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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 186

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to higher education, and for related purposes.
- *2 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992* and the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*.
- *4 **DR KEMP:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to bankruptcy, and for related purposes.
- *6 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to appropriate money to provide financial assistance to HIH eligible persons, and for related purposes.
- *7 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to repeal or amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*, and for other purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 2 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (NO. 3) 2001** (*Minister for Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr K. J. Thomson*).

* *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.*

- 4 **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*).
- 5 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION (SIMPLIFICATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2001** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 8 **DAIRY PRODUCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CAPITAL ALLOWANCES) BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 11 **NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CAPITAL ALLOWANCES—TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL) BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 12 **PASSENGER MOVEMENT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 13 **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*).
- 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 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 16 **PATENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr McClelland*).
- 17 **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*).

- 18 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 19 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONCESSION CARDS) BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 May 2001*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr Baird*).
- *22 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- *23 **RECONCILIATION AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- *24 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT (BILATERAL AGREEMENT) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- *25 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 26 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **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*).

- 31 **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*).
- 32 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 35 **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*

8 **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*

- 36 **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*).
- 37 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 38 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 39 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 41 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 42 **TELSTRA:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 43 **PRICE OF PETROL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).

- 44 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 45 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 46 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 47 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 48 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 49 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 50 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.

- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.

- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.

- 81 **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.
- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2001)—*moved 6 June 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 - Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2001)—*moved 3 April 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Snowdon*).

88 TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr McGauran*):

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

89 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*).

90 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, 18 JUNE 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report of inquiry into integrity of electoral roll. (*Statements to conclude by 1 p.m.*)
- 2 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Review of Regulation 4.31B. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on visits to immigration detention centres. (*Statements to conclude by 1.35 p.m.*)
- 4 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on promoting community involvement in the work of committees: Conference of committee chairs, deputy chairs and secretaries, 6 March 2001. (*Statements to conclude by 1.45 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

†1 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 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 18 June 2001.*)

- 2 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 3 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)

- 16 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY IN THE ARMY’S PARACHUTE BATTALION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 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 the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*
- 17 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—39TH REPORT—PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AND THE TREATIES TABLED ON 27 FEBRUARY AND 6 MARCH 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 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 18 June 2001.)*
- 18 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PROGRESS IN RAIL REFORM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2001—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report. *(Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—continued

Notice given for Thursday, 7 June 2001

- *1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a bill for an Act to remove discrimination against same sex couples in respect of superannuation benefits. *(Notice given 6 June 2001.)*

Notices—continued

- 1 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*

- 2 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 3 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

- 6 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*

7 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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

8 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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

9 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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)

18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*

19 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.)*

20 **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 deplores 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) deplores 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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 21 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that 28 May 2001 was the 40th anniversary of the formation of Amnesty International;
 - (2) notes the large membership and total cross-party support for the Australian Parliamentary Group of Amnesty International;
 - (3) congratulates Amnesty International on its continuing vital work on behalf of political prisoners around the world; and
 - (4) notes with regret that the work of Amnesty International remains indispensable because of continuing worldwide human rights abuses, including torture and summary execution of political prisoners. (*Notice given 24 May 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 22 **MS HOARE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that almost one third of all Australian workers are now working more than 50 hours per week;
 - (2) notes that the French Government has recently legislated for a 35 hour week;
 - (3) conduct a review of the operation of the French legislation, and its success or otherwise; and
 - (4) consult widely with the community, the business sector and trade unions, to explore the appropriateness or otherwise of applying similar values to an Australian context. (*Notice given 4 June 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 23 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the Government's decision in this years' Budget to fund the Scoresby Freeway in Melbourne;
 - (2) notes the Government's commitment to maintain this freeway as a toll-free road because it considers the project to be a road of national importance;
 - (3) notes that the Scoresby Freeway will run through three marginal government seats;

- (4) acknowledges the Government's decision to partially fund the Western Sydney Orbital;
- (5) notes that the Orbital will form a vital section of the 18 500 km National Highway system;
- (6) notes that there are already three toll roads, the M2, M4 and M5, feeding Western Sydney;
- (7) condemns the Government's decision to impose a toll on motorists who use the Orbital; and
- (8) calls on the Government to fully fund the Western Sydney Orbital as a National Highway and ensure the added burden of a toll does not fall inequitably on Western Sydney motorists. (*Notice given 5 June 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

24 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) remembers the Australian soldiers and sailors who served in hazardous conditions in close proximity to the atomic testing at both Maralinga and Monte Bello Island;
- (2) acknowledges that many of these soldiers and sailors have since died from the radiation effects of that testing;
- (3) acknowledges that many are still alive and suffering from a variety of illnesses related to their service in these hazardous areas;
- (4) calls on the Government to seek compensation from the British Government who conducted the atomic testing and used Australian servicemen as experimental guinea-pigs; and
- (5) calls on the Government to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1991* to include these servicemen as veterans and thus ensure their entitlement to vital medical care. (*Notice given 5 June 2001 Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 2 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 3 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 4 **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 18 June 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)

8 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 the next sitting Monday after 18 June 2001.*)

9 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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

14 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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

15 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 3 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 20 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 4 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 21 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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 22 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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 23 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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 24 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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 25 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 5 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

26 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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

27 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 6 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 34 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 35 **DEFENCE ACT AMENDMENT (VICTORIA CROSS) BILL 2001** (*Mr Sidebottom*): Second reading (*from 4 June 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 18 June 2001.*)
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2001*) on the motion of Dr Southcott—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN ARMY—100TH ANNIVERSARY:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 June 2001*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 18 June 2001.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 18 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).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 7 June 2001

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 4 June 2001*).
- 2 **PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—*Budget debate*—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Costello—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns this Government for its:
 - (1) reduction in the projected Budget cash surplus from \$14.6 billion when the 2001-02 Budget year first appeared in the 1998-99 Budget Papers to a surplus of \$1.5 billion and an accrual deficit of \$0.8 billion in this Budget;
 - (2) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education and health provision;
 - (3) string of policy backflips and wasteful, panic driven spending across almost all program areas;
 - (4) commitment to sell the rest of Telstra if re-elected;
 - (5) failure to provide relief for Australian families under financial pressure;
 - (6) failure to address the hardship, and red tape nightmare faced by small business arising from the introduction of the GST;
 - (7) deception of self-funded retirees and pensioners through misleading taxation claims;
 - (8) failure to provide a comprehensive retirement incomes policy which addresses the needs of the new century;
 - (9) lax approach to corporate governance issues which has contributed to the recent spate of corporate failures;
 - (10) lack of an ongoing commitment to the protection of employee entitlements;
 - (11) misuse of taxpayers’ money on its politically partisan GST advertising campaign;
 - (12) provision of complex, confusing and uninformative budget documents;
 - (13) failure to identify in the Budget papers the true cost of GST collection and implementation; and

- (14) failure to deliver its guarantee that no Australian will be worse off as a result of the GST package”.
- 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 **AGRICULTURE AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
 - 7 **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.
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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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2601 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum did the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) pay per day for the services of Mr A. Shand QC and Mr Ian Harvey to represent the organisation in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal matter involving Whyalla Airlines.
- (2) What was the total cost incurred by CASA for the proceedings in relation to Whyalla Airlines and what is the detail of those costs, including internal CASA legal costs.
- (3) What is the total sum paid by CASA for external legal services in each of the past five years.
- (4) Is CASA paying a retainer to any barrister or solicitor; if so, (a) who and (b) what sum is being paid.

2602 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Given that (a) page 6-82 of Budget Paper No.1 2001-2002 and (b) page 53 of the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2000-2001 state that \$25 million has been budgeted to fund the Regional Solutions Program in 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and \$25.1 million in 2003-2004, why is that his Department's Portfolio Budget Statement states at page 47 that only \$22.6 million has been budgeted each year for that program.
- (2) If amounts accounting for the differences are included elsewhere in the budget papers can he indicate where; if they are not reported elsewhere can he explain why this is so; if there is a discrepancy in the figures reported, can he indicate which set of figures is correct.
- (3) Given that (a) page 53 of the Mid Year Economic Fiscal Outlook 2000-2001 Statement budgeted \$15 million for 2000-2001 to fund the Regional Solutions Program and (b) that page 47 of his Department's Portfolio

Budget Statement 2001-2002 states that \$12.6 million is projected to be spent during 2000-2001, what will happen to the \$2.4 million not expected to be allocated in 2000-2001.

2603 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did US Air Force aircraft use the Salt Ash Weapons Range on or about 23 May 2001; if so, (a) how many aircraft and (b) for what duration.
- (2) Did former Minister McLachlan ban foreign aircraft from using the Salt Ash Weapons Range; if so, who gave permission for the aircraft to use the field.

2604 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will small businesses importing only several vehicles each year to convert to right-hand drive have to close down their businesses due to the costs imposed by the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme.
- (2) Will he put in place measures to assist small businesses to remain viable.

2605 **MR FISCHER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Was the Chicago consulate closed in the early 1990s; if so, what one-off costs were involved with the closure.
- (2) What one-off costs are anticipated with the decision to re-open the Chicago consulate.

2606 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Bass.
- (2) How many of these general practitioners practise (a) in Launceston and (b) outside Launceston.
- (3) How many of these general practitioners provided bulk-billing services in each of the last 7 years.

2607 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many (a) disability pensioners, (b) aged pensioners and (c) Common Youth Allowance recipients reside in the electoral division of Bass.
- (2) How many (a) disability pensioners, (b) aged pensioners and (c) Common Youth Allowance recipients reside in each of the postcode areas within the electoral division of Bass.

2608 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many (a) high care and (b) low care beds have been allocated within the electoral division of Bass.
- (2) How many (a) high care and (b) low care beds are currently on-line.

2609 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many recipients of a Veterans' Affairs pension reside in the electoral division of Bass.
- (2) How many of these pensioners reside in each of the postcode areas within the electoral division of Bass.

2610 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many (a) veterans and (b) spouses of veterans in the electoral division of Bass currently have a Gold Card.

- (2) How many of these (a) veterans and (b) spouses reside in each of the postcode areas within the electoral division of Bass.

2611 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that (a) the appointments of all members of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT), Australia wide expire on 30 June 2001 and (b) the SSAT has not yet a clear indication as to the basis upon which any re-appointments past that date will be made.
- (2) Is the Government aware that the continuing uncertainty about the SSAT's future, a pattern of short-term appointments and the current lack of information about expiring appointments, has significantly undermined the morale of members of that organisation.
- (3) Is it a fact that (a) an audit just released indicates that the number of errors made by Centrelink in respect of age pensions claims is in excess of 50% and (b) the number of appeals to the SSAT has fallen considerably over the last 12 months; if so, does this indicate that not all those aggrieved by Centrelink decisions are appropriately advised of their appeal rights.
- (4) Have applications for membership of the now on hold Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) been used as the basis for new appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, without the opportunity being provided to others in the community who may have wished to apply for membership of the latter.
- (5) Has the position of head of the SSAT, the Executive Director, been vacant for over 12 months.
- (6) Is it proposed to choose the Executive from the applications to the Income Security Division of the ART, without advertising the position generally to the community.

2612 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2311 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25772), will he table a copy of the risk analysis in the House; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (2) In light of the finding in that risk analysis, what impact, if any, will the (a) installation and operation of the Precision Runway Monitoring System, (b) proposed changes to the Slots Management Scheme 1998, (c) expansion of Sydney Airport as announced by the Government on 13 December 2000 and (d) change of use of Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport as also announced on 13 December 2000 now have on the probabilities described in his answer.

2613 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to part (3) of question No. 2312 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25772), what is his definition of the term 'environmental capacity' for Australian airports.
- (2) Further to his answer to part (4) of question No. 2312, will he, under his definition for environmental capacity, be capable of quantifying the environmental capacity for Sydney Airport; if not, what steps does he consider necessary for the calculation of environmental capacity for Australian airports.

2614 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2309 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2001, page 26023), are significant segments of Bankstown City already subject to Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) 25 or higher from aircraft noise emanating from that airport.
- (2) Is aircraft noise emanating from Bankstown Airport set to worsen from the impact of the Government's announcement on 13 December 2000 to use Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport; if so, over what areas.
- (3) Is he aware that Bankstown City Council already has affectations on title and noise contour maps indicating the ANEF noise levels of existing residents.
- (4) Does the Government's announcement on 13 December 2000 in respect of Bankstown Airport mean that those aircraft noise contours are to widen the affectation of aircraft noise affected residents; if so, will he describe the impact.
- (5) Will he afford the same insulation for those houses that are offered for persons suffering aircraft noise from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport; if so, when will that noise insulation announcement be made.

2615 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to part (7) of question No. 2458 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2001, page 26025), is it a fact that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) forecast of 17% movements to the north of Sydney Airport is not being met, with the aggregate movements at 27.3%.
- (2) Is the standard by which the success of the LTOP is to be adjudged dependent on (a) whether noise sharing is more or less successful when compared with noise generated by the airport immediately prior to the March 1996 election or (b) the LTOP forecasts as prescribed in this Government's own gazetted LTOP plan.
- (3) Further to his answer to parts (12) and (16) of question No. 2458, has the Government waived any legal right contractually compelling the airport lessee of Sydney Airport to build an airport at Badgerys Creek.
- (4) Under his interpretation of section 18 of the Airports Act, does no statutory power now exist to compel the airport lessee of Sydney Airport to build the airport at Badgerys Creek.
- (5) In the scenario where Sydney Airport is to be leased to an airport lessee company with first right of refusal by the Commonwealth to the owner to build and operate any second major airport within 100 kilometres of the Sydney Central Business District, has the Government contracted out its ability to alleviate Sydney Airport aircraft noise affected residents, that is, by the construction of a second major airport for Sydney.
- (6) Does the decision to propose a lease to the prospective airport lessee now make it impossible to contractually bind the prospective airport lessee company for Sydney Airport to be contractually liable to construct and operate an airport at Badgerys Creek.

2616 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his answer to part (2) of question No. 2504 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2001, page

26027) and pursuant to subsection 160(2) of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, when will he forward his proposal to adopt or implement the plan for aviation airspace management involving aircraft operations to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

2617 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What will be the impact on the movement of aircraft in the air on departure and arrival at Sydney Airport in light of the proposed changes to the Slots Management Scheme (SMS), and upon what information does he base this answer.
- (2) What will be the impact on the movement of aircraft in the air for departures and landings resulting from the full implementation of the Precision Runway Monitoring System (PRMS) and upon what information does he base this answer.
- (3) Will the introduction of the proposed changes to the SMS and the PRMS effectively result in the reversion to the Bennelong Funnel; if not, why not.

2618 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Will the main road known as QANTAS Drive into Sydney Airport become a tollway or a restricted road when the airport is sold.
- (2) Has he received a letter from the NSW Minister for Transport on this matter; if so, will he table a copy of this letter in the House.

2619 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 2426 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25808) concerning Sydney West Airport and the Minister's responses referring to the 'Second Sydney Airport Proposal', for the purposes of section 6 of the Airports Act, does the 'Second Sydney Airport Proposal' and the term 'Sydney West Airport' under that Act, mean the same thing; if not, can the term 'Sydney West Airport' have any meaning other than the 'Second Sydney Airport Proposal'; if so, what other meaning can it have.
- (2) Is the Second Sydney Airport Proposal for which the Minister conducted an environmental impact statement a proposal to locate the Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek.
- (3) Does the Second Sydney Airport Proposal mean an international airport at Badgerys Creek.
- (4) Does Sydney West Airport not mean Bankstown Airport.

2620 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Is the Government to sell the construction and installation arm of Telstra, Network Design and Construction (NDC); if so, (a) when and (b) what will be the process for the sale.

2621 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2320 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25773) and Part 2 of the Airports Act, is he able to say whether no provision in the Act has been made to accommodate the scenario where a person who is an airport-lessee and/or airport management company may be totally

owned and/or controlled or be part thereof to a parent company or other person, with a controlling interest (defined as shareholdings therein of greater than fifteen per cent) in more than one Australian airport.

- (2) In light of the airport-lessees and airport management companies that already operate other Australian airports, is there a scenario where parent companies or other persons may have a controlling interest in more than one of Australia's airport lessee companies and airport management companies.
- (3) In light of the corporate structure of other airport lessee and airport management companies already in place, what steps will he take to ensure that the current leasing regime of Australian airports does not become monopolistic in nature or an oligopoly of private interests.
- (4) Are Australian airports a strategic asset with military and other implications that must be controlled in both the national and public interest.
- (5) Is he able to say whether the potential for monopolistic control of airport lessee and airport management companies by parent controlling interests constitutes a potential breach of Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act.
- (6) Is he also able to say whether the potential for monopolistic control of airport lessee and airport management companies by parent controlling interests does not constitute a potential breach of Part 2 of the Airports Act and hence constitutes a policy conflict with Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act in that it permits parent control of airport lessee and airport management companies whilst exposing these companies to potential intervention by the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission for breach of Part IIIA.

2622 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2376 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25779) did both the Professor of Medicine and the Professor of Surgery conclude that former Senator Colston's life expectancy was months; if not, which professor reached an alternative conclusion about Dr Colston's life expectancy and what was that conclusion about Dr Colston's life expectancy.
- (2) Is the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) able to confirm that at least one eminent medical specialist who examined Dr Colston on 14 or 19 May 1999 concluded that his life expectancy was months.
- (3) Did the DPP not have Dr Colston further medically examined until approximately 13 December 2000.
- (4) On what dates did the examinations of Dr Colston by the two independent eminent specialists take place which led to their respective reports of 13 December 2000 and 9 February 2001.
- (5) Were the medical examinations which led to the reports of 13 December 2000 and 9 February 2001 conducted by a Professor of Medicine and a Professor of Surgery who were the same independent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999.
- (6) Do the Professors of Medicine and Surgery hold their chairs in Queensland.
- (7) Is he able to say whether, prior to their examination of Dr Colston on 14 and 19 May 1999, the Professors had prior personal contact with Dr Colston; if so, when.

- (8) What is the precise nature of the current medical condition of Dr Colston.
 - (9) What is the exact prognosis contained in each of the reports identified in his answer to parts (7), (10) and (13) of question No. 2376.
 - (10) What are the exact medical specialisations that are required to define the prognosis of Dr Colston's medical condition.
 - (11) In light of the qualifications, chairs and fellowships of the independent medical specialists identified in part (6), is he confident they hold the exact medical specialisations necessary to express an accurate assessment on the state of health of Dr Colston and prognosis of Dr Colston's medical condition; if not, can he identify alternative competent, eminent, independent medical specialists who can express an accurate prognosis on the current medical condition of Dr Colston; if not, why not.
 - (12) In light of his answer to part (19) of question No. 2376, will he now obtain the medical reports of Dr Colston from Wesley Private Hospital.
 - (13) In light of his answer to part (11) of question No. 2376, has the estimation of Dr Colston's life expectancy as expressed in terms of months now been disproved; if not, why not.
 - (14) Is he prepared to have Dr Colston re-examined by appropriately qualified medical experts, other than the independent eminent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston on 14 and 19 May 1999, to assess whether Dr Colston is now capable of standing trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel reports; if not, why not.
- 2623 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is the cholesterol treatment drug known as LIPOBAY listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
 - (2) Will the Government de-list the drug from the PBS; if so, (a) when will de-listing occur, (b) why is it being taken and (c) what process is in place to have the drug re-listed.
 - (3) What other drugs of an equivalent kind of treatment are currently listed on the PBS in substitution of LIPOBAY that provide the same relief for the same symptoms that LIPOBAY is designed to treat.
 - (4) Who is the (a) registered trademark holder and (b) patent holder of LIPOBAY.
 - (5) What quantity of LIPOBAY was prescribed in Australia in 1999-2000.
- 2624 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—What is the 2001-2002 budget for the Consumer Affairs Division of Treasury.
- 2625 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many surviving members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces who served in Japan between 1945 and 1952 are there.
 - (2) What is the annual estimated cost of granting those veterans a Gold Card.
 - (3) How many ADF personnel served at Woomera during atomic testing.
 - (4) How many of those veterans are surviving and what is the estimated annual cost of granting them full veterans' entitlements.

2626 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How many flight movements have occurred into and out of Brisbane Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each year since and including 1995.
- (2) What proportion of flight movements into and out of Brisbane Airport have occurred over Brisbane suburbs compared to the proportion of flight movements which have occurred over Moreton Bay between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each year since and including 1995.
- (3) When was the planned phase-out of Chapter 2 aircraft from service at Brisbane Airport lifted.
- (4) How many flight movements involving Chapter 2 aircraft have occurred at Brisbane Airport each year since and including 1995 and what proportion of these flight movements have occurred between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- (5) Are there any discussions under way between Airservices Australia, his Department and the industry concerning a possible further reduction in the hours currently covered by Brisbane's de facto 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. curfew.

2627 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Did he provide me with an assurance in a letter dated 10 March 2000 that customers of South Melbourne Centrelink will continue to receive full customer service from Centrelink in South Melbourne.
- (2) Has he been informed that the South Melbourne branch of Centrelink is to close at the end of June 2001; if so, (a) who notified him and when and (b) what are the reasons for the closure.
- (3) What is the current cost of the lease at Centrelink South Melbourne.
- (4) What is the cost of any future lease agreement at the same Centrelink South Melbourne premises.
- (5) How long has Centrelink in South Melbourne been looking for new premises to conduct its operations.
- (6) Who is the owner of the building of which South Melbourne Centrelink occupies.
- (7) How many customers does South Melbourne Centrelink service, and of this number, approximately how many (a) are aged pensioners, (b) are disability pensioners and (c) receive a family allowance.

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2628 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is he aware that the Bendigo region has (a) been excluded from applying for one of the six MRI licences which were advertised recently and (b) demonstrated a substantial need for MRI services; if so, why was the region excluded from applying.

2629 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Is he able to say whether the Australian software design and manufacturer, Webtrain, has been consistently overlooked when Government Departments have awarded contracts.
- (2) Have the majority of Commonwealth Departments' software contracts been awarded to overseas suppliers.

- (3) Can he guarantee that Australian software designers and manufacturers will be given priority when awarding such contracts.

2630 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the serious allegations of fraud surrounding the awarding of the contract for the “The Facts” CD-ROM project.
- (2) Will he undertake an investigation of the tender process and make that report public.

2631 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What measures does the Government intend to introduce to extend the so-called +2% requirement for the replacement of fossil fuels in electricity generation by 2010.
- (2) Will the Government introduce a +10% requirement for 2020 and will there be further requirements for +20% in 2030 and so on.
- (3) Will the Government establish a substantial R&D fund for the exploitation of renewable energy; if so, what is the intended scale of such a scheme.
- (4) Is it a fact that Australia’s emissions of carbon dioxide amount to approximately 15% of the world total when fossil fuel exports are included.
- (5) When will the Government abandon its opposition to controls on greenhouse gas emissions and recognise that Australia can make a significant impact acting unilaterally.
- (6) What is the energy efficiency of electric railways in kilowatt-hours per tonne kilometre, if regenerative braking is taken into account and how does this compare with road transport for equivalent journeys.
- (7) Is it a fact, as reported by the Transport Minister in the debate on the Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grants Scheme Bill 1999, that the Bureau of Transport Economics has estimated that fuel-use by transport will increase by more than 50% by 2015.
- (8) Is it a fact that the fastest growing source of carbon dioxide pollution is road transport.
- (9) What measures will the Government adopt to ensure that the projected growth in transport fuel consumption does not occur.
- (10) Given the higher efficiency of electric hauled rail transport, what measures will the Government adopt to ensure that the anticipated growth in transport demand is taken up by the railways.

2632 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many Medicare offices are located within the electoral division of Lowe.
- (2) How many new Medicare offices will be located within the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002.
- (3) By what criteria are Medicare offices justified and do they include service area, number of inquiries to be catered for, size and location.
- (4) Under the criteria identified in part (3), is the electoral division of Lowe justified in having a new Medicare office.

- (5) If no new Medicare offices are proposed for the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002, will he now make provision for them; if so, when.
- 2633 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he have fossamax included on the list of drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- 2634 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is Mr Konrad Kalejs paying for his current legal defence with the assistance of legal aid.
 - (2) What are the criteria for an individual being granted such assistance.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether Mr Kalejs used his own financial services, or legal aid services of the US or Canadian Governments, during his 15 year defence against extradition from those countries.
- 2635 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—In relation to the position of Chairperson of Symphony Australia, (a) who is the Chairperson, (b) when (i) did the Chairperson take his or her position and (ii) does his or her term end, (c) how is the position of Chairperson filled and (d) what are the terms, conditions and entitlements, including salary, travel and other allowances, attached to the position of Chairperson of Symphony Australia.
- 2636 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has the Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) listed any of the former Australian Defence Industries Munitions Factory site at St Marys; if so, (a) which areas and (b) how many hectares are involved in each area.
 - (2) Is the AHC land high, medium or low value Cumberland Plain.
 - (3) Is the Minister able to say whether all the high and medium value Cumberland Plain is being preserved under the State Government regional environment plan.
 - (4) What is the total size of the high and medium value Cumberland Plain being preserved.
 - (5) In making its assessment what were the values and factors that the AHC took into account, and did they include (a) size, (b) representativeness on a regional scale, (c) representativeness on a property (local) scale, (d) rarity (threatened species), (e) rarity (regionally rare), (f) diversity, (g) naturalness, (h) connectivity, (i) fragmentation, (j) ease of management, (k) strategic importance, (l) sustainability, (m) conservation, (n) community services, (o) total water cycle management, (p) transport, (q) waste management, (r) employment and economic development, (s) air quality, (t) heritage, (u) open space and recreation, (v) soil and salinity, (w) urban form, (x) housing and land supply and (y) energy efficiency.
 - (6) Given the 1600 hectares of land in question; what were the studies that the AHC undertook in reaching its decisions.
- 2637 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) When did Comland take over the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) site at St Marys on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.
 - (2) What is the value of this site on Comland's books.
 - (3) What is the estimated present value of this site.

- (4) What is the estimated cost to turn the ADI site into a park for the site and compensation for forgone profits.
 - (5) Is any revenue from the proceeds of sales from the ADI site shown in the 2001-2002 budget papers; if so, (a) what sum and (b) over which years.
- 2638 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Did Lord Kitchener visit Australia in 1910.
 - (2) Did Lord Kitchener refuse to unveil a war memorial in Bathurst to those who served in the Boer War unless the name of Lieutenant Handcock was removed.
 - (3) If so, does this accord with current Government policy.
 - (4) What action has been taken to restore Lt Handcock's name to the memorial.
- 2639 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) What categories of persons who served in World War II are eligible for a Gold Card.
 - (2) What is the surviving number of persons in each category and what is the estimated per annum cost per category of granting the Gold Card to them.
 - (3) What categories of persons who served in World War II are not eligible for a Gold Card.
 - (4) What is the surviving number of persons in each category and what is the estimated cost per category of extending the Gold Card to them.
- 2640 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Which of the recommendations proposed by the Joint Select Committee on Certain Family Law Issues have (a) been fully implemented and (b) not been implemented.
 - (2) Which recommendations have been partially implemented and in what way.
- 2641 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he able to say what steps the British Government has taken to become a party to the 1995 Unidroit Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects.
 - (2) What steps has Australia taken to become a party to the Convention.
- 2642 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
What is the range, from the lowest level of school funding to the highest level, of general recurrent funding per student in each State and Territory within (a) government school systems, (b) Catholic school systems and (c) independent schools.
- 2643 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is the newly acquired British Aerospace Hawk lead-in fighter now using the Salt Ash Weapons Range.
 - (2) Has an environmental impact statement (EIS) been prepared for the use of the range by these aircraft; if so, has it been released for public perusal and discussion.
 - (3) Can the aircraft use the range if an EIS has not been prepared.

2644 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware that there has been a substantial increase in flights over residential areas as a result of increased air-traffic at Melbourne Airport.
- (2) Is he aware that a significant number of these flights are between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., a period which is under curfew at Sydney and Adelaide Airports.
- (3) Is he aware that many residents have complained about the increase in aircraft noise, as a result of the additional flights into and out of the airport, especially during the night hours.
- (4) Is one reason for the increased flights over residential areas the very large increase in the use of the southern route of the north-south runway at Melbourne Airport.
- (5) Is one reason for the increase the inadequacy of the east-west runway, which has been declared too short for many large aircraft.
- (6) Would an extension of the east-west runway mean that there would be fewer landings and take-offs on the north-south runway, and therefore a significantly reduced noise problem for residential areas.
- (7) In light of the planned and predicted increase in flights into Melbourne Airport over the next few years, will the Government act to deal with this problem by giving a high priority to the extension to the east-west runway at Melbourne Airport so that it can reduce the number of flights over residential areas.

2645 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of allegations that the cause of the violent disturbances at the Port Hedland Detention Centre on 11 May 2001 was the physical assault of 16-year old boy by ACM officials, and the consequent attempt of his father and others to stop this abuse.
- (2) Has he or his Department investigated this claim; if so, what can he tell the Parliament about this allegation, and about the events which led to the subsequent violent disturbances at Port Hedland.
- (3) In light of the fact that he released to the media part of the video tape of the disturbance at Port Hedland, will he release to the public and the Parliament the whole of that video tape, and any other documentation as to the events which occurred on 11 May at Port Hedland.
- (4) Has he seen allegations that two persons were injured when 170 police, ACM guards and departmental officials sought to remove 22 persons from the Port Hedland Detention Centre; if so, is he able to categorically deny that this is the case; if not, what information can he provide.

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2646 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What guidelines were established for the interaction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Board and management following the briefing from Professor McNamara of Bond University on the respective roles of the

Board and the Chief Executive of public sector companies and authorities and the interaction between the two.

- (2) Was his office or Department consulted in the finalisation of these guidelines; if so, (a) to what extent and (b) did he approve them.

2647 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What total sum of Commonwealth funds were made available in the last funding round of the minor capital upgrading program for child care centres.
- (2) How many child care centres in NSW made an application for a minor capital upgrading grant.
- (3) Which child care centres in NSW were successful in their application for a minor capital upgrading grant and what sum was each granted.
- (4) Did the application for minor capital upgrading of air conditioning, drainage and safety glass from the Fairfield City Council Child Care Centre at Bossley Park meet the eligibility criteria for funding, as outlined in the application guidelines.
- (5) On what grounds was the application from that child care centre for a minor capital upgrade grant rejected.
- (6) When will applications be called for future funding rounds of the minor capital upgrading program.
- (7) Will child care centres that applied for minor capital upgrade grants in previous funding rounds be eligible to apply for grants in future funding rounds; if not, why not.
- (8) Will the eligibility criteria for applicants be altered in future funding rounds.
- (9) Will child care centres whose application met the eligibility criteria but were still unsuccessful in receiving a minor capital upgrade grant be given priority in future funding rounds; if not, why not.

2648 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—

- (1) Is the Government to extend the eligibility criteria for the Regional Flood Mitigation Program to include outer metropolitan areas.
- (2) Does the Minister's Department consider the local government areas of (a) Parramatta, (b) Holroyd, (c) Fairfield and (d) Penrith outer metropolitan areas.
- (3) Was \$40m of Commonwealth funds announced in the 2001-2002 Budget for the extension of the eligibility criteria of the Regional Flood Mitigation Program; if not, what sum has been appropriated.
- (4) What sum of new Commonwealth money has been allocated to NSW under the extension of the Program.
- (5) Will the Commonwealth funds announced in the 2001-2002 Budget be matched by the respective State and local governments under the 2:2:1 ratio; if not, what ratio will the Commonwealth, State and local governments contribute to the Program.
- (6) Will funding from the Program be used for works in the western Sydney suburbs of Toongabbie and Wentworthville.

- 2649 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-1997, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) the first half of 2000-2001, how many (i) single voyage and (ii) continual voyage permits were (A) issued and (B) rejected by his Department.
 - (2) What are the criteria for the issue of a (a) single voyage and (b) continuous voyage permit.
 - (3) What investigations does he or his Department undertake in assessing compliance with the criteria prior to the issue of a permit.
 - (4) If investigations in the years referred to in part (1) have led to the rejection of an application for a permit, what were the grounds for rejecting the application in each case.
- 2650 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-1997, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) the first half of 2000-2001, how many Australian flagged vessels conducted coastal trade between Australian ports.
 - (2) What was the average number of crew for Australian flagged vessels for each of the years referred to in part (1).
 - (3) How many Australian seafarers were employed in the industry in each of those years.
 - (4) How many Australian trained seafarers were employed on Australian flagged vessels in each of those years.
- 2651 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) When does he expect the decommissioning of HMAS *Brisbane* to take place.
 - (2) Is there an established process for the gifting of decommissioned navy vessels; if so, what is that process.
 - (3) Are there any plans to gift HMAS *Brisbane* to any State or organisation.
 - (4) Can he provide a detailed plan for the decommissioning and disposal of HMAS *Brisbane*.
- 2652 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What is the average length of time that applicants in veterans' affairs' matters are required to wait for reserved judgments of appeals from the Veterans Review Board to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.
 - (2) What steps is he taking to address these delays.
- 2653 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What are the terms of reference of the Government's study into military-like activities and access to firearm training for Defence Force Cadets.
 - (2) Will the study include an expert assessment of the likely health and safety implications of any expansion of allowable cadet activities; if so, from what sources will this expert assessment be obtained.
 - (3) What deadline has the Government set for the completion of the report.

- (4) What formal consultation, if any, is envisaged with (a) cadet units, (b) youth organisations, (c) school and parent organisations, (d) State and Territory governments and (e) other Commonwealth agencies.

2654 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the escalation in religious oppression of 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, Elder Le Quang Liem of the Hoa Hoa Buddhist Church and the continued imprisonment of a large number of the clergy of the Cao Dai Church and other Christian Evangelical Churches in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- (2) What representations have been made to the Government with regards to the persecution of religious leaders in Vietnam.
- (3) What action does the Government intend to take in order to pressure the Government of Vietnam to end all religious persecution and to free those religious leaders currently imprisoned.

2655 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is he aware that there have been long delays in the signing of social security agreements between Australia and (a) Croatia, (b) Turkey and (c) Greece.
- (2) What progress has been made in finalising these agreements and what are the remaining obstacles.
- (3) When is it expected that these agreements will be finalised.

2656 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (1) of his reply to question No. 2374 (*Hansard*, 4 June 2001, page 26114), will he table a copy of the advice from Salomon Smith Barney and Freehills; if not, why not.
- (2) Further to part (3) of his reply to question No. 2374, will he furnish a copy of those provisions that ensure the lease of Sydney Airport and Sydney West Airport are either the same company or subsidiaries of the same company; if not, why not.

2657 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is there a large number of anomalies associated with the current definition of a charity as a benevolent institution under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITA Act).
- (2) Will amendments to the ITA Act need to be made to reflect community needs to enable charitable entities to benefit from tax deductible donations to assist their work.
- (3) In view of the need for some charitable entities like the Breast Cancer Action Group NSW to undertake advocacy on behalf of their clients, is he prepared to recommend to the Government that amendments to the ITA Act should be made to ensure that such advocacy activities should not be a disqualifying criterion for Deductibility Gift Recipient Status; if not, why not.

- (4) Does the St Vincent de Paul Society enjoy Deductible Gift Recipient Status; if so, is the Society precluded from engaging in any form of advocacy on behalf of the people it assists; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Government encourage not-for-profit public good groups to address the problems of their members and others in the community by amending the definition of Deductible Gift Recipient Status so that such groups can more readily attract donations; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Charities Inquiry complete its report by 30 June 2001; if not, why not.
- (7) Will the Charities Inquiry report be made available to the public before the next federal election; if so, when; if not, why not.

2658 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to part (2) of his reply to question No. 2346 (*Hansard*, 4 June 2001, page 26114) and the answer of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to part (2) of question No. 2307 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25926), (a) has the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) not been fully implemented, (b) has the number of houses now requiring insulation from increased aircraft noise resulting from management changes increased the number of noise insulation project eligible households and (c) was the environmental assessment of 1995 for the second Sydney Airport wholly defective in light of the two-site selection of Badgerys Creek and Holsworthy.
- (2) Further to part (3) of his reply to question No. 2436, have the two preconditions not been satisfied; if so, should his answer have been “no”.
- (3) Further to part (4) of his reply to question No. 2436 and in light of the Minister for Transport and Regional Service’s answer to question No. 2307, will the scoping study advisers, Salomon Smith Barney and Freehills, be briefed in respect of the fact that the LTOP, the environmental insulation program and the size, capacity and location of Sydney West Airport have not been determined.
- (4) If these preconditions have not been met, is the sale of the Sydney basin airports not in conformance with the Government’s election promises and second reading speech to the House in the Airports Bill 1996.

2659 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) In light of reports in the *Australian Financial Review* during May 2001, have all airports that have been privatised been financially successful.
- (2) Have any airports reported losses since privatisation; if so, what are those losses.
- (3) What is the maximum economic rent for the land within Sydney Airport’s boundary.
- (4) Is its maximum economic rent as residential redevelopment and would it give a value many times higher than the anticipated proceeds from privatisation of the Airport; if not, why not.
- (5) What are the economic grounds of privatising the airport for less than what the 886 hectares of bayside real estate is worth as residential or industrial redevelopment.

- (6) Have any international airports been successfully relocated to new sites and the original airport sites re-developed as residential areas; if so, which airports.
- (7) Has he previously asserted that newer aircraft are becoming so quiet as to make noise problems around urban airports a non-issue in the future.
- (8) Is the Sydney Airport Noise levy \$3.60 per passenger, and not \$3.40 per passenger.
- (9) Is every passenger arriving at Sydney Airport charged this levy; if not, what exceptions exist to waive the levy.
- (10) Did community groups concerned with noise and air toxic impacts outside the airport boundary who participated in the Government's workshops in 1999 unanimously reject the Draft Sydney Airport Environment Strategy because (a) it failed to provide a strategy for dealing with environmental and health impacts outside the airport boundary and (b) the Master Plan, when requested by these groups at the initial workshop, was withheld.
- (11) Has Sydney Airports Corporation Limited (SACL), during any of its visits to regional NSW, ever claimed to any regional NSW Member of Parliament that without the removal of the legislated 80 movements per hour cap at Sydney Airport, access for regional airlines to Sydney Airport would be in jeopardy; if so, who are those Members of Parliament and when were those statements made.
- (12) Is he able to identify the risks associated with future expansion of Sydney Airport; if so, has he disclosed those risks to interested parties involved in the due diligence process of the privatisation of Sydney Airport ; if not, why not.
- (13) What notice, if any, has he provided to potential bidders for Sydney Airport and to advisers to the bidders for Sydney Airport regarding future potential risk of profit erosion that may occur should public pressure for world class environmental protection cause the Government to curtail aviation operations or road traffic congestion at Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (14) Has his attention been drawn to SACL's document titled "Sydney Airport Australia's International Gateway teachers and students booklets - Human Society and Its Environment Curriculum support materials Stage 3"; if so, (a) are there omissions and inaccuracies in the document and (b) will he withdraw it from all Sydney schools on the grounds that the material contains inaccurate material; if not, why not.

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*2660 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does Airservices Australia Officer Mr Lee Kenna sit as chair of the Australian Standards Committee EV11.
- (2) Did Mr Mike Mrdak of his Department write, as Airport Operations and more recently as Assistant Secretary, to the EV11 Committee stating objection to the word 'unacceptable' in the standard AS2021, indicating a preference for the replacement terminology 'developments not permitted'; if so, (a) why and (b) did he instruct Mr Mrdak to take that action; if so, why.

- (3) Has Mr Kenna written and stated in the EV11 Committee of August 2000 that the word ‘unacceptable’ as is used in the present Standard is emotional and should be changed; if so, (a) why was action taken to change the word, (b) did he instruct Mr Kenna to take that action; if so, why and (c) will such a change adversely affect the interest of public health and safety.

*2661 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Are the full social and environmental costs of the impacts of Sydney Airport operations met by Government or the aviation industry; if not, is any cost borne by Sydney residents.
- (2) In terms of annual aircraft movements and aircraft mix, what is the maximum possible operational capacity for Sydney Airport’s two parallel runways.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the two parallel runways at Minneapolis St Paul International Airport are (a) 8200ft and 10 000ft, respectively, in length; if not, what are their lengths and (b) separated by 3380ft; if so, by how much do these measurements differ from the length and separation of the two parallel runways at Sydney Airport.
- (4) Have representatives directly or indirectly answerable to him visited Minneapolis St Paul airport; if so, (a) which representatives and (b) what were the (i) dates and (ii) purposes of the visits.
- (5) Is he able to say whether almost 500 000 aircraft movements were achieved during 1997 on the two parallel runways at Minneapolis St Paul International Airport with minimal use of the east west cross runway; if not, what was the number of movements on those two runways.
- (6) Is he able to say whether in June 1997 the published typical runway use percentages by runways at Minneapolis St Paul were, respectively, (a) over the north on north short parallel 16L/30R—27.6% landings and 22.1% takeoffs, (b) over the south on north long parallel 16R/30L—21.4% landings and 25.9% takeoffs, (c) over the east on east west cross runway 4/22—1.2% landings and 0.3% takeoffs and (d) over the west on east west cross runway 4/22—0.5% landings and 3.8% takeoffs; if not what are the correct percentages.
- (7) Is he able to say whether in peak hours, in both wet and fine weather, aircraft movements at Minneapolis St Paul International Airport and Lambert St Louis International Airport achieve levels of 120 movements per hour using two parallel runways which are virtually identical to those at Sydney Airport.
- (8) Is he able to say whether (a) the Precision Runway Monitor System (PRMS) is used at Minneapolis St Paul, (b) the PRMS was part of the 1993 capacity enhancement plan for that airport and (c) full implementation of the PRMS at operational airport capacity would increase Sydney Airport’s environmental impact on affected Sydney residents.
- (9) Is he able to say whether (a) the removal of small aircraft from Minneapolis St Paul International Airport was part of the 1993 capacity enhancement plan for that airport and (b) such removal of small planes is also proposed for Sydney Airport.

- (10) Is he also able to say whether (a) according to airport data published by the Federal Aviation Administration, new angled runway 17/35 at Minneapolis St Paul will lift the forecast capacity of that airport to 685 000 movements per year and (b) a fourth, angled, runway was proposed in December 2000 for Sydney Airport.
- *2662 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is Sydney Airport capable, or can be technically made capable, of handling up to 500 000 aircraft movements per annum on the two existing parallel runways and would this increase be contingent upon any additional measures being implemented; if so, what are those contingencies.
- *2663 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his response to question No. 2311 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25772), is the risk of being killed in an aircraft crash in the order of 4.5 chances per million per year for fare paying passengers as testified by Professor Jean Cross on 22 September 1995 to the Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney.
 - (2) Since March 1996, how many times has he publicly stated concern for the safety of fare paying airline passengers.
 - (3) Did Professor Cross testify to the 1995 Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney that aircraft crash risk for some residents in 2010 was forecast by Kin hills in the Third Runway EIS to be around 100 in one million, or more than 20 times higher than the risk for fare paying passengers, and twice as high as he advised in his response to question No. 2311.
 - (4) What is the most recent aircraft crash risk analysis for Sydney Airport for the year 2010 and on what number of aircraft movements and mix of aircraft types is that aircraft crash risk analysis based.
 - (5) Has a risk analysis been undertaken to assess the aircraft crash risk to residents on the ground associated with aircraft movements at Sydney Airport in excess of 353 900 movements per annum.
 - (6) Has a risk analysis been undertaken to assess the aircraft crash risk to residents on the ground for risk associated with changing the aircraft mixes at Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport.
 - (7) How many times since March 1996 has he publicly stated concern for the safety of residents living under the flight paths of Sydney Airport's parallel runways.
 - (8) Is (a) the risk of aircraft crash for residents living close to the airport not separate from, but in addition to, the risk of being killed in a road accident and (b) road traffic congestion associated with Sydney Airport and Port Botany disproportionately heavy in Sydney's inner western suburbs.
 - (9) Will the risk of aircraft crash for residents rise with small aircraft being moved out of Sydney Airport, and aircraft traffic increasing over time up to the maximum operational capacity of the two existing parallel runways; if so, by how much.
 - (10) What risk assessment studies have been undertaken to assess whether the introduction of small jets at Bankstown Airport would compromise the

operational safety over residential areas around Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport; if so, (a) what are the names of those studies and (b) will he table these studies in the House.

- (11) Have any military aircraft joy rides been proposed to operate out of Bankstown Airport; if so, will he provide details in the House; if so, when.

*2664 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—What contingency plans are in place to respond to a jet aircraft crash in populated areas of the Sydney metropolitan area and will he table these details to the House.

*2665 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to part (1) of question No. 2312 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25772), is he aware of best practice in airport environmental management and sustainable airport development.
- (2) Is he aware of world class practice in environmental management of airports.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the environmental management at Sydney Airport is comparable to environmental management practices at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, Zurich Airport and Arlanda Airport, Stockholm, in terms of world class practice.
- (4) Can an ecologically sustainable airport development and world class environmental management be achieved at Sydney Airport if world class airport management concepts, such as developing an understanding of environmental capacity of airports, are not actively incorporated into Australian airport environmental and transport law, management, development and planning; if so, how.
- (5) Is he able to say whether Schiphol Airport's total-airport environment strategy extends to environmental impacts outside the airport's boundary fence, including road traffic congestion, air toxic emissions and noise.
- (6) Can Sydney Airport achieve world's best practice in total-airport environmental management if impacts outside the airport's boundary fence, including such issues as road traffic congestion, air toxic emissions and noise, are not taken into account.
- (7) Is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport an internationally accepted example of world class practice in total-airport environmental management.
- (8) Was the Schiphol Group commissioned by Sydney Airports Corporation Limited to benchmark the Preliminary Draft Environmental Strategy Document against world class practice.
- (9) Did the Schiphol Group, in its 1999 benchmark of Sydney Airport's Environment Strategy against world class practice, (a) note the strategy did not extend beyond the internal airport area and excluded environmental impacts outside the airport boundary and (b) stated that operational aircraft noise, air pollution due to aircraft, external safety risks for third parties, airport related odours and smells, land use planning and zoning, airport related groundtraffic (density, congestion, pollution, etc), recycling/re-use of materials, recognition and compensation of environmental damage, and handling of complaints would need to be addressed equally well if the aim is

to become the airport with the world's best environmental management system.

- (10) Are all subjects listed by the Schiphol Group comprehensively addressed in the Sydney Airport Master Plan.

*2666 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the November 1999 Sydney Airport Environment Strategy state that Sydney Airport acknowledges the need to further address aircraft impacts external to the airport and that this task will be undertaken during the preparation of Sydney Airport Master Plan.
- (2) Will the Sydney Airport Master Plan contain the Government's strategy for mitigating against airport impacts at ultimate operational capacity and are noise, airport-associated road traffic congestion, air toxic emissions and health risks are covered in the plan.
- (3) Is critical information being withheld from the public; if so, what is that information.
- (4) Will he immediately table a copy of the Sydney Airport Master Plan in the House.

*2667 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to question No. 2307 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25926), was he incorrect when he stated that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) will be fully implemented; if not, how will the advertised target of 17% movements (annually averaged) over the north be achieved and maintained in the long-term as annual aircraft movements are increasing and given that since LTOP was introduced, 17% of movements (annually averaged) over the north has never been achieved at current aircraft movement rates.
- (2) Have LTOP targets not been achieved at 300 000 movements per annum and is meaningful noise sharing technically impossible to achieve at movement levels above 360 000 per annum on two parallel runways such as those at Sydney Airport.
- (3) Are only parallel runway operations used at rates of 80 aircraft movements an hour at Sydney Airport.
- (4) Did the LTOP road show video, as presented by the Hon Joe Hockey, MP and a representative of Airservices Australia, advertise that 40% of the aircraft using Sydney Airport will be propeller planes.
- (5) Will he table a copy of the LTOP road show video and the full text of that video's script as presented at each of the six LTOP road shows.

*2668 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to question No. 2308 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25927), in light of his reply that there is no information on toxic emissions from road traffic associated with Sydney Airport, (a) can he confirm the validity or otherwise of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited's (SACL) assertion that there is no significant health risk associated with emissions from Sydney Airport's total-airport operations; (b) upon what basis does the

SACL reach this conclusion and (c) will he table copies of this probative evidence in the House.

- (2) Are the bulk of Sydney's most densely populated areas located within a 10km radius of Sydney Airport and the central Sydney industrial area of Port Botany, both of which generate a disproportionate road traffic load and other toxic transport emissions compared to the rest of the Sydney metropolitan area.
- (3) Do Sydney Airport emissions contribute approximately 40% of the total toxic air emissions load in the 20 square kilometres surrounding Sydney Airport.
- (4) Which inner city suburbs are downwind of Sydney Airport and Port Botany during typical 24-hour patterns of trapped Sydney basin air re-circulation.
- (5) Has air pollution generated in the eastern part of the Sydney basin been reported to be transported on a regular basis by afternoon sea breezes as far as the south west part of the basin.

*2669 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to question No. 2310 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25927), (a) is he able to say whether benzene and 1,3 butadiene are carcinogens and (b) do mobile sources account for the majority of total benzene and 1,3 butadiene pollution in Sydney.
- (2) Further to his response to part (2) of question No. 2310, did Sydney Airports Corporation Limited claim that the NSW Environment Protection Agency's toxic emissions data supported its claim of no significant health risk given in evidence to the Commission of Inquiry into the Precision Runway Monitor System for Sydney Airport.
- (3) Further to his response to part (6) of question No. 2310, must these significant airport capacity expansions trigger an environmental impact statement or other environmental assessment under Commonwealth law.
- (4) Is he able to say whether another area of higher-than-state-average incidence of lung cancer occurs other than in the south west Sydney basin area; if so, where.
- (5) Is he also able to say whether smokers who are also exposed long-term to toxic transport emissions are likely to be more at risk of contracting lung disease than smokers living in clean air environments.

*2670 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to part (5) of question No. 2316 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25928), were a proportion of the 1.5 million Sydney residents exposed to road traffic noise levels exceeding the World Health Organisation's (WHO) community noise guidelines also exposed to aircraft noise levels in excess of the WHO community noise guidelines; if so, how many.
- (2) Further to the map of aircraft noise exposure shown on page 204 of the report of the Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney, how many persons live (a) within the area bounded by the 10% moderately affected contour, (b) between the 10% and 20% moderately affected contours and (c) in the 20% and above moderately affected contour.

- (3) How many people are expected to be exposed to aircraft noise equal to or exceeding 30 Aircraft Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) in 2010 and what arrangements have been made regarding the provision of adequate noise mitigation.
- (4) Was the decision not to provide noise amelioration for residences in the 25 ANEF to 30 ANEF contour made in the full knowledge of well-documented evidence, including the existence of the Cornell University's Professor Gary Evan's studies, that have identified potential health risks and learning problems for children living in residences subject to such noise levels.
- (5) Further to his response to part (7) of question 2316, (a) how many residences were occupied by the 100,000 persons who were exposed to noise equal to or in excess of 20 ANEF from 1 July to 30 September 2000 and (b) was every residence within the 20 ANEF contour for 1 July to 30 September 2000 occupied by at least one person.

*2671 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to part (1) of question No. 2309 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2001, page 26023), has the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Project complied in full with the Australian Standard for Aircraft Noise AS2021, and has the projected increase in airport capacity been reflected in a review of noise contours and hence those eligible for the noise insulation project.
- (2) Will he provide a capacity forecast specifically for Sydney Airport in 2010, taking into account the implications of the removal of small aircraft from Sydney Airport.

*2672 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister able to confirm Environment Australia's reported assertion that it is Government policy to comply with the Australian Standard for Aircraft Noise AS2021.
- (2) Did the Third Runway environmental impact statement (EIS) assess the environmental impact (a) of removing small planes from Sydney Airport and (b) around Sydney Airport of the introduction of one or more reliever airports for Sydney Airport.
- (3) Did the Badgerys Creek EIS assess the environmental impact for Sydney Airport.
- (4) Has the Government assessed the environmental impact of expanding Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport for communities impacted by Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport.
- (5) Has the Government holistically assessed the total impact of all Sydney's airports on the Sydney metropolitan area and is there a basin-wide environmental assessment of airport impacts.

*2673 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister able to enumerate the percentage change in Sydney Airport's associated road traffic as a proportion of all traffic on the major roads around Sydney airport since the Third Runway EIS was completed; if so, what is that percentage.

- (2) Is the Minister able to say (a) which air toxins, also known as hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), have been associated with a variety of adverse health outcomes, including cancer, neurological effects, and reproductive and developmental effects, (b) whether HAPs include such chemicals as benzene, formaldehyde, tetrachloroethylene, and cadmium and (c) whether HAPs are emitted from cars, trucks, buses and aircraft.
- (3) During the past 5 years, has the practice of risk assessment within Environment Australia evolved away from a focus on the potential of a single pollutant in one environmental medium for causing cancer toward integrated assessments involving suites of pollutants in several media that may cause a variety of adverse effects on humans, plants, animals or effects on ecological systems and their processes and functions.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say whether the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Cumulative Exposure Project has observed associations between increased risk of lung cancer and toxic transport emissions from mobile sources, including road traffic and airports.

*2674 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) At any time before, during or after the assessment of the proposed Badgerys Creek airport, did Environment Australia note that the Minneapolis St Paul airport system provided the closest airport analogy.
- (2) What are Environment Australia's benchmarks for safe concentrations of toxins in air for benzene, toluene, 1,3 butadiene, formaldehyde and acrolein and how does this compare with actual air levels, if such data exists.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether, following the Commission of Inquiry into the Precision Runway Monitor System, the US EPA Cumulative Exposure Project for the Minneapolis St Paul metropolitan area shows that, for the toxins considered, lifetime cancer risk per 100 000 persons in and downwind of the primary airport and two of its reliever airports ranges from 13 to nearly 40 times the health risk level for cancer set by the Minnesota Department of Health, or one additional case of cancer per 100,000 people.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say whether the US EPA Cumulative Exposure Project study of the Seattle metropolitan area shows that the lifetime cancer risk per 100 000 persons exposed to toxic emissions in and around SeaTac airport range from 200 to 400 times EPA's recommended safe level of carcinogens in the air.
- (5) Is the Minister also able to say whether the August 2000 study by the City of Park Ridge Illinois titled "Preliminary Study and Analysis of Toxic Air Pollutant Emissions from O'Hare International Airport and the Resulting Health Risks created by these toxic emissions in surrounding residential communities" found that toxic emissions exceeding a cancer risk of 1 in 100 000, assuming 70 years of exposure, encompass an area of approximately 1000 square miles around Chicago's O'Hare airport.

*2675 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Is the Minister able to say whether any comprehensive studies have been done of health risks associated with long-term exposure to toxic

transport emissions anywhere in the Sydney basin, particularly adjacent to and downwind of the ports area in the eastern half of the basin.

*2676 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Coral Fishery on the Great Barrier Reef to be closed; if so, what (a) consultation has been undertaken with interested parties and (b) impact will the closure of the Coral Fishery have on jobs in that industry.
- (2) Is the impact of the aquarium trade on the Great Barrier Reef minimal.
- (3) What is the impact on the health of the Great Barrier Reef from cyclones, soil run-off, freighters and tourists.
- (4) Do marine aquarium hobbyists contribute significantly to the viability of the Great Barrier Reef.
- (5) Is a significant level of research and education undertaken by marine aquarium hobbyists.

*2677 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What information is provided to the public by Australia Post on the location of its Yellow Express Post Boxes and where can this information be obtained.
- (2) How many Yellow Express Post Boxes are located within the electoral division of Lowe and where are these locations.
- (3) Are Yellow Express Post Boxes located in every federal electorate.
- (4) If a person posts a letter in (a) Sydney or (b) regional or rural Australia in a Yellow Express Post Box before 6 p.m. on a Sunday and that letter is addressed to an address within Australia, will it be delivered to the addressee the following day; if not, why not.
- (5) If a person posts a letter in an ordinary Red Post Box in Sydney before 6 p.m. on a Sunday, will it be delivered to another address in Sydney the following day; if not, why not.

*2678 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is it a fact that, while overall smoking levels of people living in Sydney have generally fallen, both toxic transport emissions and lung cancer rates have risen in Sydney.

*2679 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Further to his reply to my question No. 2380 (*Hansard*, 2 April 2001, page 22432), how safe are the contributions made by the contributors to the Commonwealth Superannuation (CSS) and Public Sector Superannuation Schemes trust funds.
- (2) Was all of the 15.1% interest gained by the CSS, as reported in its 1999-2000 annual report, re-invested in the CSS Scheme; if not, why not.

*2680 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Has he seen an article titled “Toothless tiger” written by Michael Heffernan and reported in *The Pro Trader’s Advice* segment of *The Sunday Telegraph* of 6 May 2001.

- (2) Is the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority confident of the security and management of the funds of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and Public Sector Superannuation Scheme.

*2681 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the process by which Family Court matters are assessed for listing in the Family Court and local courts in (a) NSW and (b) Australia.
- (2) How many applications to the Family Court and local courts in (a) NSW and (b) Australia are there for family law related matters.
- (3) How many of those applications are refused for want of being considered vexatious, oppressive, unjust or administratively incomplete such as including an insufficient filing fee, having a defective application form or having insufficient evidence or affidavit.
- (4) What Court Rules, policies and guidelines is the Registrar of the Family Court and local courts bound by in respect of adjudicating what threshold must be reached in order to determine whether there exists a prima facie case that a matter ought to go to trial.
- (5) What is the average cost of litigation for litigants commencing principal or ancillary relief orders in the Family Court.
- (6) How many contraventions of control orders have occurred in (a) 1998, (b) 1999 and (c) 2000.
- (7) Has the number of contraventions of control orders increased, decreased or remained the same over this period.

*2682 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Did a Minister order an Australian Protective Service (APS) employee to X-ray or scan a mini-bus taxi which had delivered him to Parliament House at approximately 1.30 a.m. on Thursday 31 May 2001.
- (2) If so, (a) was the incident logged, (b) what was the reason for the request by the Minister, (c) which Minister made the request, (d) was the X-ray or scan carried out by APS staff and (e) what processes are currently in place to deal with such a request.
- (3) If the X-ray or scan was not carried out, (a) why not, (b) what actions were taken by the APS staff and (c) did a member of the APS or a parliamentary attendant attend the Minister's office at the request of the driver of the mini bus taxi; if so, was the staff member verbally abused by the Minister.
- (4) Did the Minister leave the taxi without paying the fare owed; if so, has the fare now been paid.

*2683 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the definition of Roads of National Significance.
- (2) What criteria are used to choose between different projects involving Roads of National Significance.

- *2684 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) When was the agreement signed between the NSW Government and the Federal Government for the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road.
 - (2) Did the agreement cover any other roads; if so, (a) which roads, (a) what is the estimated project costs and (c) what is the contribution of each government to the roads.
- *2685 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has any agreement been reached about the toll associated with construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road.
 - (2) Will there be three tolls on this road; if so, what is the estimated amount of each toll.
- *2686 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) On what basis are Ministers of Religion accredited to visit Detention Centres.
 - (2) Are accredited Ministers of Religion required not to discuss with the media what they see in the Detention Centres; if so, is this (a) as a result of legislation; if so, what legislation, (b) Government policy, (c) departmental policy or (d) ACM policy.
- *2687 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Has a senior officer from 3RAR been charged; if so, (a) when was he charged, (b) what was the charge and (c) when is a trial expected.
- *2688 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—Has the investigation into any Command responsibility associated with the 3RAR affair commenced; if so, when (a) did it commence and (b) is it expected to be completed; if not, when (a) will it commence and (b) will it be completed.
- *2689 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Service personnel have contacted the Burchett audit team to date.
 - (2) How many complaints are the subject of investigation.
 - (3) When will Mr Burchett be reporting his findings.
- *2690 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did Australia accept the provisions of Part II of the International Labour Convention No 173 on Protection of Workers' Claims (Employers' Insolvency) Convention 1992 on 8 June 1994.
 - (2) On what dates, in what circumstances and with what results have there been subsequent communications between the Commonwealth Government and the governments of each State and Territory concerning the Convention.
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I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

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

Current inquiry:

Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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

Current inquiries:

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

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 inquiry:

Provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 (*To report by 21 June 2001*).

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

Current inquiry:

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr McMullan, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Mason, Senator Woodley.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Lindsay, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr K. J. Thomson, Senator Coonan, Senator Crowley, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

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.
Canungra, Qld—Defence Intelligence Training Centre.
Duntoon, ACT—Redevelopment of residential areas at Royal Military College.
Oakey, Qld—Redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre.
Rumah Baru, West Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Proposed freight and passenger facilities.
Townsville—
Lavarack Barracks redevelopment, Stage 3.
RAAF Base Townsville redevelopment, Stage 2.

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, Mr Somlyay, 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 9 August 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.

Joint Select**REPUBLIC REFERENDUM** (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)**RETAILING SECTOR** (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES:** Mr Somlyay (*appointed 2 December 1998, for a period of 3 years*).**COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years*).**PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST:** Mr Charles (*appointed 24 June 1996*) and Mr McLeay (*appointed 23 November 1998*).