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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 175

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **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*).

Notices—continued

- *2 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to corporations, securities, the futures industry and financial products and services, and for other purposes.
- *3 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, a Companies and Securities Advisory Committee and certain other bodies, and for other purposes.

Orders of the day—continued

- 3 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Notices—continued

- *4 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed

* *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.*

work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Development of 95 residential apartments in Darwin.

Orders of the day—continued

- 4 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 5 **CRIMES AMENDMENT (AGE DETERMINATION) BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2001—Mr Bevis*).
- 6 **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*).

Notices—continued

- 5 **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. (*Notice given 28 February 2001.*)

Orders of the day—continued

- 7 **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*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **OCCUPATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 10 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).

- 13 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 14 **LAKE EYRE BASIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BILL 2001**: (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 27 March 2001*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 17 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2001*).
- 18 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 19 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 20 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 29 November 2000*).
- 21 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 22 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 23 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 24 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 25 **TELSTRA**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 26 **PRICE OF PETROL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 27 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 28 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 29 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 30 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 31 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 32 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).

- 33 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *34 **TELSTRA CORPORATION—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *35 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 11—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *36 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 12—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *37 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSIONER—SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *38 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) ACT 1979—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *39 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSIONER—NATIVE TITLE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *40 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL—REPORT NO. 44—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—CORRIGENDA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **REVIEW OF STREAMED INTERNET AUDIO AND VIDEO CONTENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.

- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.

- 57 **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.
- 58 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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*).

64 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr McGauran):

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

65 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Costello):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2001)—*moved 1 March 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Crean, in continuation*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2001)—*moved 1 March 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Crean, in continuation*).

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,
2 APRIL 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO EAST TIMOR:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Second Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notices**

- 1 **MR KERR:** To present a bill for an Act to provide for a civil forfeiture scheme for the proceeds of criminal activity and for other related purposes. (*Notice given 7 March 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)

- 2 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To present a bill for an Act relating to the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Australians and all people in Australia, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 5 March 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 3 **MR CHARLES:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 26 March 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 4 **MR CHARLES:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 26 March 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 5 **MR CHARLES:** To present a bill for an Act about Commonwealth revenue on certain petroleum products, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 26 March 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †6 **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. Time allowed—29 minutes.*)
- †7 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 2 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 3 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 4 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 5 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.*)

- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 21 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT ON REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000: THE WAGGA WAGGA HEARING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2001—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 22 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2001—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 8 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 29 March 2001

*1 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the concern and enormous impact that depression and suicide has on the lives of young Australians; and
 - (2) acknowledges and supports the efforts of Ben Carey in his “Cycle for Life” year long bike ride around Australia to raise awareness and funds for the cause of suicide prevention which commences on 8 April 2001. (*Notice given 28 March 2001.*)
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Notices—*continued*

1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)

- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)*

- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)*
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)*

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.)*

- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.)*

- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.)*

- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

17 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

18 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

19 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:

(1) expresses its concern over the degrading conditions forced on humanitarian asylum-seekers in Australia's refugee detention centres;

- (2) recognises the criticisms made by the Commonwealth Ombudsman in his recent investigation into the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' Immigration Detention Centres, including a statement that those detained against their will are entitled to expect that there will be a reasonable standard of care provided for them in terms of accommodation, facilities, security, health, welfare and protection from harm; as well as reasonable timeliness of application and review processes;
 - (3) calls on the Government to immediately implement the recommendations of the Ombudsman in his investigation into the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' Immigration Detention Centres, namely recommendations 1 through 9; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to establish more humane alternative measures to mandatory detention of asylum-seekers, including working with ethnic communities and other welfare organisations willing to care for refugees in a much more humanitarian manner. (*Notice given 6 March 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 20 **MS KERNOT:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 64 to read as follows:

Personal explanation

64 By leave of the Chair, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature, although there is no question before the House, but such matters may not be debated. Any contradiction of a statement made in a personal explanation can be effected only by means of a substantive motion. (*Notice given 7 March 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 21 **MS KERNOT:** To move—That, in the view of this House, the Speaker should rule out of order any statement made by a Member which has been the subject of explicit denial on a question of fact by another Member in a personal explanation. (*Notice given 7 March 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 22 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 64 to read as follows:

Personal explanation

64 By leave of the Chair, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature, although there is no question before the House, but such matters may not be debated. Repetition of a statement, by a Member, that gave rise to the personal explanation shall be considered to be disorderly. (*Notice given 7 March 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 23 **MRS GASH:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the 100th anniversary of the Australian Army;
 - (2) celebrates not just the peaks of each wave of activity as the Australian Army entered into various frays, but also the times in between when our personnel were ever at the ready;

- (3) applauds not only those who joined the regular Army, but also those who volunteered or were conscripted at other times and who were prepared to do their duty for our great nation; and
- (4) remembers the efforts of the thousands or millions of spouses, partners, girlfriends, boyfriends and families of those who served with the Australian Army because they were the people who paid the most through the years so that we might retain our quality of life. (*Notice given 8 March 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 2 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 3 **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 2 April 2001.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 April 2001.*)

- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 17 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
 - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashafi Najafabadi and Mr Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
 - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
 - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
 - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 21 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 25 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL 2001** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 5 March 2001*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 26 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL 2001** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 5 March 2001*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)

- 27 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2001** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading (*from 5 March 2001*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 28 **PARLIAMENTARY (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2001** (*Mr Andren*): Second reading (*from 5 March 2001*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 29 **NATIONAL ROADS**: Resumption of debate (*from 5 March 2001—Mr Zahra, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
- 30 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (RURAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE) BILL 2001** (*Mr Katter*): Second reading (*from 26 March 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 2 April 2001.*)
- 31 **PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS AND STAFFING STANDING COMMITTEE**: Resumption of debate (*from 26 March 2001*) on the motion of Mr Price—
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 April 2001.*)
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 2 April 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, 29 March 2001

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 5 March 2001*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2001—Mr Sawford*) 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, 1558, 1559, 1600, 1620, 1635, 1657, 1702, 1722, 1750, 1809, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1979, 2000, 2001, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2031, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2062, 2072, 2079, 2087, 2095, 2096, 2107, 2110, 2116, 2119, 2122, 2129, 2130, 2137, 2140, 2152, 2153, 2157, 2169, 2170, 2179, 2182, 2190-2192, 2194, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2212, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2221-2224, 2229, 2230, 2237, 2238, 2250, 2252, 2253, 2259, 2261, 2263, 2264, 2273, 2276-2278, 2280, 2281, 2284, 2286, 2289-2292, 2296-2298, 2303-2305, 2307-2314, 2316, 2318, 2320, 2323-2326, 2333-2338, 2341, 2343, 2344, 2347, 2349, 2351, 2353, 2355, 2357, 2359-2364, 2366-2368, 2370-2381, 2383-2385, 2387, 2388, 2390-2395, 2397-2401, 2403-2426, 2428-2451.

26 March 2001

2452 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Government provided \$200 000 to the Hunter Urban Division of GPs (HUDGP) to fund a study into plans to establish a GPs' cooperative in the region.
- (2) Has the Government funded a number of studies by GP groups to look at the increased corporatisation of medicine.
- (3) If so, (a) what funding was provided and to which groups, (b) under what program was the funding provided and (c) what were the guidelines determining the allocation of funding.

2453 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2187 (*Hansard*, 26 February 2001, page 21224) concerning the Murrumbateman by-pass, (a) what was the nature of the so-called weaknesses in the draft report by the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), (b) when were they identified and (c) who identified them.
- (2) When does he expect the RTA to finalise its further consideration of the weaknesses in the report and when does he expect to be able to finally determine this matter.
- (3) Since becoming Minister for Transport and Regional Services, has he, his office or his Department discussed the potential decision on the Murrumbateman by-pass with any Minister, staff of a Minister or Department; if so, (a) with whom and which by-pass options were representations made in support of and (b) were any other discussions held with a person or a representative of a person involved in development of

land for residential activities in and around Murrumbateman who may benefit from a decision as to which route the Murrumbateman by-pass takes.

2454 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the past 5 years, how many Air Operators Certificates have been issued to foreign air carriers to permit them to operate into and out of Australia, and of these how many have been reissued.
- (2) How many approvals have been issued to foreign registered aircraft operating commercially within Australia, and of these how many are international freight operators.
- (3) For each of the past 5 years, how many foreign registered cargo carriers have been based at (a) Sydney, (b) Brisbane, (c) Melbourne, (d) Adelaide, (e) Perth, (f) Hobart, (g) Darwin and (h) Avalon Airports and in which countries are those aircraft registered.
- (4) Are foreign registered aircraft and their operators regulated by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA); if so, how.
- (5) Does CASA monitor the regulation of foreign registered aircraft by the regulator in the country of registration; if so, are those records publicly available.
- (6) Can Australian companies own or operate foreign registered aircraft.
- (7) Are Australian companies owning, leasing or operating foreign registered aircraft subject to regulation by CASA.
- (8) Are Australian owned companies owning, leasing or operating foreign registered aircraft subject to Australian industrial and occupational health and safety laws; if not, why not.

2455 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at any time over the last five years retained any barrister who has used bankruptcy as a means of avoiding taxation obligations; if so, (a) which barrister or barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date that each barrister was retained.
- (2) Has the ATO at any time over the last five years retained any barrister while that person was bankrupt; if so, (a) which barrister or barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date that each barrister was retained.

2456 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to reports of barristers avoiding large tax debts by declaring themselves bankrupt.
- (2) Is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) able to garnishee notices under S.128 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to payments made to barristers by their clients in order to repay tax debts; if so, has the ATO been issuing these notices; if not, why not.

2457 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) As part of the GST compensation package, has the Government agreed to provide primary schools with a grant of \$28m to enable them to purchase Australian books for their libraries.
- (2) Does the \$28m equate to approximately \$2.50 additional funding per student per year, totalling \$10 per student over four years; if not, does the grant equal \$0.635 additional funding per student per year, totalling \$2.50 per student over four years.
- (3) Will the grants be made available to primary schools in March or April 2001; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will schools be able to access these grants.
- (4) How will State Governments administer the correct payment to each school.

27 March 2001

2458 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an item titled 'Singapore to bid for Sydney airport' that appeared in the 14 March 2001 edition of the *Sydney Morning Herald*.
- (2) Has the proposal known as Badgery's Creek formally been withdrawn by him as proponent of that proposal.
- (3) Was Badgery's Creek ruled out earlier this year and was it expected that the sale would be handled quickly; if so, by what administrative process did this ruling out take place.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974*, has the proposal known as Sydney West Airport at Badgery's Creek been formally withdrawn as a proposal under that Act.
- (5) Must the named proposed purchaser of the lease for Sydney Airport, namely either Changi Airport or its subsidiary Changi Airport Enterprises, under the provisions of section 18 of the *Airports Act 1996*, be the lessee or owner of Sydney West Airport.
- (6) Where will Sydney West Airport be located.
- (7) Is it a fact that, if the sale of Sydney Airport is to occur before a decision on the location of Sydney West Airport is made, the lease for Sydney Airport will be sold without having solved Sydney's aircraft noise problems nor having resolved the location of Sydney West Airport.
- (8) What clauses will need to be present in the lease between the Government and the lessee of Sydney Airport to ensure that the statutory integrity of the Airports Act is preserved, in particular section 18.
- (9) What clauses will need to be present in the lease between the Government and the lessee of Sydney Airport to accommodate the intention of the Airports Act, as explained by the then Minister for Transport in his second reading speech in the House of Representatives on the Airports Bill 1996 in which he declared that Sydney Airport would not be sold until Sydney's aircraft noise problems were solved.

- (10) Is he able to say what the sale price of Sydney Airport will be, which must, by law, include the sale of Sydney West Airport to the one-and-the-same lessee.
- (11) When will the sale of Sydney West Airport occur.
- (12) Is the Government aware that the intention to ‘float’ the ‘sale’ of Sydney Airport must therefore mean the ‘float’ of Sydney West Airport to one-and-the-same lessee as prescribed in section 18 of the Airports Act.
- (13) How is section 18 of the Act to be read in light of its two scoping studies to investment bank Salomon Smith Barney, the first study on the sale of Sydney Airport and the second study into the future development of Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport.
- (14) Is Bankstown Airport Sydney West Airport; if not, what is Sydney West Airport.
- (15) If no airport may now be described as Sydney West Airport, when will Sydney West Airport be declared.
- (16) Has he instructed investment bank Salomon Smith Barney, when drafting the scoping study for the sale of Sydney Airport, to advise within that scoping study, the operation of section 18 in respect of legal rights in the hands of the proposed lessee of Sydney Airport, if that airport is sold prior to the announcement and construction of Sydney West Airport.
- (17) Will he be briefed on the legal impacts arising from the rights of the lessee of Sydney Airport on the Government’s freedom to announce a site that may not be in the commercial interests of the lessee, but may be a prudent environmental decision for the people of Sydney.
- (18) Can he assure the public that the sale of a lease to the lessee of Sydney Airport will not constrain the Government contractually to a lease which may preclude the options for selecting a site for Sydney West Airport.
- (19) Can he give assurances that, in the event of a decision on a site for Sydney West Airport being made, the lessee of Sydney Airport may seek contractual compensation against the Government and hence a payout to be borne by the Australian taxpayer.
- (20) In light of the commercial and statutory difficulties that arise in the operation of the Airports Act in the proposed sale of Sydney Airport without the existence of Sydney West Airport, can he foreshadow any proposed amendments to the Airports Act that would be necessary to overcome these statutory obstacles.
- (21) Will he amend the Airports Act to prescribe that the purchaser of the lease for Sydney Airport must also acquire a lease to build and construct an airport known as Sydney West Airport within a prescribed time.
- (22) Was it the intention of the Airports Act that the purchaser of the lease for Sydney Airport would mandatorily require the lessee to build and construct Sydney West Airport.

2459 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What official functions were held at Kirribilli House and The Lodge between 15 September and 31 December 2000.

- (2) What was the date and time of each function.
- (3) Who other than him attended each function.
- (4) What was the total cost of catering at each function.
- (5) Was alcohol served at these functions.
- (6) Were any bottles of wine which had been couriered from Canberra to Sydney served at these functions; if so, (a) how many bottles of wine were couriered from Canberra to Sydney and (b) what was the total sum of Commonwealth money used for the purpose of couriering wine for these functions.

2460 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many nights did he spend in residence at (a) Kirribilli House and (b) The Lodge during 2000.
- (2) What (a) renovations, (b) restorations and (c) repairs have been carried out on the (i) buildings, (ii) grounds, (iii) furniture and (iv) fittings at (A) Kirribilli House, (B) The Lodge and (C) his Parliament House office in 2000.
- (3) What was the (a) cost of each piece of work referred to in part (2) and (b) name of the tradesman or company which carried out the work or the name of the person or company from which new additions and furniture were purchased.

2461 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) When does the term of Michael Baume, Australian Consul-General in New York, expire.
- (2) How many offices and official residences has Mr Baume used during his term.
- (3) What were the addresses of the (a) offices and (b) official residences.
- (4) Were any (a) renovations, (b) restorations, (c) improvements, (d) additions, (e) relocations and (f) repairs made to, or carried out on, the (i) buildings, (ii) grounds, (iii) furniture and (iv) fittings at any of the offices or official residence of the Consul-General during the term of Mr Baume.
- (5) What was cost of each (a) renovation, (b) restoration, (c) improvement, (d) addition, (e) relocation and (f) repair made to the offices and official residence of the Consul-General during the term of Mr Baume.
- (6) What were the names of the (a) tradesperson or companies which carried out the work referred to in part (4) and (b) persons or companies from whom additions and new furniture were purchased.
- (7) What was the total sum of Commonwealth funds used for (a) renovations, (b) restorations, (c) improvements, (d) additions, (e) relocations and (f) repairs to the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings of the Consular-General's office and official residences during the term of Mr Baume.

2462 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) How many people participated in the Work for the Dole projects in the electoral division of Prospect in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000 and (f) 2001.
 - (2) Will he give the locations of each of these projects and a description of the work involved.
 - (3) What organisations were contracted to provide Work for the Dole programs in the electoral division of Prospect.
 - (4) Does he plan to increase Work for the Dole programs; if so, how many new programs will be located in the electoral division of Prospect.
- 2463 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) How many applications were received by his Department for access to the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme (EESS) in 2000.
 - (2) How many applications were (a) approved and (b) rejected.
 - (3) What sum of Commonwealth funds was paid out through the EESS in 2000.
 - (4) What was the (a) largest and (b) smallest sum paid out through the EESS in 2000.
 - (5) How many times was the maximum entitlement paid to a claimant.
- 2464 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Does qualifying for payment under the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme (EESS), administered by the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, disqualify recipients of the EESS from receiving other Centrelink allowances.
 - (2) What, if any, other Centrelink allowances are recipients of the EESS (a) entitled and (b) not entitled to receive.
 - (3) Are other Centrelink allowances paid at the full payment rate to recipients of the EESS; if not, at what payment rate are other Centrelink allowances paid to recipients of the EESS.
- 2465 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has he or his Department considered repealing s.17 of the Australian Citizenship Act to allow dual citizenship to Australian born persons; if not, why not.
 - (2) How many overseas born dual citizens live in Australia.
 - (3) Is the Government considering the dual citizenship issue.
- 2466 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) Is there a Jobs Pathway Program service provider operating within the electoral division of Prospect; if not, why not; if so, what is the name and the address of the Job Pathway Program service provider.
 - (2) How many people living in the electoral division of Prospect have found employment through the Jobs Pathway Program.
 - (3) How many (a) full time, (b) part time and (c) casual positions has the Job Pathway Program filled in the electoral division of Prospect.

- 2467 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the estimate in the first full year for Goods and Services Tax collected on utilities including (a) water, (b) gas and (c) electricity.
- 2468 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) On what date did the Government receive the final report of the Review of the Australian Services Cadet Scheme entitled *Cadets: the Future*.
 - (2) On what date was the report released to the public.
 - (3) Of the 48 recommendations contained in the report, which have been (a) adopted by the Government, (b) rejected by the Government and (c) deferred for further consideration.
 - (4) What changes, if any, has the Government made to the management arrangements for the Services Cadet Scheme since the release of the report.
- 2469 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Does the Defence Whistleblower Scheme, as detailed in Circular Memorandum 48/97 of 24 July 1997, have a statutory basis; if so, under what legislation or regulations does the scheme operate.
 - (2) If the scheme does not have a statutory basis, what are the implications of this for potential whistleblowers.
 - (3) Are complaints of wrongdoing under the scheme to be disclosed only to staff of the Fraud Investigation and Recovery Directorate on a need to know basis; if so, what redress is available to whistleblowers if the content of their complaint is disclosed to others without their consent.
 - (4) Are whistleblowers to be given organisational protection against harassment or career threatening retaliatory action; if so, who within Defence is responsible for providing such protection and what redress is available to whistleblowers who subsequently experience harassment and retaliatory action.
 - (5) Does the Inspector-General's unit maintain statistics on the number of allegations of wrongdoing received under the scheme; if so, how many such allegations have been recorded since July 1997.
 - (6) As a result of allegations of wrongdoing received under the Scheme, how many individuals have been successfully prosecuted for offences under (a) the *Crimes Act 1914*, (b) the *Public Service Act 1922* or (c) the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982*.
- 2470 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Following the introduction of the Optional Rent Assistance (ORA) scheme in May 2000, how many Defence personnel without dependants in each State and Territory are currently receiving ORA to live off base.
 - (2) What was the cost to the Budget of the ORA scheme in 1999-2000 and what is the projected cost for 2000-2001.
- 2471 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Australia Cycling National Strategy examining the (a) benchmarking of bicycle use, (b) benchmarking of accident exposure and (c) benchmarking

of bicycling facilities in Australia using international standards; if not, why not.

- (2) Has the National Strategy met its December 2000 objective to include cycling expertise in peak transport, recreation and other appropriate bodies; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the National Strategy met its January 2001 objective to make education about cycling available for pre, primary and secondary school aged students, consistent with curriculum frameworks; if not, why not.
- (4) What work has been done to enable the National Strategy to meet its June 2001 objectives to (a) improve the services and products delivered by the bicycle industry through the development of partnerships, (b) develop a generic policy that can be adapted by all local governments which outlines their role in creating pro-bicycle cultures and physical environments, (c) ensure that appropriate new and renovated public and private developments include end-of-trip facilities for cyclists consistent with national standards, (d) increase multi-nodal trips involving bicycles and public transport, (e) develop and implement a national public communication strategy to improve the awareness of all road users and path users and better share our roads and paths, (f) ensure that safety initiatives such as safety audits and identification of blackspots include consideration of cycling and (g) develop and implement behavioural programs/initiatives relating to all road users which improve cyclist safety in areas such as motor vehicle speeds and helmets.

2472 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How can a private provider of meals to disabled and elderly members of the community compete with a local government service that is GST exempt.
- (2) What measures will be taken to provide an even playing field.

2473 **MS ROXON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) When will the Blandford MRI Services Implementation Committee release the tender guidelines for additional MRI services to be funded under Medicare.
- (2) How have the areas to be served by the 7 additional MRI scanners been selected.
- (3) Will the distribution of the scanners be directed to fill the gap in growth areas such as the western suburbs of Melbourne.
- (4) Will Footscray and Sunshine be included in the areas covered by the tender process; if not, what are the grounds for their exclusion.
- (5) Will the existing privately owned machines in Footscray and Sunshine be eligible to take part in the tender process; if not, what are the grounds on which they will be excluded and what impact will this have on the western suburbs of Melbourne.
- (6) What will be the impact of the Blandford recommendations on rural and regional Victoria.
- (7) Why was there a 10 month gap between the receipt of the original report by Professor Blandford and the establishment of the Implementation Committee.

- (8) Why has there been a further 4 month delay in the calling of tenders.
- (9) Will the process be completed for new scanners to be eligible for Medicare rebates by 1 July 2001.

2474 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) Will documents of local historical significance, including documents reasonably expected to be accessed for the purpose of genealogical investigation, not be destroyed or transferred to repositories outside Queensland, in the course of the relocation of holdings currently stored at the National Archives repository in Cannon Hill, Qld.
- (2) What audit or review procedure will be followed when determining the future of holdings currently stored at the National Archives repository in Cannon Hill, including any consultancy arrangements entered into for the purpose of undertaking such a review.

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2475 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In response to a call regarding the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme does he recall saying on Brisbane talk back radio on Tuesday, 20 March 2001, that aspects of it are under review; if not, why not.
- (2) If aspects of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme are under review, can he detail (a) which aspects are under review, (b) who is conducting the review, (c) when the review is expected to be completed and (e) whether the results of the review will be made public; if so, when they will be made public; if not, why not.

2476 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the primary policy consideration in competition policy with respect to Sydney Airport.
- (2) Is Cabinet's paramount policy consideration directing the sale of Sydney Airport (a) benefits from competition or (b) cost.
- (3) What are the foreseeable impacts on regional aircraft consumers from the recent proposed amendments to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Act.
- (4) What compensation to regional airline consumers and airline competitors has been appropriated for the anticipated sale of Sydney Airport.

2477 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Coalition's Aviation Policy dated 13 February 1996 titled *Soaring Into Tomorrow* state (a) on page 10 under the policy heading 'Regional Airlines', that special slots for Sydney Airport will be set aside for regional airlines, to guarantee that residents of country NSW will continue to have convenient access to Sydney Airport and (b) on page 14 under the policy titled 'Airports' that (i) it would not lease Sydney Airport and Sydney West Airport until there is a satisfactory solution to the aircraft noise problem in Sydney and (ii) the leasing process will be deferred until the East West Runway is reopened and a genuine environmental impact statement (EIS) on Sydney West Airport is completed.

- (2) Has the Sydney West Airport EIS been completed; if so, when was it completed.
 - (3) What was the site selected for the location of Sydney West Airport following the Sydney West Airport EIS.
 - (4) Did the Government announce on 13 December 2000 that (a) Sydney Airport is to be expanded, (b) Badgery's Creek Airport had been shelved and (c) Bankstown Airport is to be an overflow airport for Sydney Airport.
 - (5) Has Badgery's Creek Airport been withdrawn as the site selected for Sydney West Airport; if so, (a) what was the date of Gazettal for withdrawal of the proposal and (b) when will the new proposal for Sydney West Airport be announced.
 - (6) Is Bankstown Airport now Sydney West Airport; if so, was this achieved by declaration, by a new proposal or by some other mechanism.
 - (7) Is there now a satisfactory solution to the current aircraft noise problem in Sydney; if so, upon what criteria has this conclusion been reached.
 - (8) Is the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) fully implemented.
 - (9) Have all the LTOP forecasts been met in respect to aircraft movement forecasts and respite period allocations.
 - (10) Will he disclose when the LTOP will be fully implemented; if so, when.
 - (11) Will the leasing of Sydney Airport be deferred until the Sydney West Airport EIS is completed.
 - (12) Was the purpose of the 1996 policy to defer any leasing of Sydney Airport and Sydney West Airport until Sydney's aircraft noise problems have been solved.
 - (13) Does the explanatory memorandum to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001 state (a) the Slot Management Scheme (SMS) will be amended to cap the number of regional slots allocated in peak periods at the current level and (b) the SMS will encourage airlines progressively to introduce larger aircraft.
 - (14) Is a discussion paper canvassing the proposed change to cap the number of regional slots allocated in peak period at its current level to be released by the end of March 2001.
 - (15) What is the linear distance between Bankstown Airport and Sydney Airport.
 - (16) Is it a fact that if Bankstown Airport becomes an overflow airport, it will necessitate the closure of Sydney Airport's East West runway.
- 2478 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he obtain Income Tax Exemption Charity Status for non-profit child care centres that look after children, including children with a disability, children with special needs, Aboriginal children and children from disadvantaged families; if not, why not.
- 2479 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many medical officers are currently employed by (a) each Service and (b) the Defence Force as a whole (i) on a permanent full-time uniformed basis, (ii) on a permanent part-time uniformed basis and (iii) as civilians on a sessional or fee for service basis.

- (2) How many (a) surgeons, (b) anaesthetists and (c) other specialist medical officers are currently employed by each Service and by the Defence Force as a whole (i) on a permanent full-time uniformed basis, (ii) on a permanent part-time uniformed basis and (iii) as civilians on a sessional or fee for service basis.
- (3) How many of the medical officers and specialist medical officers referred to in parts (1) and (2) are currently deployed in (a) East Timor, (b) Bougainville and (c) elsewhere overseas in support of ADF military operations.
- (4) What special practice allowances and other incentive benefits are payable to reservist medical officers who agree to serve overseas.
- (5) For the latest year for which data is available, what was the cost to Defence of (a) sessional general practitioner services, (b) fee for service general practitioner services, (c) sessional specialist services and (d) fee for service specialist services.
- (6) Does Defence have a uniform policy on the basis on which fee for service consultations should be remunerated; if so, what are the details.
- (7) Has the Surgeon-General completed the Review of Attraction and Retention of Medical and Dental Officers that was commissioned in May 1996; if so, what were the findings of his review and what action, if any, has the Government taken as a result; if the review has not been completed, what is the reason for the delay.
- (8) Did the Joint Chiefs of Staff agree in April 1998 to the establishment of a proposed specialist career and salary structure for Defence medical officers; if so, what was the reason for this decision.
- (9) Has Defence failed to date to pursue the proposed new career and salary structure through to finalisation before the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal; if so, what is the reason for its failure to do so.
- (10) When does the Government now expect to be able to implement the proposed new career and salary structure for Defence medical officers.
- (11) What action, if any, has the Government taken in response to the Auditor-General's recommendation of May 1997 that Defence reach agreement with civilian hospital authorities to enable ADF medical personnel to work in areas where they will be exposed to the emergency treatment of wounds and injuries.

2480 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Did he, on 9 March 2001, in a press release entitled *Unlawful Workers Picked Up on Building Sites in Sydney*, promise the CFMEU a copy of his Department's Employer Awareness Kit; if so, has a copy of the kit been made available to the Union; if not, when will the kit be delivered.
- (2) Are copies of the kit automatically sent to employers in industries that traditionally have a high incidence of using illegal workers, or are they available only on request.
- (3) Will he provide a copy of the kit to my office.

- 2481 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many subclass 457 visas have been issued since 1 October 2000.
 - (2) What is the (a) industry and (b) occupational profile of subclass 457 visas issued since 1 October 2000.
- 2482 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Are visitors who enter Australia on an Electronic Travel Authority given any physical evidence of the date of issue of the visa, or the date by which they would need to leave Australia to comply with the conditions of that visa.
 - (2) Is a record kept of the number of visitors who have entered Australia on an Electronic Travel Authority and have stayed beyond the terms of that visa claiming to be unaware of the expiry date; if so, how many visitors fell into this category so far this intake year.
 - (3) Does his Department automatically impose a penalty on visitors who have overstayed on Electronic Travel Authorities; if not, in what circumstances will his Department demonstrate leniency.
- 2483 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did he extend the qualifying period for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme from 60 days to four months.
 - (2) Effective from 9 March 2001, was the First Home Owners Grant increased from \$7000 to \$14 000.
 - (3) Did the Government inform first home buyers prior to 9 March that the First Home Owners Grant would increase; if not, why not; if so, when did the Government first publicly announce that the First Home Owners Grant would increase.
 - (4) Will first home buyers who qualified for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme prior to 9 March 2001 receive a grant of \$7000, while those who qualified after 9 March 2001 will receive a grant of \$14 000.
 - (5) Will first home buyers who have put down a deposit to build a house before 9 March but are not due to settle and finalise until after 9 March receive a grant of \$7000.
 - (6) What, if any, consideration has he given to backdating the starting date for the \$14 000 First Home Owners Grant Scheme to include those first home buyers who put down a deposit to build a house before 9 March but did not, or are not due to settle and finalise until after 9 March.
- 2484 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is it intended that the minimum support contribution of \$260 p.a. required under s.66 of the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* shall apply in the case of a non custodial parent who is unemployed, but who is excluded from Centrelink payments due to income or asset testing of a different partner.
 - (2) Is it intended that a non-custodial parent who has no income, be required to pay the minimum amount as provided under the Act.

- (3) Is there scope to apply for exemption under the administration powers delegated to this legislation.

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*2485 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether (a) in 2000, the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) won the Prime Minister's Environment Award for Innovation and Excellence, in recognition of its 'Green Power' program's achievements in addressing greenhouse gas emissions through renewable and alternative energy initiatives, carbon sequestration, pollution abatement and public education about global warming and (b) the voluntary green power component in electricity accounts is subject to the GST.
- (2) If so, (a) is it contradictory policy for the Government to be awarding SEDA for its efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions whilst simultaneously deterring people from joining green power initiatives by taxing them and (b) will the Government, in the interest of encouraging involvement in such environmental schemes, consider making such supplies GST free; if not, why not.

*2486 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will the foreshadowed lease of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport contain clauses that (a) reserve in the hands of the Government a contractual right to decide (i) the location of Sydney West Airport and (ii) when Sydney West Airport is to be (A) built and (B) completed, (b) ensure that the lessee will be bound by the Long Term Operating Plan and (c) expressly waive any power of the lessee to hold rights that may prevent the Government declaring the commencement date and location of Sydney West Airport.
- (2) Will the lease for Sydney West Airport be released for tender contemporaneously with the release of Sydney Airport; if not, why not.

*2487 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Chisholm.
- (2) How many general practitioners in the electoral division of Chisholm bulk billed in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) 2000-2001.

*2488 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) On most recent data, how many age pension recipients reside in the electoral division of Chisholm and the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125, (d) 3127, (e) 3149, (f) 3148, (g) 3147, (h) 3150, (i) 3168, (j) 3166, (k) 3169 and (l) 3151.
- (2) On most recent data, how many youth allowance recipients reside in the electoral division of Chisholm and the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125, (d) 3127, (e) 3149, (f) 3148, (g) 3147, (h) 3150, (i) 3168, (j) 3166, (k) 3169 and (l) 3151.

- (3) On most recent data, how many disability pension recipients reside in the electoral division of Chisholm and the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125, (d) 3127, (e) 3149, (f) 3148, (g) 3147, (h) 3150, (i) 3168, (j) 3166, (k) 3169 and (l) 3151.

*2489 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—On most recent data, how many veteran pension recipients reside in the electoral division of Chisholm and the postcode areas of (a) 3128, (b) 3129, (c) 3125, (d) 3127, (e) 3149, (f) 3148, (g) 3147, (h) 3150, (i) 3168, (j) 3166, (k) 3169 and (l) 3151.

*2490 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 2202 (*Hansard*, 6 February 2001, page 24012), (a) how many of the breaches were administrative breaches, (b) how many of the recommended breaches were imposed, (c) how many of those breaches were lifted and on what grounds and (d) how many breaches were lifted on each of those grounds.

*2491 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What sum of funding does the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council receive from his Department.
- (2) Is the funding agreement of a three-year nature.
- (3) Has the organisation met its accountability requirements with his Department.
- (4) How many staff members are employed by the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council.
- (5) Given the suspension of membership of the Federation by Victoria and Western Australia, does the Federation properly represents all ethnic communities in Australia.
- (6) Has his attention been drawn to the recent resignation by the Federation's treasurer; if so, does he know the reasons for the resignation and do they include alleged mismanagement of funds and poor management of the Federation's affairs by the current executive.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.

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Current inquiry:

Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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

Current inquiries:

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

Progress in rail reform.

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

Current inquiries:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1999-2000.

Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000.

Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

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

Current inquiry:

Education of boys.

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

Current inquiry:

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

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

Current inquiry:

Social and economic costs of substance abuse.

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

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

Current inquiry:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

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

Current inquiry:

Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning.

LIBRARY: The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler, 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 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*), Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hollis, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe.

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AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION: Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Calvert, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator Ray.

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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 24 May 2001*).

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Schultz, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator McGauran.

Current inquiry:

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr 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.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr McClelland, 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 May (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, 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 (*To report by 18 June 2001*).

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.

Treaties tabled on 27 February.

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*).