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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 163

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notice**

- *1 **MR REITH:** To move—That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that leave be given to Senators Bourne, Calvert, Ferguson, Gibbs, Hutchins, Sandy Macdonald and Schacht, members of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, to attend before the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges for examination.

Orders of the day

- 1 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr Albanese, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Truss—That the bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Ferguson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the bill should not be proceeded with until:
- (1) the Minister satisfies this House that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority has resolved all concerns raised in the Australian National Audit Office Report on Aviation Safety Compliance issued in November 1999;
 - (2) the Minister satisfies this House that CASA has especially heeded and acted upon the ANAO warning of the need for CASA to improve the management and the prioritisation of tasks in its surveillance program, before using the proposed voluntary enforceable undertakings power proposed in the Bill; and
 - (3) the Minister convinces this House that he has an clear and effective plan to ensure CASA fulfils their responsibility to rigorously and effectively regulate aviation in the interests of the Australian travelling public”.

* *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.*

- 2 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT (CPI INDEXATION) BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POST-RETIREMENT COMMUTATIONS) BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 8 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSALS) BILL 1998 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 10 **PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 11 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (SIMPLIFIED TAX SYSTEM) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND REPEAL (INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 15 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 16 **CUSTOMS DEPOT LICENSING CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne).
- 17 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson).
- 18 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne).
- 19 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (REGISTRATION FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 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 **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).
- 22 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith).
- 23 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith).
- 24 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne).
- 25 **OCCUPATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith).
- 26 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne).
- 27 **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).
- 28 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne).

- 29 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (EXCISE ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 30 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- *33 **PRICE OF PETROL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 34 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 35 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 36 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 37 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 38 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 39 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 40 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 41 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 42 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 43 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 44 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 46 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *47 **OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TRUST—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—*

Mr McMullan) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- *48 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMPANY LAW REVIEW ACT 1998—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **TAX EXPENDITURES STATEMENT 2000—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **COPYRIGHT AGENCY LIMITED—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000—REPLACEMENT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **ILO CONVENTION 182—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **SYDNEY AIRPORTS CORPORATION LTD—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2000-2005—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.

- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.

- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.

- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.

- 105 **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.
- 106 **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.
- 107 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Williams*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 108 **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*).
- 109 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
26 FEBRUARY 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report: Coordinating catchment management. (*Statements to conclude by 12.45 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to school funding. (*Notice given 6 December 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †4 **MR EMERSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its alarm at large-scale tax avoidance by unscrupulous company executives;

- (2) expresses its disappointment that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has issued a series of favourable private binding rulings in support of schemes that the ATO itself has likened to the infamous bottom of the harbour schemes;
- (3) condemns the Treasurer for refusing to legislate against the abuse of executive share schemes and for obfuscating on promised legislation to crack down on tax avoidance through the use of family trusts; and
- (4) calls on the Government to act against tax avoidance schemes wherever they emerge, using both legislative and judicial means. (*Notice given 6 December 2000. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Kerr, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 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.*)
- 28 **PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON STATUS OF RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE OF MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr Somlyay, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)



PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 8 February 2001

- 1 **MRS D. M. KELLY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Coalition Government's commitment to renewable energy;
 - (2) notes the quality production of ethanol in Australia;
 - (3) notes the use of ethanol as a blend with motor spirit and the advantages this offers in terms of:
 - (a) competitive cost of production;
 - (b) opportunities for development;
 - (c) environmental benefits;
 - (d) motoring efficiency; and
 - (e) import replacement;
 - (4) notes the use of ethanol blends in other countries; and

- (5) urges the Government to continue its support for development of renewable energy resources and trusts that the use and production of ethanol will continue to be progressed. (*Notice given 7 February 2001.*)
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Notices—*continued*

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 **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.*)
- 12 **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.*)
- 13 **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.*)
- 14 **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.*)

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

16 MR EMERSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that equality of opportunity is fundamental to a fair society and that a high-quality education for all young people is necessary for achieving equality of opportunity;
- (2) agrees that many young people in disadvantaged communities are being denied a high-quality education and therefore an equal opportunity in life;
- (3) calls on the Government to implement needs-based funding policies for government and non-government schools;
- (4) endorses early intervention, including reading recovery programs, in remedying educational disadvantage;
- (5) supports government and non-government schools in disadvantaged communities achieving educational excellence; and
- (6) expresses its alarm that Federal Government spending on education as a proportion of GDP is no higher than in the early 1990s. (*Notice given*

7 December 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.)

17 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House welcomes the recent moves made by the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea towards achieving reconciliation and eventual reunification, and in particular:

- (1) commends the Minister for Foreign Affairs for his great interest and personal effort with regard to the Korean Peninsula, culminating in his recent visit to North Korea;
- (2) congratulates President Kim Dae-jung on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the Year 2000;
- (3) notes the positive impact of the two Koreas marching as one at the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games; and
- (4) notes the importance of these factors in improving the security environment of the Korean Peninsula. *(Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.)*

18 **MR EDWARDS:** To move—That the House, noting that the people of Australia:

- (1) are entitled to expect that Members of the House will approach their work in the House in a straightforward and business-like manner such as would be seen in many other workplaces; and
- (2) will judge Members by the quality of their contributions to the work of the House rather than by the nature of their dress;

is of the view that it should be left to the good sense of Members to judge what clothing they should wear in the Chamber (although it considers that male Members should wear a shirt and tie), and refers to the Procedure Committee the task of formulating a suitable short statement to cover dress standards for Members and those who use the galleries of the House so that the statement can be put to the House for its consideration. *(Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.)*

19 **MR LLOYD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) records its dismay and sorrow at the horrific Christmas/New Year death toll on our nation's roads, particularly in New South Wales and records its sympathy to the family and friends of those people who have died or been seriously injured;
- (2) recognises the importance of maintaining an efficient and safe road transport network in both city and rural areas, as a vital component of lowering the road toll;
- (3) calls on all State and Territory governments to match the Commonwealth's significant increase in road funding;
- (4) acknowledges the Federal Government's increasing commitment to the national road network via its \$1.2 billion *Roads to Recovery* funding package; and
- (5) recognises the importance of on-going funding commitments to further improve the national highway system. *(Notice given 6 February 2001.)*

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

- 20 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to provide relief from the 1 February 2001 indexation of rates of customs duty applying to petroleum. (*Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 21 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* to provide relief from the 1 February 2001 indexation of rates of excise duty applying to petroleum. (*Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 22 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendments to the standing orders be made:

[Amendment to implement It's your House recommendation 4]

- (1) At the end of standing order 119 add:
- (d) Unless a motion is moved under subparagraph (c)(i) the petition shall stand referred to the relevant standing committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make.

[Amendment to implement It's your House recommendation 9]

- (2) New standing order 148A be inserted:

Questions from citizens

148A A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who resides in the Member's electoral division. The following conditions shall apply to notices of questions given under this sessional order:

- (a) A Member shall satisfy himself or herself that the person proposing the question resides within the Member's electoral division.
- (b) The question shall show the name of the person who proposed the question.
- (c) A Member may not give notice of more than 25 questions in a calendar year.
- (d) Questions shall conform with the standing orders.
- (e) Provided the foregoing provisions are met a Member must give notice of every question proposed to him or her up to the limit of 25 per year.

[Amendments to implement It's your House recommendation 21]

- (3) Standing order 40 be amended by omitting '12.30 p.m.' (twice occurring) and substituting '10 a.m.'.
- (4) Standing order 101

Omit the routine of business for *Monday*, substitute:

1. Presentation of, and statements on, reports from parliamentary committees and delegations.
2. Orders of the day for the resumption of debate on motions moved in connection with committee and delegation

reports. 3. Private Members' business (debate to be interrupted at 12.15 p.m.). 4. Grievance debate (debate to continue for 1 hour and 20 minutes). 5. Presentation of petitions. 6. Members' statements. 7. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.). 8. Notices and orders of the day.

(5) Standing order 106A

Omit 'At 1.45 p.m. on each sitting Monday the Speaker shall interrupt private Members' business in order that statements by Members can be called on.', substitute 'Following presentation of petitions on each sitting Monday the Speaker shall call on statements by Members.'

[*Amendment to implement It's your House recommendation 22*]

(6) Omit standing order 353, substitute the following:

Report and minutes presented

353 The report of a committee, together with the minutes of the proceedings, shall be presented to the House by a member of the committee.

Provided that a committee may resolve to do either or both of the following:

(a) if the House is not sitting when a committee has completed a report of an inquiry, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker. Upon receipt of the report by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker:

(i) the publication of the report is authorised by this standing order; and

(ii) the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of the report.

The report shall be presented to the House in accordance with this standing order as soon as possible.

(b) to seek the approval of the Speaker, or in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, to publish a summary version of its findings on a day prior to the report being presented to the House. If the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker approves the request:

(i) the publication of the summary version of the committee's findings is authorised by this standing order; and

(ii) Members of the House shall be advised of the publication and given access to the text of the document.

[*Amendments to implement It's your House recommendation 26*]

(7) At the end of standing order 102B add 'The order of the day for resumption of debate on a motion to take note of a report moved pursuant to this standing order shall be deemed to have been referred to the Main Committee for consideration.'

(8) At the end of standing order 354 add 'An order of the day for resumption of debate on a motion to take note of a report moved pursuant to this standing order shall be deemed to have been referred to the Main Committee for consideration.'

[*Amendment to implement It's your House recommendation 27*]

(9) New standing order 354A be inserted:

Government responses to committee reports

354A (a) The Government shall prepare and present to the House no later than four months after the presentation of a report from a House of Representatives or joint committee, a response to the recommendations contained in the report. This provision does not apply to reports from the following committees: House, Library, Members' Interests, Privileges, Publications (except for reports on inquiries), Selection and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. If the Government does not consider it appropriate to respond to a particular report, it shall inform the House giving reasons for its decision.

(b) The Speaker shall prepare and present to the House a schedule listing government responses to committee reports which have been presented and reports presented to which responses have not been presented. The schedule shall be presented by the Speaker twice in each calendar year or as often as the Speaker deems appropriate.

[Amendment to implement It's your House recommendation 29]

(10) New paragraph (ba) be inserted in standing order 324:

(ba) A standing committee appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) may carry out such activities as it sees fit to inform itself of issues within its portfolio area. The committee may report to the House on these activities. Standing order 340 does not apply to activities conducted pursuant to this paragraph. *(Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.)*

23 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (1) That, in their dealings with witnesses, committees of the House shall observe the following procedures:
 - (a) A witness shall be invited to attend a committee meeting to give evidence. Whether or not a witness was previously invited to appear, a witness shall be summoned to appear only when the committee has made a decision that the circumstances warrant the issue of a summons.
 - (b) When a committee desires that a witness produce documents or records relevant to the committee's inquiry, the witness shall be invited to do so. Whether or not an invitation to produce documents or records has previously been made, an order that documents or records be produced shall be made only when the committee has made a decision that the circumstances warrant such an order.
 - (c) A witness shall be given notice of a meeting at which he or she is to appear, and shall be supplied with a copy of the committee's terms of reference, an indication of the matters expected to be dealt with during the appearance and a copy of this resolution or a summary of its provisions. Where appropriate, a witness may be supplied with a transcript of relevant evidence already taken in public.
 - (d) A witness may be given the opportunity to make a submission in writing before appearing to give oral evidence.

- (e) A witness shall be given reasonable access to any documents or records that the witness has provided to a committee.
- (f) A witness shall be offered, before giving evidence, the opportunity to make application, before or during the hearing of the witness's evidence, for any or all of the witness's evidence to be heard *in camera*, and shall be invited to give reasons for any such application. The witness may give reasons *in camera*. If the application is not granted, the witness shall be notified of reasons for that decision.
- (g) Before giving any evidence *in camera* a witness shall be informed that it is within the power of the committee to publish or present to the House all or part of that evidence, and that the House has the authority to order the production and publication of undisclosed evidence. Should the committee decide to publish or present to the House all or part of the evidence taken *in camera*, the witness shall be advised in advance of the publication. A member, in a protest or dissent added to a report, shall not disclose evidence taken *in camera* unless so authorised by the committee.
- (h) The Chair of a committee shall take care to ensure that all questions put to witnesses are relevant to the committee's inquiry and that the information sought by those questions is necessary for the purpose of that inquiry.
- (i) When a witness objects to answering any question put to him or her on any ground, including the grounds that it is not relevant, or that it may tend to incriminate him or her, he or she shall be invited to state the ground upon which he or she objects to answering the question. The committee may then consider, *in camera*, whether it will insist upon an answer to the question. The committee shall have regard to the relevance of the question to the committee's inquiry and the importance to the inquiry of the information sought by the question. If the committee determines that it requires an answer to the question, the witness shall be informed of that determination, and of the reasons for it, and shall be required to answer the question *in camera*, unless the committee resolves that it is essential that it be answered in public. When a witness declines to answer a question to which a committee has required an answer, the committee may report the facts to the House.
- (j) When a committee has reason to believe that evidence about to be given may reflect on a person, the committee shall give consideration to hearing that evidence *in camera*.
- (k) When a witness gives evidence which reflects upon a person, the committee may provide a reasonable opportunity for the person reflected upon to have access to that evidence and to respond to that evidence by written submission or appearance before the committee.
- (l) A witness may make application to be accompanied by counsel or an adviser or advisers and to consult counsel or the adviser(s) in the course of the meeting at which he or she appears. If such an application is not granted, the witness shall be notified of reasons for that decision.

A witness accompanied by counsel or an adviser or advisers shall be given reasonable opportunity to consult with counsel or the adviser(s) during a meeting at which he or she appears.

- (m) An employee of a department or executive agency shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy, and shall be given reasonable opportunity to refer questions asked of him or her to a higher level manager or to the appropriate Minister.
 - (n) Witnesses shall be treated with respect and dignity at all times.
 - (o) Reasonable opportunity shall be afforded to witnesses to request corrections in the transcript of their evidence and to put before a committee additional written material supplementary to their evidence. Witnesses may also request the opportunity to give further oral evidence.
 - (p) Where a committee has any reason to believe that any person has been improperly influenced in respect of evidence which has been or may be given before the committee, or has been subjected to or threatened with any penalty or injury in respect of any evidence given or in respect of prospective evidence, the committee shall take all reasonable steps to ascertain the facts of the matter. Where the committee considers that the facts disclose that a person may have been improperly influenced or subjected to or threatened with penalty or injury in respect of evidence which may be or has been given before the committee, the committee shall report the facts and its conclusions to the House.
- (2) 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.
 - (3) That this resolution continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament. (*Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 24 **MRS CROSIO:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and certain other liabilities owed to employees in the event of company insolvency, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 6 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 26 February 2001.*)
- 25 **MR ANDREN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation for parliamentarians, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 6 February 2001. 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 Kashafi 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 26 February 2001". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 February 2001

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Order of the day**

- 1 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.

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, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1517-1521, 1558, 1559, 1600, 1620, 1635, 1657, 1702, 1710, 1715, 1722, 1737, 1750, 1752, 1777, 1809, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1875, 1878, 1879, 1890, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1964, 1967, 1979, 1980, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2013, 2015-2020, 2022, 2031, 2037-2041, 2044, 2046, 2058, 2059, 2062, 2067, 2072, 2076, 2077, 2079, 2087, 2095, 2096, 2101, 2103, 2107, 2110, 2116, 2117, 2119, 2122, 2129, 2130, 2137, 2138, 2140, 2141, 2145, 2152-2154, 2157, 2159, 2162, 2169-2172, 2179, 2182, 2185, 2187, 2190-2192, 2194, 2195, 2197, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2212-2217, 2219, 2221-2224, 2226, 2227, 2229, 2230, 2235-2238, 2246, 2250-2253, 2256.

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2257 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What total costs have been incurred by the Commonwealth in its legal action against me before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court over the Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan.
- (2) What costs have been incurred for the engagement of (a) Queen's Counsel and (b) Senior Counsel.
- (3) What is the costed-out value of solicitors used from the Australian Government Solicitor and elsewhere.
- (4) What other costs have been incurred.

2258 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say what is the current frequency of civil aviation links between Australia and East Timor.
- (2) To what extent has the frequency changed in the last 6 months.
- (3) Are changes proposed in the frequency of flights over the coming six months.

2259 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Who recommended the need to appoint a wine consultant for Kirribilli House.
- (2) How was the consultant selected.
- (3) Who is the consultant.
- (4) How many hours has the consultant devoted to the selection of wines, and what is the basis of his or her payment.
- (5) From whom were the selected wines purchased.
- (6) Is he able to say whether the consultant holds any shares or has an interest in the selected liquor companies or wineries.

- (7) What wines were selected for Kirribilli House or The Lodge as a result of the use of a consultant, and what was the purchase price for each of the wines selected.
- (8) In selecting the wines, what guidelines were put in place as to the needs of the occupants of Kirribilli House and The Lodge.

2260 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1992 (*Hansard*, 7 December 2000, page 20814), in discussions with Australian Transport and Energy Corridor Limited about the proposal to build an inland railway between Melbourne and Brisbane and beyond, has the Government's view been that support for the railway would be on the basis of no cost to Government or on the basis of no net cost to Government.

2261 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) On what basis was the draft master plan for Coolangatta Airport rejected because the Tweed Shire Council had not agreed to extend the runway into NSW land.
- (2) Have other master plans been rejected because of opposition from local councils.
- (3) Given the importance of Coolangatta Airport to the Gold Coast, did the useful advice referred to in the his Media Release of 1 December 2000 from the Member for McPherson and the Gold Coast business community recommend the extension of the airport.
- (4) Will his Department assist the operators of the Coolangatta Airport in preparing a runway extension confined within the airport site and will he then approve the draft master plan as stated in his Media Release of 1 December 2000, irrespective of the views of the Tweed Shire Council.
- (5) When (a) was Coolangatta Airport built on the current site, (b) did the Tweed Shire Council zone the land in question as crown land and (c) did the local council give approval for residential development right up to the edge of the crown land.
- (6) Has any Member of the House of Representatives or Senate made representations to him, his office or his Department, either written or oral, against the extension of the runway, be it within or beyond existing airport boundaries.

2262 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the detention by the San Francisco Coast Guard in October 2000 of the oil tanker *Neptune Dorado*, with 30 safety and environment faults.
- (2) Had the vessel sailed from Australia; if so, (a) when did it leave Australia and who (b) operated and (c) chartered the vessel.
- (3) How long had the vessel been operating in Australian waters and under which flag was it operating.

- (4) Has this vessel ever been issued with a Single or Continuing Voyage Permit by his Department; if so, when.
- (5) Did the Australian Maritime Safety Authority conduct any inspections of the vessel; if so, (a) how many, (b) when and (c) were any safety breaches discovered.
- (6) Has his attention been drawn to an oil spill on the deck of the tanker *Humbolt Current* in Melbourne; if so, (a) when did it occur, (b) what sum did the clean up cost, (c) were the costs recouped and (d) were any charges laid.
- (7) Under which country is the *Humbolt Current* flagged.
- (8) Has that vessel ever been issued with a Single or Continuing Voyage Permit by his Department, if so, when.

2263 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to Airservices Australia's new charging regime for pilot briefing services, what is the total cost to a pilot to access the briefing services under the respective access options.
- (2) Is the information only accessible if the relevant fees are paid.
- (3) Is the information necessary for safe flight and which parts of the service are mandatory for a pilot.
- (4) Are there any systems in place to monitor how many pilots are choosing to not access the services due to either cost or principle.
- (5) Is he able to say whether pilots are charged for this information and service in other countries, including the USA, Canada, UK, France, South Africa, Greece, Germany, Italy, Indonesia, Singapore.
- (6) Is he also able to say whether pilots with internet access can obtain the relevant Australian information without cost from US internet sites.

2264 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What was the basis of the Government's decision to move to tied grants for funding under the Roads to Recovery Act and does the decision mean there will be two streams of local roads assistance, with existing grants paid under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act and the roads to recovery grants paid under the Roads to Recovery Act.
- (2) How do the distribution of grants under the Roads to Recovery Act compare with those that apply under existing arrangements for the distribution of road grants.
- (3) How do the criteria used under the Act vary from formulae used by State Grants Commissions.
- (4) In the development of the formula used under the Roads to Recovery Act were the State Grants Commissions consulted as to which methodologies should be used.
- (5) On the basis of the formula used under the Roads to Recovery Act, will Victoria, Queensland and South Australia gain under the roads to recovery

allocation at the expense of New South Wales, Victoria, West Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

- (6) How does the monetary value of the grants under the Roads to Recovery Act compare to that which would have occurred if the grants had been determined on the basis of the formula used to determine the interstate distribution of road funds on the basis of the National Principles in the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act.

2265 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he received a copy of a report titled “Critical Design Deficiencies, Malfunction and Accident Risk Assessment of the Kenworth Air Glide 200 Suspension” from Dr A. G. McLean, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Wollongong.
- (2) Does Dr McLean’s report identify critical design deficiencies with the Kenworth Air Glide 200 suspension system and recommend the recall and modification of this suspension system.
- (3) Has Dr McLean identified the need for major improvements in the engineering analysis, risk assessment, approval and accreditation procedures for heavy vehicles.
- (4) What is his response to each of the issues raised.

2266 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his Media Release on 13 December 2000 regarding the Very High Speed Rail, will he make available all the financial analysis associated with the decision that the Speedrail Consortium’s bid did not meet the no net cost to Government criterion.
- (2) What definition of no net cost to Government was applied to the assessment.
- (3) What sum would the Government have been prepared to contribute to make the Speedrail bid viable.
- (4) Did the statement say that the consideration of financing arrangements will include the preparedness of governments to make financial contributions to the project because clearly public investment would be essential to make the VHST vision a reality; if so, is the Government prepared to make a financial contribution to the East Coast VHST network project.
- (5) If so, what terms or principles have been set to define the position of the Federal Government in the inter-governmental negotiations to establish the preparedness of governments to make a contribution to the project; if not, when will the Federal Government make a decision on its preparedness to contribute to the project.
- (6) Will the comprehensive scoping study proceed if any government on the East Coast is not prepared to financially contribute to the project or the scoping study.
- (7) Has he written to the NSW, Queensland, Victorian or ACT governments regarding an East Coast VHST project; if so (a) to whom has he written, (b) on what dates and (c) has he received any response to that correspondence.

- (8) Does the Federal Government have a preferred route for the proposed East Coast VHST project; if so, what is the route.
 - (9) Has the Federal Government given any commitments to the ACT Government that the East Coast VHST route would pass through Canberra; if so, (a) what are the details of the commitment and (b) when was it given.
 - (10) Did the Government rely on any external consultant reports or studies or any submissions from any Department in making its assessment that passenger volumes in Australia are not sufficient to make high speed rail commercially viable without public subsidy; if so, will the reports or studies be made publicly available.
 - (11) In relation to the first inter-governmental negotiations on the East Coast VHST project, (a) when and where will they be held, (b) who has been invited, (c) who is convening the meeting, (d) who is funding the negotiations and (e) will the minutes of those negotiations be made public.
 - (12) Will the private sector, industry or community representatives be involved in the consideration of the East Coast VHST project; if so, when and who.
 - (13) What timeframe has he set for the consideration of and decision on an East Coast VHST project and will an interim report be released at any point in the timeline; if so when.
 - (14) Based on the information in the Speedrail consortia's submission, how long does the Federal Government estimate it would take to construct an East Coast VHST link.
- 2267 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1994 (*Hansard*, 6 February 2001, page 20892) concerning the preparation of reports on all projects, grants and funding programs in a number of electoral divisions since March 1996, who requested preparation of the reports for the electoral divisions of Bass, Eden-Monaro, Gippsland, Hindmarsh, Kalgoorlie, Makin and Warringah.
 - (2) Who authorised the preparation of the reports and what was the cost of preparation of each report.
 - (3) Did consultations take place between his office and officials of the Liberal or National parties about the preparation of the reports.
 - (4) To whom and how were the reports distributed.
 - (5) What are the details of the responses prepared by his Department for each of the electoral divisions of Bass, Eden-Monaro, Gippsland, Hindmarsh, Kalgoorlie, Makin and Warringah.
 - (6) When and how were Members of Parliament and Senators advised that it is standard practice for such detailed reports to be prepared for elected representatives of both Government and non-Government parties.
- 2268 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What action was taken in 2000 by the National Rail Corporation to dispose of surplus railway wagons in an operational condition, including the destruction of wagon stock at Somerton, Vic.

- (2) Is there a chronic shortage of suitable rail wagons on the national network and could surplus wagons have been sold on the second hand market instead of cutting them up for a sum that may be less than one tenth of the value.
 - (3) Is a second hand wagon worth up to \$25 000 on the second hand market.
- 2269 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Government announce on 4 January 2001 that a toll, at an expected rate of \$4 to \$5, will be charged on the Western Sydney Orbital; if so, will a toll apply on the proposed new route of the National Highway between the M2 and F3 in Sydney.
 - (2) Whilst the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority will manage the planning study of the proposed link between the M2 and F3, what is the expected cost of the link and at what stage are negotiations between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments as to who will meet the cost of the link.
- 2270 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the network performance and investment audit being undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation been completed; if not, when will it be completed.
 - (2) What sum has the audit cost to date and if it is not complete, what is the expected cost of completing the audit.
 - (3) Which program funded the audit.
 - (4) Will the audit report be released in a draft or final format.
 - (5) When will the audit report be made public.
- 2271 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When will the construction of the Alice Springs to Darwin railway commence.
 - (2) What has caused the delay with the commencement of the project.
- 2272 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What projects or programs have received funding in each year from the allocation of \$250 million over four years by the Commonwealth Government for rail projects.
 - (2) Has the full \$250 million been allocated to particular projects or programs.
 - (3) On which projects or programs that have received an allocation have works commenced and which projects or programs have been completed.
 - (4) In relation to the projects that have not commenced, (a) what was the expected commencement date, (b) what is the cause of the project delay and (c) when will the projects (i) commence and (ii) be completed.
 - (5) What sum of the \$250 million allocated in each of the four years has been spent.
- 2273 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the charging arrangements for the provision of air traffic services, has his attention been drawn to a practice whereby some pilots provide an incorrect aircraft call-sign in order to avoid being billed for landing at general aviation airports.
 - (2) What is the penalty for such an act.
 - (3) Have any prosecutions occurred for such acts since 1995; if so, how many in each year.
 - (4) Are there safety consequences of this behaviour.
 - (5) Has Airservices Australia, his Department or the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued any information warning of the risks and implications of such practices.
- 2274 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has the Commonwealth Government allocated to the dedicated freight line project through Sydney and what is the breakdown of how that allocation is to be spent.
 - (2) What sum has been spent.
 - (3) What proportion of the total cost of the project is the Commonwealth Government allocation.
 - (4) Has the project commenced; if not, why not.
- 2275 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many locomotives are owned by the National Rail Corporation and of these, how many are in use.
 - (2) How many locomotives owned by the National Rail Corporation have not been used in the past 12 months.
 - (3) Where are unused locomotives stored and at what cost per annum.
 - (4) Did he investigate the options to lease or sell these assets; if not, why not.
 - (5) What is the estimated value of these assets (a) at book value and (b) on the open market.
- 2276 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) have a formal media strategy; if so, when was it developed and by whom.
 - (2) Was any external consultant engaged to assist or advise in the preparation of the strategy; if so, what organisation and at what cost.
 - (3) Did his office have any input into the development of the media strategy; if so, what was the input.
 - (4) What are the aims and objectives of the media strategy.
 - (5) Is the current performance of the CASA media unit and senior management consistent with those aims and objectives.
- 2277 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are both Virgin Blue and Impulse airlines meeting their legal

obligations with respect to workers compensation payments and superannuation under Commonwealth, State and Territory laws and is such compliance a condition of holding an Air Operators Certificate; if not, why not.

2278 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did he announce a Commonwealth contribution of \$550 000 to assist in building a Back o' Bourke Exhibition Centre on the banks of the Darling River, as reported in the *Bulletin* of 30 January 2001.
- (2) On which date was an application lodged for this contribution and by whom was it lodged.
- (3) From which Government program was the money allocated.
- (4) On which date was the contribution announced and how and where was that announcement made.
- (5) What is the full cost to complete the Back o' Bourke Exhibition Centre.
- (6) Is the Commonwealth Government the only donor to the project; if not, who else has contributed financially.
- (7) How many jobs will be created by the proposed Back o' Bourke Exhibition Centre.
- (8) Is he able to say on what basis the *Bulletin* reported that he announced \$550 000 for the current stage of the project and offered the nod and wink that there was more where that came from.

2279 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Who has chaired the Australian Political Exchange Council and who is its current chairperson.
- (2) Has each chairperson received fees for chairing the Council; if so, what sum have they received in that role.
- (3) Since its inception, who has been granted overseas study tours by the Council and what political parties did they represent.
- (4) What are the total costs, including airfares and accommodation, for each study trip granted by the Council.

2280 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) In relation to the sale of Sydney Airport, what has been the commercial return on assets for each financial year of the Sydney Airports Corporation Limited (SACL).
- (2) Does the proposed increase in aeronautical charges of 130% include consideration for pre-existing investment.
- (3) If the proposed increase in aeronautical charges is approved, what is the expected increase in SACL profits for the next full financial year.
- (4) Do current aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport more than allow SACL to recover the costs of its pre-existing investment, if so, is this confirmed by (a) the high rates of return achieved by SACL in 1998-99 and 1999-2000, (b) Standard & Poors A+ long term and A-1 short term credit rating in 1998-99, (c) the Federal Airports Corporation's statements and representations in 1998 that no increase in charges was necessary to achieve a reasonable

return on existing investment and (d) current aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport having been set together with those of the Phase 1 privatised airports, which subsequently sold at high earnings multiples.

2281 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to the announcement on 18 January 2001 of Salomon Smith Barney and Freehills to conduct the scoping study into the sale of the Sydney basin airports, what was the composition of the panel that made the selection.
- (2) Which individuals or organisations were the independent private sector representatives, referred to in the media statement as being included on the panel.
- (3) Who selected the selection panel.
- (4) What are the terms of reference for the scoping study and what is its expected cost to complete.
- (5) When is the first interim or draft report expected, who will receive that report and when is the final report due.
- (6) Will the scoping study be considered by Cabinet.
- (7) What are the objectives of the Government for the sale of the Sydney basin airports.

2282 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article published in the *Orient* on 29 November 2000 concerning the law offices Adrian Joel and Co relating to class actions on immigration cases.
- (2) Does the article advise that class actions represented by Adrian Joel and Co involve so-called asylum seekers whose applications have been rejected by his Department and the Refugee Review Tribunal, irrespective of whether the applicant's visa has expired.
- (3) Does the article also advise that once the applicant's name is included in a class action, he or she is automatically entitled to a bridging visa and the right to stay in the country until the case is finalised.
- (4) What sum of taxpayers' money has his Department spent in defending the integrity of Australia's migration system against class actions mounted by Adrian Joel and Co and how many (a) class actions has the company mounted and (b) clients are involved in these class actions.
- (5) At what stage are the class actions initiated by Adrian Joel and Co and on what are they based.

2283 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did a detainee die at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre on or about 22 December 2000; if so, (a) how long had he been in Australia, (b) on what type of visa did he enter Australia, (c) when did his visa expire, (d) how long had he been in Australia illegally and (e) how and when did his Department locate him.

- (2) During the course of the person's illegal period in Australia, including when detained in the Detention Centre, did he make any applications to remain in Australia.
- (3) Is there any evidence that the person worked during the period of illegal stay in Australia; if so, who were his employers.

2284 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Further to her decision to grant additional money to the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It Victoria under the Government's Ethnic Aged Care Framework, was such a proposal canvassed with her, her office or her Department prior to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs withdrawing funding to these organisations under the Community Settlement Services Scheme; if so, who was involved in these discussions.
- (2) What sum of additional funding was given to the organisations under the Aged Care Framework, and what sum did they have withdrawn under the Community Settlement Services Scheme.
- (3) When were applications lodged by these organisations for additional funding under the Aged Care Framework and of the applications lodged, how many other organisations applied for funds at this time and what additional funding did they receive.
- (4) What agreement was entered into by the organisations and her Department as to how the additional funds were to be used, and how long will the additional funds apply.
- (5) In considering the requests for additional funding for these organisations, did she or her office receive requests for such funding from the Prime Minister, his office or any other member of the Government; if so, who made such requests and on what dates were these requests made.
- (6) As the Turkish Association of Victoria also lost funding under the Government's Community Settlement Services Scheme at the same time as the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It Victoria, were any requests made at the same time for funding assistance under the Ethnic Aged Care Framework.

2285 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) When was the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) introduced, what was the original amount, when has it been increased and by what sum.
- (2) Was the original justification for the charge to recover cost relating to customs, immigration and quarantine processing of international passengers and recovery of the costs of issuing short-term visas; if not, what was the justification for the charge.
- (3) For each financial year since the PMC was introduced, what sum has been collected and what were the costs of providing services for which the PMC was introduced.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say on what basis the Australian National Audit Office Report No. 12 (2000) stated at page 13 that the PMC is now applied partly as a general revenue raising source and is no longer solely linked to a cost recovery of customs, immigration and quarantine services.

- (5) If the PMC now collects more in revenue than the costs of services delivered as originally intended, will the Government freeze the charge until the cost of the service provided exceeds revenue collected for the service by the PMC.
- 2286 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In light of the fuel tax windfall, will he consider funding the set up of a fuel co-operative in Bendigo, Vic.
- 2287 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Will any decision on the importation of apples and pears from New Zealand be taken only after the Senate inquiry into this matter has concluded.
- 2288 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What performance criteria does the ABC have for measuring the quality of service from the transmission providers responsible for ABC television transmission sites in Australia.
 - (2) What records does the ABC collect in relation to (a) maintenance and (b) emergency repairs carried out on its television transmission sites.
 - (3) What records does the ABC collect in relation to breaks in television transmission.
 - (4) What was the performance against the ABC's prescribed criteria referred to in part (1) for the transmission site at Mount Hopeful in Central Queensland in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998, (e) 1999 and (f) 2000.
- 2289 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is a "life interest" in a farm asset valued and assessed for purposes of the Age Pension assets test.
 - (2) Is it a fact that such life interests are not taken into account if a person was receiving social security support at the time the measure was introduced; if so, will these provisions be extended to people who apply after that date; if not, how does the policy co-exist with the claims made by the Government in its AAA farm package regarding older generational issues.
- 2290 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) What is the maximum percentage of Age Pension which can be classified as essential expenditure for the purpose of assessing fees payable in aged care facilities.
 - (2) Does the Government encourage aged care residents to maintain private health insurance cover.
 - (3) Are private health insurance fees regarded as essential expenditure for the purpose of calculating essential expenditure; if not, why not.
- 2291 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a court order issued in Perth in December 1997 giving Mr Peter Brewer rights of access to his daughter, Zoe Brewer.
 - (2) Has it been brought to his attention that on 21 April 1998 Mr Brewer's ex-wife and her partner Jose Resina left Australia with Zoe Brewer, and that this act has been determined by the Family Court of Western Australia to be

in defiance of its court order granting Mr Brewer rights of access to his daughter.

- (3) Is it the case that Mr Resina illegally left Australia in 1999, thereby forfeiting a recognisance of \$20,000 which was being held by the court.
- (4) Is there any mechanism available to the Commonwealth Government whereby this forfeited recognisance money could be made available to Mr Brewer to enable him to pursue his legal battle to have his daughter returned to Australia.
- (5) In a letter to Mr Brewer, dated 15 January 1999, did the Australian Federal Police undertake to investigate the possibility of extraditing Mr Resina and tell Mr Brewer the Crown Solicitor's attempts in this regard would be monitored; if so, have there been any outcomes from the investigations; if so what are those outcomes.
- (6) What assistance has his Department provided to Mr Brewer following the promise of help in a letter from him dated 25 January 2000.
- (7) Is there any other form of assistance that his Department, or any other Commonwealth Government agency, can offer Mr Brewer in his attempt to have the Family Court's determination enforced.

2292 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his Department recently held discussions with Fairfield City Councillor Robert Cork, concerning plans to change the local zoning in the Badgerys Creek area.
- (2) Did his Department tell Clr Cork during discussions that the changes to zoning would only approve buildings compatible with an airport.
- (3) When were the discussions were held.
- (4) Which employees of his Department spoke to Clr Cork.
- (5) Has he been involved in any discussions directly with Clr Cork; if so, when were the discussions held.
- (6) Were other people involved in these discussions; if so, what are the names of the people involved in these discussions.
- (7) Has his Department plans to change the zoning of the Badgerys Creek area so that only buildings compatible with an airport will be approved.

2293 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has there been a request from anyone for terms of the lease to *Christian Voice* of the Cox Peninsula Transmitter; if so, (a) when was it made and (b) what was its disposition.
- (2) Has the Government instigated, or is it aware of, an inquiry into the nature of *Christian Voice*; if so, what is known about the organisation.
- (3) Were there other organisations who wished to use the transmitter; if so, (a) who were they and (b) what processes denied them use of the transmitter.
- (4) Has there been a social impact study on the possible effects of broadcasts by this Christian group to Indonesia during a period of conflict between Christians and Muslims.

- (5) Has the Indonesian Government or other governments in the range of the transmitter been invited to comment on the *Christian Voice* presence.
- 2294 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Office of Government Online or any other agency within the Minister's portfolio attempted to determine the number of Commonwealth transactions conducted online; if so, with what results.
 - (2) If available, what are the numbers of transactions expected in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004.
 - (3) What whole-of-government research or investigation has been undertaken by the Minister's Department, or other Departments where known, of expected savings from the growth of Government online services.
 - (4) Can details be provided, including savings expected and realised by portfolio, for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004.
- 2295 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has his Department attempted to determine the number of Commonwealth transactions conducted online; if so, with what results.
 - (2) If available, what are the numbers of transactions expected in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004.
 - (3) What whole-of-government research or investigation has been undertaken by his Department, or other Departments where known, of expected savings from the growth of Government online services.
 - (4) Can details be provided, including savings expected and realised by portfolio, for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004.
 - (5) What negotiations have occurred with States and local governments to secure more effective utilisation of public assets such as government shop fronts and service centres.
 - (6) Can details be provided of savings expected and realised for the Commonwealth by portfolio, for each State and for each local government area for (a) 2000-2001, (b) 2001-2002, (c) 2002-2003 and (d) 2003-2004.
- 2296 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What are the Government's plans in respect of the proposed sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 - (2) Will the proceeds of the sale be used for a specific purpose; if so, what is that purpose.
- 2297 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What steps has he taken since the meeting of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General in Perth 1998 to achieve national uniform defamation legislation.
 - (2) In the absence of agreements by the State and Territory governments to pursue national uniform defamation legislation, has he received any legal advice relating to the extent to which the Commonwealth could unilaterally

enact Commonwealth defamation legislation relying on the heads of power available to it in the Constitution.

- (3) What barriers exist to the enactment of Commonwealth defamation legislation.

2298 **MR C. P. THOMPSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many judgements by Justices of the Federal Court of Australia have been outstanding for a period of more than 6 months.
- (2) Is he able to say when these judgements will be delivered.

2299 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Has his Department renewed the contract of Australasian Correctional Management as the private contractor managing Australia's Immigration Reception Centres; if not, is his Department accepting tenders from other enterprises to take over this important responsibility.

2300 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2183 (*Hansard*, 6 February 2001, page 20913) in which he stated that the TPV holder may be granted a permanent protection visa after the relevant period if they still need protection and meet the criteria, has he failed to make a commitment to those TPV holders that fulfil all relevant criteria that they will receive a permanent protection visa; if so, why.
- (2) Did he assure those at a public meeting in Melbourne on 22 November 2000 that these TPV holders would definitely be granted permanent protection.
- (3) If he is refusing to make such a commitment, how can TPV holders have any confidence about their future in Australia, and how can they make plans for their new life here.

2301 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In light of the Migration Review Tribunal's lack of power to review decisions made at overseas embassies for refugee and humanitarian claimants, does he have the power of review.
- (2) If not, how can justice be guaranteed to any claimants who may receive an incorrect or unsatisfactory decision, especially when many such decisions are based on a subjective judgment by a single official.
- (3) Will he make a Regulation to provide him with a power of review.

2302 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Did the Commonwealth Ombudsman's 1993-94 annual report state that the most complained about Child Support Agency (CSA) issue was CSA's failure to collect maintenance or recover arrears.
- (2) Given that in 1994, 97 500 child support payers had failed to meet their child support obligations and by June 1999 that had increased to 334 892 payers with outstanding child support liabilities, what steps is the Government taking to reverse this rapid increase.

- (3) Given the many cases where custodial parents are owed substantial child support, while the wealthy non-custodial parents hide their wealth in company structures, how can the Government ensure that non-custodial parents will be forced to pay their child support liabilities within a reasonable time.
- 2303 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did he say that Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport would not be sold until the noise problems at the airport had been solved.
- 2304 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did he, in his Federation Address ‘Backing Australia’s Ability’ on 29 January 2001 announce that over the next five years, each year, an additional 2000 new university places will be created with priority given to Information Communications Technology (ICT), mathematics and science.
 - (2) Does this mean that in the first year 2000 places will be created, and that in the second year these 2000 places continue, and 2000 new places are created, and that in the third year there are 6000 places, 8000 in the fourth year and 10 000 in the fifth year.
 - (3) Will these places lapse after three years, so that in the fourth year the first 2000 places disappear, and in the fifth year after three year’s tenure, the second tranche of 2000 places are gone, so that in the fifth year there are only 6000 new places.
 - (4) In either case, does the announcement of 2000 new places each year over the next five years mean more places than the announcement that over that period, this will result in 21 000 equivalent full time student places at a cost of \$151 million.
 - (5) Is his figure of 21 000 places based on an attrition rate expected because these new places will be taken up by students who cannot now gain entrance to university courses, despite the low current entrance criteria for science admissions.
 - (6) Has the Government rejected the recommendation of the Chief Scientist in *The Chance to Change*, August 2000, to create 500 HECS scholarships to attract the best students to science degrees, at a total cost for five cohorts of about \$40 million, in favour of a program to enrol weaker students at a cost of \$151 million.
 - (7) Does the Government intend to micro-manage the admissions procedures of the autonomous universities to ensure that priority is given to ICT, mathematics and science; if so, does the Government intend to rely on the fact that these new places will be the last choice of aspiring university applicants.
- 2305 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to statements made in the *Australian* newspaper that Federal Cabinet has ruled out building a second airport in Western Sydney.
 - (2) Does section 11 of the Airports Act state that the airport-lessee companies of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) and Sydney West Airport must

be wholly-owned subsidiaries of the same holding company; if so, (a) what is the rationale behind this provision and (b) will the provision be repealed.

- (3) Does paragraph 14(5)(f) of the Airports Act state that an airport lease complies with the subsection if, in the case of Sydney West Airport, the lease provides for the development of the site as an airport or the use of the site as an airport, or both whether or not the lease also provides for other developments or other uses; if so, (a) what is the rationale behind this provision and (b) will the provision be repealed.
- (4) Will he make provisions in granting a lease for Sydney Airport that the lease provides for the development of the site for Sydney West Airport.
- (5) Will he recommend a site other than Badgery's Creek as the site for Sydney West Airport; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (6) Can an operator-lease for Sydney Airport be drafted without reference to provisions in that lease for the development of the site for Sydney West Airport.
- (7) For the purposes of section 16 of the Airports Act, who are (a) the airport-lessee companies and (b) the airport-management companies for (i) those airports listed in subsection 7(1) of the Act and (ii) any other airport in Australia.
- (8) Will he repeal or amend section 16 of the Act.
- (9) Does section 18 of the Act state that the Commonwealth must not grant an airport lease under section 13 of the Act, or section 22 of the Airports (Transitional) Act, for KSA or Sydney West Airport unless each of the airport-lessee companies is a subsidiary of the same company; if so, (a), when will tenders be advertised for the airport-lessee company for KSA and Sydney West Airport and (b) will the Commonwealth ultimately dispose of its shares in the airport-lessee companies and airport-management companies for the airports; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (10) Will he repeal or amend section 18 of the Act.
- (11) What would the financial impact be on the purchase price of KSA if there were no requirement for the operator of Sydney airport to build a second airport in Western Sydney.
- (12) In light of the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, why were alternative sites such as Darkes Forest and Wilton not included in the Environmental Impact Statement on Bankstown Airport.

2306 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the introduction of high speed train services in Europe have led to European airline operators reducing or cutting regional airline services that operate on the same routes as the new train services.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the introduction of high speed trains in Australia would reduce the demand for flights into and out of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).
- (3) Is he able to say whether variants of the now cancelled high speed trains proposed between Sydney and Canberra run in France, Spain, England,

Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Italy and will soon be in operation in the United States and Korea.

- (4) Why has the Government withdrawn from the high speed train proposal.
- (5) Can he provide data showing that the building of a high speed train network would be more economically viable than encouraging the growth in air transport.
- (6) Can he provide data of the projected price of import fuel and import aircraft costs for the next ten and twenty years and provide comparative costs of railway equipment.
- (7) Was part of the Speedrail proposal a plan to extend the line to Melbourne and eventually to Brisbane.
- (8) If the Speedrail proposal had proceeded, would it have put 75% of Australians within 90 minutes travel time of a major city.
- (9) Would the projected number of jobs that would have been created during the construction of the Speedrail link have reached, or exceeded, 15 000.
- (10) Is travelling by train safer than travel by car or aircraft.
- (11) Is he aware of transport safety statistical comparisons between road, rail and aircraft; if so, what are the names of those studies.
- (12) Is he aware that researchers in the US have found that travelling by train is 6800 times safer than travelling by road and that similar figures also apply for a comparison between air and train travel.
- (13) What measures will be put in place to promote the construction of a Very High Speed Train service between Sydney and Melbourne.
- (14) Is it a fact that (a) railway equipment is largely locally manufactured and (b) most aircraft are imported at high cost.
- (15) Is he able to say whether Speedrail had forecast a net economic benefit from the project of \$5.3 billion measured in tax payments, new employment, savings on highway construction and reductions in pollution, highway fatalities and greenhouse emissions.

2307 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) not be privatised until the noise pollution problems at the airport have been permanently resolved, consistent with the Government's "Putting People First" policy.
- (2) Is the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for KSA still to be fully implemented.
- (3) Under the LTOP, what is the average percentage of aircraft movements to the north, west and east of the airport for the last three years, individually and in aggregate.
- (4) Is the Government in receipt of advice from Airservices Australia that the LTOP for KSA is unsafe or unworkable.
- (5) Do Sydney residents receive more aircraft noise now than before the LTOP was introduced.
- (6) Are Sydney residents more at risk of aircraft crashes since the LTOP was introduced.

(7) Can the LTOP be fully implemented with the Government's proposed expansion of Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport; if not, why not.

2308 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is he aware of the increased health risks to local residents around Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and Port Botany from long term exposure to toxic emissions associated with road transport travelling to and from the airport.

2309 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In terms of compliance with Australian aircraft noise standard AS 2021, has the Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) aircraft noise insulation project fallen behind relative to the increase in aircraft noise impact.
- (2) Can he provide details of anticipated future aircraft noise and traffic congestion at KSA for 2010.
- (3) Is it a fact that the KSA noise insulation project was supposed to have by now insulated residences against 2010 levels of noise to the AS 2021 standard; if not, at what standard is noise insulation supposed to be afforded to Sydney residents.
- (4) Did the November 1995 Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney recommend that a new authorised maximum capacity contour map for KSA be prepared to apply both to the acquisition and noise insulation scheme (p.264) and that the noise insulation scheme be extended to all residences within the 25 ANEF contour as included on the maximum capacity map (p265); if so, (a) has the new authorised maximum capacity contour map for KSA has been prepared and (b) will he provide (i) a copy of the map and accompanying working documents and (ii) details of how and when the noise insulation will be implemented.
- (5) Did the November 1995 Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney recommend that noise monitoring at Australian airports should be independently supervised by the Commonwealth Environment Protection Agency (p.274); if so, has the recommendation been, or will it be implemented; if not, why not.
- (6) How many residences in the Sydney metropolitan area are located within the Year 2000 25 ANEF contour.
- (7) How many residences in the Sydney metropolitan area have thus far been insulated within the noise insulation scheme.
- (8) Have all these residences been insulated in compliance with the Australian Standard for Aircraft Noise in Residences (AS 2021).
- (9) Will he guarantee that there will be no watering down of the existing AS 2021.
- (10) Will he never permit the entry into Australian airspace any of the American hush-kitted jets that the European Union is to ban from European airports in the near future; if not, why not.

2310 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Can he provide air toxic emissions data and risk analysis covering specific known carcinogens and toxins, including but not restricted to (a) benzene, (b) 1-3 butadiene and (c) toluene generated by total airport operations at

Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) and Bankstown Airport during 2000.

- (2) Is he able to say whether Sydney Airport Corporation Limited's (SACL) claim of insignificant health risks from exposure to emissions around Sydney airport during the Commission of Inquiry into the Precision Runway Monitoring (PRM) System north of KSA, excluded measurement of the health risk north of Sydney airport and did not assess risk from long term exposure to specific transport-emission related carcinogens such as benzene, 1-3 butadiene and toluene.
- (3) Is he able to say whether, according to the NSW Cancer Council, the highest occurrence area for lung cancer in the eastern half of the Sydney basin is concentrated around Sydney Airport and Port Botany.
- (4) Can he provide evidence in support of SACL's claim during the March 2000 PRM Inquiry that its two air pollution monitors recorded no significant change in air emissions since 1992.
- (5) Can he verify whether SACL's finding of insignificant risk on the basis of the monitoring data used in this assessment is applicable for inner western Sydney suburbs downwind of Sydney airport.
- (6) Can he provide air toxic emissions data and risk analysis covering specific known carcinogens and toxins, including (a) benzene, (b) 1-3 butadiene and (c) toluene generated by total airport operations at KSA and Bankstown Airport during 2010 to reflect the metropolitan area impacts of the publicised scenarios of (i) removing regional aircraft from KSA, (ii) increasing the numbers of jet operations at KSA and (iii) expanding Bankstown Airport.
- (7) Can he quantify what lung cancer risk in the Sydney metropolitan area is attributable to toxic transport emissions, in view of the reported 53% risk factor quoted by the US Environment Protection Agency for the Minneapolis St Paul metropolitan area, and also in view of the closed-basin nature of the Sydney metropolitan area, and the relatively high level of benzene in Australian motor vehicle fuel by world standards.

2311 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is he able to say what is the probability of an aircraft crashing over populated areas of Sydney.

2312 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of best practice in airport environmental management and sustainable airport development.
- (2) What constitutes best practice in airport environmental management.
- (3) What is the definition “environmental capacity” for Australian airports.
- (4) Can he quantify the environmental capacity of Sydney Airport.
- (5) In which year was, or will, the environmental capacity for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) be reached.
- (6) How will environmental capacity influence future KSA development decisions.

- (7) Where an airport cannot fully compensate residents in compliance with Australian standards, guidelines or regulations for noise, toxic air emissions, and other relevant Australian quality standards, can it be said to have exceeded its environmental capacity.
- (8) In view of Airports Council International's recommendations regarding the achievement of long-term sustainable development for airports, can he quantify the maximum level of environmental impacts of Sydney Airport beyond which he will not allow further expansion.
- (9) Did Mr Tony Stuart, CEO, in Sydney Airport Corporation Limited's November 1999 'Environment Strategy' document, state that Sydney Airport's mission is to be a world class airport for Sydney, NSW and Australia; if so, does the mission remain unchanged.
- (10) Will he give details, prior to approval of privatisation in accordance with the Coalition's "Putting People First" policy, of the Government's 'total-airport' environmental management strategy for KSA; if not, why not.

2313 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did Environment Australia find in its July 1999 Second Sydney Airport Environmental Assessment Report (pp. 5-4) that the 1985 site selection environmental impact statement ranked Wilton as second overall of the ten sites short listed and the favoured site outside the Sydney basin and that Wilton must rank well as an alternative site to Badgerys Creek; if so, can he provide technical reasons for his exclusion of Wilton and Darkes Forest from consideration as potential new airport sites for Sydney.
- (2) Will he recall from schools all copies of the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited's document titled: 'Sydney Airport Australia's International Gateway teachers and students booklets—Human Society and Its Environment Curriculum support materials: Stage 3', on the grounds that it contains biased, misleading and incomplete information.

2314 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he received any contributions or gifts from vested corporate interests in Sydney Airport Corporation and Bankstown Airport Corporation and their related ground transport infrastructure; if so, what are the details.
- (2) Is he able to say whether his family, other Ministers or his political party have received contributions or gifts from vested corporate interests in Sydney Airport Corporation and Bankstown Airport Corporation and their related ground transport infrastructure; if so, what are the details.

2315 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In respect to the planned expansion of Bankstown Airport, will the movements of larger jets interfere with the air space management of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA); if so, will KSA aircraft safety be further compromised.
- (2) In the event that the environmental impact statement on the Bankstown Airport proposal shows it is not feasible to implement the Federal Cabinet's proposal, will the Government revisit the site selection process for a major second Sydney airport.

2316 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Do many airports now ban aircraft that do not comply with noise levels as described in Chapter 3 of Annex 16, Volume I of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
- (2) Do the airports include (a) Montreal (Dorval) and Toronto (Lester B Pearson) in international airports Canada, (b) Ruzyně (Prague) Airport in the Czech Republic, (c) Copenhagen Airport Roskilde in Denmark, (d) Lappeenranta Airport in Finland, (e) Charles de Gaulle Airport in France, (f) Dresden, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover-Langenhagen, Cologne-Bonn, Munich, Paderborn-Lippstadt, Schönefeld, Tegel and Tempelhof airports in Germany, (g) Alghero Airport (Milan) in Italy, (h) Luxembourg International Airport in Luxembourg, (i) Schiphol Airport in The Netherlands, (j) Oslo Gardermoen Airport in Norway, (k) Biggin Hill, Gatwick, Heathrow, Kent, London City, Southampton and Stanstead airports in the UK and (l) John Wayne-Orange County, Santa Monica, Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field, Ronald Reagan National and Jackson Hole airports in the USA.
- (3) Are Chapter 3 aircraft 50% quieter than the aircraft presently allowed in Sydney Airport.
- (4) Will Sydney be added to the list of countries banning aircraft that do not comply with noise levels as described in Chapter 3 of Annex 16, Volume 1 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation; if so, when; if not, why not
- (5) Is he able to say whether the World Health Organization has suggested a standard guideline value for average outdoor noise levels of 55 dB(A) be applied during normal daytime in order to prevent significant interference with the normal activities of local communities; if so, how many people at any time in the Sydney area are likely to be affected by aircraft noise levels that exceed this level.
- (6) Is he able to say whether the OECD, in 1986, reported thresholds for noise nuisance as being (in day-time LAeq) (a) noise exposure at 55-60 dB(A) noise creates annoyance, (b) noise exposure at 60-65 dB(A) annoyance increases considerably and (c) noise exposure above 65 dB(A) constrained behaviour patterns, symptomatic of serious damage caused by noise.
- (7) How many people at any one time in the Sydney area are likely to be affected by aircraft noise levels that exceed these levels.

2317 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are only Australian pilots trained in the Precision Runway Monitoring (PRM) System operating at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, why are non-Australian Pilots not trained in PRM.

2318 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the former Minister for Transport and Regional Development issue a Media Statement T3/98 on 14 January 1998 titled Noise Sharing Improvements for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).

- (2) Does paragraph 4 of that media statement speak of an agreement reached between the Minister and Airservices Australia concerning noise-sharing improvements at KSA.
- (3) What was the nature of the agreement made between Airservices Australia and the then Minister.
- (4) Was the agreement in writing; if so, were any of the documents that formed the agreement generally made available to the public at the time of the making of the agreement.
- (5) Is he able to say what is the source of the revised procedures as stated against the four descriptors contained in paragraph 4 of the then Minister's Media Statement T3/98.
- (6) Will he provide copies of all of the documents that collectively make up the agreement; if not, why not.
- (7) Will he provide a copy of any internal correspondence, including background notes, between his Department and Airservices Australia regarding this agreement.
- (8) What are the current distribution arrangements for Airservices Australia background notes and if they are different today, what were the distribution arrangements for Airservices Australia background notes in 1998.
- (9) For the twelve months to January 2001 on weekdays, what was the percentage of time that noise-sharing modes were used for air traffic at KSA for the full hour between 0600Hr and 0700Hr inclusive.
- (10) What percentage of time that noise-sharing modes for air traffic at KSA was not possible due to weather impacts.
- (11) What other factors affected the non-use of noise-sharing modes during this period.
- (12) For the twelve months to January 2001 on weekdays, what was the percentage of time that noise-sharing modes were used for air traffic at KSA at 1100Hr.
- (13) What percentage of time that noise-sharing modes for air traffic at KSA was not possible due to weather impacts between 1100Hr and 1500Hr inclusive.
- (14) What other factors affected the non-use of noise-sharing modes during this period.
- (15) For the last twelve months on the weekdays "weather permitting", has the use of a noise-sharing mode continued to and beyond 1500 hours about 25% of the time.
- (16) For the twelve months to January 2001 on weekdays, what was the percentage of time that noise-sharing modes were used for air traffic at KSA from 2000Hr till curfew.
- (17) What percentage of time that noise-sharing modes for air traffic at KSA was not possible due to weather impacts during this period.
- (18) What other factors affected the non-use of noise-sharing modes during this period.
- (19) Are callers to the Noise Inquiry unit in relation to the operations of air traffic at KSA, when calling about the lack of the agreed change, frequently

advised the reason for the failure to change to a noise-sharing mode is 'due traffic'; if so, what are the top ten reasons for the failure to change to the noise-sharing modes at the agreed times.

- (20) Is the repeated failure of Airservices Australia to achieve the agreed change to noise-sharing modes and the constant use of the excuse 'due traffic' at odds with the statement made in Media Statement T3/98 that, weather permitting, noise sharing modes based on the use of all three runways will be used irrespective of forecast traffic demand.
- 2319 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Drummoyne Post Office to close; if so, when.
 - (2) Is the Drummoyne Post Office to be amalgamated with another Post Office or another business.
 - (3) Will any amalgamation of the Drummoyne Post Office result in any diminution of postal or other services, particularly to constituents living in Drummoyne; if so, which services will be affected.
- 2320 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Will he outline the Government's process to be followed concerning the proposed sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).
 - (2) By what date would the Government prefer KSA to be sold.
 - (3) Is he aware of the corporate structure of Westralia Airports Corporation Pty Limited.
 - (4) Is it permissible for those persons who hold an equity interest in (a) Westralia Airports Corporation Pty Limited, (b) Airstralia Development Group, (c) Airport Group International Holdings or (d) any other airport-lessee and airport-management company in Australia to hold equity interest in another airport-lessee or airport-management company in Australia.
 - (5) Subject to the provisions contained in the Airports Act, is it possible for a person holding an equity interest in an airport-lessee or airport-management company to also hold an equity interest in another airport-lessee or airport-management company.
 - (6) Is an airport-lessee or airport-management company eligible to sell shares in those companies on the Australian Stock Exchange.
- 2321 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Under what circumstances and with what legal authority is Centrelink able to take action to recover overpayments from minors.
 - (2) With regard to recovery action for overpaid youth allowances, is it Centrelink's practice to (a) seek repayments from minors who have neither savings nor current incomes and (b) seek repayments directly from minors, even in cases where a parent elected to receive the allowance on behalf of the minor; if so, on what grounds is Centrelink able to take this action.
 - (3) Will he direct Centrelink to ensure that unemployed minors who are the subject of recovery action for overpaid allowances (a) are given high priority for job placement or job training and (b) have their repayments

deferred until they are employed or in receipt of jobsearch or another appropriate allowance; if not, why not.

- (4) Will he direct Centrelink to ensure that, when benefits are granted, beneficiaries are notified in writing of the actions, including possible court proceedings, that may be taken in order to recover overpayments.

2322 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the December 2000 issue of *Major Mail Users*, the mail industry magazine.
- (2) Did Australia Post go to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to try to prevent a home delivery mail service being privately established on Lord Howe Island.
- (3) Is it a fact that Australia Post does not provide a home delivery service for mail or parcels on Lord Howe Island, meaning the island's residents have to collect their mail from the post office.
- (4) Is the purpose of Australia Post's letter delivery monopoly and associated community service obligation to endeavour to ensure that a home delivery service is provided to as many Australian homes as possible.
- (5) If so, what is the point of Australia Post seeking to enforce its monopoly power to provide a service which it is itself unwilling or unable to provide.

2323 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since the election of the Howard government in 1996, what sum has been spent each year on the National Highway and for what projects.
- (2) For those projects, what are the (a) anticipated completion dates, (b) State contributions, (c) Federal contributions and (d) total project cost.
- (3) What are the Federal electorates which have all, or part of, the projects in them and what is the party affiliation of the Member representing that electorate.
- (4) Which projects have attracted a toll.

2324 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 557 (*Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 5321) in which it is stated the only other claims of inappropriate disciplinary action involve another Army unit at Holsworthy, was the unit referred to 3RAR; if so, what prevented the unit from being named in the answer.
- (2) When was the first time that the inappropriate disciplinary action was brought to the attention of the relevant Minister.
- (3) Who was that Minister.
- (4) Was the Minister or his or her staff briefed on the matter by either the ADF or the Department of Defence; if so, on what dates and by whom.
- (5) What if any ministerial directions were issued by the Minister, on what date and to what effect.
- (6) When was he or his ministerial staff first briefed on the 3RAR Affair and by whom.
- (7) What ministerial directions were issued, when and to what effect.

- (3) On what subsequent occasions was he or his staff briefed on the 3RAR Affair.
 - (8) What if any ministerial directions were issued, when and to what effect.
 - (9) Was Minister Moore or his staff briefed on the 3RAR Affair; if so, when and by whom.
 - (10) Did Minister Moore or his staff issue or provide any directions; if so when and to what effect.
- 2325 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 557 (*Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 5321), in which it is stated that the military police were investigating claims made against another unit at Holsworthy since September 1998, were the military police given terms of reference; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what were they.
 - (2) Were the military police investigating individual incidences at 3RAR; if so, how many.
 - (3) What were the ranks of the (a) perpetrators and (b) victims.
 - (4) Were all the available reports and evidence provided to the military police; if so, what was provided; if not, what was withheld and why.
 - (5) At any point in its inquiry, did the military police form the view that there may have been a culture of violence.
 - (6) At any stage of its inquiry did the military police put the view to 3RAR Command that there was a culture of violence in 3RAR, if so when and to what effect.
 - (7) Was the military police investigation truncated in any way; if so, how and on whose authority.
- 2326 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 557 (*Hansard*, 12 May 1999, page 5321), was the military police investigation into the majority of the allegations completed as stated by the end of May 1999; if not, why not.
 - (2) Did the former Minister or his staff direct that the investigation should be wrapped up; if not, who ordered the investigation to be wrapped up, when all allegations had not been investigated.
 - (3) What were the allegations that were either not investigated or subject to continuing investigation.
 - (4) Were any of the minority allegations investigated by the military police; if not, by whom were they investigated.
 - (5) When were the minority investigations concluded and with what outcome.
- 2327 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) When was HMAS *Westralia* commissioned.
 - (2) At the time of commissioning, (a) did HMAS *Westralia* meet the relevant civilian Occupational, Health and Safety requirements for oil tankers; if not, why not and in what way was it deficient, (b) what was provided for the sailors to escape in the event of an emergency and (c) would the sailors have survived in the case of fire surrounding the ship.

- (3) At the time of the fire on board HMAS *Westralia*, (a) did HMAS *Westralia* meet the relevant civilian Occupational, Health and Safety requirements for oil tankers; if not, why not and in what way was it deficient, (b) what was provided for the sailors to escape in the event of an emergency and (c) would the sailors have survived in the case of fire surrounding the ship.
- (4) If changes were made between the commissioning and the fire, who authorised them and when.
- (5) How are Navy Occupational Health and Safety Standards determined and how are they reviewed.

2328 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1781 (*Hansard*, 10 October 2000, page 21204) and the Trotter Report, when was the Trotter Report finalised and accepted.
- (2) What were the deficiencies in administration and training identified by the report.
- (3) What were the recommendations of the report.
- (4) Were any recommendations rejected; if so, which recommendations and why.
- (5) How are the recommendations being implemented and in what time frame.

2329 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1782 (*Hansard*, 12 October 2000, page 21551), have any of the families written to the Chief of Navy concerning the awarding of bravery medals and awards arising from the *Westralia* tragedy; if so, how many.
- (2) Who were awarded bravery medals and awards for the *Westralia* tragedy and what was the citation.
- (3) Did Navy make a submission for an award or medal associated with the *Westralia* tragedy that was not granted.

2330 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the release of the Defence White Paper, are the Army Reserves to be re tasked; if so, in what way.
- (2) Was an Army Reserve Conference held in Canberra in 2000; if so, what were the outcomes.
- (3) Under what circumstances will reservists be utilised to fill slots in the Regular Army (so called “Slot Theory”).
- (4) Has any commitment been made to utilise the Army Reserve in formed units; if so, when, by whom and to what degree.
- (5) Has any recent study or project been undertaken to better utilise the Army Reserve; if so, (a) when and when was it completed and (b) is it publically available.
- (6) Has there been any change to the readiness requirements of the Army Reserve; if so, what change.
- (7) Are there increased training requirements of the Army Reserve; if so, what.

2331 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say which states have (a) signed the 1995 Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, (b) ratified the Convention or (c) acceded to the Convention since his answer to question No. 1786 (*Hansard*, 3 October 2000, page 20676).
- (2) Is he able to say what progress has been made in the UK since his answer to question No. 1786 on the recommendation that the British Government should sign the Convention and facilitate early ratification of it.
- (3) On what dates have the relevant Departments and agencies met to consider accession by Australia since his answer to question No. 2436 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 147).
- (4) On what dates have there been consultations with State and Territory governments regarding accession since his answer to question No. 2436.

2332 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) What financial contribution is the Government making to the establishment of the new Holden V6 engine plant in Melbourne from (a) the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme (ACIS), (b) research and development funding, (c) import duty concessions and (d) other budget programs.
- (2) Were these commitments determined in consultation with the Victorian Government; if so, what are the details of the State financial contribution to the project.
- (3) What is the total ACIS funding for which Holden is expected to be eligible over the next five years.
- (4) Is public funding for the new engine plant the equivalent of \$295,000 per job created, as reported in the media.
- (5) Given the extent of the public funding contribution, will the Government (a) withdraw its contribution and directly grant each of the engine plant workers \$295,000 or (b) buy-out the entire plant and bring it into full public ownership and control.

2333 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) Did Australia on 30 October 1989 accept the Unesco 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.
- (2) Has he noted the recommendations of the Illicit Trade Advisory Panel in a report to the British Arts Minister on 18 December 2000 that the UK should accede to the Convention.
- (3) What progress has been made since the answer to question No. 1674 (*Hansard*, 31 August 2000, page 19963) in returning Indigenous human remains from the UK to Australian Indigenous communities.

2334 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1160 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2000, page 18561), where a person claims a disability pension or service pension from

his Department (DVA), does the claim form ask the claimant to indicate dates of service in Australia's armed services; if so, is this information then recorded for each claimant on the DVA claim, rejection or payment record.

- (2) If so, are dates of service and the data of service record used to present data in Tables 10 to 14 in the regularly issued DVA publication, *DVA Pensioner Summary*.
- (3) If so, why is it not possible to also present information about claims, grants and rejections for disability pensioners by conflict.
- (4) Where a person lodges an appeal with the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) in respect of a decision made by the DVA about a disability pension, does the VRB system that monitors the details of each appellant record for each claimant the dates of service in Australia's armed services; if so, why is it not possible to present the number of veterans' disability pension appeals and the results of such appeals by conflict.

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2335 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Was the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted in Rome on 17 July 1998.
- (2) Was the Statute signed for Australia, subject to ratification, on 9 December 1998.
- (3) Which other states have (a) signed and (b) ratified the Statute, and on what dates did they do so.
- (4) Is his Department the lead agency in developing the legislation to implement the Statute.
- (5) What is the timetable for the introduction of the legislation.

2336 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Further to the Government's announcement of a loans scheme for postgraduate courses, (a) will the scheme include scope for an upfront payment with a discount, (b) will the loans be repaid concurrently with HECS repayments and (c) what measures will the Government introduce to ensure that such a scheme does not lead to universities increasing the level of postgraduate fees.

MR L. D. T. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2337 - 2338)—For each year from 1995-96, what was the level of funding provided by the Minister's portfolio for elements of the 1995 Wood and Paper Industry Strategy, including (a) innovation and research and development activities of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation and the Industry Research and Development Board, (b) AusIndustry enterprise development assistance, (c) research and improved access to information on plantation resources and wood markets, (d) Farm Forestry Program, (e) North Queensland Community Rainforest Reforestation Program, (f) development of sustainability criteria and indicators under the Montreal process and (g) funding and secretariat support for the Wood and Paper Industry Council.

2337 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

2338 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.

- 2339 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) What level of funding has the Government allocated to its Forest and Wood Products Industry Action Agenda for 2000-2001.
 - (2) From which appropriation item(s) is this funding to be provided.
 - (3) What funding provision, if any, is made in the Budget forward estimates for the Action Agenda.
- 2340 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) What funding did the Commonwealth provide for the National Forest Inventory for (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000.
 - (2) What is the funding allocation for the National Forest Inventory for 2000-2001.
 - (3) From which appropriation item(s) is this funding provided.
- 2341 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) In respect of each signed Regional Forest Agreement (RFA), (a) how many annual progress reports have been received to date by the Commonwealth and (b) what was the date on which each report was received.
 - (2) In respect of each RFA for which an annual progress report has to date not been received, when does the Commonwealth expect to receive the first annual report from the relevant State Government.
- 2342 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) Who are the members of the Government's Forest and Wood Products Council and which organisation does each member represent.
 - (2) What is the operating budget for the Council for 2001-2002 and from which appropriation item are these costs being met.
 - (3) How many meetings has the Council held to date and what was the date and agenda for each meeting.
- 2343 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Has there been a rise in the incidence of tuberculosis in Australia recently.
 - (2) Over the last ten years has there been an increase in the number of individual cases; if so, to what is the increase attributed.
 - (3) Will he provide a State by State breakdown of the number of cases of tuberculosis notified over the last ten years.
- 2344 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1758 (*Hansard*, 6 February 2001, page 20887) regarding the proposed Murrumbateman by-pass, (a) who is the author of the letter referred to in the first paragraph of the letter, (b) to whom is it written, (c) on what date was it written and (d) is a copy of that letter publicly available; if so, where.
 - (2) With respect to that part of the answer which states that apart from a small section of Council-owned land the entire route remains in private ownership, what area of land was resumed by the then Department of Main Roads in 1969 from the properties "Hawthorne", "Vale View", "Merryville" and "Hillview" for the stated purpose of an ultimate dual carriageway.

- (3) When will the Preferred Route Selection Report completed by Connell Wagner Pty Ltd be formally released for public consideration.
- (4) How many public sector Departments and agencies have been consulted in the preparation of the Connell Wagner Report and of these organisations, have any expressed a dissenting opinion from the recommendation in the report; if so, (a) how many and (b) which Departments and agencies.
- (5) When will he make a decision on the preferred route for the Murrumbateman by-pass.

2345 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will an environmental impact statement (EIS) be carried out into the proposed extension and introduction of scheduled passenger jet flights at Bankstown Airport.
- (2) Did the EIS for a Second Sydney Airport describe Bankstown's 450 000 movements in its peak year as approximately the full capacity of the airport.
- (3) What impact will the introduction of scheduled jet flights have on the more than 200 000 training flights each year from Bankstown.
- (4) How many additional training flights can be expected to be transferred to Hoxton Park airport which the Second Sydney Airport EIS describes as an overflow airport for Bankstown.
- (5) Will the restriction which limits the use of Hoxton Park to aircraft of less than 1350kg remain in place.
- (6) Will a private operator of Hoxton Park airport be required to provide a control tower if additional flights are to be permitted above the limit which has already been reached of 115 000 movements per year for an uncontrolled airport.
- (7) Will Camden airport be sold as part of the package which includes Bankstown and Hoxton Park airports.
- (8) Why has Camden airport not been suggested as taking up air traffic from Bankstown when the Second Sydney Airport EIS describes Camden as an overflow airport for Bankstown.
- (9) Is he able to say whether the Prime Minister has suggested that training flight overflow from Bankstown airport would be handled by Hoxton Park and Canberra airports and not Camden airport; if so, why.
- (10) How much of the Hoxton Park airport site is required for the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road.
- (11) What restrictions will the development of the Western Sydney Orbital Road place on expansion of Hoxton Park airport.
- (12) What runway upgrading and extension would be necessary at Bankstown airport for scheduled flights of Boeing 737 and 717 aircraft.
- (13) Will he release planned flight paths for scheduled passenger jet aircraft at Bankstown airport; if not, when will the proposed flight paths be released.
- (14) Have ANEC noise contour projections been prepared for scheduled jet aircraft operations at Bankstown airport; if so, when will they be released; if not, when will they be prepared and released.

- (15) What curfew restrictions currently apply to operations at Bankstown and Hoxton Park airports.
 - (16) What curfew restrictions will apply to scheduled jet flights at Bankstown airport.
 - (17) What community consultation process will take place before scheduled jet aircraft operations are planned to commence at Bankstown airport.
- 2346 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Are Australia's armed forces issued with armaments containing depleted uranium; if so, (a) where is this material stored and (b) what special measures are taken with the material.
 - (2) Do members of Australia's armed forces come into contact with depleted uranium materials when operating with the armed forces of other countries.
 - (3) Are any procedures laid down for members of Australia's armed forces dealing with depleted uranium materials.
 - (4) Has his attention been drawn to concerns raised in the armed forces of some European countries which point to leukemia and other cancer related deaths among personnel who had served in Bosnia and came into contact with depleted uranium materials.
 - (5) What steps is the Australian Defence Force taking to monitor the health of existing and former defence personnel, including civilians, which could detect the effects of exposure to materials such as depleted uranium.
- 2347 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is it a fact that under the New Tax System (GST) provisions, veterans on a Disability Pension Special Rate do not receive a full sales tax exemption when purchasing a motorcycle.
 - (2) Prior to the introduction of the GST, did veterans on a Disability Pension Special Rate receive full sales tax exemption when purchasing any type of motor vehicle.
 - (3) Has the definition of the type of motor vehicle purchased by veterans on a Disability Pension Special Rate been amended to exclude the purchase of a motorcycle; if so, why.
 - (4) What is the estimated saving to the Government from the exclusion of motorcycles from the sales tax exemption for veterans on a Disability Pension Special Rate.
- 2348 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What procedure is being followed to choose the Australian delegates to the 13th Asian Regional Meeting of the ILO to be held in Bangkok on 25 to 28 September 2001.
 - (2) When are the names and qualifications of the delegates to be announced.
 - (3) Has the ILO identified eight fundamental conventions.
 - (4) Which of the fundamental Conventions has been ratified by members of the ILO Asian Region, and on what dates.

- 2349 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—What have been the dates, modes and substance of the consultations between the Federal, State and Territory Governments concerning ILO Convention No. 182, Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour since the Submission Report on ILO Instruments Adopted in 1999 Convention 182 concerning the Worst Forms of Child Labour; Recommendation 190 concerning the Worst Form of Child Labour 30 November 2000 was tabled on 7 December 2000.
- 2350 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Does the Government regard any of the ILOs health and safety Conventions listed in the answer to question No. 2084 as appropriate, in whole or in part, for the Australian States.
 - (2) Does the Constitution for the ILO require the Government to arrange for periodical consultations between the Federal and State authorities with a view to promoting coordinated action to give effect to the provisions of such Conventions.
 - (3) What were the dates, modes and outcome of the last consultation held by Minister Reith, with each of the States in respect to each Convention.
 - (4) What arrangements is he making with each of the States for consultation in respect to each Convention.
- 2351 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is no further funding available for community drug rehabilitation programs from the National Illicit Drug Strategy.
 - (2) What will happen to the proposed third round of the community drug rehabilitation program.
 - (3) How many grants from the first or second rounds were made to drug rehabilitation agencies in the electoral division of Melbourne Ports.
- 2352 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Why has Brazil been included by his Department as a risk factor in the assessment of visitor visa criteria within the Migration Regulations.
 - (2) When was this decision made.
 - (3) Given that European countries have implemented visa free travel arrangements for Brazil, what evidence is there to suggest that elimination of the risk factor for Brazilians would increase the number of over stayers in Australia.
 - (4) What assurance can he give that this decision will not damage Australia's reputation as a tourist destination for Brazilians.

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- *2353 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Under what circumstances are civilian Defence employees who are serving overseas as part of a peace monitoring mission entitled to a special taxation rebate.

- (2) Is the rebate available to civilian personnel who served, or are serving, with (a) the INTERFET force in East Timor between September 1999 and February 2000, (b) the UNTAET mission in East Timor after 23 February 2000, (c) the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group and (d) in support of Australian Defence Force activities in the Solomon Islands.

- (3) If not, what action is the Government taking to address the anomaly.

*2354 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the US Environment Protection Agency categorised diesel exhaust soot as a likely carcinogen.
- (2) Has the Defence Safety Management Agency since reassessed the health and safety risks associated with the use of Defence's M113 armoured personnel carriers (APCs); if so, what were the results of its assessment.
- (3) What systems are in place to monitor the health status of personnel serving on M113 APCs.

*2355 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—How many Defence Reserves training depots were in use in each State and Territory as at (a) March 1996, (b) October 1998 and (c) February 2001.

*2356 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel have served for any period in the Balkans since 1993 on secondment to the armed forces of (a) the United Kingdom, (b) the United States and (c) other allied countries.
- (2) Of the personnel referred to in part (1), how many served in (a) Kosovo, (b) Bosnia-Herzegovina and (c) other locations in the Balkans.
- (3) What specific medical screening is being offered to ADF personnel who served in the Balkans to establish if they have suffered from exposure to depleted uranium.
- (4) Is it proposed to take and store DNA samples from the personnel concerned; if so, how will it be ensured that these samples are not accessed for other purposes.

*2357 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What amount of GST Start-Up Assistance money was paid to the Tourism Council of Australia (TCA).
- (2) On what dates were the grants paid to the TCA.
- (3) What amount of the grant funding paid to the TCA remains unspent.
- (4) What due diligence did Treasury undertake to determine the TCA's solvency before the payment of the grant.
- (5) How does his Department intend to recoup the unspent grant funds.

*2358 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Have there been any positive developments in relation to a fair resolution of the matter regarding the virtual ban on Australian businesses from tendering for projects surrounding the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.
- (2) Has he had any response to the letters he wrote to the European Union and to the Government of Greece in relation to this matter.

- (3) Is the Government planning any further initiatives with regard to solving this problem of discrimination against Australian businesses by the Athens Olympic authorities.

*2359 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has he made statements rejecting an alternative approach to detention, known as the Swedish Model, before a full evaluation could be made of this model; if so, why.
- (2) Are his decisions based on the assumed high cost of the Swedish Model; if so, what was the (a) advice he received as to the likely cost of importing the Swedish Model to Australia and (b) basis of this assessment.
- (3) Will he table in Parliament all documents in his possession relating to the costs of the operation of the model in Sweden.

*2360 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) What is the total provision of aged care nursing home and hostel places in the electoral division of Calwell.
- (2) How many of these are (a) private institutions and (b) Government-funded.
- (3) What is the breakdown of these figures in terms of the number of places in each individual facility in the electoral division of Calwell.
- (4) Which of these facilities are characterised as ethnic-specific in that they attempt to service people in languages other than English.

*2361 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the current Family Court of Australia fee for (a) Application for divorce (Form 4), (b) Application for nullity (Form 2), (c) Application for declaration of validity (Form 6), (d) Application for final orders (Form 3), (e) Response to application for final orders (Form 3A), (f) Notice of appeal to Full Court (Form 42), (g) Notice of appeal from court of summary jurisdiction (Form 43) and (h) Fixing of hearing date (defended matters).
- (2) When were these Family Court of Australia fees most recently increased.
- (3) What was the percentage increase for each fee on each occasion.
- (4) What was each fee prior to its most recent increase.
- (5) When are Family Court fees next scheduled to be increased.
- (6) Is it the case that Family Court fees are regularly increased by changes in the CPI.
- (7) Will the next increase of Family Court fees use CPI figures which include the impact of the inflationary spike caused by the introduction of the GST.

*2362 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a recent international study of 750 websites conducted by Consumers International which found that (a) few web sites gave meaningful information about how information collected from consumers would be used, (b) some companies used information to selectively raise prices for some customers and (c) only 10% of 102 children's sites asked children to obtain parental consent before disclosing material online.

- (2) What measures are currently in place to ensure that businesses which collect personal information from consumers via the internet (a) provide information about how information collected from consumers will be used, (b) do not use such information to selectively exploit customers and (c) obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children.

*2363 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the article entitled “How canny ones can abuse system” in the *Australian Financial Review* on 31 January 2001.
- (2) Given the three year rolling average that is used to determine the level of research and development (R&D) spending, how will the Government prevent companies from lowering their expenditure on R&D this year to qualify for a higher proportion of future expenditure.

*2364 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Did the former Minister on 11 November 2000 advise that independent legal advice was being obtained on whether I had committed the offence of champerty by accepting assistance from the Maritime Union to pursue Federal Court proceedings against the former Minister and his Department.
- (2) Has the advice been obtained; if so, (a) from which practitioners and (b) what sum is the Commonwealth liable to pay for the advice.

*2365 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Australia Post mail contractors on at least two mail runs to outlying residents in the electoral division of Calare have ceased to deliver newspapers to customers, citing complications with the GST, the Pay As You Go Tax System and requirements of contractual arrangements with Australia Post as the reasons for the cessation of the additional service; if so, what is the Government’s view about this diminution of what many rural residents have come to rely upon as a basic service; if not, have similar concerns been raised with the Minister about other mail runs.
- (2) What practical steps will the Government take to ensure newspapers are again delivered to residents on mail runs who no longer receive them, apparently due to the administrative burden to contractors of the New Tax System.
- (3) Will the Government consider altering Australia Post’s tender requirements to give preference to tenderers who would endeavour to deliver newspapers and other items; if not, why not.



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: Mr Barresi,
Mr Bartlett, Mrs Elson, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Ms Gillard, Mrs May,
Mr Ronaldson, 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, Ms J. I. Bishop (nominee of the Leader of the House), Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr McLeay, Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe.

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.

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 inquiries:

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000. (*To report by 1 March 2001*)

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr McMullan, 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*): Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Fran Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mrs Crosio, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Dr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht.

Current inquiries:

Australia's 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*).