Which of Brigadier Abadee's 48 recommendations have been (a) accepted in full by the Government, (b) rejected in part and (c) rejected in full.
- (3) Did the 1999 annual report of the Judge Advocate General indicate that proposed legislation responding to the Abadee Report had been forwarded to Service Chiefs for comment; if so, what is the current status of this proposed legislation.

2126 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many (a) permanent and (b) reservist legal officers are currently serving in the Australia Defence Force.
- (2) How many (a) permanent and (b) reservist legal officers resigned in (i) 1997-98, (ii) 1998-99 and (iii) 1999-2000.
- (3) Has the Judge Advocate General expressed concern at insufficient career structures and training opportunities for Defence legal officers; if so, what action has the Government taken to address this problem.

2127 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did work commence on the development of an Australian Defence Force Prosecution Policy.

- (2) Is a key requirement of the policy the need to ensure that military commanders exercise their discretion to prosecute fairly, appropriately and consistently.
- (3) Has the proposed policy been finalised and promulgated; if so, on what date did this occur; if not, what is the reason for the delay.
- (4) What reporting to Parliament is envisaged concerning actual compliance with the provisions of the policy.

2128 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is it the intention of his Department to destroy pay records relating to (a) current and (b) former defence personnel; if so, which records are to be destroyed.
- (2) What mechanism will his Department have to validate pay details of current and former defence personnel.

*6 November 2000*

2129 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many persons in each federal electoral division in Victoria have been awarded the Australian Sports Medal 2000.
- (2) What are the names of recipients in the electoral division of Scullin.

2130 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) What is the Government's position with regard to bank account fees (a) in general and (b) charged on accounts held by pensioners.
- (2) Will the Government legislate to prevent banks from charging fees on bank accounts; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he aware that in order to receive their fortnightly Centrelink payments, pensioners are required to have an account with a financial institution and that these commonly attract fees.
- (4) Is he aware of any financial institutions offering fee-free accounts for pensioners, if so, can he identify these.
- (5) Given the Government requires pensioners to have accounts with financial institutions in order to receive government payments, will it legislate to prohibit the charging of fees on these accounts; if not, why not.

2131 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1723 (*Hansard*, 16 August 2000, page 17532), has the Minister considered the report presented to him by Mr Peter Marks; if so, what is the result of the Minister's consideration of the report.
- (2) When will the Minister make a declaration of protection referred to in the answer to the question.

2133 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Further to the answer to question No. 1746 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2000, page 19671), what do the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or Air Services Australia regard as an acceptable safety hazard in respect to weather conditions applying to the landing and take off of aircraft.

7 November 2000

- 2135 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What proportion of Australia's small businesses are (a) connected to the Internet and (b) trading online through electronic commerce.
  - (2) How do the figures in part (1) compare to other member nations of the OECD.
- 2136 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) What proportion of business expenditure on research and development in Australia is spent within Australia's higher education sector.
  - (2) How does the statistic in part (1) compare to other member nations of the OECD.
- 2137 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1924 (*Hansard*, 2 November 2000, page 19584), has his Department advised him of expected savings for public hospitals from the 30% private health insurance rebate; if so, what does the advice reveal.
  - (2) What cost: benefit outcome for public hospitals does the Government expect to achieve from the 30% rebate.
- 2138 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a recommendation from Major General Mohr in an independent report stating that Australian civilian surgical and medical teams operating in Vietnam during the Vietnam War be deemed as performing qualifying service for repatriation benefits.
  - (2) How many Australian civilian surgical and medical teams who served in Vietnam were awarded the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM).
  - (3) Were Australian civilian surgical and medical officers who served in Vietnam awarded an AASM on the basis that they were integrated with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and performed like functions with their ADF counterparts.
  - (4) Will he amend the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000 to allow Australian civilian surgical and medical teams access to repatriation benefits; if not, why not.

8 November 2000

- 2139 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Is it a fact that the 1995-1996 Labor Government Budget allocated funds to the Commonwealth Financial Counselling Programme in Queensland of \$477 429, and in the 1996-1997 Coalition Budget this was cut to \$416 840.
  - (2) Is it a fact that the Coalition Budgets of 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 allocated to the Commonwealth Financial Counselling Programme in Queensland \$414 800, \$415 590, \$416 190 and \$459 640, respectively.

- (3) While there was an increase in the allocation to Queensland from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001, is the current budget allocation still below that of 1995-1996 in dollar terms and real dollar terms.
- (4) Did Network Australia undertake a cost benefit analysis of the Programme in 1998 which showed that the Programme's measurable benefits exceed its costs.
- (5) Did Network Australia also indicate that it would be next to impossible for a commercial provider to provide the same level and quality of service as the existing non-profit agencies.
- (6) What steps are being taken to ensure that agencies are adequately funded and viable.
- (7) What administrative support is the Government giving to agencies.
- (8) Is the Government using the information obtained by the agencies to inform public policy on issues such as bankruptcy and related consumer credit issues, if so, how.
- (9) Is the Government working cooperatively with the agencies to assist them to develop viable funding models.

2140 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to claims that paragraph (2)(c)(iii) of section 75AU of the Trade Practices Act significantly reduces the prospects of a successful action against GST price exploitation; if so, what is the Government's reaction to the claims.

2141 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) In accordance with the terms of the Airports Act, when will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) commence its five year Regulatory Review of the airport privatisation process.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the concern from airport owners that the ACCC does not have the depth or intricate knowledge of the day to day dynamics of running an airport, nor the ability to foresee the impact of operational and technological advances in the industry; if so, is it appropriate that the ACCC review its own continuing role in regulating the industry.
- (3) Does the Government accept that there is a fundamental contradictory flaw in having a regulator such as the ACCC conduct a review of its own continuing role in regulating the industry, rather than an alternative body such as the Productivity Commission.
- (4) Will the airport owners be consulted about the Regulatory Review and the terms of reference of the review.
- (5) Will the Civil Aviation Safety Authority or the Australian Transport Safety Bureau play any role in the Regulatory Review.
- (6) Will the terms of reference be publicly available.
- (7) Will any party be open to make submissions to the review.

2142 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the release of the Interim Factual Report 200002157 into the accident involving the Piper Chieftain VH-MZK near the Whyalla Aerodrome on 31 May 2000, will draft copies of that report be circulated to any parties; if so, (a) to whom and (b) what authority do these parties have to make changes to that report.
- (2) Who will sign off on the report before it is released.
- (3) Will the report be released to the families of those who died in the accident before it is released publicly.
- (4) When does he expect a final report into this accident to be released.

2143 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) In relation to the announcement on 31 October of the sale process of the Essendon Airport, what are the guidelines and parameters to the development of the site referred to in objective (iv).
- (2) Are majority foreign owned companies precluded from purchasing the airport.
- (3) Will extra land around the airport be included in the sale process to make it safer.
- (4) Are discussions being held with the Victorian Government in relation to possible changes in the alignment of the Tullamarine/Calder inter-change.
- (5) Will the Government ensure that the new operator has emergency services on site 24 hours a day.
- (6) Has the Government considered what impact a developed Essendon Airport will have on Tullamarine; if so, what will be that impact..
- (7) How will possible purchasers demonstrate an awareness of environmental and local issues as required in objective (v).
- (8) Is there a reserve price, or a price below which the Government will not accept a bid for the airport.

2145 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1925 (*Hansard*, 2 November 2000, page 19584), were the last medical reports provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) about the state of health of former Senator Malcolm Arthur Colston provided on 7 April 1999; if not, (a) how many medical reports have been submitted to the DPP since 7 April 1999 and (b) what are the dates of these medical reports.
- (2) Since the Media Statement titled “Prosecution of Malcolm Colston”, dated 5 July 1999 which declared that there is no prospect that former Senator Colston will be fit to stand trial in the future, has the DPP’s attention been drawn to reports that former Senator Colston has been observed (a) sitting in the audience of the television show “The New Price is Right”, (b) dining out in Brisbane restaurants, (c) shopping in Brisbane, (d) travelling within and outside Queensland, (e) providing an interview to the media and (f) engaging in correspondence with the print media.
- (3) In light of the above reports on the activities of former Senator Colston since 5 July 1999 and further to the answer to question No. 1925 that, if there was evidence contrary to the earlier advice that former Senator Colston was not

fit to stand trial and there was no prospect that he would be fit to stand trial in the future, will the DPP obtain fresh medical opinions on the current state of health of Mr Colston.

- (4) Are the current DPP Prosecution Policies based on the UK Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, chaired by Sir Cyril Philips, dated January 1981.
- (5) Does he accept the view put forward in paragraph 6.10 at page 128 of the report referred to in part (4) that it is a material consideration of a criminal justice system that the proper objective of a fair prosecution system is not simply to prosecute the guilty and avoid prosecuting the innocent but rather to ensure that prosecutions are initiated only in those cases in which there is adequate evidence and where prosecution is justified in the public interest.
- (6) Does the report further note at paragraph 6.11 at page 129 that the ability of any prosecution system to take account of these considerations of humanity (viz. age, sex, physical and mental condition (of the defendant)) and of other elements of public interest is a hallmark of fairness, provided that such criteria are applied consistently.
- (7) Does the application of the Information Privacy Principles in the way they have been applied to this matter and in the matter of Christopher Skase in the prosecution of justice, combine to produce inconsistency in procedural decision making.
- (8) Is leaving sole responsibility in the hands of the DPP in deciding whether to continue or discontinue proceedings precisely the kind of “lacking effective machinery for achieving conformity in prosecution policies” referred to at paragraph 6.46 on page 138 in the UK report.
- (9) Are the standards applied in weighing these considerations inconsistent with weight to such factors given by the DPP’s pursuit of the prosecution of Mr Christopher Skase.
- (10) Further to the answers to parts (4) and (10) of question No. 1925, are both the policy considerations of adequacy of evidence and justification in the public interest satisfied.
- (11) Is the last available medical evidence now some nineteen months old; if so, does the weight of policy considerations in obtaining further evidence in determining whether to direct the DPP to resume prosecution now outweigh policy considerations that medically preclude former Senator Colston from standing trial.
- (12) Have the compassionate grounds upon which this prosecution was terminated now been exhausted and should fresh evidence be called.

2146 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) On what date was the decision to keep Essendon Airport open made.
- (2) Who was informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000.
- (3) Was the Victorian Government informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000; if so, (a) on what date and at what time was the Victorian Government informed, (b) who made the contact with the Victorian Government and (c) who was contacted.

- (4) Was the Victorian Opposition informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000; if so, (a) on what date and at what time was the Victorian Opposition informed, (b) who made the contact with the Victorian Opposition and (c) who was contacted.
- (5) Prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open, was a study undertaken of Victoria's aviation needs; if so, (a) what was the nature of the study, (b) by whom was the study conducted, (c) what consultation process was used and (d) what were the results of the study.
- (6) Was he aware of any similar study being undertaken by the Victorian Government; if so, (a) on what date was he advised such a study was to be undertaken, (b) was the study completed prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open and (c) what were the results of the study.
- (7) When and by what process will the Commonwealth's shares in Essendon Airport Ltd be sold.
- (8) What mechanism will be used to ensure the purchaser of the shares continues to operate Essendon Airport as an airport.
- (9) In the event that Essendon Airport Ltd is liquidated, placed in receivership, placed under administration or otherwise faces financial difficulties, how will the Commonwealth ensure that Essendon Airport continues to function as an airport.
- (10) What control will the Commonwealth Government have on the level of aeronautical charges after the sale of the Commonwealth's shares in Essendon Airport Ltd.

2147 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) On what date did he write to the Premier of Victoria seeking the Victorian Government's views about the future of Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams at Point Cook.
- (2) What reply was received to the letter to the Premier of Victoria.
- (3) Was an asset sales team or teams formed within his Department to oversee the Commonwealth's disposal of the Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams; if so, (a) who comprised the teams, (b) with whom did the teams meet and on what dates and (c) have the teams been disbanded; if so, on what date.
- (4) Did he personally inspect Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams in preparation for the disposal of these sites by the Commonwealth; if so, on what date did the inspection occur and who attended the inspection.
- (5) On what date was the decision to keep Essendon Airport open made.
- (6) Prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open, was a study undertaken of Victoria's aviation needs; if so, (a) what was the nature of the study, (b) by whom was the study conducted, (c) what consultation process was used and (d) what were the results of the study.
- (7) Was he aware of any similar study being undertaken by the Victorian Government; if so, (a) on what date was he advised such a study was to be undertaken, (b) was the study completed prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open and (c) what were the results of the study.

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*9 November 2000*

2148 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2032 (*Hansard*, 9 November 2000, page 19988) concerning discussions between himself, his staff and his Department, with the Office of the Employment Advocate about the Commonwealth Bank's decision to offer Australian Workplace Agreements to employees, (a) who attended the meetings on 28 August 2000, 12 September 2000, and 26 September 2000 for the bank and (b) who is the bank's consultant.
- (2) What assistance did his staff, his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate offer the Commonwealth Bank in its campaign to offer Australian Workplace Agreements to bank employees.
- (3) Did the bank and its consultant initiate the discussions with the Office of the Employment Advocate; if so, (a) when was the initial contact made, (b) by whom was it made and (c) who was contacted.
- (4) Following the interlocutory Federal Court decision of 29 August 2000, (a) who initiated discussions between his Department and the bank and (b) what assistance did his Department offer to the bank at this meeting.
- (5) Has his Department prepared or had prepared any legal advice on the Federal Court decision of 29 September 2000; if so, (a) who prepared the opinion and (b) has it been given to the bank and its consultants.

2149 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) Has the Sydney-based Wine Society applied to her Department for a regional tourism grant to establish the Sydney Wine Society Centre in The Rocks, Sydney; if so, what (a) decision was made on the application and (b) what were the reasons for the decision.
- (2) Has her attention been drawn to reports that (a) the Wine Society was formed by a group of wine-lovers to create purchasing power for its members so that they could enjoy fine wines at more affordable prices and (b) the NSW Government declined to offer the project funding under its Regional Business Development Scheme on the basis that it was unconvinced it would deliver any benefits to regional areas.

2150 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to concerns expressed by financial planners that the *New Business Tax System (Alienation of Personal Service Income) Act 2000* unintentionally applies to their activities when they operate similar business structures to other professions such as



accountants and lawyers; if so, (a) does the Government view the concerns as justified and (b) what steps will be taken to address the concerns.

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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\*2205 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent report by the international health care coalition, Health Care Without Harm, into the possible health risks to newborns of exposure to chemicals such as ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), a chemical found in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) medical products.
- (2) Are neonatal intensive care units aware of the possible risks of such PVC exposure to newborns and will these intensive care units be seeking to reduce the exposure.
- (3) Will he be requesting further research into the possible risks to newborns of such PVC exposure.

\*2206 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will the Commonwealth's funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Service under the Rural Communities Program end at 30 June 2001.
- (2) Has his Department undertaken an assessment of the Rural Counselling Service as part of its review of the Rural Communities Program; if so, (a) what were the findings and recommendations of that review and (b) how does the Government intend to respond to them.
- (3) In light of his Department's review will Commonwealth funding for the Rural Counselling Service continue past 30 June 2001; if so, in what form will the service continue; if not, why not.
- (4) Since its inception 15 years ago, has the Rural Financial Counselling Service provided a valuable range of educational and advisory services to farmers and rural businesses, particularly in times of economic crisis like the floods that currently afflict farmers and businesses in the electoral division of Gwydir; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the uncertainty surrounding future funding arrangements for the Rural Counselling Service creating great anxiety in rural communities throughout Australia, and can he outline what steps the Government will be taking to ensure this important service to rural and regional Australia remains intact.

\*2207 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1940 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2000, page 20076), what were the results of the initial phase of a community consultation program that considered the idea of optional tax returns.
- (2) Did the respondents think that it was a good idea.
- (3) What reservations were expressed.
- (4) As it was decided to not give the proposal a full scale pilot in 2000-2001, is it planned to consider a pilot for 2001-2002 or 2002-2003.
- (5) Has the Australian Taxation Office considered any internal discussion papers on the subject in the last year.
- (6) Given that the proposal is in a formative stage, when will the wider community be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

\*2208 **MR SOMLYAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many persons are of pensionable age in Australia.
- (2) How many persons of people of pensionable age are fully self-funding their retirement.
- (3) How many persons receive the full age pension.
- (4) How many persons receive a part age pension.
- (5) How many persons have received a part age pension for the first time in (a) 2000 and (b) 1999.
- (6) How many persons between 50 years of age and pensionable age are retired.
- (7) What was the cost of the age pension in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 1998-99.

\*2209 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to remarks made by the Inspector-General of Security, Mr Bill Blick, on the *7.30 Report* on 29 November 2000.
- (2) Was a refugee at the Woomera detention centre site incarcerated for 2 years on the basis of an assessment passed to Australian security from a Middle East country with a dubious human rights record.
- (3) Was the basis for his Department's detention of this refugee in violation of the guidelines laid down for making such assessments.
- (4) How many other individuals are being detained by his Department on the basis of assessments from security agencies in countries with dubious human rights records.

\*2210 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to remarks made by the Inspector-General of Security, Mr Bill Blick, on the *7.30 Report* on 29 November 2000.
- (2) Was a refugee at the Woomera detention centre site incarcerated for 2 years on the basis of an assessment passed to Australian security from a Middle East country with a dubious human rights record.
- (3) Was Mr Blick's assessment in violation of the internal guidelines laid down in his Department for making assessments about the security risks of refugees.
- (4) Are there any other assessments of refugees that have been reviewed on the basis of abrogation of internal guidelines laid down by his Department after taking advice from security agencies in countries with dubious human rights records.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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## COMMITTEES

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

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

*Current inquiry:*

Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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

*Current 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, Mrs May, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

*Current inquiry:*

Education of boys.

**ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE:** Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Billson, Mr Byrne, Ms Corcoran, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gerick, Mr Jenkins, Mrs D. S. Vale.

*Current inquiries:*

Catchment management.

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

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mr Lawler, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz, Dr Washer. (Mr Jenkins and Mr Nugent to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into indigenous health and Ms J. I. Bishop and Mrs Irwin to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into drugs.)

*Current inquiry:*

Social and economic costs of substance abuse.

**HOUSE:** The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay.

**INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES:** Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Hatton, Mr Lloyd, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Mr C. P. Thompson, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra.

*Current inquiry:*

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS:** Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Mr Billson, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Griffin, Mr Kerr, Mr Murphy, Ms Roxon, Mr St Clair, Mrs D. S. Vale.

*Current inquiries:*

Enforcement of copyright.

Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning.

**LIBRARY:** The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Dr Washer.

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe.

**PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** Fran Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C. P. Thompson.

*Current inquiry:*

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.

Sydney—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.*)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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