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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 159

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend and repeal certain legislation relating to Customs, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*, and for other purposes.
- *3 **MR DOWNER:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*) (*Minister for Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 December 2000—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 2 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 3 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mr Swan*).

Notices—continued

- *4 **MR REITH:** To move—That the following changes to the standing orders be made with effect from the first sitting in 2001:
 - (1) That standing orders 112 to 120 be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER IX

PETITIONS

* 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.

Preparing a petition

What must be in a petition

- 112** A petition for presentation to the House must:
- (a) be addressed to the House of Representatives.
 - (b) refer to a matter which is within the power of the House of Representatives to address, that is, a Commonwealth legislative or administrative matter.
 - (c) state the facts which the petitioners wish to bring to the notice of the House.
 - (d) contain a request for the House or the Parliament to take one or more specified actions.

How a petition should be prepared

- 113** A petition must conform to the following requirements:
- (a) It must be on paper.
 - (b) It must be legible.
 - (c) It must be in the English language or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct. The person certifying the translation must place his or her name and address on the translation.
 - (d) The text of the petition must not contain any alterations.
 - (e) It must not have any letters, affidavits or other documents attached to it.
 - (f) The language used must be respectful, courteous and moderate. The petition should not contain irrelevant statements.
 - (g) It must not contain any indication that it has been sponsored or distributed by a Member of the House of Representatives; except that, for the purpose of facilitating the lodgement of the petition, the name and address of a Member may be shown as an address to which the petition may be sent for presentation to the House.
 - (h) A petition from a corporation should be made under its common seal. Otherwise it will be received as the petition of the individuals who signed it.

Rules about signatures

114 Every petition must contain the signature and address of at least one person on the page on which the terms of the petition are written.

All the signatures on a petition must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Every signature must be written on a page bearing the terms of the petition, or the action requested by the petition. Signatures must not be copied, pasted or transferred on to the petition nor should they be placed on a blank page on the reverse of a sheet containing the terms of the petition.
- (b) Each signature must be made by the person signing in his or her own handwriting. A petitioner who is not able to sign must make a mark in the presence of a witness. The witness must sign the petition as witness and write his or her address, and the name and address of the petitioner.

Presentation to the House

Only a Member may lodge a petition for presentation

115 A petition for presentation to the House may only be lodged by a Member. A Member cannot lodge a petition from herself or himself.

Responsibilities of Members

116 Before lodging a petition with the Clerk or presenting a petition to the House a Member must:

- (a) write his or her name and electoral division at the beginning of the petition; and
- (b) count the signatories and write the number of signatories at the beginning of the petition.

Presenting a petition

117 Petitions may be presented to the House in one of the following ways:

- (a) In accordance with standing order 101, the Clerk must announce each sitting Monday petitions lodged for presentation. Members must lodge petitions with the Clerk by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the Monday on which it is proposed that they be presented.
- (b) A Member may present a petition during the period of Members' statements under standing order 106A or 275A.
- (c) A petition which refers to a motion or order of the day may be presented by a Member when that motion or order of the day is moved or called on for the first time.

Before presenting a petition under paragraph (b) or (c) the Member presenting it must insert the information required by standing order 116 and obtain a certification by the Clerk that it complies with the standing orders.

Responsibilities of Clerk

118 (a) The Clerk or the Deputy Clerk must check that each petition lodged for presentation complies with the standing orders. If it does he or she shall certify the fact on the petition.

(b) The Clerk must make an announcement to the House of the petitions lodged for presentation. The announcement must indicate, for each petition, the Member who lodged it, the identity and number of petitioners and the subject matter of the petition.

Action on petitions

Action by the House

119 (a) No discussion on the subject matter of a petition is allowed at the time of presentation.

(b) Every petition presented is deemed to have been received by the House unless a motion that it not be received is moved immediately and agreed to.

(c) No other motion may be moved in connection with a petition except a motion that a particular petition be:

- (i) referred to a particular committee; or
- (ii) printed. This motion may only be moved by a Member who intends to take action on the petition and informs the House of the action he or she intends to take.

Other action

120 The following action shall be taken in respect of every petition received by the House:

- (a) Its terms must be printed in Hansard.
- (b) The Clerk must refer a copy of the petition to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter which is the subject of the petition. A Minister may respond to a petition by lodging a written response with the

Clerk. At the end of the petitions announcement the Clerk must report any response received and the response must be printed in Hansard.

- (2) That standing order 346 be amended to read as follows:

Publication of evidence and proceedings

346 (a) A committee or subcommittee has power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it or any document presented to it.

(b) The evidence taken by a committee or subcommittee and documents presented to it, and proceedings and reports of it, which have not been reported to the House, must not, unless authorised by the House or the committee or subcommittee, be disclosed or published to any person other than a member or officer of the committee.

Provided that a committee may resolve to:

- (i) publish press releases, discussion or other papers or preliminary findings for the purpose of seeking further input to an inquiry;
 - (ii) divulge any evidence, documents, proceedings or report on a confidential basis to any person or persons for comment for the purpose of assisting the committee in its inquiry or for any administrative purpose associated with the inquiry; or
 - (iii) authorise any member or members of the committee to provide such public briefings on matters related to an inquiry as the committee sees fit. The committee may impose restrictions on such authorisation and in any case a member so authorised must not disclose evidence or documents which have not been specifically authorised for publication.
- (3) That standing order 339 be amended by inserting new paragraph (ab) as follows:

(ab) A committee may resolve to conduct proceedings using audio visual or audio links with members of the committee or witnesses not present in one place. If an audio visual or audio link is used committee members and witnesses must be able to speak to and hear each other at the same time regardless of location.

- *5 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Construction of mixed residential dwellings at Block 87, Section 24, Stirling, ACT.
- *6 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Reserve Bank of Australia Head Office building works, Sydney.
- *7 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: ABC Perth accommodation project, East Perth.

Orders of the day—continued

- 4 **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”.
- 5 **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*).
- 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 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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*).

- 11 **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*).
- 12 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 13 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 14 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 15 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 17 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).

- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- *28 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 5 December 2000*).
- *29 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 5 December 2000*).
- 30 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 31 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 32 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 33 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 34 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 35 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 36 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 37 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 38 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 39 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 40 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 41 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 42 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 43 **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.

- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.

- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.

- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.

- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.

- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 92 **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*).
- 93 **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.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 26 February 2001.*)

- 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 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 26 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 27 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—36TH REPORT—SIX TREATIES TABLED ON 10 OCTOBER 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notice given for Wednesday, 6 December 2000**

*1 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that amongst the OECD, Australia is ranked:
 - (a) 3rd in information and communications technology expenditure as a percentage of GDP;
 - (b) 3rd in secure servers for e-commerce
 - (c) 3rd in internet multimedia content
 - (d) 6th in personal computer ownership; and
 - (e) 8th in total online population;
 - (2) notes Canberra has more adults accessing the internet than Washington; Darwin and Perth have more than Atlanta; Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart more than Los Angeles; and Brisbane and Adelaide are equal with New York;
 - (3) notes our take up rates of cellular phones are amongst the highest in the world;
 - (4) notes Australia's growth and increase in productivity during the 1990s exceeded that of the US;
 - (5) notes the financial services sector is greater in size than the mining and agriculture sectors combined, as a percentage of GDP; and
 - (6) rejects the view Australia represents an old economy. (*Notice given 5 December 2000.*)
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Notices

1 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Report by the Committee of Sydney Inc "Sydney's Gateways In The 21st Century - Part 1: The Airports", prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
 - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
 - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is

\$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and

- (c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and
- (2) urges the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to have an Independent Commission of Inquiry into Sydney's Transport Needs and examine all options including Speed Rail, Interim measures to extend KSA, BCA and other alternative sights for Sydney's Second Airport. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 26 February 2001.*)

2 MR MOSSFIELD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;
- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the Federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 14 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 26 February 2001.*)

3 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

4 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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

5 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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 6 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 12 **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 10 sitting days, including today.*)

13 **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 10 sitting days, including today.*)

14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.)

17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

19 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 26 February 2001.*)
- 2 **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 26 February 2001.*)

- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 February 2001.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 February 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 February 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 26 February 2001.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

8 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 18 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 19 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 22 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 23 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 24 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 25 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

26 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—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;
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

27 **ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN CONFLICT:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 28 **ORDINARY SEAMAN TEDDY SHEEAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sidebottom—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)

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. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 6 December 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PRIMARY PRODUCER ACCESS TO GENE TECHNOLOGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2000—Fran Bailey*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—BEYOND THE MIDNIGHT OIL: AN INQUIRY INTO MANAGING FATIGUE IN TRANSPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mrs Elson*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AGE COUNTS: ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MATURE-AGE WORKERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Ms Kernot, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the report.
- 4 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECOND CHAMBER: ENHANCING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 2000—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the report.
- 5 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That the House take note of the report.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 1041, 1134, 1208, 1222, 1256, 1283, 1290, 1415, 1431, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1513, 1517-1521, 1558, 1559, 1600, 1620, 1635, 1640, 1646, 1657, 1702, 1710, 1715, 1722, 1734, 1737, 1750, 1752, 1758, 1777, 1787, 1791, 1802, 1809, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1875, 1878, 1879, 1881, 1882, 1890, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1953, 1960, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2013, 2015-2020, 2022, 2026, 2031, 2036-2042, 2044, 2046, 2052-2054, 2057-2059, 2062, 2067, 2070-2072, 2074, 2076, 2077, 2079, 2080, 2084-2087, 2093, 2095, 2096, 2099-2101, 2103, 2106, 2107, 2109-2111, 2114, 2116-2119, 2122, 2125-2131, 2133, 2135-2143, 2145-2147, 2149-2183, 2185-2204.

4 December 2000

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) Is the Commonwealth's funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Service under the Rural Communities program budgeted to 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 Minister aware that the uncertainty surrounding future funding arrangements for the Rural Counselling Service is creating great anxiety in

rural communities throughout Australia; if so, can the Minister outline what steps the Government will be taking to ensure this important service to rural and regional Australia remains intact; if not, why not.

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 a detention centre 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 a detention centre 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 correct that this was 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.

5 December 2000

2211 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it a fact that a KPMG partner has on 8 separate occasions succeeded in having tax officers removed from audits or reviews of his corporate clients.
- (2) Is it also a fact, as claimed by a senior Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Executive, that this partner has been successfully playing ATO staff off against each other and misrepresenting the position of ATO staff involved in tax audits of the partner's clients.
- (3) If so, what action will he take to ensure that KPMG clients are not able to escape paying their fair share of tax as a result of bullying and intimidation.
- (4) Did the ATO remove senior tax auditor Mr Bob Fitton from an audit of Daihatsu Australia, and make a formal apology to Daihatsu Australia after KPMG protested about remarks Mr Fitton made following Daihatsu's announcement that it would cease distributing vehicles in Australia.
- (5) Was it appropriate for the ATO to apologise to Daihatsu and to remove Mr Fitton from the case.

2212 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What recommendations of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) audit of Australian aviation safety referred to in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's Corporate Plan 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 were not accepted and who made the decision to not accept them.
- (2) What reasons were given to ICAO for not accepting those recommendations.

2213 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the surplus achieved by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in 1999-2000, what was the amount of increased revenue achieved from aviation fuel excise.
- (2) What increase in aviation fuel excise revenue does CASA expect in the current financial year as against the estimate of \$54 million collected on aviation fuel consumption for 2000-2001.

2214 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau's (ATSB) Media Alert regarding Australia's record in 1997 as the sixth worst rank amongst OECD nations for annual motorcyclist fatalities, how many road fatalities of

motorcycle riders have occurred in (a) 1997, (b) 1998, (c) 1999 and (d) to date in 2000.

- (2) What action has the Government taken to improve safety awareness for motorcyclists, motorists and the general public about motorcycle safety.
- (3) What amount of the ATSB's budget is allocated to promoting and improving motorcycle safety and how is that budget spent.
- (4) How many motorcycle accidents have been investigated by the ATSB in 2000 and have any safety recommendations for improvements resulted from those investigations; if so, have they been implemented.
- (5) Are there any national standards, programs or campaigns being pursued by the National Road Transport Commission or the Australian Transport Council that relate to strategies to reduce the number of motorcyclist fatalities; if so, what are they.
- (6) Are there any Australian Design Standards for road construction or maintenance that enhance the safety of motorcyclists.
- (7) Which Department, agency or authority is responsible to ensure that National Highways meet design standards and how is that responsibility fulfilled.

2215 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the obligations placed on Certificate of Registration holder for aircraft, how many instances in 2000 has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware of where an aircraft owner has failed to pass on maintenance information to an operator, lessor, or maintenance organisation.
- (2) Of those cases, how many owners were (a) investigated and (b) prosecuted, and what was the outcome of those investigations and prosecutions.

2216 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the testing of telephone lines by persons with a disability who are dependent on emergency telephone services a necessary function that must be performed once per day.
- (2) Can the cost of such services total approximately \$90 per year.
- (3) Is the \$16 telephone allowance insufficient to cover this estimated \$90 per year bill.
- (4) For the average disability pensioner is this added telephone expense an unjust burden.
- (5) Will the Minister recommend a review of the telephone allowance for people with disabilities and who are on a disability allowance for the purpose of raising the telephone allowance in parity with their telephone expenditure which is necessary for the servicing of their emergency telephone system.

2217 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1803 (*Hansard*, 28 November 2000, page 20148), is she stating that both she and her Department have no data regarding both ethnic-specific and multi-ethnic nursing homes and hostels.

- (2) If this is the case, how can she allocate the proportion of the Aged Care Budget for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in a fair manner which ensures that all communities are provided an equitable level of funding.
- (3) If this is not the case, can she supply the information as requested in question No. 1803.

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*2218 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to question No. 2206 regarding the future of Commonwealth funding for the Rural Financial Counselling Service, can he confirm that the Government intends to announce a further year's funding to allow the Service to remain intact until after the next election, but will make no commitment about long term funding for the Service; if so, why has that decision been made; if not, and given funding for the Service has in the past been budgeted for on three year cycles, what guarantees can the Government give before the next election that funding for the Service will continue in the long term.

*2219 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In his answer to question No. 1644 (*Hansard*, 16 August 2000, page 19216) did he state that the Calder Highway is a State arterial road therefore the responsibility of the Victorian Government.
- (2) Now that the Prime Minister has announced funding of \$1.6 billion for regional, suburban and country roads, will he (a) concede that the Calder Highway is a road of National Importance and (b) allocate funds from the Roads to Recovery program to continue the duplication of the highway.

*2220 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2091 (*Hansard*, 30 November 2000, page 20355), is he aware that there is pending litigation between Patricks and other parties.
- (2) Is any dialogue in this matter directed at Patricks subject to a Court decision and hence sub judice.
- (3) Will he provide an answer to question 2091 following the decision of the Federal Court.

*2221 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the status of the drug RU486 in Australia.
- (2) Is RU486 being used as an abortion drug overseas.
- (3) What are the side-effects of RU486 when it is not properly used in combination with Cyotec (Miseprostol).
- (4) Will RU486 be banned in Australia.

*2222 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he include the drug Serc on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for treatment of Meniere's Disease.

*2223 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—What proportion of the Government's Fuel Grants Scheme in its first three months of operation was paid to mining companies operating in regions in which the grant applies.

*2224 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many beds at the Allandale Aged Care Facility in Cessnock are licensed to accommodate people with (a) high-and (b) low care needs.
- (2) What sum of Commonwealth funding did the Allandale Aged Care Facility receive in 1999-2000 for (a) high care, (b) low care and (c) group home residents.
- (3) Is the Hunter Area health service receiving the maximum possible sum of Commonwealth funding for each of the 336 high-care beds at Allandale; if not, why not.
- (4) Has she or her department held discussions with the Hunter Area Health Service regarding proposals to sell the Allandale facility to the not-for-profit sector.
- (5) Have the Hunter Area Health Service and her Department agreed to reduce the number of high-care beds at Allandale by 120; if so, to where will the high-care beds go.
- (6) What mix of high-care, low-care and hostel beds has the Commonwealth agreed to fund under the Hunter Area Health Service's proposal to sell Allandale.
- (7) How much more funding will a not-for-profit provider receive from the Commonwealth over a financial year period than the Hunter Area Health Service receives currently.
- (8) Has the Commonwealth imposed any condition upon the Hunter Area Health Service which leaves it with no choice but to sell the Allandale facility.
- (9) Is the proposed sale likely to lead to a reduction in employment levels at Allandale.
- (10) Has Allandale now achieved full Commonwealth accreditation; if so, was there any delay in awarding accreditation or were any particular care-standard problems identified throughout the assessment process.

*2225 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Will he protect the basic rights of women by ensuring that Australia sign the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); if not, why not.
- (2) Does he claim that Australia's international reputation with regards to ensuring the protection of human rights will not be damaged by the failure to ratify CEDAW.

*2226 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does the Government support the process of reconciliation; if so, why is it opposed to the establishment of a treaty with Australia's Indigenous population.
- (2) Given the positive outcomes of the actions of nations like Canada and New Zealand, who have established treaties with their Indigenous populations,

what are his detailed reasons for the belief that the establishment of such a treaty would not be positive for Australia.

*2227 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In light of the estimated one million Australians who have attended demonstrations around Australia in support of reconciliation with the Indigenous community, does he consider further concrete action is necessary in the process of achieving real reconciliation.
- (2) If so, will he reconsider the abolition of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation on 31 December 2000.
- (3) If not, how does he propose to further the process of reconciliation without the input of such a source of input on issues facing Indigenous Australians.

*2228 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the concern about the narrow terms of reference for the Flood Inquiry into Woomera Detention Centre.
- (2) Will he assure the public that he will investigate, as a matter of urgency, all alternative policies which can achieve the protection of children in detention, including the possibility of releasing all children from detention.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

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 inquiry:

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. (Mr Griffin and Dr Washer to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting.)

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 Act 1997.

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 L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr McClelland, Mr Pyne, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bartlett, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferris, Senator Mason, Senator Murray.

Current inquiries:

Electoral funding and disclosure.

Integrity of the Electoral roll.

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

Current inquiries:

Australia's relations with the Middle East.

Australia's relations with the United Nations.

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

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

MIGRATION (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

Current inquiry:

Review of State-specific migration mechanisms.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson, Senator West.

Current inquiries:

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

Sale of the Christmas Island resort.

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mr Byrne, Mrs Elson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

Australia's Extradition Law, Policy and Practice.

Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

Kyoto Protocol.

Statute for the International Criminal Court.

Treaties tabled on 10 October.

Joint Select

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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