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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 182

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2001

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


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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**
**Notices**

- \*1 **MR M. A. J. VAILE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Market Development Grants Act 1997*, and for related purposes.
- \*2 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- \*3 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the social security law and the family assistance law, and for other purposes.
- \*4 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to deal with matters consequential on the enactment of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, and for related purposes.
- \*5 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1990*, and for related purposes.

**Orders of the day**

- 1 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr K. J. Thomson, in continuation*).
- 2 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*6 **MR REITH:** To move—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) be suspended for the sitting on Thursday, 24 May 2001.
- \*7 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the

\* 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.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Lavarack Barracks redevelopment, Stage 3, Townsville.

- \*8 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: RAAF Base Townsville redevelopment, Stage 2, Townsville.
- \*9 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Redevelopment of residential areas at Royal Military College, Duntoon, ACT.
- \*10 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre, Oakey, Qld.
- \*11 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Defence Intelligence Training Centre at Canungra, Qld.
- \*12 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure at the Defence site at Ermington, NSW.

### **Orders of the day—continued**

- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr Beazley*).
- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*).
- 5 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*).
- 6 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 7 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (NO. 3) 2001** (*Minister for Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 8 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 9 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA—CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).

- 10 **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*).
- 11 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- \*12 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr Bevis*).
- \*13 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr Bevis*).
- 14 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IMMIGRATION DETAINEES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 15 **INNOVATION AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **CORPORATIONS BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 19 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND METHODS OF NOTIFICATION) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 20 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr L. D. T. Ferguson*).
- 21 **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*).
- \*22 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONCESSION CARDS) BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 May 2001*).
- 23 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).

- 24 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 28 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).

### 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*

- 32 **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*).
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 34 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).

- 35 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 37 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 38 **TELSTRA:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 39 **PRICE OF PETROL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 40 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 41 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 42 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 43 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 44 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 46 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- \*47 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH-WEST FOREST REGION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*48 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM CHANGES—REPORT FOR QUARTER COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*49 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S REGIONAL AREAS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—HEALTH IS LIFE: INQUIRY INTO INDIGENOUS HEALTH—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MILITARY PROCEDURES IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE**

- OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.

- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.

- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **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*).

**84 TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr McGauran*):

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

**85 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*).

**86 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998:** Second reading (*from 10 November 1998*).

### **Contingent notices of motion**

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

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

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

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



**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,  
4 JUNE 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 46TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.45 p.m.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report—Rough Justice? An investigation into allegations of brutality in the Army's Parachute Battalion. (*Statements to conclude by 1.05 p.m.*)
- 3 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 39—Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea and the treaties table on 27 February and 6 March 2001. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)
- 4 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on progress in rail reform. (*Statements to conclude by 1.30 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**

- 1 **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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

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## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

### 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*) on the motion—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—37TH 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.)*

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

### Notices—*continued*

1 **MR PRICE:** To move—

(1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):

(*ba*) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:

- (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
- (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
- (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
- (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
- (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 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 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.*)

**12 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.*)

**13 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.*)

14 **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.*)

**15 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.*)

**16 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.*)

**17 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.*)
- 18 **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.*)
- 19 **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.*)
- 20 **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.*)
- 21 **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.*)
- 22 **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.*)

**23 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.*)

**24 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

**25 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. 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 BAIRD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the unique heritage value of the Kurnell peninsula;
- (2) urges the NSW Government not to proceed with rezoning of land on the peninsula, which would allow houses to be constructed under flight paths from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport;
- (3) calls for a commission of inquiry into land use on the peninsula;
- (4) asks the three levels of government to note the historical and environmental significance of the Kurnell peninsula to Australia; and
- (5) requests the Commonwealth Government to consider allocating funds from the sale of Sydney Airport to purchase land on the peninsula to ensure that:
  - (a) flight paths are not restricted by the construction of new housing; and
  - (b) the area can be developed as a National Park for the enjoyment of all Australians. (*Notice given 5 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 SECKER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its support for the development of the Kokoda Track as a National Memorial Park; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
  - (a) support and fund the construction of an all weather road from Kokoda to Ower's Corner, and of educational memorials at each of the battle sites along the Track;
  - (b) commemorate the 60th anniversary of our brave armed forces campaign with an Anzac Day Dawn Service in 2002 at Ower's Corner; and
  - (c) establish a project team to oversee these matters, consisting of representatives of the Departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Veterans' Affairs and Environment and Heritage. (*Notice given 5 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.*)

28 **MR McLEAY:** To move—

- (1) That a Select Committee on Reform of the Opening of the Parliament be appointed;
- (2) That the Committee's report include recommendations on the:
  - (a) procedures by which the person who had last held office as Speaker of the House could be appointed as a Deputy of the Governor-General for the purposes of the swearing in or the making of affirmations by Members of the House;

- (b) arrangements necessary to enable the Governor-General's opening Speech to be made in the Parliament's Great Hall; and
  - (c) terms of a bill to alter the Constitution to require Members of the House to swear an oath or make an affirmation of allegiance to the people of Australia instead of the Queen; and
- (3) That the Committee be required to report on or before the last sitting of the House in September 2001. (*Notice given 10 May 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 4 June 2001.*)

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

- (1) expresses its grave concern at the current treatment and persecution of the religious leaders in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and in particular deploras the recent escalation of oppression directed at independent religious leaders such as Fathers Nguyen Van Ly and Chan Tin of the Catholic Church, Venerables Thich Huyen Quang, Thich Quang Do and Thich Hue Dang of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Church and Elder Le Quang Liem of the Hoa Hoa Buddhist Church;
- (2) deploras the continued imprisonment of a large number of the clergy of the Cao Dai Church and other Christian Evangelical Churches;
- (3) requests that the Parliament and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam honour its commitments as a signatory to the International Convention of Human Rights and allow all religious leaders total freedom to practice and carry out their religious activities unhindered;
- (4) requests the release of all religious campaigners who are currently imprisoned or under house arrest, often as a result of contrived charges of criminality; and
- (5) calls on the Parliament and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to halt and reverse the deterioration of basic human rights, to end the policy of intimidation of human rights campaigners, and to respect the freedom of speech and association of individuals. (*Notice given 22 May 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 Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
- (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
- (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
- (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 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. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 4 June 2001". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

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## BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

*Thursday, 24 May 2001*

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

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Orders of the day

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

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### *22 May 2001*

2531 **DR MARTIN:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many sandbags does the Army currently have in stock.
- (2) How many of these sandbags are treated with the Class 3 chemical copper naphthenate.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to the detrimental health effects associated with handling products impregnated with copper naphthenate and can he advise of current occupational health and safety procedures in place for the handling of these sandbags.
- (4) Does the current request for tender for the supply of sandbags to the Army contain a specification for the use of copper naphthenate.
- (5) Will he seek registration for the use of copper naphthenate for rot proofing sandbags.
- (6) On how many occasions has the Army sold or given sandbags for use by domestic relief organisations in the last year.
- (7) When these sandbags are used for flood relief and other related purposes are they retrieved at the end of their usefulness and disposed of in accordance with regulations for prescribed wastes.

2532 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is Airservices Australia planning to move its function of air traffic control for Sydney Airport to the air traffic control facility in Melbourne.
- (2) Have he, his Department or Airservices Australia received representations expressing safety and professional concerns about the proposal; if so, (a) what are the concerns which have been expressed and (b) which professional organisation or organisations have expressed those concerns.
- (3) What is the operational justification for Airservices Australia's consolidation plans.

- (4) Does Airservices Australia believe that there will be an increase in safety or service levels to the aviation industry by such a consolidation; if so, how.
- (5) Does Airservices Australia anticipate achieving cost savings by such a consolidation; if so, (a) what are those anticipated cost savings and (b) how have those savings been calculated.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia considered whether separating the terminal control unit from the associated control tower at Sydney Airport will adversely affect the airport's ability to meet the demands of both the aviation industry and the community; if so, how have those considerations been reflected in the decision which has been made.
- (7) Has Airservices Australia considered whether controlling the busiest airspace in Australia from Melbourne introduces greater potential for a technical failure to jeopardise separation between aircraft over Sydney; if so, how have those considerations been reflected in the decision which has been made.
- (8) Has Airservices Australia considered the potential for data link and communication failures between the various facilities which will be relocated to Melbourne and those which will remain at Sydney airport; if so, what would be the safety consequences of such a data link and or communication failure.
- (9) Is it the case that disaster recovery capabilities will be severely reduced if the terminal control unit (TCU) is moved from Sydney to Melbourne and in particular have there been instances where it has been necessary for the Sydney tower to be evacuated and the TCU has been crucial in the establishment of a temporary tower; if so, would that ability to establish such a temporary facility be impeded if the TCU is moved to Melbourne.
- (10) Is it the case that presently the control centres at Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth can operate independently of each other but that they are also able to take over airspace being controlled by adjacent centres if required; if so, if Airservices Australia's consolidation plans go-ahead will these disaster recovery features be lost or significantly reduced and, in particular, should the Melbourne Centre need to be evacuated will it result in airspace, including that over Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth being uncontrolled or under controlled.
- (11) Is it the case that air traffic controllers develop local knowledge during the course of their duties such as local geography, weather patterns and terrain; if so, (a) how will that the local knowledge possessed by controllers at Sydney airport be replicated if those controllers are moved to Melbourne and (b) is local knowledge of tremendous importance during the emergency situations when every piece of available information is needed to resolve the situation.
- (12) Has Airservices Australia considered additional complications confronting controllers as a result of the planned upgrade of Sydney airport and Bankstown airport.
- (13) What will be the cost of transferring the control unit including transfer expenses, redundancy payments and retraining costs and how does Airservices Australia anticipate that it will recover those costs.

- 2533 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—  
Is his Department or Airservices Australia currently reviewing the present noise insulation boundary for homes in the vicinity of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, what parameters have been set for the review and, in particular, to what extent does the review factor in the inconvenience of the time that over flights occur.
- 2534 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did a majority of the members of the UN Commission on Human Rights at its 57th session at Geneva vote on 18 April 2001 to take no action on the resolution sponsored by the US concerning China.
  - (2) What was the text of the resolution.
  - (3) Who were the other sponsors of the resolution, if any.
  - (4) What resolutions at the session were sponsored or co-sponsored by Australia.
  - (5) What are the names and positions of the persons who represented Australia at the session.
- 2535 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Does the Australian Government have a position in respect to the Chinese Bear Farming Industry and in particular to bear bile and associated products; if so, (a) what is that position and (b) has he, or will he make any communication with the Chinese Government in respect to bear farming and the trade in bear bile and bear bile products.
- 2536 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Have changes been proposed to the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); if so, what is the position of the Australian Government in respect of those proposed changes.
- 2537 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is the pharmaceutical allowance paid to a couple who are in receipt of an aged pension less than the accumulative value of the allowance as paid to single pensioners.
  - (2) How does the Government justify that calculation when medication is prescribed to individuals rather than to couples.
- 2538 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What sources of funding are provided to the Northern Territory from within his portfolio.
  - (2) What sum is provided for each such source for the current financial year and each of the out years.
  - (3) What sources of Commonwealth funding are provided to the Northern Territory for drug, alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs, and in relation to that funding (a) what sum is provided from each such source for the current financial year and each of the out years and (b) which Commonwealth department administers each of those funding arrangements.
  - (4) To what extent are juvenile diversionary programs linked to drug, alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs.



- (5) What auditing and accountability mechanisms exist in respect of funds provided to the Northern Territory (a) within his portfolio and (b) in respect of drug, alcohol and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- (6) Is he aware that the NT Chief Minister intervened to prevent representatives of the NT police service and other government departments and agencies giving evidence to the House Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs during the week commencing 16 April 2001 which was inquiring, among other things, into juvenile detention and drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- (7) Will the Federal Government express its concerns to the NT Chief Minister in respect of his intervention with the work of the committee; if not, how does he justify Commonwealth funds being provided to the Northern Territory in circumstances in which the Northern Territory is not accountable for the proper application of those funds before such a significant committee of the Commonwealth Parliament.

2539 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has the Government's attention been drawn to a report commissioned by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission titled "The Sterilisation of Girls and Young Women: Issues and Progress".
- (2) What steps will the Government take in respect of the recommendations of the report to (a) review the Medicare Benefit Schedule to require Medicare claims for sterilisation procedures for minors under 18 to be accompanied by either a formal authority or full clinical notes on the need for the procedure and (b) place the issue of how to best achieve a non-adversarial and inexpensive formal approval process on the agenda of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General.

2540 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Has he issued a criminal deportation policy; if so, (a) when was the policy issued and (b) does the policy require decision-makers to take into account the best interests of the child in arriving at their decision as to whether or not to deport a person.

2541 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has Andersen Consulting been appointed to conduct a wide-ranging overhaul of the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) client relations, including dealings with taxpayers.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of this overhaul.
- (3) Has Minter Research been awarded a \$90 000 contract to review ATO relations with non-business clients.
- (4) Is the purpose of these taxpayer funded reviews to find out why the ATO (a) mishandled the transition to GST and (b) took so long to appreciate the difficulties small business was having due to GST paperwork; if not, what is the purpose of the reviews.

2542 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has Black Is White been awarded a contract in excess of \$1.3 million by the Australian Taxation Office to provide strategic advice and writing services to develop, implement and evaluate a communication program for all business tax reform products.

- 2543 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) When will the taskforce announced on 22 March report on the matter of the abuse, notably by high income earning lawyers, of the bankruptcy laws for the purpose of extinguishing often very large unpaid taxation debts.
  - (2) What procedures will be adopted to ensure such persons will no longer be engaged or remunerated by the Commonwealth or its agencies, and from when will these procedures be effective.
  - (3) What steps are being taken to quantify and to prevent potential losses to Commonwealth revenue from this continuing abuse.
- 2544 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to page 6 of the 13 to 15 April 2001 edition of *The Sydney Morning Herald* which reports him as saying that he has signalled the Government is looking at the plight of self-funded retirees on low incomes hit by falling interest rates and that it is a group of people for which the Government would like to provide some help.
  - (2) What help does Government propose to assist self-funded retirees who are hurting because of the Goods and Services Tax and low interest rates.
  - (3) When will the Government announce its policy to assist this group of Australians.
- 2545 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report on page 8 of *The Sydney Morning Herald* of 18 April 2001 where a UN aid official is reported as saying that food shortages in chronically hungry North Korea are expected to worsen sharply this year after a meagre harvest last year and a disastrous winter.
  - (2) Further to his reply to my question No. 1263 (*Hansard*, 10 April 2000, page 15657), what additional sum and other assistance has the Australian Government given to the famine-afflicted people of North Korea since that date.
- 2546 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—When will he provide answers to my question Nos. (a) 2110, (b) 2179, (c) 2221, (d) 2222, (e) 2229, (f) 2252 and (g) 2253.
- 2547 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 11 May 2001 titled “ACCC shot down over airport price regulation”.
  - (2) Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) accepted a Federal Government direction to back Sydney Airport Corporation’s bid to secure an unregulated stream of revenue from non-aeronautical services such as shops and car parking.
  - (3) What cost impacts will this direction have on consumers of (a) aeronautical and (b) non-aeronautical services.
  - (4) Will he furnish a copy of the direction to Parliament; if so, when.
  - (5) What public interest consultation was undertaken in making the direction.
  - (6) Was the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia consulted.

- (7) What other public interest groups were consulted.
  - (8) Does he agree with the ACCC head, Professor Fels' prediction that this decision will result in higher prices.
  - (9) What are the policy and moral grounds for the direction to the ACCC.
  - (10) What are the public interest impacts of the decision on (a) consumers of airport services and (b) tenants of privatised airports, particularly service providers such as airline companies, on their profitability.
  - (11) Will the direction have an adverse effect on profitability of airline companies and other service providers due to non-regulation of non-aeronautical services in Australia's privatised airports.
- 2548 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of the plight of veterans who were exposed to British nuclear tests.
  - (2) Is he able to say whether the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency has obtained international research regarding the possible health effects of exposure to ionising radiation and made this information available to those affected by the British nuclear tests; if not, why not.
  - (3) Has the Government compiled a nominal roll of all Australians affected by British nuclear tests; if not, why not.
  - (4) Has the Government appointed a scientific advisory committee to oversee any studies of the effects of nuclear tests on humans; if not, why not.
  - (5) Has this scientific advisory committee reported back to him or the Government; if not, why not.
  - (6) What priority has he and the Government placed on awarding proper compensation to Australians and their descendants whose health has suffered from the effects of radiation as a result of British nuclear tests.
- 2549 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Is 28 May 1984 the date of effect before which Repatriation legislation will not allow for the continued payment of a war widow's pension on remarriage.
  - (2) Is the retention of war widow's pensions by persons who remarried prior to 1984 a social justice issue of finding a best balance between equity and financial resources.
  - (3) Is the estimated number of pensions provided to war widows who had subsequently remarried prior to 28 May 1984 120 and not 4000 as he had indicated earlier.
  - (4) In light of the statistically small number of war widows who remarried prior to 28 May 1984, does equity in distribution of war widow pensions to all such remarried widows now outweigh the financial constraints prohibiting the reissue of those war widow pensions; if not, why not.
  - (5) What is the cost of restoring war widow's pensions to this group of widows.
- 2550 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—In relation to the purchasing of Job Network Services, will he

explain the formula used for calculating a provider's "Q" or quality rating number, including the criteria used and the weighting given to each criterion.

2551 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sums are available through his Department to organisations who want assistance with establishing Port Welfare Committees in each State and the Northern Territory following the Government's 7 March 2001 announcement to establish such committees.
- (2) What criteria will apply for approving funding to organisations seeking to establish the committees.
- (3) For how long will funding be available to establish the committees and can it be extended beyond that period.
- (4) Will successful applicants be requested to meet performance standards established by his Department; if so, what is the nature of the performance standards.

2552 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are there any rules or regulations applying to End of Life Vehicle recycling; if so, what are they; if not, is his Department preparing any guidelines or conducting any research on the options for End of Life Vehicle recycling.

2553 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Since the introduction of The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS) how many air traffic control incidents have been found to have TAAATS human factors as causal factors in those incidents.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia conducted, arranged to be conducted or commissioned any studies or research into TAAATS human factors; if so, what were the findings or recommendations and when will each be implemented; if not, why not.
- (3) Will Airservices Australia publish or make available any studies that have been conducted into TAAATS human factors; if so, when and where; if not, why not.

2554 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With regard to the Albury/Wodonga Hume Highway route selection process, did he undertake on 18 July 2000, in confirming the appointment of Flagstaff Consulting, that Flagstaff's job included providing an independent audit of the Connell Wagner report into the project.
- (2) Did Flagstaff write to his Department on 22 March 2001, confirming that it was not able to endorse any of the projects' benefit cost ratios (BCRs); if so, why.
- (3) Is he required to release a Regional Impact Statement on his policy decision of 21 February 2001 to build a single lane external bypass; if so, when will it be released.
- (4) In his open letter of 22 May 2000 to the people of Albury Wodonga, did he state that he would proceed on the basis of the principles agreed with the

Victorian and NSW Governments that all aspects of the project would be examined, and not just cost.

- (5) In making his decision of 21 February 2001, did he consult with the NSW and Victorian Governments before publicly announcing his preferred position; if not, why not.
- (6) Did he reject Flagstaff's accusation to his Department that his decision was based on draft un-audited costs and not on proper audited figures, as promised in his statement of 18 July 2000 in which he stated it would not be lawful or responsible to spend taxpayers' funds in an irresponsible manner.
- (7) Was his decision made upon fully audited evidence, including (a) the cost of the various road options, (b) traffic analyses of the various road options, (c) the economic benefits of the various road options and (d) the BCR benefits of the various road options.

2555 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the Government's announcement to sell Bankstown Airport in the second half of 2002, does the Bankstown Airport Limited Environment Strategy of March 2001 provide that a Master Plan must be prepared within 12 months of privatisation of the airport or by 30 June 2001, whichever occurs first.
- (2) If so, what is the status of this requirement given the Government's delay in the proposed sale of Bankstown Airport.

2556 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—For each of the last 10 financial years, (a) how many single and continuous voyage permits have been issued with respect to foreign vessels operating in Australian waters, (b) what has been the gross tonnage carried for each category of continuous and single voyage permit, (c) how much of that cargo has been (i) in containers and (ii) bulk carriage for each category of single and continuous voyage permit and (d) from which ports was the cargo taken and to where was it taken.

2557 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did he meet members of the Cunningham Rail Link Committee on the Gold Coast; if so, when did the meeting occur.
- (2) At the meeting did he give a commitment that the Cunningham Rail Link would be fully investigated as an option linking the Inland Rail line with the Port of Brisbane; if so, what action has he taken to ensure that the Cunningham Rail Link is fully investigated as an option for the Inland Railway from Brisbane to Melbourne.

2558 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the per passenger Baggage Screening Charge applied to passengers departing Australian international airports (a) \$1 at Adelaide, (b) \$2.97 at Darwin, (c) \$1.56 at Brisbane, (d) \$1.40 at Melbourne and (e) \$0.52 at Perth.

- (2) Does the charge apply to passengers departing or arriving at any other Australian airport, if so, which airports and what sum is charged.
- (3) Are there any exemptions to payment of this charge.
- (4) What is the basis of calculating these rates for these airports.
- (5) Who collects this charge, which Government authority receives the money collected, and why is it charged.
- (6) When did the charge commence and what sum has been collected since its introduction.

2559 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many apprentices or trainees have been employed in each employment category by (a) his Department, (b) Airservices Australia, (c) the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and (d) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority for each of the past 6 years.
- (2) Have any staff been appointed under any graduate entry programs, if so how many.
- (3) Have any targeted recruitment campaigns been conducted, if so, when and what was the aim of those campaigns.
- (4) What sum has been spent on external recruitment agencies for recruitment to each employment category.

2560 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the feasibility study into the consolidation of Terminal Control Units (TCUs) by Airservices Australia, (a) when will the study into the technical and logistical issues associated with the possible consolidation of TCUs, including a cost and benefit analysis, be completed and (b) will the report be made public; if not, why not.
- (2) When did the study commence on the feasibility of consolidating the remote TCUs at Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns into the major control centres at Melbourne and Brisbane.
- (3) As part of the initial feasibility study, was his Department and his office involved; if so, what was the advice from his Department and office about the consolidation of the Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns TCUs and if consultation did take place, on what date did it occur and what was the nature of the consultation.
- (4) When and how did he advise Airservices Australia that the Government did not want to proceed with the consolidation of the Cairns TCU, and what was the basis of the Government's justification in giving this advice.
- (5) Given the decision to instruct Airservices Australia not to proceed with the consolidation of the Cairns TCU, why hasn't the Government given Airservices Australia a similar instruction not to proceed with the consolidation of the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs.

2561 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Did he direct that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), when assessing aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport, not take account of revenues generated by the airport operator for services other than aeronautical services; if so, (a) when did the Government make the decision to issue the direction to the ACCC and (b) on what date was the direction given to the ACCC.
- (2) When did the ACCC commence the process of assessing aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport and what was the date of final submissions.
- (3) During the course of the ACCC's consultations relating to the Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd pricing proposal, did he issue any other direction or change any parameter for the review; if so, what was the nature of that direction or change and on which date was it issued or made.
- (4) Given that the Productivity Commission is considering arrangements for price regulation of airport services at all airports, should the direction given to the ACCC, in relation to Sydney Airport to not take account of revenues generated by the airport operators for services other than aeronautical services, also apply to the Productivity Commission review of aeronautical charges at all airports; if not, why not.

2562 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What price increase has occurred over the last two years for a standard box of 200 digesic (dextropropoxphene paracet DL) tablets.
- (2) Is it a fact that in 1999 the retail price of digesic tablets changed from \$38.20 for a box of 200 tablets to \$38.20 for a box of 100 tablets; if so, is he able to provide reasons for the dramatic increase in the retail price at this time.
- (3) Is the price increase justified; if so, why.
- (4) Is he prepared to undertake any particular action to bring about a reduction in the retail price of digesics; if so, what will he do and when.

2563 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Did the Government publish an advertisement in the March/April 2001 edition of the *Age Pension News*, encouraging pensioners to insure with the Over 50s Insurance Agency.
- (2) Is the Minister able to say whether the Over 50s Insurance Agency policies are underwritten by World Marine General Insurance, which is a member of the HIH Insurance Group.
- (3) Why is the Government advertising HIH insurance six months after the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) knew that HIH was in financial trouble, and in the same month that APRA appointed an inspector to HIH.
- (4) Did the Government receive payment for the advertisement; if so, what sum.

2564 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the cost of the building of an Australian Representative Office in Ramallah, in the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority.
- (2) When and who made the decision to build such an office.

- (3) What is the size of the Palestinian economy, in terms of GDP per annum, that this office will service.
- (4) What is the size of the Israeli economy in terms of GDP per annum.
- (5) How many Australian embassies or consulates have been opened or closed since 1996.
- (6) What was the size, in terms of GDP per annum, of the economies served by Australian diplomatic missions that have closed since 1996.
- (7) How does the Australian Government justify the cost of operation and construction, as well as future expansion of the Australian diplomatic presence in Ramallah, compared to the missions that have been closed.

2565 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) During the period January 1992 to February 2001, how many staff currently employed by the Australian War Memorial (AWM) have been granted research awards, grants, fellowships or subsidies under the Memorial's grants scheme.
- (2) Of those personnel awarded such grants, how many have been, or are in receipt of more than one grant.
- (3) How much travel leave is allocated each year to AWM staff engaged in research and of these recipients how many staff have taken such leave on more than one year within the period 1992 to 2000.
- (4) Has the taxpayer subsidised AWM staff for travel, research or special leave outside the Memorial's grant scheme.
- (5) Has the AWM's charter discriminated against any member of the public.

2566 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What sum was approved for each federal electoral division in NSW under the Black Spots Program in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-2001.

2567 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is it a fact that prostate cancer is the second most common cause of death from cancer among Australian men, after lung cancer.
- (2) Is it also a fact that in 1998, 2531 men died of prostate cancer, in 1999 the death toll was 2499 and it is estimated that prostate cancer deaths in 2000 will be 2500, equal to the number of deaths caused by breast cancer in women.
- (3) If so, does he agree with his Department's Cancer Strategy Working Group's recommendation to rationalise prostate specific antigen (PSA) testing through education for general practitioners and the community to raise awareness of the implications of a positive PSA test; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the Government agree with the Working Group's recommendation to increase breast cancer screening while rationalising the best available test for prostate cancer, given the equivalent death toll.
- (5) What will the Government do to ensure that all males, particularly those of 50 years and over, will have equal and adequate access the PSA test until a better test is available.



2568 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many people have applied for the original \$7000 First Home Owners Grant Scheme.
- (2) How many of these applications were (a) approved and (b) rejected.
- (3) How many applications from people living in the electoral division of Prospect have been approved for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme.
- (4) How many applications have been received for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme since the Government announced that the grant would be increased to \$14 000.
- (5) How many of these applications were (a) approved and (b) rejected.
- (6) How many of these applications were received from people living in the electoral division of Prospect.
- (7) How many applications from people living in the electoral division of Prospect were (a) approved and (b) rejected.

2569 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many applications for funding under the National Heritage Trust have been received from projects located in the electoral division of Prospect since the National Heritage Trust was established.
- (2) Have any of these funding applications been approved; if so, which applications.
- (3) What, if any, Natural Heritage Trust projects have been completed in the electoral division of Prospect.
- (4) What is the expected date of completion of ongoing National Heritage Trust projects in the electoral division of Prospect.

2570 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Did his statement on the Employee Entitlements Support Scheme say that there is inadequate data collected for the implementation of any insurance option in regard to employee entitlements; if so, does his Department collect figures on the number of corporate insolvencies that occur each year; if not, why not.
- (2) Does his Department collect figures on the sum of employee entitlements that are paid out to creditors other than employees in the cases of employer insolvency; if not, why not.
- (3) Does his Department collect figures on the amount of employee entitlements which are accrued by employees each year; if not, why not.
- (4) Has he considered commissioning his Department to compile figures on insolvencies and employee entitlements; if not, why not.
- (5) Has he considered directing the Australian Bureau of Statistics to collect information and statistics on corporate insolvencies and employee entitlements; if not, why not.

2571 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Following her announcement on 3 April 2001 that the Government will fund a total of 9541 new aged care places worth a reported \$182 million, how many of these places will be located within the electoral division of Prospect.
- (2) How many of these will be Residential (a) High Level Care, (b) Low level Care and (c) Community Care Places.

2572 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Following the announcement on 26 April 2001 by the Prime Minister that a new commemorative medal will be created to mark the 50th anniversary of the introduction of National Service in 1951, on what date will the medals be (a) created and (b) awarded.
- (2) From what date can servicemen apply for the medal and what is the process through which applications can be obtained.
- (3) Who will be eligible to receive the medal.
- (4) Is there an appeals mechanism if an application for the medal is rejected.
- (5) Where will the medal be struck.

2573 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the application by McIvor Health and Community Services for a Community Development Project worker through the Commonwealth Regional Health Services Program been rejected.
- (2) Is the reason for the rejection that Heathcote and the towns surrounding it are not identified as areas of high need.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to the recognition by the Australian Bureau of Statistics of Heathcote as being one of the poorest socio-economic areas in Victoria.
- (4) Will the application be considered in the next round of funding.

2574 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Has the application by the Maryborough District Health Service for 9 residential care places and a Capital Grant for \$800 000 towards the cost of building the additional 9 beds at Dunolly, Vic., been rejected.
- (2) Is she aware that the Dunolly community has raised \$339 874 towards the proposed development; if so, was this taken into consideration.
- (3) Why was the application rejected.
- (4) Will the application be considered in the next round of funding in June 2001.

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2575 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) In relation to the *Building Consumer Sovereignty in Electronic Commerce: A Best Practice Model for Business*, what are the full details of any industry bodies or businesses who have adopted the model, as per sections 13 and 14 of the model.

- (2) How many businesses are using the best practice model logo for electronic commerce.
  - (3) Is he satisfied that the logo being available to businesses on a self-assessment basis offers consumers adequate protection.
  - (4) Does section 16 of the Electronic Commerce Model state that law overrides the model; if so, does the Privacy Act's adoption of an opt-out approach to unsolicited commercial email mean that businesses subject to the Privacy Act who adopt the model can disregard section 23 of the model which provides for a qualified opt-in approach to unsolicited commercial email.
- 2576 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—What progress has been made since the answer to question No. 822 (*Hansard*, 21 September 1999, page 10137) on the project to develop an Australian Standard on the European STORZ-type coupling.
- 2577 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Given the crisis facing policyholders in the wake of the HIH collapse, what steps are being taken to ensure the protection of contributions to funeral funds.
  - (2) What is the current estimate of moneys held by funeral funds.
  - (3) Is he confident that funeral funds are secure.
  - (4) What monitoring and auditing of funeral funds is undertaken.
- 2578 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say what is the current scientific opinion regarding the danger of electromagnetic radiation emitted from mobile telephone towers.
  - (2) What federal laws apply to the location of mobile telephone towers.
- 2579 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Have proceedings been commenced in the High Court of Australia by Justice Robert Austin of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and Master Kathryn Kings of the Supreme Court of Victoria seeking to have the Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition Act 1997 declared invalid.
  - (2) What are the issues which have been raised in those proceedings.
  - (3) When is it anticipated that the matter will be listed for hearing.
- 2580 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the findings of the High Court of Australia in *John Pfeiffer Pty Limited v Rogerson* (21 June 2000).
  - (2) Does the decision have any ramifications for defamation proceedings concerning a publication throughout Australia, in particular, a necessity for parties in defamation proceedings to address the matters raised by separate State and Territory laws.
  - (3) Has the Government taken any further steps to progress the concept of unified defamation legislation in light of that decision.

2581 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2259 concerning the appointment of a wine consultant for Kirribilli House, what is the brand name of each of the 58 dozen bottles purchased and what was the cost of each dozen.
- (2) What is the full detail of the strategy/cellar plan used by the consultant on the advice of his Department.
- (3) What arrangements apply with respect to the purchase of wine for The Lodge.
- (4) Do any other Ministers have an entitlement to purchase wine at public expense; if so, which Ministers and what is their entitlement.
- (5) Why were no wines purchased from Queensland.

2582 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that the air charter company doing the Western Mail run to Kalumburu and stations from Kununurra and Wyndham under contract to Australia Post is a Class B chartered aircraft able to directly accept passenger bookings so long as they book seats but not issue tickets.
- (2) Is this service the same service and operation which was operated by Ord Air when the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued a Show Cause notice and subsequently refused to issue Ord Air an Air Operators Certificate, on the grounds that it considered the operation an unauthorised Regular Public Transport flight, contrary to subsections 27(2) and 29(20) of the Civil Aviation Act and not a Class A aircraft.
- (3) If so, on what grounds has CASA not taken the same action against the current operator; if not, what is the difference between the two services.

2583 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a presentation by the Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA), Professor David Flint, launching the ABA research report *Sources of News and Current Affairs*, 3 May 2001 and titled “How news is made in Australia” in which Prof Flint called for the relaxation of Australia’s cross media ownership laws.
- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to Prof Flint’s conclusion that the greatest influence on the media is not the media owners but the journalists, themselves, who are the most influential factor in the making of news; if so, does he concur with this view.
- (3) Do Australia’s cross media ownership laws need to be changed along the lines Prof Flint has suggested; if so, why.

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\*2584 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many breaches of the cap on aircraft movements at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport have occurred since the legislation introducing the cap was passed.
- (2) What were the details of each of these breaches.

- (3) What penalties have been imposed for these breaches.
- \*2585 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What are the reasons for Senator Helen Coonan being chosen as Chairperson of the Sydney Airport Community Forum.
  - (2) Has he seen the comments of Senator Coonan, reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 17 May 2001 where the Senator urged members to word some motions better, suggesting that poor use of language was one reason why inadequate responses from the Government may have been given.
  - (3) Has the poor use of language impeded the satisfactory resolution of aircraft noise problems at Sydney Airport.
- \*2586 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) Did the Australian Customs Service (ACS) conduct an unsuccessful court case against Peter Tomson, an apparel and footwear importer, in the 1990s; if so, what are the details.
  - (2) Was the Tomson case similar to the Midford Paramount affair which occurred during the same period.
  - (3) Were the ACS officers in the Tomson matter the same officers criticised by the Parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts in its report No. 325, “The Midford Paramount Case and Related Matters”.
  - (4) Is the Minister satisfied with the way in which the ACS handled the Tomson case; if not, what action will the Minister take to review the case and reform the ACS.
  - (5) When does the ACS expect to complete its examination of the matters raised in the Tomson case and respond to Mr Tomson’s legal representatives.
- \*2587 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Will the national Battle for Australia Day ceremony, which was held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra 6 September 2000, become an annual commemorative event.
  - (2) What arrangements has his Department or the Battle for Australia National Council made for official commemoration of the Battle for Australia in 2001.
  - (3) What effort has his Department or the Battle for Australia National Council made to involve school students and teachers in the electoral division of Prospect to learn more about the events of the Battle for Australia.
  - (4) What effort has his Department or the Battle for Australia National Council made to involve RSL clubs and other organisations in the electoral division of Prospect in ceremonies commemorating the Battle for Australia.
- \*2588 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) On 1 January 2000 how many (a) refugee and humanitarian and (b) other permanent residence applications were there at (i) Ankara, (ii) Nairobi, (iii) Islamabad, (iv) Beirut, (v) New Delhi, (vi) Wellington, (vii) Manila, (viii) Moscow, (ix) Athens, (x) Bangkok and (xi) Tehran.

- (2) What is the current allocated staffing level for his Department at each of those posts.
- \*2589 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he give consideration to endowing a Chair in International Human Rights within an Australian university in honour of the late Peter Nugent.
- \*2590 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—What are the arrangements or the timetable for determining whether Australasian Correctional Management's contract for the management of immigration detention centres will be renewed, modified or terminated.
- \*2591 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—Will the terms of reference for the HIH Royal Commission cover (a) the HIH policy of underpricing their insurance premiums against the premiums of their competitors and its contribution to the HIH collapse, (b) the HIH practice of underprovisioning for their policyholders claims and its contribution to the HIH collapse, (c) the HIH policy of litigating claims where claimants did not accept the HIH standard offer of 40% settlement and its contribution to the practice of underprovisioning for policyholders claims, (d) the role of the HIH Board committees in the corporate governance of HIH and of their contribution, by negligence or otherwise, to the collapse of the company, (e) the role of HIH senior management in the corporate governance of HIH and of their contribution, by negligence or otherwise, to the collapse of the company, (f) the role of HIH internal and external auditors in assessing whether the policies of HIH in relation to the pricing of its policies and its provisioning for claims were adequate for on-going solvency of HIH and in the best interests of policyholders, (g) the role of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) in assessing whether the policies of HIH in relation to the pricing of its policies and its provisioning for claims were adequate for the on-going solvency of HIH and in the best interests of policyholders and the insurance industry generally and (h) a future role of APRA in determining the minimum actuarial standards for the level of provisioning by insurance companies to meet claims for each class of insurance.
- \*2592 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What sum has the Commonwealth spent on decontamination of the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) site in St Mary's and in what financial years was the money spent.
  - (2) Is he able to say what sum Lend Lease has spent on decontamination of the ADI site, in what years, and on what parts of the site was the money spent.
  - (3) Was the expenditure referred to in parts (1) and (2) a condition of the 1994 agreement signed between Lend Lease and the Commonwealth and what were the cost and revenue sharing arrangements attaching to that agreement.
  - (4) Are the Commonwealth and/or Lend Lease indemnified for damages associated with the clean up of the ADI site; if so, what are the terms of this indemnification.
  - (5) What percentage of the ADI site is to be protected by parks or reserves.
- \*2593 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) How many meetings were held between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham, Vic., and officers of his Department prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of those meetings.
- (2) What other contact was made between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham and officers of his Department prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of that contact.
- (3) How many meetings were held between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham and officers of the Office of the Employment Advocate prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of those meetings.
- (4) What other contact was made between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham and officers of the Office of the Employment Advocate prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of that contact.
- (5) How many meetings were held between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham and the then Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or any staff in the Minister's office prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of those meetings.
- (6) What other contact was held between management and/or representatives of G & K O'Connor meatworks in Pakenham and the then Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or any staff in the Minister's office prior to a lock out being instituted in November 1998 and what was the nature of that contact.
- (7) What was the nature of any material or advice provided by his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate to the management or representatives of G & K O'Connor's meatworks and on how many occasions did his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate correspond with the management or representatives of G & K O'Connor's meatworks.
- (8) What was the nature of any material or advice provided by his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate to the then Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or any staff in the Minister's office and how many briefings were prepared for use by his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate to the then Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business or any staff in the Minister's office.
- (9) When will he release the documents currently held by his Department on this issue.
- (10) What action has his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate undertaken to investigate the alleged intimidation and coercion by thugs hired by the management of G & K O'Connor's meatworks exposed on the Channel 9 *Sunday* program of 8 April 2001.
- (11) If no action has been taken with regard to this allegation, who made the decision and on what basis was this decision made.

- (12) What action has been undertaken to investigate the claims by Mr Darren Wise that Mr Bruce Townsend attempted to induce him to lie to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.
- (13) If no action has been taken with regard to this allegation, who made the decision and on what basis was this decision made.
- \*2594 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2083 (*Hansard*, 8 November 2000, page 22563) in which he stated that the Government is committed to family reunion and will continue to look for viable alternatives for parents to join their families in Australia, why has the 2001-2002 Migration Program capped the level of parents at 500.
- (2) Further to the answer to question No 996 (*Hansard*, 24 November 1999, page 12608) in which he stated that he was looking into the long-term options for allowing more parents to enter Australia without placing an unsustainable burden on Australia's health and welfare systems and the Australian taxpayer, (a) does the 2001-2002 Migration Program indicate that he has not resolved this issue, (b) when will a resolution of this issue occur and (c) will he develop a policy on this issue.
- \*2595 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What proportion of the total applicants for Visitors Visas from (a) Great Britain, (b) Ireland, (c) Western Europe, (d) Croatia, (e) Hungary, (f) Romania, (g) Baltic States, (h) Russian Federation, (i) Slovakia, (j) Czech Republic, (k) Slovenia, (l) Poland, (m) Turkey, (n) Israel, (o) Jordan, (p) Syria, (q) Egypt, (r) Iran, (s) Afghanistan, (t) Pakistan, (u) India, (v) Sri Lanka, (w) China, (x) Japan, (y) Philippines, (z) South Korea, (aa) Thailand, (ab) Malaysia, (ac) Hong Kong, (ad) Singapore, (ae) Indonesia, (af) Fiji, (ag) Papua New Guinea, (ah) Samoa, (ai) Vanuatu, (aj) USA, (ak) Canada, (al) Latin America, (am) Sudan, (an) Ethiopia, (ao) Kenya, (ap) Zimbabwe, (aq) South Africa, (ar) Ghana, (as) Nigeria and (at) Mauritius have been successful in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.
- (2) What proportion of the successful applicants for Visitors Visas from the areas referred to in part (1) have been asked to pay a bond before the visa was issued and what is the average size of the bond required for the successful applicants from that country.
- \*2596 MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Are there plans to offer incentives for Disability Support pensioners who wish to establish their own businesses and work towards being self-employed and no longer requiring government assistance.
- \*2597 MS HALL:** To ask the Treasurer—Is it a fact that there was a one stop Budget shop where Government Members could access information on the federal Budget, but Opposition Members were denied access to this information, thereby denying their constituents access to relevant information on the Budget.
- \*2598 MR M. J. EVANS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—



- (1) Since the commencement of the Product Stewardship (Oil) Regulations 2000 how many companies have sought and been paid the subsidy specified in Regulation 4 in each of the categories listed and what amount in total has been paid under each category.
- (2) Are analytical laboratory tests readily available for each of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 in each of the capital cities of the States.
- (3) Which laboratories have been approved by the relevant authorities and are they able to conduct all of the tests required by the Regulations.
- (4) What is the estimated cost of having a sample evaluated for the purposes of the maximum payment of 50 cents under Regulation 4.
- (5) What is the maximum level of polychlorinated biphenyl's permitted under clause 3 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations and is this level consistent with other maximum permitted levels of this chemical under other Commonwealth legislation such as food standards and other environmental standards.
- (6) Was the level required by the US Environment Protection Agency test evaluated for consistency with other Commonwealth and State legislation prior to the adoption of the Regulation; if so, is it consistent.
- (7) Is there any reason to believe that there are significant levels of dioxins in recycled oil products in Australia; if so, what would be the principal sources of such contamination.
- (8) Is the maximum level allowed under the Product Stewardship (Oil) Regulations 2000 consistent with the levels specified under the polychlorinated biphenyl's management plan.

\*2599 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (5) of the answer to question No. 2305, (a) is Bankstown Airport not Sydney West Airport, (b) does Badgerys Creek remain the site for Sydney West Airport and (c) is the Government's 18 December 2000 announcement to shelve Badgerys Creek factually wrong in light of his answer to question 2305.
- (2) Further to part (11) of the answer to question No. 2305, (a) do the decisions taken by the Government to lease Sydney Airport without embedding terms in the lease constitute a major compromise of the Government's ability to ensure that a second airport is actually built at Badgerys Creek, (b) in light of his reply that the operator of Sydney Airport will be given the first right of refusal to build and operate any such airport, will he clarify whether this right in the hands of the lessee compromises the further review of Sydney's airport needs in 2005, (c) what statutory or contractual provisions, if any, now survive to ensure that an airport can and will be built at Badgerys Creek, (d) is a second airport for Sydney still part of its strategy for solving Sydney's airport noise problems, (e) upon what advice has the Government based its 18 December 2000 decision to shelve Badgerys Creek, expand Sydney Airport and use Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport, (f) how will the Government fulfil its 1996 Election aviation policy in solving Sydney's aircraft noise problems in light of (i) its decision to seek a further review of Sydney's airport needs in 2005 and (ii) failing to fully implement the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), in light of his answer to part (3) of

question No. 2307 advising that the LTOP forecast of 17% movements to the north of Sydney Airport continually fail to be met, with actual aggregate movements at 27.3%.

- (3) Further to parts (8) and (10) of the answer to question No. 2305, has he taken advice on whether the operation of these sections including their statutory intent as demonstrated in the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services second reading speech, are compromised; if so, (a) on whose advice does he rely and (b) will he furnish copies of this advice in Parliament.

**\*2600 MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (2) of the answer to question No. 2307, (a) is the forecast movements to the north of Sydney Airport 17% of movements at Sydney Airport, (b) when read with part 3 of his answer and noting that aggregate movements to the north are 27.3%, the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) has not been substantially implemented and (c) does the gap between aggregate and forecast LTOP movements to the north of Sydney Airport (being 27.3% - 17% = 10.3%) constitute substantial non-compliance to the implementation of the LTOP.
- (2) Further to part (7) of the answer to question No. 2307, (a) upon what advice does he rely in reaching his conclusion that Bankstown Airport will not be an impediment to the implementation of the LTOP for Sydney Airport; (b) who advised him that this is the case and (c) will he furnish copies of this advice in Parliament.
- (3) Further to part (6) of the answer to question No. 2307, (a) what is the linear distance between Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport, (b) in light of his answer to part (12) of question No. 2305 that there has been no Environmental Impact Statement undertaken on Bankstown Airport, upon what basis can the Government justify its 18 December 2000 announcement that Bankstown Airport be used as an overflow airport for Sydney Airport, whilst asserting in part (6) that safety factors have been the overriding consideration for establishing the noise sharing regime at Sydney Airport, (c) is his answer to part (6) then without probative evidence, (d) does the precautionary principle directs him to conclude that lack of full scientific certainty ought not postpone measures to mitigate against harm from the Government's 18 December 2000 decision and subsequent decisions on the lease of Sydney Airport, in particular (i) non-negligible and foreseeable risk of harm in aircraft safety in light of the proximity between Sydney and Bankstown Airports and (ii) non-negligible and foreseeable risk of harm in terms of inequitable distribution of aircraft noise as prescribed in the LTOP forecasts, (e) does the intended change of use of Bankstown Airport justify the referral of that use to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage for the purpose of environmental assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and (f) does the change in airport use at Sydney Airport as foreshadowed in the installation of the Precision Runway Monitor System and the proposed changes to the SLOTS system also justify the application of Commonwealth environmental law for environmental assessment of these proposed changes of use; if so, when will he refer the

proposed changes of use of Sydney basin airports to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage for environmental assessment.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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, Mr Charles, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, 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 inquiries:*

Provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 (*To report by 24 May 2001*).

Provisions of the *Corporations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2001* (NSW), the Corporations Bill 2001 and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2001 (*To report by 18 May 2001*).

**NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY:** Mr Baird, 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:*

Accrual budget documentation from Commonwealth agencies.

*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.

Rumah Baru, West Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Proposed freight and passenger facilities.

**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 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, Mr Haase, 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*).