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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 167

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **MR TUCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSALS) BILL 1998** [NO. 2] (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Bevis*).
- 2 **PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2000—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Dr Lawrence*) on the motion of Mr Fahey—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns this Government for its:*
 - (1) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education and health and the provision of social and employment services since coming to Government;
 - (2) blowout in the cost of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the threat this presents to the sustainability of Australia’s subsidised medicines scheme;
 - (3) belated and inadequate attempts to remedy the chronic underfunding of research and innovation;
 - (4) mismanagement of the Defence Budget;

* *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.*

- (5) refusal to remove the effects of the sale of the rest of Telstra from the Budget aggregates consistent with the resolution of the Senate of 16 March 2000, the findings of the Besley report and the wishes of the leader of the National Party;
 - (6) mishandling of the move to accrual accounting by providing complex, confusing and uninformative budget documents;
 - (7) wasteful and profligate spending on poor quality programs to buy Democrat support for its unfair GST;
 - (8) failure to identify in the Budget papers the full cost of GST collection and implementation;
 - (9) failure to put in place arrangements that deliver its guarantee that no Australian will be worse off as a result of the GST package; and
 - (10) bungling of the Business Activity Statement which has sent many small businesses to the wall”.
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).

Notices—*continued*

*2 **MR REITH:** To move—That:

- (1) in relation to any message from the Senate transmitting a resolution from the Senate and seeking the concurrence of the House, consideration of the message shall be made an order of the day for the next sitting, unless a Minister moves an alternative time for consideration of the message; and
- (2) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **CUSTOMS DEPOT LICENSING CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 10 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (EXCISE ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- *11 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Horne*).
- *12 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS) BILL 2001** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 21 **OCCUPATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 22 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 23 **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*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 26 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 27 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 544 (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 28 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 545 (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 29 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 30 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 31 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 32 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 33 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 34 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 35 **TELSTRA**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 36 **PRICE OF PETROL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 37 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 38 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 39 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 41 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).

- 42 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 43 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 44 **IMMIGRATION DETENTION PROCEDURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr Williams*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the papers.
- 45 **2000 REDISTRIBUTION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **TREATIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
- 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*).

*Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2001)—*moved 28 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

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*).

65 TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr McGauran*):

Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (2001)—*moved 8 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).

66 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, 5 MARCH 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO HUNGARY AND POLAND: Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.45 p.m.*)
- 2 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Review of Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000: Interim report: The Wagga Wagga hearing. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 3 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 4 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †5 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued
Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)

- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)

- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 20 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 21 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FEES ON ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONE BANKING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2001—Mr Sercombe, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 22 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—CO-ORDINATING CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2001—Mr Causley, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Causley—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 5 March 2001.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued***Notice given for Thursday, 1 March 2001**

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

- (1) welcomes the announcement that the Federal Government will proceed with the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital, the missing link of the National Highway;
 - (2) notes that the Federal Government will only be spending \$300 million;
 - (3) notes that the people of Western Sydney who already pay a toll on the M2, M4 and M5, will now have a new \$5 approximate toll for the Orbital; and
 - (4) notes that the proposed toll will be the only toll on the National Highway. (*Notice given 28 February 2001.*)
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Notices—*continued*

1 **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 5 March 2001.*)

2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)

3 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

4 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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 10 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 13 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)

19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

20 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 21 **MR SERCOMBE:** To move—That, in the light of the strong views of many Australians, and particularly those in provincial and rural areas, the House calls on the Government to:
- (1) clearly indicate that it will not proceed with the further privatisation of Telstra; and
 - (2) remove the proceeds of further privatisation from its Forward Estimates. (*Notice given 26 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 22 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its support for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecution's determination that there is no evidence to suggest that the 1996 Port Arthur shootings was a conspiracy;
 - (2) condemns those who continue to perpetuate the Port Arthur shootings conspiracy for political purposes, and thus continue to hurt the survivors and the relatives and friends of the victims; and
 - (3) calls upon One Nation to publicly disassociate itself from those who continue to perpetuate the Port Arthur shootings conspiracy. (*Notice given 27 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 23 **MR KATTER:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 27 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 24 **MR KATTER:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 27 February 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 5 March 2001.*)
- 2 **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 5 March 2001.*)
- 3 **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 5 March 2001.*)
- 4 **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 5 March 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 5 March 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)

19 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 5 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

20 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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)

21 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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 24 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
 - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
 - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;

- (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
 - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 25 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.*)
- 26 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)

- 27 **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2001** (Mr Bevis): Second reading (from 26 February 2001). (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)
- 28 **SCHOOL FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (Mr Beazley): Second reading (from 26 February 2001). (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)
- 29 **STROKE**: Resumption of debate (from 26 February 2001) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—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. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)
- 30 **TAX AVOIDANCE SCHEMES**: Resumption of debate (from 26 February 2001) on the motion of Mr Emerson—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. (Order of the day will be

removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 2001.)

31 **PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY ARMED FORCES SCHEME:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 February 2001*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 5 March 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, 5 March 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, 1 March 2001**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 February 2001*).
- 3 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Causley*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 1 **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.
- 2 **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.



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, 1290, 1415, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1517-1521, 1558, 1559, 1600, 1620, 1635, 1657, 1702, 1715, 1722, 1750, 1752, 1777, 1809, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1890, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1979, 2000, 2001, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2031, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2041, 2058, 2059, 2062, 2072, 2079, 2087, 2095, 2096, 2107, 2110, 2116, 2119, 2122, 2129, 2130, 2137, 2140, 2152, 2153, 2157, 2169, 2170, 2172, 2179, 2182, 2190-2192, 2194, 2195, 2197, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2212, 2213, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2221-2224, 2229, 2230, 2235, 2237, 2238, 2250-2253, 2257, 2259-2278, 2280-2284, 2286-2301, 2303-2365.

26 February 2001

2366 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) For each state and territory and for each identified business unit (according to the Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) published organisational chart) and classification, how many staff are currently employed by the OEA, both in actual numbers and full time equivalent.
- (2) Since 1 July 2000 how many staff ceased employment with the OEA.
- (3) Of the staff who have changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA since 1 July 2000, how many have accepted a (a) promotion within the OEA, (b) promotion within the Australian Public Service (APS), (c) demotion within the OEA, (d) demotion within the APS or (e) position outside the public sector.
- (4) As at 30 June 2000, how many staff were employed by the OEA, both in actual numbers and full time equivalent.
- (5) Between 1 July 1999 and 30 June 2000 how many staff changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA.
- (6) Of the staff who changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA between 1 July 1999 and 30 June 2000, how many accepted a (a) promotion within the OEA, (b) promotion within the APS, (c) demotion within the OEA, (d) demotion within the APS or (e) position outside the public sector.
- (7) As at 30 June 1999, how many staff were employed by the OEA, both in actual numbers and full time equivalent.
- (8) Between 1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999 how many staff changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA.
- (9) Of the staff who changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA between 1 July 1998 and 30 June 1999, how many accepted a (a) promotion within the OEA, (b) promotion within the APS, (c) demotion within the OEA, (d) demotion within the APS or (e) position outside the public sector.

- (10) As at 30 June 1998, how many staff were employed by the OEA, both in actual numbers and full time equivalent.
 - (11) Between 1 July 1997 and 30 June 1998 how many staff changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA.
 - (12) Of the staff who changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA between 1 July 1997 and 30 June 1998, how many accepted a (a) promotion within the OEA, (b) promotion within the APS, (c) demotion within the OEA, (d) demotion within the APS or (e) position outside the public sector.
 - (13) As at 30 June 1997, how many staff were employed by the OEA, both in actual numbers and full time equivalent.
 - (14) Between 1 July 1996 and 30 June 1997 how many staff changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA.
 - (15) Of the staff who changed classification or ceased employment with the OEA between 1 July 1996 and 30 June 1997, how many accepted a (a) promotion within the OEA, (b) promotion within the APS, (c) demotion within the OEA, (d) demotion within the APS or (e) position outside the public sector.
- 2367 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—Is he able to say whether an increasing number of companies have been contacting individuals via unsolicited emails with offers to set up offshore accounts as a means of avoiding tax; if so, what action is being taken to counter this form of tax evasion.
- 2368 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of new evidence unearthed by the non-government Documentary Centre of Cambodia of the notorious Tuol Sleng interrogation and detention centre in central Phnom Pehn regarding the presence of Chinese advisers to the Pol Pot regime.
 - (2) Has the Australian Embassy in Phnom Pehn or the Australian Chinese Human Rights Dialogue evaluated the photographs and evidence that 10 Chinese advisers provided training to the Pol Pot death squad.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether a Chinese Embassy spokesperson Wu Chingshen warned the editors of the capital's English language daily newspaper the *Phnom Pehn Post* of unspeakable negative effects if they published the story.
 - (4) Did the Beijing regime in November oppose the proposal of the UN special envoy on human rights to Cambodia to elect a permanent or even *ad hoc* international tribunal on Khmer Rouge genocide.
 - (5) Has the Chinese Government taken over much of the suspended Western aid to the Hun Sen Government in Cambodia.
 - (6) Has the Hun Sen Government thwarted recent proposals for an international criminal tribunal into the crimes of the Khmer Rouge.
- 2369 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How long was the St Kilda West Post Office in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda vacant after Australia Post left the premises.
 - (2) Did Australia Post pay rent for the premises for the entire period it was vacant.

(3) What was the commercial rent forgone by the Commonwealth during the period while the St Kilda West Post Office was abandoned.

(4) Why was the building not sublet during the period.

2370 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

(1) Was the notional weekly income amount used to calculate compensation preclusion periods from Centrelink payments increased as a result of the Government's GST compensation package.

(2) Was the new amount not applied to cases where the compensation preclusion period began before 1 July 2000 and thus any person in this situation was not fully compensated for the GST.

(3) If the new figure was to be applied to the post 1 July 2000 portion of the compensation preclusion period, would the length of any such preclusion be greatly reduced.

(4) How many recipients of Centrelink payments have compensation preclusion periods that span the introduction of the GST.

(5) What is the average length of compensation preclusion period for these cases.

(6) What would be the average compensation preclusion period if the new, higher, figure was to be applied to the post 1 July 2000 portion of the preclusion period.

(7) Will the Minister introduce legislation to extend GST compensation to people whose compensation preclusion period spans the introduction of the GST.

2371 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

(1) In respect of the aged care approval rounds in 1998, 1999 and 2000, (a) how many aged care places were allocated to ethno-specific services in each State, (b) how many new aged care places were allocated to ethno-specific services in each State, (c) what percentage of the aged care places allocated to each State were for ethno-specific services and (d) what percentage of the new aged care places allocated to each State were for ethno-specific services.

(2) In respect of Victoria and the aged care approval rounds in 1998, 1999 and 2000, how many (a) aged care places and (b) new aged care places were allocated to ethno-specific services for the Spanish speaking community.

(3) In respect of Victoria and the aged care approval rounds in 1998, 1999 and 2000, were any applications received in relation to ethno-specific services for the Spanish speaking community; if so, (a) from whom were applications received, (b) and what was the result of these applications and (c) were any applications rejected; if so, why.

2372 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

(1) Must Tasmanian recipients of Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) pensions pay to undergo a driving assessment by Rehabilitation Tasmania, while recipients of Centrelink pensions are provided the service free of charge.

- (2) How many Tasmanian recipients of DVA pensions have had to pay \$400 to undergo a driving assessment in the last three years.
- (3) On what basis does his Department consider this service to be a non-medical service.
- (4) Based on current figures, what would be the anticipated cost to the Commonwealth per annum to reimburse DVA pensioners in Tasmania for this cost.
- (5) Does the Commonwealth propose to take action to address this problem.

2373 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In the lease arrangements for Coolangatta Airport, are there any requirements or commitments as part of the sale arrangements relating to new developments by the new owner.
- (2) Have those requirements or commitments been complied with by the Government and the new airport owner; if not, why not.

2374 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has the Government announced that it intends to sell Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport separately from the other Sydney basin airports; if so, has he obtained advice that the sale is entirely consistent with the *Airports Act 1996*.
- (2) Is the intention of Division 3 of the *Airports Act 1996* to provide that a second airport called Sydney West Airport will be commercially leased to the purchaser or lessee of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport thus ensuring that Sydney West Airport is purchased and built.
- (3) Further to his media statement 'Appointment of advisers to conduct the Sydney airports scoping study' released on 18 January 2001, has the Office of Asset Sales and Information Technology Outsourcing, in providing their initial advice on the sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport, sought advice from the appointed advisers, Salmon Smith Barney and Freehills, on whether the lease of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport must include provisions to lease Sydney West Airport to the same corporate entity or subsidiary.

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2375 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Does he recognise that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can provide significant medical benefits for women who (a) require relief for the symptoms of menopause, (b) have undergone partial or complete hysterectomies and (c) are at risk of, and/or suffering from osteoporosis.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that due to negative side effects many women who have had a hysterectomy are unable to take alternative forms of hormone replacement therapy such as estrederm or premarin.
- (3) Is he aware that oestrogen implants are not available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

- (4) Why are women ineligible for oestrogen implants under the PBS whilst under certain circumstances, men are eligible for testosterone implants under the PBS.
- (5) Will he consider the inclusion of oestrogen implants for PBS listing.

2376 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2145 (*Hansard* 26 February 2001, page 21221), how many medical reports from senior specialists addressing the medical condition of former Senator Malcolm Arthur Colston were submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on 7 April 1999 by the solicitors acting for Dr Colston and when were the reports dated.
- (2) Following the request by the DPP that Dr Colston be independently examined to assist the Acting Director to assess the submission made on behalf of Dr Colston by his solicitors, can the DPP confirm that on 3 May 1999 Dr Colston's counsel stated in the Supreme Court that Dr Colston had agreed to be so medically examined.
- (3) Can the DPP confirm that, after 3 May 1999, Dr Colston was separately examined by two eminent medical specialists.
- (4) What was the process employed by the DPP to select the independent medical specialists to examine Dr Colston.
- (5) Did an officer of the office of the DPP recommend to the DPP the names of one or both of the eminent specialists to medically examine Dr Colston; if so, what are the qualifications of the officer who made the recommendation to the DPP.
- (6) What are the disciplines of the two eminent specialists selected to examine Dr Colston and what medical qualifications does each specialist possess.
- (7) On what dates did the examinations of Dr Colston by the two eminent specialists take place.
- (8) Is he able to say how Dr Colston was examined, including the nature of the examinations and what was involved in each examination.
- (9) Were written reports of the examinations provided to the DPP.
- (10) What are the dates of the reports.
- (11) Does either report express an opinion on the life expectancy of Dr Colston; if so, is any opinion expressed in weeks, months or years.
- (12) What fees were charged by each specialist for their medical reports.
- (13) Apart from the medical report dated 23 November 2000 provided to the DPP by Dr Colston's solicitors, were any other medical reports on the state of health of Dr Colston provided or obtained by the DPP after the DPP's media statement of 5 July 1999 not to proceed with the prosecution of Dr Colston; if so, (a) how many reports were provided; (b) what are the dates of the reports and (c) what are the medical qualifications of each author of the reports; if other reports were not obtained, why not.
- (14) Does the medical report of 23 November 2000 provided to the DPP by Dr Colston's solicitors indicate any improvement in the state of health of Dr Colston.

- (15) Does the medical report of 23 November 2000 provided to the DPP by Dr Colston's solicitors indicate any deterioration of the state of health of Dr Colston.
- (16) Were any reports obtained by the DPP after 5 July 1999 not provided through Dr Colston's solicitors; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the dates of the reports.
- (17) Is the DPP aware of media reports on 14 November 2000 that Dr Colston had been admitted to Wesley Private Hospital in Brisbane just days after the office of the DPP announced it was reviewing its decision to drop travel rorts charges against him.
- (18) Is the DPP aware of media reports on 14 November 2000 that sources had revealed that tests had shown cancer had spread to all of Dr Colston's vital organs.
- (19) Has the DPP obtained a copy of any of the medical tests conducted on Dr Colston arising from his admission to Wesley Private Hospital in Brisbane; if not, why not; if so, do the results of those tests indicate a deterioration of Dr Colston's health.
- (20) On what date did the DPP re-open its investigation of Dr Colston's case.
- (21) What was the basis for re-opening the investigation of Dr Colston's case.
- (22) Is Dr Colston now capable of standing trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.

2377 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report of a cocktail party at the Australian Embassy in Beijing involving the Member for Farrer during which the Member for Farrer announced Australia's support for the 2008 Olympics being hosted in Beijing.
- (2) Do the Member for Farrer's views officially represent the attitude of the Australian Government.
- (3) Has the Government previously announced its attitude to Beijing hosting the 2008 Olympics.
- (4) Does such an announcement pre-empt the decision and rights of the Australian International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation to the 2001 Moscow IOC meeting where a decision about the 2008 Olympics will be made.
- (5) Will his Department's China-Australia Human Rights Dialogue be consulted about the Government's attitude towards Beijing hosting the 2008 Olympics.
- (6) If the Australian representatives of the Dialogue have been consulted about the suitability of Beijing as a site for the 2008 Olympics, what was their recommendation.

2378 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Will the Government's new Postgraduate Loan Education Scheme be made available to Australia's two private universities, Notre Dame University in Fremantle and Bond University on the Gold Coast.
- (2) What reasons can he give for the policy decision in referred to in part (1).

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2379 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the British Government intends to proscribe the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) under the *Anti-Terrorism Act 2000*.
- (2) Is he able to define the criteria upon which an organisation under this Act is so proscribed.
- (3) Is he able to identify the rights upon which an organisation so proscribed may appeal such a decision; if so, (a) what are those rights and (b) what is the procedure to be taken.
- (4) Is he able to identify the grounds upon which the LTTE have been nominated under the Act to be a proscribed organisation.
- (5) What is the Australian Government's declared position in relation to the LTTE.

2380 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Does the unfunded component of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and the Public Sector Superannuation Schemes (CSS/PSS) trust funds equal approximately \$46 billion; if not, what sum does it represent.
- (2) In relation to the unfunded component of the CSS/PSS trust funds, is he able to say (a) where the unfunded component is held, (b) what sum per annum is placed in the CSS/PSS trust fund, (c) what is the interest on the monies placed in this fund each year, (d) is this interest re-invested, (e) what sum is currently held in the funds, (f) what is the interest on the money currently held in the funds and (g) are funds placed per quarter, half-yearly or annually.
- (3) What are the names of the trustees of the CSS/PSS trust funds.
- (4) Can he briefly describe the responsibilities of the trustees of the CSS/PSS trust funds.

2381 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What have been the consequences on both a national and international scale of the Government's decision to withdraw Australian support for UN Treaty Bodies and Human Rights Committees.
- (2) Has he been in receipt of any official requests for a review of this decision from either international or national bodies; if so, (a) what have been the nature of the requests and (b) has he given any consideration to a change in Australia's position on this matter.

2382 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—

- (1) Will he outline the Government's intentions with regard to supporting the resolutions made by the February 2001 Indigenous Peoples and Racism Conference in Sydney.
- (2) Has the Government made any decisions to contribute to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and Racism in Durban, South Africa, in September 2001; if so, what will be the nature of the contribution.

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MR SIDEBOTTOM: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2383 - *2401)—

- (1) Is the Minister's Department, or are agencies within the portfolio, large purchasers or consumers of office papers.
- (2) How are Commonwealth procurement guidelines being adhered to by the Minister's Department and agencies within the portfolio.
- (3) What methodology or weighting criteria does the Minister's Department and agencies use to determine the importance of the core principles which underpin the procurement guidelines, namely (a) value for money, (b) open and effective competition, (c) ethics and fair dealing, (d) accountability and reporting, (e) national competitiveness and industry development and (f) support for other Commonwealth policies.
- (4) What weighting criteria are used to implement the mandatory provisions in the guidelines which state that agencies must be able to demonstrate that Australia New Zealand (ANZ) suppliers have had a fair opportunity to compete.
- (5) In inviting suppliers to tender for the provision of goods, are suppliers advised that they must offer ANZ goods.
- (6) If the Minister's Department or agencies within the portfolio do not have weighting criteria for determining the principles, will the Minister take steps to ensure that they provide an appropriate means to demonstrate their compliance with Commonwealth procurement policy.

*2383 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Prime Minister.

*2384 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

*2385 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Treasurer.

*2386 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

*2387 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

*2388 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

*2389 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

*2390 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*2391 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

*2392 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration.

*2393 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

*2394 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources.

*2395 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Attorney-General.

*2396 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

*2397 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

- *2398 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- *2399 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- *2400 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- *2401 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- *2402 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For each of the past 10 years, who have been the commanding officers of 3RAR.
- *2403 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) What sum will be raised by the 11 cents per litre consumer levy on milk each year for the duration of the Dairy Assistance scheme in (a) NSW and (b) each State and Territory.
 - (2) What sum raised by the 11 cents per litre consumer levy on milk each year for the duration of the scheme will be paid to dairy farmers in (a) NSW and (b) each State and Territory.
 - (3) What will be the total sum of the levy raised in NSW.
 - (4) What will be the total sum of the levy received by NSW Dairy Farmers.
 - (5) Which State Dairy Farmers will receive the difference between what the levy raises in NSW and what is paid to NSW Dairy Farmers.
- *2404 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In his 9 February 2001 press release titled 'Motorists have not been short changed on road funding', did he claim that since 1993-94 the Government has actually channelled \$2.9 billion more for roads overall than would have been spent if only 4.95 cents per litre had been allocated as required by the Australian Land Transport Development Act.
 - (2) In reaching the conclusion referred to in part (1), did he not rely (a) on the inclusion since 1994 of almost \$5 billion in Commonwealth grants to State and local governments despite the fact that road grants to local government are untied, and identified road grants to State governments have been untied since 1991 and (b) on \$435.9 million in identified road grants to the States for the 2000-2001 financial year when State Financial Assistance Grants have been replaced by GST revenue from 2000 onwards.
 - (3) If so, is it a fact then that (a) successive Governments have, as identified by the Auditor-General in his report on the management of the National Highways System Program, failed to administer the Act as it requires, (b) as a result of this maladministration \$2.9 billion less in excise collected on fuel has been spent on roads than the Act requires and (c) in terms of the road funding requirements the Act places on the Commonwealth, it is irrelevant what amounts may flow through to road spending under other legislation.
- *2405 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What performance indicators and quality control procedures have been introduced in relation to the work done by trade repair organisations which was formerly performed at South Queensland Logistic Group.

- (2) What comparisons have been made of the quality and cost-effectiveness of this trade work with previous in-house work.
- (3) What conclusions or findings have been reached as a result of these comparisons.

*2406 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Since 1 July 2000, has Defence identified or become aware of any cases where the private contractor for vehicle maintenance for work from the South Queensland Logistic Group has forwarded a bill for work that has not been done.
- (2) If so, on how many occasions did this occur and who was the contractor on each occasion.
- (3) What action was taken to rectify the vehicle and when.
- (4) Who paid for that rectification.
- (5) What penalties were imposed on the contractor and when.
- (6) Does Defence still use that contractor.
- (7) What inspections or processes were in place to identify these errors.
- (8) Have any changes been made to these inspection procedures since June 2000; if so, (a) what changes have been made, (b) by whose authority were they made and (c) when were they made.

*2407 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In the answer to question No. 1813 (*Hansard*, 4 October 2000, page 20853), was it indicated that Defence played no role in determining wages and personnel management matters for contractors' employees at the Bulimba barracks.
- (2) If so, why then did Army or Defence personnel provide advice to CMAS Consulting on the suitability of former staff when it gained the contract for the supply of labour at Enoggera and SQLG, as outlined in the reply to question No. 2188 (*Hansard*, 6 February 2001, page 20913).

*2408 **MR KERR:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1283 (*Hansard*, 27 February 2001, page 21301) in which he said information is not available against the categories of dates specified in the answer, what information is available to the Government regarding (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual staff employed by the Commonwealth in (i) Tasmania and (ii) the electoral division of Denison and for what dates is it available.
- (2) Why was the specific information sought by me not available.
- (3) What is the best information available to the Government regarding the categories of employment for those closest to those sought by me.
- (4) Why did it take approximately 11 months for him to respond to my question with a reply to the effect that the information would not be provided.

*2409 **MR KERR:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why is biodiesel excluded from the definition of alternative fuel in the Excise Tariff Act.

- (2) Will the Government amend the Act to allow biodiesel to achieve recognition and parity with the fuel ethanol industry.
- *2410 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—What will he do to ensure the ongoing availability of staff and resources to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal or other administrative agencies given Parliament's rejection of his amalgamation proposal.
- *2411 **DR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Who are the companies that have submitted tenders for the Defence Integrated Distribution Scheme (DIDS).
 - (2) How many of those companies are Australian or have Australian partners, and who are those partners.
 - (3) What sum has each tenderer spent in support of their bids.
 - (4) When will an announcement be made about the successful tenderer.
 - (5) Which electoral divisions are affected by the DIDS program.
- *2412 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Is there a shortfall of at least 30 000 positions in the IT industry which are not being filled in Australia.
 - (2) Are a number of high technology Australian companies moving operations offshore because of this shortfall in qualified staff.
 - (3) Has there been a failure to fund educational institutions to provide for significant increases in IT training.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to deal with this continuing crisis in the availability of qualified staff in the IT industry in Australia.
 - (5) What increases are proposed for educational institutions to deal with this crisis in a realistic way.
- *2413 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Is there a shortfall of at least 30 000 positions in the IT industry which are not being filled in Australia.
 - (2) Are a number of high technology Australian companies moving operations offshore because of this shortfall in qualified staff.
 - (3) Is the problem so serious that a special taskforce has been formed by employers in a desperate attempt to resolve this issue.
 - (4) What action is the Government taking to deal with this continuing crisis in the availability of qualified staff in the IT industry in Australia.
- *2414 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2046 (*Hansard*, 27 February 2001, page 21302), during the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services' second reading speech in the House of Representatives on the Airports Bill 1996 was it stated that (a) no sales Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) should occur until all environmental impact statements processes were completed and the future of Sydney West Airport resolved, (b) the Government was determined not to sell Sydney Mascot and Sydney West

Airport until such time as the environmental impact studies have been satisfactorily completed and decisions made in relation to that and (c) the Government would not be putting on the market Sydney Mascot and Sydney West Airports until such time as the election commitment made by the former shadow Minister for Aviation, Senator Parer and reiterated by the Prime Minister was fulfilled.

- (2) Is the primary purpose of the Airports Act, in light of the then Minister for Transport's second reading speech, not to sell KSA until the future of Sydney West Airport is resolved.
- (3) Following, and as a result of the environmental impact assessment conducted for Badgery's Creek and Holsworthy sites, does Sydney West Airport mean the Badgery's Creek proposal.
- (4) When will Sydney West Airport at Badgery's Creek be built.
- (5) In respect to part (1) of his answer to question 2046, does the 13 December 2000 announcement mean that, for the purposes of the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act (a) the proposal of Sydney West Airport located at Badgery's Creek is thereby withdrawn by the proponent, (b) the proposal has been officially withdrawn by the proponent, (c) the withdrawal has been officially issued in writing by the proponent to the Minister for the Environment in the prescribed manner, (d) the withdrawal, in light of his announcement made on 13 December 2000, means that there is currently no proposal for Sydney West Airport before the Minister for the Environment.

*2415 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a media article on 27 February 2001 in the *Australian Financial Review* by Mr Steve Lewis titled "Airport sale may have to wait for poll".
- (2) Will he furnish a copy of the terms of reference to Salomon Smith Barney in respect to the proposed sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).
- (3) Will he furnish a copy of the scoping study prepared by Salomon Smith Barney in respect to the proposed sale of KSA.
- (4) How is a proposed sale of 25% of KSA consistent with section 18 of the Airports Act.
- (5) How can a partial sale or lease of KSA be part leased in light of the provisions of sections 11 to 22 inclusive of the Act.
- (3) Is the paramount consideration on a decision for the construction of Sydney West Airport the ability to cope with increasing aircraft traffic until the end of the decade, in light of his statement of 13 December 2000.
- (4) Is the capacity of Sydney Airport consistent with the aims expressed in the second reading speech of the Airports Bill 1996 in which the then Minister for Transport indicated that solving Sydney's aircraft noise problem was the paramount consideration prior to sale of KSA.
- (5) Have terms of reference for Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports also been issued; if so, to whom.
- (3) Are there overseas airport operators interested in the purchase of KSA; if so, who.

*2416 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In answers given during Senate Estimates (Senate Committee *Hansard*, 19 February 2001, page RR&T 71) concerning his Department's assessment of the viability of a proposed Parkes international freight airport, was it stated that his Department had been lobbied over a number of years and could not see any economic viability in that and that a due diligence process had been followed.
- (2) If so, how can he justify the total lack of any economic assessment of the viability of the Alice Springs to Darwin rail project before committing expenditure by his Department, as confirmed in the answer to question No. 2036 (*Hansard*, 7 December 2000, page 23867), yet conduct a due diligence process and an assessment of the economic viability of a far smaller project, the Parkes international freight airport.

*2417 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approve an international flight from Ayers Rock to Jakarta on 17 January 2001.
- (2) Was the flight operated by Air 2000 and was it a Boeing 757 aircraft carrying passengers; if so, how many passengers.
- (3) Was the flight approved by CASA with no recognised aviation fire and rescue services available; if so, is such an approval a breach of CASA's policy and the international regulations set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
- (4) What is the nature of the fire service vehicle available at Ayers Rock and do the local volunteer fire officers and firefighters have the aviation experience or recognised aviation ability in line with the standards and competencies required by the Australasian Fire Authorities Council and CASA.

*2418 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Given that the scoping study of the sale of Sydney Airport is due for completion shortly, will the ACCC decision on the SACL aeronautical pricing proposal be finally resolved before the sale.
- (2) When is the Productivity Commission review of the price regulation of airport services due for completion and will it be completed before the sale.
- (3) When are the airlines' legal actions against SACL due to be heard by the Federal Court.
- (4) What is the basis of the legal actions and is it intended that the sale proceed before this legal action is completed.

*2419 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) With respect to the draft decision of the ACCC relating to the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited aeronautical pricing proposal released on 16 February 2001 and requiring responses by 5 March 2001, did he or his Department receive complaints about this deadline and the short amount of time available to prepare responses; if so, from whom.
- (2) Who made the decision to impose this deadline and why.

(3) Did he consider an extension of time; if so, why was it rejected.

*2420 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) With respect to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) decision on the aeronautical pricing proposal by the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL), what information has the ACCC refused to release to enable the Board of Airline Representatives (BARA) to comment and what was the justification for the ACCC's refusal to release such information.
- (2) What was the nature of the information provided by SACL to the ACCC after the closing date for submissions and was access to that information denied to BARA which would have allowed it to comment on that SACL material; if not, why not.
- (3) Was BARA given access to the ACCC's modelling of costs and charges, and was BARA allowed to comment on such modelling; if not, why not.
- (4) Was the ACCC's modelling of costs and charges provided to SACL; if so, why was SACL provided such material and BARA not provided with the material.

*2421 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Given recent media reports alleging that a group of Sydney lawyers are using bankruptcy to escape their tax debts, has the Treasurer, the Minister for Finance and Administration, their offices or Departments consulted him, his office or his Department about action that can be taken to stop such a group of wealthy individuals abusing the tax system by being serial bankrupts.
- (2) Does he support proposed changes by the NSW Attorney-General to change State regulations under which barristers who abused the tax system would be disbarred.
- (3) Will he consider lobbying other State and Territory governments to introduce regulations similar to that proposed in NSW; if not, why not given the Tax Commissioner's attacks in speeches during 1999 and in his 1999 and 2000 annual reports on professionals abusing the tax system.
- (4) Has he, his office or his Department been consulted by any other Minister, Minister's staff or Department concerning how the Government might pursue other professional groups referred to by the Tax Commissioner such as accounting and medical professionals as having five times the average national tax debt due to their policy of abusing the tax system.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Current inquiry:

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Current inquiries:

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

Progress in rail reform.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Hull, Mr Latham, Ms Plibersek, Mr Pyne, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott.

Current inquiries:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1998-99.

International financial market effects on government policy.

Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Elson, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Ms Gillard, Mrs May, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

Current inquiry:

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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.

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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.

Current inquiry:

Procedures for the opening of Parliament.

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 Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Mason, 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:

Adelaide—Construction of new Law Courts Building.

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.

Enterprising Australia—Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment.

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

Second Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea.

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*).