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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 179

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 2001

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.*

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- \*1 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of information from bodies in the financial sector, and for related purposes.
- \*2 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to repeal and amend various Acts, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the enactment of the *Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001*, and for related purposes.
- \*3 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to financial services and markets, and for other purposes.
- \*4 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for other purposes.
- \*5 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.
- \*6 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend migration and citizenship legislation, and for other purposes.
- \*7 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.
- \*8 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about funding of primary, secondary and higher education and of research, and for related purposes.
- \*9 **DR WOOLDRIDGE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.
- \*10 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.
- \*11 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend or repeal certain legislation relating to aviation, and for related purposes.

\* 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.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 2 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Bevis, in continuation*).
- 3 **OCCUPATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr Smith*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*12 **MR REITH:** To move—That:
- (1) the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 9 May 2001, at 2 p.m., in the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting;
  - (2) leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives:
    - (a) from the determination of this sitting of the House to 9 May 2001; and
    - (b) from the determination of the sitting of the House on 10 May 2001 to the date of its next sitting; and
  - (3) standing order 100A (Notice Paper) be suspended for the sittings of the House on 9 and 10 May 2001.

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 4 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 5 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 6 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Horne*).
- \*7 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Bevis*).
- \*8 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Bevis*).
- \*9 **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 1) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Horne*).

- \*10 **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Horne*).
- \*11 **TRADE MARKS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Horne*).
- \*12 **CORPORATIONS BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- \*13 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).

### Notices—*continued*

13 **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*

- 14 **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*).
- 15 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2001—Dr Martin*).
- 16 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2001—Dr Martin*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 19 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 8 February 2001*).
- 20 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 21 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 22 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 23 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 24 **TELSTRA:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 25 **PRICE OF PETROL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 26 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 27 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 28 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 29 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 30 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 31 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 32 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*33 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY—PRINCIPLES FOR DETERMINING AMOUNT OF DATACASTING CHARGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **2001 TRADE OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the papers.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.

- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **IMMIGRATION DETENTION PROCEDURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr Williams*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the papers.
- 45 **2000 REDISTRIBUTION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **TREATIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TRUST—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMPANY LAW REVIEW ACT 1998—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **TAX EXPENDITURES STATEMENT 2000—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February*

2001—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 51 **COPYRIGHT AGENCY LIMITED—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000—REPLACEMENT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **ILO CONVENTION 182—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **SYDNEY AIRPORTS CORPORATION LTD—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2000-2005—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **CO-REGULATORY SCHEME FOR INTERNET CONTENT REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 62 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA’S R&D—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr Slipper*):**
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2000)—*moved 30 August 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Smith*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2001)—*moved 28 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2001)—*moved 3 April 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Snowdon*).
  - 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*).
  - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2001)—*moved 3 April 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Snowdon*).
- 65 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr McGauran*):**
- Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (2001)—*moved 8 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
- 66 **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*).
- 67 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

### Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

### Orders of the day

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

- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 4 June 2001.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 17 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SECOND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 April 2001—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 the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- \*18 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—38TH REPORT—KYOTO PROTOCOL—DISCUSSION PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)



## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notices given for Thursday, 5 April 2001

\*1 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its concern at the very large number of positions in the IT industry, estimated at 30 000, which are not being filled in Australia;
- (2) expresses its concern that the Government's program under the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs and the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts is totally inadequate to deal with this shortfall; and
- (3) calls on the Government to substantially boost its programs in the areas of education, training and targeted immigration, as well as the work of the IT&T Taskforce, to ensure that there is a much larger pool of people trained in IT available to Australian industry. (*Notice given 4 April 2001.*)

\*2 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That this House opposes the actions of the Speaker in:

- (1) accepting a gift from Fox Sports services without consulting Members of the House;
  - (2) failing to immediately declare the nature of this gift; and
  - (3) potentially compromising the House, given the Parliament's role as the regulator of pay TV services. (*Notice given 4 April 2001.*)
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### Notices

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 4 June 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 4 June 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 4 June 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 4 June 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 4 June 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 4 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 24 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 25 **MR BARRESI:** To move—That, in light of the Howard Government’s internationally acknowledged reforms to the Australian financial system, including centralised prudential regulation, and the payments systems, and Australia’s historically secure banking sector, this House:
- (1) welcomes the Australian Bankers’ Association’s announcement in March to guarantee minimum standards for ‘safety net’ accounts, changes to overcome access barriers to electronic banking and the adoption of protocols for face to face banking services in rural and remote areas;
  - (2) notes the recommendations of the Issues Paper of the Viney Review into the Banking Industry Code of Practice released in March 2001;
  - (3) condemns Labor’s record on banking policy in both Government and Opposition; and
  - (4) calls on Australia’s financial institutions to continuously work with local communities towards meeting the banking needs of Australians living in urban and regional areas. (*Notice given 3 April 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 26 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Act 1903* to declare the Parliament’s intention with respect to the award of Victoria Crosses to certain persons. (*Notice given 3 April 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

- 27 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that 24 311 Social Security recipients have their compensation preclusion period spanning the introduction of the GST;
  - (2) notes that the average length of preclusion periods is 291 weeks;
  - (3) notes that the income cut-out rate has increased by \$115.23 per week to compensate for price rises caused by the GST;
  - (4) notes that if the post GST cut-out rate of \$543.63 was applied to the post GST portion of the preclusion period it would result in a significant reduction in the preclusion period; and
  - (5) condemns the Government's failure to introduce legislation to extend GST compensation to people whose compensation preclusion period spans the introduction of the GST. (*Notice given 3 April 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

### Orders of the day

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



**9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

**10 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

**11 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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 14 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
  - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran’s reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha’is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
  - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha’is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
  - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and

- (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

**15 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

**16 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 4 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 22 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 23 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.)*

- 27 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 29 **CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY BILL 2001** (*Mr Kerr*): Second reading (*from 2 April 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 4 June 2001.*)
- 30 **AUSTRALIAN BILL OF RIGHTS BILL 2001** (*Dr Theophanous*): Second reading (*from 2 April 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 4 June 2001.*)
- 31 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Mr Charles*): Second reading (*from 2 April 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 4 June 2001.*)
- 32 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Mr Charles*): Second reading (*from 2 April 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 4 June 2001.*)
- 33 **STATES' CONTRIBUTION TO LOWER PETROL PRICES BILL 2001** (*Mr Charles*): Second reading (*from 2 April 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 4 June 2001.*)
- 34 **RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES**: Resumption of debate (*from 2 April 2001*) on the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)
- 35 **PRIVATISATION OF TELSTRA:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 April 2001*) on the motion of Mr Sercombe—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 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. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

*Thursday, 5 April 2001*

*The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.*

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

- 1 **DRIED VINE FRUITS (RATE OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY (EXCISE) LEVY) VALIDATION BILL 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2001—Dr Martin*).
- 2 **DRIED VINE FRUITS (RATE OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY (CUSTOMS) CHARGE) VALIDATION BILL 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 March 2001—Dr Martin*).
- 3 **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, 1852, 1906, 1913, 1941, 1979, 2000, 2001, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2031, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2062, 2072, 2079, 2095, 2096, 2107, 2110, 2116, 2122, 2129, 2130, 2137, 2152, 2153, 2169, 2170, 2179, 2182, 2190-2192, 2194, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2212, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2221-2224, 2229, 2230, 2237, 2238, 2252, 2253, 2259, 2261, 2263, 2264, 2273, 2276-2278, 2280, 2281, 2284, 2286, 2289-2292, 2296, 2298, 2303-2305, 2307-2314, 2316, 2318, 2320, 2323-2325, 2333, 2335, 2336, 2343, 2344, 2347, 2349, 2351, 2353, 2355, 2357, 2360-2363, 2367, 2368, 2371-2379, 2381, 2383-2385, 2387, 2388, 2390-2392, 2394, 2395, 2398, 2399, 2401, 2404-2411, 2414-2426, 2428-2436, 2438-2443, 2445-2447, 2449, 2452-2491.

### *2 April 2001*

2492 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) What sum was spent on retraining those workers who lost their jobs when National Textiles closed in January 2000.
- (2) How many people completed a retraining program.
- (3) How many people obtained employment after completing a retraining program.

2493 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will he table in the House of Representatives a copy of the Full Trade Sale and privatisation strategy for Sydney. Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports.
- (2) Will the new owner of Sydney Airport hold first rights to build a second major airport within a 100km radius of the Sydney Central Business District.
- (3) What percentage of foreign ownership will be permitted, in percentile terms, of Sydney Airport.
- (4) Will he furnish details of the sale process of Sydney Airport.
- (5) Will the new owner of Sydney Airport have first right of refusal on building and operating a second airport.
- (6) Will the Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports be sold separately from Sydney Airport.
- (7) Can he define what 'trade-sale' means.
- (8) Is he able to say whether the trade-sale option to sell Sydney Airport amounts to a lessee interest that has power of veto over the timing and construction of Sydney West Airport.

- (9) What briefing has he given to Sydney Airport management in this sale, in respect to environmental impacts, including aircraft noise and air movement safety.
- (10) What options has he incorporated into the proposed trade-sale of Sydney Airport that guarantees, in the proposed lease that (a) the Long Term Operating Plan's integrity is preserved, (b) noise respite periods are distributed in an equitable manner and (c) the Sydney West Airport is built within a prescribed period determinable by the Government.
- (11) Is it a fact that the sole criteria for the construction of Sydney West Airport is the foreshadowed capacity peak for Sydney Airport being the Year 2010.
- (12) Upon what basis is the estimated capacity peak passenger and aircraft growth for Sydney Airport due to reach its optimum in the year 2010.
- (13) Is it a fact that the 1996 EIS for the Second Sydney Airport Proposal by PPK Environment and Infrastructure notes at paragraph 1.2 titled 'Need for a New Airport' that (a) the Commonwealth Government proposed the development of a second major airport for Sydney capable of handling up to 30 million domestic and international passengers a year, (b) Sydney Airport was expected to handle about 20 million passengers in 1997 and (c) the Second Sydney Airport Site Selection Program Draft Environmental Impact Statement anticipated the new airport would accommodate about 13 million passengers each year (Kinhill Stearn, 1985).
- (14) If so, (a) what is the current estimated passenger and aircraft capacity of Sydney Airport by the year 2010 and (b) is it a fact that the PPK Environment and Infrastructure 1996 EIS for the Second Sydney Airport Proposal states at paragraph 1.3 that the policy of the Coalition of Liberal and National Parties indicated an intention that Sydney's second airport would be more than just an overflow airport and would, in time, play a major role in serving Sydney's air transport needs.
- (15) Does the Government expect that Bankstown Airport, acting as an overflow airport for Sydney Airport, will cope with handling up to 30 million passenger movements per year.
- (16) Has Sydney Airport reached the figure of 20 million passenger movements per year; if so, (a) when was this number of movements reached and (b) does this mean that, according to the Coalitions' 1996 statement, Sydney Airport has already reached its optimum passenger movements.

2494 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Are surgical shoes and orthopaedic footwear subject to the GST.
- (2) Has the Australian Taxation Office made a ruling that GST must be applied to surgical and orthopaedic footwear as they are not described as medical appliances under the GST legislation.
- (3) Will he change the legislation to allow surgical shoes and other orthopaedic footwear for people with disabilities to be exempt from the GST; if not, why not.
- (4) Do patients who purchase Australian-made surgical shoes and products presently have the GST applied but patients who purchase American-made surgical shoes and orthopaedic footwear do not have to apply the GST.

- (5) Is applying the GST to Australian-made surgical shoes but not to American-made surgical shoes anti-competitive; if so, will he refer these anti-competitive aspects to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

2495 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Which aged care facility in the electoral division of Canberra has the highest hostel/accommodation bond requirement.
- (2) What is the average hostel/accommodation bond requirement in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (3) What interest rate is applicable on outstanding hostel/accommodation bonds in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (4) How is the hostel/accommodation bond interest rate calculated.
- (5) At what stage can interest on the hostel/accommodation bonds be charged.
- (6) What information are hostels required to provide to his Department in relation to their accommodation bonds.

2496 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) How many applications were made to the 2001 Youth Roundtable from residents in the electoral division of Canberra.
- (2) What was the gender breakdown of these applicants.
- (3) What selection criteria were applied in determining eligibility for the Youth Roundtable.
- (4) Will he provide a copy of the selection criteria and the selection process guidelines.
- (5) Is there a provision for ministerial discretion in the selection procedure for Youth Roundtable delegates.

*3 April 2001*

2497 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Since the Commonwealth introduced the Roads of National Importance program, what (a) sum has been expended in (i) total and (ii) each State and Territory and what (b) projects have been undertaken in each State and Territory.

2498 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What are the guidelines governing the sale of Essendon Airport.
- (2) Are there any restrictions on providing information to interested parties about the process of sale; if so, (a) what are the restrictions and (b) who determined them.
- (3) Are there any confidentiality requirements placed on potential buyers; if so, what are the requirements.
- (4) Who determined the confidentiality requirements and are they standard.
- (5) Have the confidentiality requirements been used in any other airport sale.
- (6) Have any agencies or third parties been appointed to assist in the sale; if so, (a) what are the reporting requirements of such agencies or parties and (b) are they required to report to Parliament; if so, when.

(7) What is the timetable for the sale.

2499 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum has been spent by the Commonwealth Government in association with the NSW Government in the Route Selection Study for the Murrumbateman Bypass, and how has this been expended.
- (2) With respect to the Connell Wagner Pty Ltd draft Preferred Route Selection Report (October 2000) recommending the East Outer route as the preferred option, did the Director, Road Network Infrastructure, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority claim in a letter of January 2001 to his Department that a copy of the Draft Report had been made available to the Member for Hume; if so, did he, his office or his Department make the Draft Report available to Mr Schultz.
- (3) If Mr Schultz has a copy of the Draft Report, why did his Department argue in its letter of 11 January 2001 to the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority that it appreciated that the current draft was a semi-public document but it did not believe that it was a suitable basis for public comment in its current form.
- (4) In his letter of January 2001, did the Director, Road Network Infrastructure, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, request his Department to provide substantive information on its criticism of the Connell Wagner Pty Ltd draft Preferred Route Selection Report (October 2000), including (a) specific detail where the consultant's ratings are in error, (b) advice on what relevant issues have not been explored thoroughly and (c) criteria of specific importance to his Department; if so, what is his Department's response to the questions.

2500 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has there been a delay in the awarding of contracts for the Defence Integrated Distribution Systems (DIDS): if so, (a) what are the reasons for the delay and (b) what is he doing to award the contract in line with the original timetable and in a fair and equitable manner.
- (2) What has been the effect of the delay on the DIDS project and RAAF Base Amberley.
- (3) What effect will the project have on the structure and personnel of RAAF Base Amberley.

2501 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is 501 Wing RAAF Base Amberley being moved to RAAF Base Williamstown; if so, what are the details of timings and personnel changes involved at RAAF Base Amberley.
- (2) Is there a proposal to reduce the number of Air Commodores at RAAF Base Amberley from two to one.
- (3) What is the reason for the change in RAAF Base Amberley commanding officer structure.

- (4) What effect will a change in commanding officer structure at RAAF Base Amberley have on the operations of the base and its ability to liaise with the community and provide a public face to the operations of the base.

2502 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Prior to Government decisions based on the recent Defence White Paper, did Project Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) involve an agreement and understanding that Australia would purchase 7 Boeing 737s, 2 of which were to be assembled in Seattle, USA, as prototypes and the remaining 5 aircraft were to be assembled in Australia, in particular at RAAF Base Amberley.
- (2) Can he confirm the exact number and timing of the Boeing 737s to be assembled, the place of assembly and scope for change to any contractual agreement with Boeing in relation to the AEW&C project.
- (3) What commitment can he give in relation to his statement in letters to the editor of the *Queensland Times* on Saturday, 24 March 2001 that the number of aircraft can be varied and that no decision has to be made up to and including 2003.
- (4) If he is committed to the possibility of increasing the number of aircraft from 4 at present to any other number in the future, can he give details of the actual number and the timing of delivery.
- (5) Are there contractual arrangements with Boeing to accommodate the assembly of the AEW&C 737's in Australia should the Government decide to purchase 7 aircraft as originally indicated.
- (6) Is he aware of the impact reducing the number of AEW&C 737's purchased by Australia will have on the Australian Defence Industry; if so, how will he compensate the Australian Defence Industry for the loss of potential technology and employment development.
- (7) Will the downsizing of Project Wedgetail from 7 AEW&C aircraft reduce the capacity of the AEW&C system as a recognised defence strategy of Australia's national security.

2503 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—Have any buildings owned by the Australian Customs Service (ACS) been sold during 2000-2001; if so, will the Minister provide details of (a) the location of any buildings which have been sold, (b) any valuations of market value which were obtained prior to sale, (c) the sale price and (d) if the property was subsequently leased back by the ACS, the details of the subsequent lease agreement.

2504 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will the proposed amendments to the Slots System foreshadowed in the amendments to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Act result in amendments to the Airspace Management Plan; if so, will consequential amendments to the Airspace Management Plan (AMP) constitute an action as prescribed in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBA Act).
- (2) Does an amendment to the AMP trigger the provisions of subsection 160(2) of the EPBA Act; if so, must the proposed amendments to the Slots

Management Scheme 1998 (SMS) be brought to the attention of the Minister for the Environment for environmental assessment.

- (3) Does the precautionary principle apply to the amendments of the SMS.
- (4) Will the act of amending the SMS constitute severe and irreversible environmental harm to the residents of Sydney through increased aircraft noise and fundamental compromising of air movement safety.
- (5) In the act of amending the SMS, ought not the lack of full scientific certainty of irreversible environmental harm be used to postpone measures to mitigate against the harm, thus applying the precautionary principle.

*4 April 2001*

2505 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many kilometres of the Calder Highway between Melbourne and Bendigo (a) have been duplicated to date and (b) remain to be duplicated.
- (2) Which new construction projects does he plan to have (a) started and (b) completed between now and 2006.
- (3) What sum of Federal funds will be required for each project and over how many kilometres will each project extend.
- (4) What proportion of the duplication work remaining to be done does each project represent.
- (5) What date has the Government set for the completion of the duplication of the Calder Highway between Melbourne and Bendigo.
- (6) What new construction works does the Government plan to undertake on the Calder Highway between Melbourne and Bendigo after 2006.
- (7) What is the projected cost of each of these projects and over how many kilometres will each project extend.
- (8) Is he able to say whether the Victorian Government has a commitment to 2006 as the deadline for the completion of the duplication of the Calder Highway between Bendigo and Melbourne in partnership with the Federal Government; if so, why does the Federal Government plan only for a substantial completion of the duplication by 2006.

2506 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What sum did Australia spend on foreign aid in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99 and (d) 1999-2000.
- (2) What do the sums represent as a percentage of Gross National Product in each year.
- (3) What were the categories of aid.
- (4) What was the proportion of aid directed towards the provision of basic social services.
- (5) What level of assistance was channelled into Micro Credit programs in the recipient countries.
- (6) What level of assistance was given to countries who were prepared to support or fund Micro Credit initiatives.
- (7) What percentage of aid was used in retiring debt in the recipient countries.

- 2507 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many groups or organisations have been granted special needs status under the Special Needs Category of the Aged Care Act in each of the past three years.
  - (2) What was the breakdown of these groups over the three year period on a State by State basis.
  - (3) What criteria are used by her to determine whether an organisation is granted special needs status.
  - (4) How many organisations in this funding year have been granted special needs status and how many applications were received.
- 2508 **MR MORRIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it a fact that (a) Telstra Bigpond Internet access in Newcastle is priced at a higher rate than Sydney and (b) monthly-unlimited access costs \$42.50 in Newcastle and \$24.95 in Sydney.
  - (2) Why does this price differential exist.
  - (3) When will this impost on the Newcastle community end.
  - (4) Does Telstra charge all regional Internet users in the same way.
- 2509 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the aircraft movements capacity of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).
  - (2) What is the current level of aircraft movements at KSA.
  - (3) What would be the impact of fully implementing the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) on KSA's aircraft movements.
  - (4) Will the proposed sale of the lease for KSA contain relevant clauses specifying that the LTOP constitutes part of the overall plan for the airport.
  - (5) What impact will the use of Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport have on the LTOP.
  - (6) What impact will the LTOP have on the utility of the Precision Runway Monitor System in terms of maximising aircraft movements at KSA.
- 2510 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to recent comments in relation to waterfront reform that have been made by Ian Donges, President of the National Farmers' Federation that it has to ensure that the savings from the increased productivity flow to farmers and other port users as soon as possible.
  - (2) Has his attention been drawn to any moves by Lang Corporation/Patricks and P&O to pass on the benefits of higher crane rates and productivity to Australian importers or exporters.
  - (3) Has he spoken to P&O and Patricks about their obligation to pass on these productivity benefits, especially given the massive taxpayer funded redundancy.
- 2511 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What sum has the Federal Government spent on the National Highway since March 1996 (a) at the Weakley's Drive and New England Highway intersection, (b) at



the Thornton Road and New England Highway intersection, (c) at the Anderson Drive and New England Highway intersection and (d) on acquisition and planning of the National Highway from Seahampton to Belford along the Kurri Kurri corridor.

2512 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Weakley's Drive and New England Highway intersection part of the National Highway and therefore the responsibility of the Federal Government for funding.
- (2) Has his Department estimated the cost of upgrading the intersection with fly-overs.
- (3) When will funding be made available.

*5 April 2001*

\*2513 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What action is he taking with respect to the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs entitled "Cracking Down on Copycats: A report on the enforcement of copyright in Australia", dated November 2000.
- (2) When will he introduce legislation in response to the recommendations of the Committee.

\*2514 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What legislation sets the retiring ages of judges in each State and Territory.
- (2) What is the retiring age of judges in each State or Territory.

\*2515 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Prime Minister—What has happened to the level of public sector employment in (a) Bendigo and (b) the Loddon Mallee statistical region since the Coalition came to office in 1996.

\*2516 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the (a) number of general practitioners and (b) ratio of general practitioners to each 1000 of population in (i) the electoral division of Bendigo, (b) Melbourne, (c) Victoria, (d) Australia, (e) rural and regional Victoria, (f) metropolitan Australia and (g) rural and regional Australia.
- (2) What is the (a) number and (b) percentage of general practitioners in each case that bulk-bill.

\*2517 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What sum of Commonwealth funding was allocated to the National Highway project known as the Kurri Corridor in the (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000 and (e) 2000-2001 Budgets.

\*2518 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in *The Bulletin* on 3 April 2001 alleging that a derogatory reference to Indonesia had been made by the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.
- (2) Has he discussed this matter with the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

- (3) Have there been any references in the Indonesian media to the comments made by the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business; if so, what were these references.

\*2519 **MR MORRIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has the Minister's Department lodged an appeal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against the decision of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) to uphold the appeal of Helen Maddison to receive equal treatment to her husband in applying for an Aged Persons Savings Bonus and that her deemed income should include deemed income from one half of the funds held by Mr Maddison in his superannuation roll over fund.
- (2) Is the Government opposed to a couple being treated equally in the granting of the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (3) Has all policy development over recent years treated superannuation as a joint asset of marriage.
- (4) Is the Government's decision to appeal based on the interpretation that the superannuation rollover belongs solely to Mr Maddison and is only applicable to him; if so, is this (a) a complete reversal of all recent policy developments in superannuation and (b) at total variance with the treatment of household income and assets by the Minister's Department when determining eligibility for any pension or pension related entitlements.
- (5) Is the amount involved in the vicinity of \$866.
- (6) What are the likely legal and associated costs to the Department of pursuing this appeal.
- (7) If Mrs Madison's appeal was successful would other applications have to be reviewed and varied; if so, (a) how many and (b) what would be the estimated cost.
- (8) Is this a case of the Government, having lost the case at SSAT, now seeking to deny the bonus to Mrs Maddison, who has sought only to keep the Government to the principle of this bonus, on technical legal grounds.

\*2520 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article titled "Airport still counts cost of Olympics" by Ms Laura Tingle published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 4 April 2001.
- (2) What is the impact on the Government's proposed sale plans of the multi-million-dollar claim against Sydney Airport Corporation referred to in Ms Tingle's article.

\*2521 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will the Government table in the House of Representatives the (a) Master Plan for Sydney Airport, (b) scoping study issued to investment bank Salomon Smith Barney for the sale of Sydney Airport, (c) Airspace Management Plan for Sydney Airport and (d) transcript of the transport conference held in Singapore on 10-11 March 2001, attended by Sydney Airports Corporation.

- (2) Is he able to supply a list of who will be the prospective bidders for Sydney Airport.
- (3) Is he able to define what is Cabinet's desired percentage of local ownership of Sydney Airport after privatisation.
- (4) What environmental responsibilities will apply to a private company making a land use on Commonwealth land, in particular a private company operating on Sydney Airport.
- (5) What public interest participation rights are provisioned in the proposed lease of Sydney Airport.

\*2522 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will he provide the Parliament with an analysis of the fuel consumption of the current Australian passenger and light vehicle fleet.
- (2) Is it the case that the fuel consumption of Australia's passenger and light vehicle fleet is among the worst, if not the worst, in the OECD.
- (3) Have these vehicles an overall energy efficiency of no more than 15 to 20%.
- (4) Are the high prices that motorists pay for petrol compounded by the fact that their vehicles waste 80% or more of the energy contained in the fuel.
- (5) Do these low efficiency vehicles produce significant volumes of carbon dioxide and other air pollutants because they burn such large quantities of fuel for such little mechanical output.
- (6) What measures have the Government introduced to ensure that manufacturers significantly improve the energy efficiency of their vehicles.
- (7) Is the current energy labelling program used on refrigerators and clothes dryers which the Government has decided to introduce for new cars, likely to see a significant improvement in the average energy efficiency of Australian made vehicles; if so, what is the Government's estimate of the likely improvement in vehicle fuel consumption and energy efficiency; if not, why not.
- (8) As a result of the current requirement for the motor vehicle industry to improve fuel economy by 15% over "business as usual" improvements, what is the Government's estimate of energy efficiency improvement and reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.
- (9) Will any reduction in emissions be swamped by the expected growth in the number of vehicles brought about by the Government's bias toward road transport over rail transport.
- (10) Is the Minister aware of the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles that was set up by the Clinton administration with the goal of increasing the fuel efficiency of the US passenger vehicle fleet to 80 miles per gallon for a medium sized car; if so, what measures has this Government taken to implement such a scheme in Australia.
- (11) Could this kind of scheme significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the transport sector as well as provide fuel price relief Australian motorists.

\*2523 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he able to provide an analysis of the energy consumption and carbon dioxide levels of the transport sector.
- (2) Has the transport sector had the highest rate of growth of carbon dioxide emissions in the Australian economy; if so, what is the cause of this rapid increase and what measures has the Government adopted to stem this growth.
- (3) Has much of this increase has come from the growth in road transport, in particular, road freight, that has taken place at the expense of rail transport.
- (4) Is diesel hauled rail transport at least four times as energy efficient as road transport and consequently emits one quarter as much carbon dioxide per tonne-kilometre, as reported by the Australian Railway Association.
- (5) Is electric railway haulage 40% more efficient again than diesel-hauled rail transport and emits even less carbon dioxide per tonne kilometre, as reported by international railway operators.
- (6) Has he stated in the past that his first priority is for road transport and rail comes a distant second.
- (7) Is it is the policy of the Government to force down apparent transport costs by allowing the road freight industry to be carried by low paid owner drivers who can barely afford the cost of fuel let alone proper maintenance.
- (8) Does the road transport industry receive subsidies in the form of free fuel, un-recovered road construction and repair costs and services that equals or exceeds 90% of their operating expenses, as reported by the Bureau of Transport Economics.
- (9) If so, will the Government act to recover a higher proportion of these costs and so improve the competitiveness of the much more energy efficient railways.
- (10) Is it a fact that (a) Federal funding has not been made available for the construction of new urban rail systems in NSW and (b) billions of dollars been made available or promised for the construction of new urban road works such as the Western Sydney Orbital.
- (11) What is the estimate of the reductions in carbon dioxide emissions in kilograms per dollar invested resulting in improvements in travel efficiency for the Western Sydney Orbital compared with the proposed but un-funded Epping to Castle Hill Railway.
- (12) Is he able to supply estimates for the quantity of carbon dioxide emitted for an equivalent distance travelled by a commuter using (a) a private car, (b) an electric train and (c) a bicycle.

\*2524 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a report in *The Sydney Morning Herald* of 3 April 2001 that Cabinet is said to have decided to support the stand taken by the US against the Kyoto Protocol while the Minister is reported as saying that he is in favour of supporting the protocol; if so, will the Government support the Kyoto protocol; if not, why not.

- (2) In terms of the Kyoto protocol what is the estimated cost per kilogram of carbon dioxide reduction from the electric power industry when measures such as increased energy efficiency of domestic, commercial and industrial equipment are taken into consideration.
- (3) What effect would a program of supporting the installation of domestic solar hot water heaters nationwide have on carbon dioxide emissions if the level of use of such solar hot water heaters reached that (approximately 50%) found in the Northern Territory.
- (4) Considering that electricity generators are responsible for nearly 50% of Australia's carbon dioxide emissions, what measures does the Government have in place to reduce the consumption of electricity.
- (5) What measures does the Government have in place to increase the energy efficiency of Australia's coal fired power stations.
- (6) What area of solar photo-voltaic or solar thermal collectors would be required to replace all of Australia's existing fossil fuelled electric power stations.
- (7) What would be the cost of such a conversion.
- (8) Is the Minister able to provide a comprehensive list of economic sectors, ranging from agriculture, transport, energy supply, housing, food production, mining and all other sectors that each contribute more than five percent of Australia's carbon dioxide emissions together with a breakdown of the costs and potential savings that would result if measures were taken to reduce Australia's carbon dioxide emissions below the levels of 1990.
- (9) Have reputable economic analysts shown that significant savings are possible if measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions are taken on a case by case basis rather than taking the worst case and claiming that case to represent the whole economy.

\*2525 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What communication facilities are made available to asylum seekers who have entered Australia without authorisation, while they are detained in immigration processing centres.
- (2) Are detainees in Australia's immigration processing centres permitted unlimited access to communication facilities; if not, what limits are placed on such access.

\*2526 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many employers have been issued with warnings by his Department since the introduction of the new warning scheme for employers found to be using illegal labour.
- (2) What is the industry profile of employers that have received warnings for employing illegal workers under the new scheme.

\*2527 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Taxpayers' Charter explanatory booklet entitled "Treating you fairly and reasonably" contain a statement that it recognises individual circumstances, including previous

history as a taxpayer and level of knowledge and understanding of the tax laws.

- (2) What criteria does the ATO use to ensure that individual taxpayers are treated individually.
- (3) Does the ATO have an internal policy document or set of procedures that outlines how this statement in the charter is to be put into practice.
- (4) How does the ATO monitor compliance to clauses in the taxpayers charter.
- (5) In the instances of reassessing investors in Mass Marketed Tax Effective investments who have had rulings made against them, did the ATO look at every case individually.

**\*2528 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) When will he adopt the ‘Swedish Model’ approach to detention of asylum-seekers in Australia.
- (2) How many asylum-seekers will be offered this option.
- (3) What will be the process of evaluation of potential recipients of this option.
- (4) What conditions will be offered to these recipients.
- (5) If not all available places are filled, will he offer the available positions to other asylum seekers.

**DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*2529 - \*2530)—

- (1) In light of the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are four times more likely to develop meningococcal disease than other Australians, what steps are being taken to rectify this matter.
- (2) What new policy developments are being implemented to ensure that Indigenous Australians receive the same level of medical care, and subsequently enjoy the same level of health conditions as other Australians.
- (3) As meningococcal disease is closely linked with socio-economic conditions, is the Government implementing initiatives to ensure an increase in standards of the socio-economic conditions of Australia’s Indigenous population.
- (4) Does the Government have any active targets with regards to health standards amongst all of Australia’s Indigenous communities; if so, to what degree is the Government succeeding in reaching these targets.

**\*2529 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care.

**\*2530 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.



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## SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

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## COMMITTEES

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

### Standing

*Pursuant to standing orders*

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

*Current inquiry:*

Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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

*Current inquiries:*

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

Progress in rail reform.

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

*Current inquiries:*

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 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 Cadman, Mr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Ms Gillard,  
Mrs May, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

*Current inquiry:*

Education of boys.

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

**Joint Statutory**

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

**BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS:** The Speaker, The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

**CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES:** Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

*Current inquiry:*

Provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 (*To report by 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.

Belconnen, ACT—Fitout of new Central Office building for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal, NT—Development of Range Support Facilities.

Ermington, NSW—Site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure at the Defence site.

**Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Jull, Mr McClelland, Mr St Clair, 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.

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

**MIGRATION** (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs May (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Georgiou, 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.*)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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