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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 190

THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION (HIH ASSISTANCE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 8 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).

* 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.

- 9 **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*).
- 10 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 May 2001—Mr Baird*).
- 11 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 16 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 17 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 18 **CORPORATIONS (NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND LEVIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 19 **CORPORATIONS (COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS LEVIES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 20 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- *21 **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2001—Mr O'Connor*).
- 22 **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*).

- 23 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT (BILATERAL AGREEMENT) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 25 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 26 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 27 **BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 30 **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*).

Notice

- 1 **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*

- 31 **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*).
- 32 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 33 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 34 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).

- 35 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 37 **TELSTRA:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 38 **PRICE OF PETROL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 39 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 40 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 41 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 42 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 43 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 44 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.

- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.

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

- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **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*).

83 TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr McGauran*):

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

84 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*).

85 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,
25 JUNE 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO 105TH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, HAVANA, CUBA AND BILATERAL VISIT TO MEXICO:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, VALPARAISO AND BILATERAL VISIT TO CHILE:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Australia's role in United Nations reform. (*Statements to conclude by 1.05 p.m.*)
- 4 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on review of Reserve Bank of Australia's annual report 1999-2000. (*Statements to conclude by 1.30 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 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. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †2 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 2 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 25 June 2001.*)
- 4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 13 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 16 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001—Mr Pyne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—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 25 June 2001.*)
- 17 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—2001 REVIEW OF MIGRATION REGULATION 4.31B—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs May—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 25 June 2001.*)
- 18 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON VISITS TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001—Mr Hollis, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—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 25 June 2001.*)
- 19 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORK OF COMMITTEES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001—Mr Nairn, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—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 25 June 2001.*)
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**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 the next sitting Monday after 25 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 the next sitting Monday after 25 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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 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 5 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

15 **MR MOSSFELD:** 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 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 deplors 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) deplors 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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

21 **MR MOSSFELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's decision in this year's 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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 22 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 23 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the expenditure of taxpayers' money on advertising which promotes party political interests. (*Notice given 18 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 2 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 3 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 4 **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 25 June 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 25 June 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 25 June 2001.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 25 June 2001.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 25 June 2001.)

9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 24 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.)

- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 30 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

- 32 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 33 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)
- 34 **PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001*) on the motion of Mr McLeay—
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 June 2001.*)

35 **BANKING SERVICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2001*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 25 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, 25 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, 21 June 2001

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002** (*Treasurer*): Further consideration in detail—Schedule, Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (*from 20 June 2001*)
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002** (*Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONCESSION CARDS) BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 May 2001*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **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*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 11 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 12 **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*).

- 13 **AGRICULTURE AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 14 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2001—Mr Sawford*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AGE COUNTS: ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MATURE-AGE WORKERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Ms Kernot, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECOND CHAMBER: ENHANCING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 2000—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the report.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each week, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the week are included in the Notice Paper.

Questions unanswered

Nos 404, 460, 461, 1041, 1134, 1208, 1256, 1290, 1415, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1558, 1559, 1620, 1635, 1702, 1722, 1750, 1809, 1819, 1852, 1906, 1941, 1979, 2000, 2001, 2015, 2031, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2062, 2079, 2096, 2110, 2116, 2137, 2152, 2169, 2170, 2179, 2191, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2215, 2221-2223, 2229, 2237, 2238, 2252, 2253, 2263, 2276, 2303, 2323, 2343, 2344, 2351, 2353, 2367, 2375, 2384, 2388, 2391, 2404, 2409, 2414-2416, 2428-2430, 2442, 2443, 2449, 2452, 2453, 2455, 2456, 2459, 2460, 2467, 2471-2476, 2478, 2483, 2487, 2497, 2499, 2505, 2516, 2519-2521, 2527, 2529-2533, 2536-2539, 2541-2544, 2546-2548, 2550, 2551, 2553-2563, 2565-2589, 2591-2593, 2596-2644, 2646-2690.

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- 2691 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—How many Telstra public telephones were located in the local government area of Fairfield (a) in 1996 and (b) on 1 June 2001.
- 2692 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) How many former prisoners of war and widows of former prisoners of war reside in the electoral division of Prospect.
 - (2) How many of those prisoners of war and widows of former prisoners of war will be entitled to receive the \$25 000 compensation announced in the 2001 Budget.
- 2693 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What are the Medicare item numbers for treatment of (a) depression in all its forms and (b) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
 - (2) How many claims are made each year under each item number referred to in part (1).
 - (3) Are there any forms of treatment for mental illness, mental disorder, psychosomatic or other mental syndrome which are not covered under Medicare; if so, what are they.
 - (4) What is the process under which a treatment is assessed for addition to the Medicare scheme.
- 2694 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in *Light* magazine of May 2001 titled “When Love Is Not Enough”, in which it is alleged that certain rock music bands encourage acts of violence, drug usage, sex, rape, murder and suicide.

- (2) Has the Office of Film and Literature Classification (OFLC) classified the music of any artist cited in the article; if so, what are those classifications.
- (3) Are the comments made in the article at page 3 consistent with the OFLC's findings in respect of its review of those artists.
- (4) In light of the article, will he recommend the reclassification of those artists whose music is consistent with the comments made, as "Refused Classification"; if not, why not.

2695 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Does the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) conduct quality and safety audits on the aviation fire services provided by Airservices Australia; if so, how many audits have been conducted at each airport in each of the past five years; if not, why not.
- (2) Does CASA conduct quality and safety audits on the aviation fire services provided by the RAAF at RAAF airports and bases; if so, how many audits have been conducted at each airport or base in each of the past five years; if not, why not.
- (3) Does CASA conduct quality and safety audits on the aviation fire services provided by private sector providers at RAAF airports and bases; if so, how many audits have been conducted at each airport or base in each of the past five years; if not, why not.

2696 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the review of the Adelaide Airport Australian Noise Exposure Index (ANEI), what is the process for reviewing the ANEI and (a) at what stage of this process is the current review and (b) when it is likely to conclude.
- (2) What individuals or organisations are entitled to make recommendations for maintaining or changing the current ratings and which organisation is responsible for submitting the final recommendations.
- (3) Who makes the final decision on those recommendations and what additional factors, if any, are able to be considered.
- (4) When will the findings of the review be made public.
- (5) Aside from the current Adelaide ANEI review, is there currently any other review being conducted associated with noise measurement, monitoring or mitigation in relation Adelaide airport or any other airport; if so, what are the details.

2697 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With respect to the operation of his Department's Aeronautical and Maritime Research Laboratory (AMLR), did the Combatant Protection and Nutrition Board (CPN) breach Government policy by conducting a collaborative project with the CSIRO or any other organisation during 1996-97 on bacteria by reproducing micro-organisms.
- (2) Was Government policy to allow biological defence work using reproducing micro-organisms not in place until August 1998.

- (3) Is the AMLR building a class 3 biological containment facility at Fisherman's Bend, Melbourne, in which the CPN Board will work on the infectious agents for diseases such as plague and anthrax; if so, will the same managers who may have breached Government policy in conducting research on bacteria referred to in part (1) have control over this facility.
- (4) Was the AMLR CPN Branch involved in the biological detection aspects of the Sydney Olympics, including participation in the design of a facility for this purpose by Drs Peter Gray and Ralph Leslie.
- (5) Did the UK provide the technology for this Olympic detection program and, due to design faults, did the facility fail to meet UK Occupational Health and Safety Standards for biological containment, resulting in UK experts being unable to alter the facility when it was in use.

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- 2698 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Without the benefit of bracket creep, will the 2001-2002 Federal Budget finish in deficit; if not, why not.
- 2699 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—
- (1) How many spot checks of aged care facilities have been undertaken by her department and the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency in the electoral division of Lowe between 7 September 2000 and 17 June 2001.
 - (2) On what dates were the checks made.
 - (3) Will she appoint an Aged Care Ombudsman to investigate complaints against aged care facilities if not, why not.
- 2700 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Have approximately 1.1 million men and women served in the Australian Reserve Forces between 1948 and 1998.
 - (2) Will he consider awarding a service or commemorative medal to these men and women; if not, why not.
- 2701 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield, NSW, increase in the March 2001 quarter; if so, why.
 - (2) Was the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield during the March 2001 quarter 12.5% and was this the highest rate since the June 1999 quarter.
 - (3) Do departmental figures show that the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield was (a) 8.7% for the June 2000 quarter, (b) 10.2% for the September 2000 quarter, (c) 11.1% for the December 2000 quarter and (d) 12.5% for the March 2001 quarter; if so, why has there been a steady rise in the unemployment rate since 1 of July 2000.
- 2702 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many visitors to Australia in (a) 1999-2000 and (b) 2000-2001 arrived on Electronic Travel Authorities (ETAs).
 - (2) Is a charge applied for tourists who obtain an ETA to travel to Australia using the services of travel agents, airlines or offshore consulates.

- (3) Is a charge applied to travel agents or airlines who provide this service for customers.
 - (4) When was the decision made to provide potential visitors with an internet service for obtaining ETAs, as announced by him on 28 May.
 - (5) Was the revenue raised by the \$20 service charge applicable to travellers who choose to obtain an ETA via the internet included in budget calculations for 2001-2002.
 - (6) Given that around 4 million tourists a year currently travel to Australia on ETAs, what is the estimated revenue from this charge for 2001-2002.
 - (7) Is the program being administered by his Department or have the services been contracted out; if so, (a) when were tenders called for the contract, (b) when was the contract awarded and (c) what is the value of the contract.
- 2703 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1143 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2001, page 16097) regarding licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, (a) what is the current extent of the shortage of licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, (b) what is the status of any measures taken or in train to redress this shortage and (c) are there any plans to facilitate importing licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, including making it easier to have overseas qualifications recognised in Australia; if so, (i) what is the detail of this proposal and (ii) when will it be issued for public discussion.
- 2704 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Who commissioned the series of advertisements regarding the benefits to older Australians from the recent Budget that are being broadcast on the Melbourne based youth orientated radio station TT FM in the weeks prior to the Aston by-election.
 - (2) Were the advertisements broadcast on other Melbourne based radio stations; if so, which stations.
 - (3) Over what period were the radio advertisements run.
 - (4) What was the total cost of these broadcasts and who is paying for them.
 - (5) Has the Government sought advice from the Australian Electoral Commission as to the legality of the advertisements.
- 2705 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Has his attention been drawn to allegations of administrative failure within the operations of the Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) Inc and the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania Limited; if so, what are the specific details of the matters that have been alleged to him and what steps has he taken by way of a response to those concerns.
- 2706 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has the Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) Inc made a number of staff changes recently.
 - (2) Has the centre replaced highly qualified staff in the area of refugee settlement with staff who have no appropriate qualifications to undertake that task.

- (3) Was a recent staff member appointed to administer the PICC program with no appropriate background.
- (4) Have a number of staff either been dismissed or forced to leave the employment of the centre in circumstances which have given rise to claims for unfair dismissal.
- (5) Is his Department committed to ensuring that the Migrant Resource Centre meets minimum standards of employment as prescribed by the agreements that are entered into between his Department and the centre.
- (6) What is the reason for the centre declining to implement the determination made on 1 June 2001 by Commissioner Abbey for the reinstatement of Ms Maureen Adamson.

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2707 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to agreement/s entered into by the Commonwealth Government in relation to the financing of the Alice Springs to Darwin railway, what are the final financial commitments and arrangements for those commitments for the South Australian, Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments and the private sector.
- (2) Is this the final financial contribution of the Commonwealth Government to this project.
- (3) Is there any reference in the final financial agreement that would enable a further call on the Commonwealth for additional funding; if so, what is it.
- (4) Is the Commonwealth committed, or likely to be called to commit, to any other type of contribution to this project; if so, what are the details.

2708 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many persons, by country of citizenship, have been (a) granted and (b) refused a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) since their introduction.
- (2) In considering requests for TPVs, has his Department gathered information on what is the expected number of people who would seek to come to Australia under existing family reunion arrangements if they were extended to TPVs; if so, what are the projections by country of citizenship for those (a) granted and (b) not yet granted TPVs.

2709 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—What steps has Australia taken to implement the Declaration on Leisure and Globalization adopted at the 5th World Leisure Congress in Sao Paulo in October 1998.

2710 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What is the total cost associated with the Telstra advertising which has appeared in media in the Bendigo district in June 2001 under the heading “We’re making a big investment in Bendigo” and which claims that Telstra Country Wide in Bendigo is “here to stay”.

- (2) In what media in the Bendigo district is the advertising being run and on what dates.
- (3) Did the Minister authorise Telstra to approve Telstra Country Wide to state that Telstra Country Wide in Bendigo is here to stay.
- (4) Does the Government intend to fully privatise Telstra in 2003 if re-elected; if so, on what basis can Telstra guarantee that any of its operations in Bendigo or elsewhere would be here to stay under full privatisation.
- (5) In what other regional centres is similar advertising being run by Telstra and what is the cost in each case and in total.
- (6) If similar advertising is not being run in other regional centres, why is Bendigo alone being targeted.
- (7) How many Telstra staff were employed in (a) Bendigo and (b) the Loddon Mallee region (i) when the Government took office in March 1996 and (b) June 2001.

2711 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has the production commencement date of early 2000 for the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) Bushmaster contract at ADI's Bendigo facility been changed initially to 2001 and then further postponed to 2003.
- (2) Are job redundancies at the Bendigo plant likely because of the delay in commencing production.
- (3) What is the reason for the delay.
- (4) When will production of the Bushmaster armoured personnel carrier commence.

2712 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to Ian McPhedran's article in the *Daily Telegraph* advising that Lt CI Nick Welsh the former Commanding Officer of 3RAR has been formally charged.
- (2) Who is responsible for releasing information about the formal charging of officers and other ranks and does it include (a) him as the junior Minister, (b) Minister Reith as the senior Minister, (c) the Secretary of the Defence Department, (d) the Chief of the Defence Force, (e) the ADF Legal Office or (f) Defence Public Relations.
- (3) Is there a policy or guideline for releasing information about the charging of officers or other ranks; if so, what are they; if not, why not.
- (4) Was he or his staff responsible for providing Mr McPhedran with the information about the charging of Lt CI Nick Welsh.
- (5) Was the information released by him, his Department or the ADF.
- (6) Is he able to say who released the information.

2713 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) How much of the land required for the proposed Sydney's Second Airport at Badgerys Creek has been acquired and what has the land acquisition cost been to date.
- (2) Is any land still to be acquired; if so, how much and what cost.

- (3) Has there been a recent valuation of the land acquired to date, if so, when was it undertaken and what was the valuation amount.

2714 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (7) of the reply to question No. 2477 (*Hansard*, 7 June 2001, page 26411), by what criteria has the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) been very successful in sharing the noise.
- (2) Is the aggregate movements of aircraft to the north of Sydney Airport still approximately 27.3%.
- (3) Is the LTOP for Sydney Airport forecast for movements to the north 17%.
- (4) Are there approximately 60% more movements to the north of Sydney Airport than forecast in the LTOP.
- (5) Further to part (10) of the reply to question No. 2477, is he aware of the minutes of the Sydney Airport Community Forum, including various resolutions requesting project scheduling for the implementation of the LTOP and requests for discrete start and end dates for the implementation of the LTOP.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia given him or any other person reasons why the LTOP has not been fully implemented; if so, what are those reasons.
- (7) Will he table a copy of those reasons in the House.
- (8) Will he request from Airservices Australia a date when it expects the full implementation of the LTOP to be complete; if so, when will he make this request.
- (9) Further to part (12) of the reply to question No. 2477, did the environmental impact statement on Sydney West Airport undertaken in 1996, consider the 'do nothing' option of no Sydney West Airport being built.
- (10) In light of the leasing of Sydney Airport without the existence of Sydney West Airport, has a genuine environmental impact statement considered the foreshadowed environmental impact.
- (11) Is there is no satisfactory solution to the current aircraft noise problem in Sydney.
- (12) Further to part (15) of the reply to question No. 2477, does the Government's announcement of 13 December 2000 to use Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport mean that Sydney and Bankstown Airports are too close for their intended use; if not, why not.

2715 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (2) of the answer to question No. 2493 (*Hansard*, 7 June 2001, page 26414), why is the lessee being given first right of refusal by the Commonwealth to build and operate any second major airport within 100 km from the Sydney Central Business District.
- (2) Does this contractual right surrendered by the Commonwealth deny Sydney Airport aircraft noise affected residents any relief from aircraft noise emanating from that airport.
- (3) Was the intention of the Sydney West Airport Environmental Impact Statement to build Sydney West Airport.

- (4) Was the intention to build Sydney West Airport in part to alleviate the suffering for affected residents of aircraft noise emanating from Sydney Airport.

2716 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to part (4) of the answer to question No. 2509 (*Hansard*, 7 June 2001, page 26415), will the lessee of Sydney Airport be bound to the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport.
- (2) Will Airservices Australia be contractually or commercially liable should the full implementation of LTOP conflict with profitability of airport operations in the hands of the lessee.
- (3) What foreseeable legal rights will the lessee have in order to prevent the full implementation of the LTOP.
- (4) Further to part (6) of the answer to question No. 2509, will he table in this House a copy of the findings of the Precision Runway Monitor Trial when the findings from the trial of the system are finalised; if so, when.

2717 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to the reply to part (2) of question No. 2545 (*Hansard*, 19 June 2001, page 26658), through what multilateral channels is further humanitarian assistance to North Korea being considered.
- (2) When will the Government's consideration to provide further humanitarian assistance to North Korea be finalised.

2718 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Was the expected revenue from the sale of Stockton Rifle Range included in forward asset sales by his Department in the 2001 Budget.
- (2) What value was attributed to the Stockton Rifle Range.
- (3) How was the value determined.
- (4) Are there any conditions related to usage that will apply to a purchase.

2719 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Has he appointed Mr Bob Baldwin to the (a) Insurance Enquiries and Complaints Ltd (IEC) Board and (b) National Code of Practice for the Building and construction Industry—Codes Administration Committee.
- (2) What are the terms and conditions of the appointment of Mr Baldwin to these bodies with respect to (a) number of meeting days each year, (b) meeting fees, (c) travel fees and (d) any additional fees or expenses.

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*2720 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) On what date did the Australian Training Support Team - East Timor (ATST-EM) commence operations.
- (2) How many service men and women are currently serving with ATST-EM and to whom does the Team report.
- (3) Do the conditions of service for Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel serving with ATST-EM differ from those applying to all other ADF

personnel serving in East Timor; if so, what are the details and the reason for the different treatment.

- (4) In what sector of East Timor does the Team operate and who is responsible for the provision of security for it.

*2721 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When did bids close for the market testing process for the Australian Defence Force Explosives Ordnance Storage, Maintenance and Distribution Project.
- (2) Did the Government advise the Parliament at various times that the market testing process would be completed by (a) November 1999, (b) June 2000 and (c) December 2000.
- (3) On what date was the market testing process actually completed and what was the cause of the delay.
- (4) How many (a) positions and (b) separate ordnance sites were subject to the market testing process and what was the cost of maintaining the existing system in 2000-2001.
- (5) How many (a) positions and (b) separate ordnance sites has the successful tenderer agreed to continue to operate and what is the expected cost of the new system in 2001-2002.
- (6) If any ordnance sites are to be closed, what are the details.

*2722 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel committed suicide in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999 and (e) 2000.
- (2) Has Defence conducted any analysis of the suicide rate for (a) the ADF, (b) each Service and (c) individual Defence Units, compared to the general Australian population of a similar age; if so, what were the findings of the analysis.
- (3) Does the ADF maintain consistent data on (a) suicide attempts and gestures and (b) other forms of self-harm by serving personnel.
- (4) Does Defence provide any primary prevention programs to combat suicide and self harm amongst serving personnel; if so, what funding will be available for such programs in 2001-2002.

*2723 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In respect to his media release of 30 August 2000 headed “42,000 new medal entitlements for South East Asian Service 1955-75”, on what date did the Government submit the relevant instruments for the new awards to the Governor-General and what was the cause of the delay in doing so.
- (2) How many applications has Defence received to date for the award of the (a) Imperial Naval General Service Medal 1915-62 (Clasp Malaya), (b) Imperial General Service Medal (Clasp Borneo), (c) Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 (Clasp Malaya), (d) the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 (Clasp Malaysia) and (e) the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 (Clasp SE Asia).

- (3) How many applicants, if any, have actually been awarded each of the medals referred to in part (2).
- (4) Since the 1998 election, has the Government provided any additional resources to the Medals Section of each respective Service to cope with additional medal entitlements; if so, what are the details; if not, what action is the Government taking to improve the processing of medal applications.

*2724 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did he announce on 16 July 1999 that work would begin immediately on assessing the impact of the UK nuclear tests on the health of Australian participants; if so, how far has this study progressed and when will the results become available.
- (2) How many (a) Australian military personnel, (b) non-military Commonwealth personnel and (c) civilian (including indigenous) personnel are listed on the nominal roll compiled by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).
- (3) Did he state in his written answer to Parliament of 2 November 2000 that an independent scientific advisory committee would shortly be established by the Government; if so, (a) when was the committee established, (b) what are its terms of reference and (c) who are the members.
- (4) If the independent scientific advisory committee has not yet been established, what is the reason for the delay in doing so.
- (5) Has the Government checked official records to establish the accuracy of media reports regarding the proposed outline of Operation Lighthouse at Maralinga; if so, what do the records reveal about that matter.
- (6) Has the Government checked official records to establish the accuracy of media reports regarding Operation Hurricane at Monte Bello Islands in October 1952; if so, what do the records reveal about the matter.
- (7) In relation to the 25 Australian officers who were deliberately exposed to radiation at Maralinga in the so-called clothing trial, and Senator Minchin's answer to the Senate of 22 May, (a) for how many of the 14 deceased personnel does DVA have health records, (b) for how many of the 11 living personnel does DVA have health records, (c) what were the specific types of cancer affecting the 3 personnel known to have developed cancer and (d) what assistance is available to these personnel, and their next of kin, for physical or mental illnesses or injuries arising from their participation in this trial.

*2725 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Does the Government currently have any plans to sell ABC Radio Station JJJ; if so, what are those plans; if not what is the Government's long term position regarding public ownership of Triple J.

*2726 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Why has the Government, through the Networking the Nation Program, made funds available to the NSW State Library to finance the installation of

broadband Internet access in up to 90 districts without any consultation with existing commercial internet service providers (ISP) in those districts.

- (2) Is the Government concerned that Networking the Nation staff have advised at least one regional ISP not to invest in broadband technology such as duplex satellite and wireless as the State Library of NSW will be providing broadband in direct competition with the local ISP; if so, what action will be taken; if not, why not.
- (3) Does the Government condone the use of Networking the Nation funding to establish services which directly impact on the future viability and expansion of legitimate regional, commercial operators; if so, why; if not, why not.

*2727 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) When a member of the Public Sector Superannuation (PSS) Scheme ceases employment with the Commonwealth, is it true that he or she has 90 days from that date, to give notice to roll their entitlements over into another complying fund or retirement savings account; if so, why is there such a limit; if not, what are the rules governing the release of an exiting member's entitlements.
- (2) Is it true that if a member of the PSS Scheme fails to give notice within the time referred to in part (1), his or her entitlement is compulsorily frozen within the PSS and appreciates at the rate of the consumer price index (CPI) only; if so, why is this the case; if not, what does happen to a member's superannuation entitlement if they do not give sufficient notice to the fund of this wish to roll over their entitlement.
- (3) Is it true that the Queensland and Victorian Governments have altered the exit rules for the public sector schemes so that public servants may roll over their entitlements at any time after ceasing employment; if so, will the Federal Government similarly amend the legislation covering the PSS Scheme; if not, (a) what are the arrangements under the Victorian and Queensland schemes and (b) how are they consistent with arrangements under the PSS scheme.
- (4) For each of the last five financial years (a) how many ex PSS Scheme members have had their entitlements frozen, (b) by what amount combined were these members' entitlements indexed by the CPI, (c) what were the combined real earnings of these members' entitlements and (d) what happened to the income determined by subtracting the amounts given in part (4)(b) from part (4)(c).

*2728 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that (a) workers over the age of 75 are excluded from the Pension Bonus Scheme, (b) people who return to work after a period on the Aged Pension are excluded from the Pension Bonus Scheme, (c) the pension bonus scheme provides an incentive for people to work past retirement age when the Income Tax Assessment Act requires that monies invested in superannuation and approved deposit funds must be released if the holder is aged 65 and not gainfully employed, and the Superannuation Industry Supervision Regulation 1993 stipulates that superannuation funds may not

accept all contributions made by or on behalf of employees after they reach age 70; if so, why.

- (2) In light of the taxation and superannuation deterrents facing people who wish to work past pension age detailed in part (1)(c), (a) is it anomalous that the Pension Bonus Scheme encourages people to work up until age 75, (b) how was the age of 75 chosen as the upper limit for the Pension Bonus Scheme and is the selection of such an age discriminatory, (c) why is there an age limit at all for the scheme and (d) will the Government amend the various pieces of age, tax and superannuation legislation to ensure age consistency across all portfolios; if not, why not.
- (3) Given the longstanding view of successive governments that the compensation system has the first responsibility for the provision of income support for workers injured at work, what powers does the Federal Government have to ensure that people over pension age who choose to work, but are injured, are paid workers' compensation and not forced to rely on the Aged Pension for income support.

*2729 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How does Centrelink calculate preclusion periods for people in receipt of lump sum compensation payments for workplace or other injuries.
- (2) Is he aware of the concerns of some compensation recipients that the method of calculating their preclusion periods does not take into account subsequent increases in the 'income cut out amount' used to determine the length of their preclusion periods.
- (3) Does the method of calculating preclusion periods disproportionately disadvantage clients with larger payments; if not why not.
- (4) Will the Government consider amending the method of calculating compensation preclusion periods to take into account increases in the income cut out amounts occurring after the award of a lump sum compensation payment; if not, why not.

*2730 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the total sum of Commonwealth funds allocated to the Natural Heritage Trust in the 2001-2002 Budget.
- (2) How many project applications for funding in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 under the Natural Heritage Trust did the Minister receive.
- (3) How many applications were successful.
- (4) Will the Minister list the project applications for funding in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, including proposals put forward by city councils or other interested organisations, from the electoral divisions of (a) Prospect, (b) Chifley, (c) Fowler, (d) Reid, (e) Blaxland, (f) Macarthur, (g) Werriwa, (h) Parramatta, (i) Lindsay, (j) Greenway, (k) Mitchell and (l) Macquarie, indicating which were successful and what sum was allocated in each case; if not, why not.
- (5) Did the Minister's Department allocate funding for environmental projects for which it received no applications; if so, (a) which projects, (b) what sum was allocated in each case and (c) how were they selected.

*2731 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the total sum that the Government (a) has collected to date and (b) expects to collect in a full year from the GST levied on tolls paid by motorists on roads and road works in (i) each State and Territory and (ii) Australia since the introduction of the GST.
- (2) Prior to the introduction of the GST, what figure did the Government project to accrue to it from the GST on tolls (a) in each of the States and territories and (b) in Australia in the first full year of the operation of the GST.

*2732 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—What was the total number of employees at Australian Defence Industries (ADI) Bendigo and what total amount in salaries and wages was paid to them (a) when the Government gained office in 1996 and (b) immediately prior to ADI Bendigo and ADI Australia being sold.

*2733 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—

- (1) In what amounts, on what dates, and from what sources did the Government forward funds to the City of Greater Bendigo pursuant to the promise made by the Coalition parties during the 1996 election to pay \$2 million towards the cost of redeveloping the Bendigo Art Gallery.
- (2) Did the then Minister for the Arts, Senator Alston, state before the 1998 election that a cheque for the \$2 million was as good as in the post.
- (3) In what amounts and at what dates has the Government forwarded funds to the City of Greater Bendigo pursuant to its decision to redirect the \$2 million to the further development of the Bendigo Regional Arts Centre.
- (4) By what date does it plan to have paid the final payment for this purpose to the City of Greater Bendigo.

*2734 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the independent review of CASA's public relations performance during the Easter grounding of the Ansett 767 fleet that was announced by the then CASA Chairman, Dr Paul Scully-Power in the Senate Rural Regional Affairs and Transport legislation committee on 4 May 2001, has the appropriate public relations consultant been appointed, if so, who is it; if not, why not and when will the appointment be finalised.
- (2) What criteria did or will CASA use to determine the appropriateness of the selected consultant.
- (3) What is the timeframe advised to the consultant to complete the review.
- (4) What are the terms of reference.
- (5) What is the value, and particulars, of the contract with the consultant.
- (6) Who will receive a copy of the consultant's analysis and recommendations.
- (7) Who will determine which recommendations will be implemented.
- (8) Will the draft consultant's report or the final report be released to the public, if so, how and when.
- (9) What is the process to provide input to the review.

- (10) Will public submissions be called.
- (11) Will he have any involvement in the review or its implementation.
- *2735 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is his Department undertaking, arranging to be conducted, or participating in the preparation of, any studies or research into the prevention of Deep Vein Thrombosis; if so (a) what is the research or study, (b) who is doing the work, (c) how much is it costing, (d) how were they selected to do that work and (e) will it be released to the public; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *2736 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 12 June 2001 titled “Airport bids growth conundrum”.
 - (2) Does the article state that the three key bidding groups for the \$4 billion Sydney Airport sale will be lodging indicative bids late next month based on some 14 times earnings before interest, tax and depreciation of about \$280 million; if so, does he agree with the estimates made in this statement; if not, what is his estimate of Sydney Airport’s earnings before tax.
 - (3) Does the article also state that figures contained in the information memorandum being circulated among bidders makes it clear that the two value drivers will have first right of refusal over any new airport being built in Sydney and unfettered access to 68 per cent of the airport’s revenue; if so, does he agree with the estimates in this statement; if not, what are the value drivers for Sydney Airport’s sale price.
 - (4) Is it expected that the growth in international passenger numbers will be as forecast in the information memorandum, that is by between 3.4 and 5.6 per cent from June 2001 to the 2016 financial year, after growing by 3.2 to 6.2 per cent over the next five years; if not, what are the correct relevant forecasts for passenger number growth at Sydney Airport.
 - (5) Is he able to estimate the environmental impact of this forecast growth on (a) aircraft noise from aircraft movements emanating to and from Sydney Airport and (b) the ability to implement the Long Term Operating Plan.
 - (6) Based on the forecast growth of Sydney Airport, must Sydney West Airport be built and operational before Sydney Airport may be leased; if not, why not.
- *2737 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did he receive a letter dated 8 May 2001 from Dr Brian Senewiratne expressing his concerns with the recent appointment of Major-General Janaka Perera as Sri Lanka’s Ambassador to Australia.
 - (2) Is he aware that Dr Senewiratne is of Sri Lankan decent and from the Sinhalese Community.
 - (3) Can he confirm that Dr Senewiratne has expressed the view in his letter to him of 8 May 2001 that Major-General Janaka Perera has about the worst record of human rights violations of any army officer in the Sri Lankan Armed Forces in the two decades that Dr Senewiratne has monitored the human rights situation in Sri Lanka.

- (4) Has he seen a media release of 17 June 2001 from Amnesty International Australia expressing its concerns with the appointment of Major-General Perera as Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia.
- (5) Has he seen a media release of 15 June 2001 from the Australasian Federation of Tamil Associations Inc. expressing distress with the appointment of Major-General Perera as Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Australia.
- (6) What advice did he receive of the suitability of Major-General Perera to be the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia and who provided that advice.
- (7) Did he receive any advice independent of the Sri Lankan Government on the suitability of Major-General Perera to be Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia; if not, why not.
- (8) Does the Australian Government have the right to reject Major-General Perera's appointment as Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Australia; if so, in what circumstances can it reject such an appointment.
- (9) Will he review the appointment of Major-General Perera as Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Australia; if not, why not.

*2738 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the existence of an isolation cell at Port Hedland Immigration Detention Centre.
- (2) Is this cell used for all new asylum-seekers that have arrived by boat, who are forced to stay there until their first interview with immigration officials.
- (3) Is he aware that one detainee had to wait for 16 months in isolation before his first interview, and several detainees have had to wait for 7 months.
- (4) What is the reason for these long periods of isolation before even the first interview is granted to asylum-seekers.
- (5) Will he abolish this practice of isolation immediately.

*2739 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Have a detainee and his wife been removed from Port Hedland Immigration Detention Centre and held in custody while their two young children remain at Port Hedland.
- (2) Does he support such separation of family units.
- (3) Will he ensure that the two young children are immediately released into the care of relevant child welfare bodies until the future of their parents is determined.

*2740 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Will he investigate allegations relating to Port Hedland Immigration Detention Centre that (a) many detainees, upon visiting the medical centre to receive relief from various afflictions, are told to drink ten or twenty glasses of water instead of receiving any reasonable medical attention, (b) during the police raid on Port Hedland on 26 May, several ACM staff destroyed artwork produced by women and children detainees by painting

large swastikas over their artwork, (c) an entire family was locked for 50 days in the Juliet Block with 15 others, and given only a plastic bag to tie around their waists, as there was no toilet (d) a particular ACM guard at the Centre has been continually responsible for flagrant abuses of the basic rights of the detainees, including racist taunts, bashings and constant torments and (e) two detainees have complained three times about the abuse they receive by this guard, but no action has taken place.

- (2) Is he aware that many detainees from Port Hedland now being held in Hakea Prison showed physical evidence of inhumane treatment against them, including scars and bruises from bashings and handcuffs being put on so tight as to cut through the skin.

*2741 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—

- (1) Has his Department implemented a new computer system for the administration of the National Apprenticeship Centres incentives program; if so, what difficulties have been identified by users of that new system.
- (2) Were staff using the new computer system adequately trained before implementation of the system.
- (3) What resources were provided to Apprenticeship Centres to assist in staff training.
- (4) What is the current expected turn around time for delivery of incentives to employers once an application is lodged.
- (5) Has the turnaround time for processing incentive payments to employers increased since the introduction of the new administrative system; if so, by how much.
- (6) Are some employers being told that they will endure a 5 to 6 month payment processing delay.
- (7) What is his Department doing to improve the computer system and efficiency in getting money to employers taking up the government scheme.
- (8) When will the mandated turnaround times for the provision of incentive monies to employers be met.

*2742 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) What was the cost of the “Reflection” document produced by the Australian Trade Commission.
- (2) To whom has the document been distributed.
- (3) What were the distribution costs for the publication.
- (4) What additional costs are or will be associated with the publication.

*2743 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has any State objected to Australia’s instrument of accession to the 1973 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions relating to Maintenance Obligations, which entered into force on 1 August 1976.
- (2) Will he bring up-to-date the information that he gave concerning conventions in the Hague Conference system in his answers to questions No. 906 (*Hansard*, 24 November 1999, page 12599) and No. 1009 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13865).

*2744 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What are the (a) names, (b) nationalities and (c) principal qualifications of the five members of the International Court of Justice who were elected for a nine-year term beginning on 6 February 2000.
- (2) By and from which states were nominations made for the five vacancies.
- (3) Who were the members of the Australian National Group who made nominations and whom did they nominate.
- (4) Since his answer to question No. 517 (*Hansard*, 9 August 1999, page 8181) what states, if any, have made or terminated declarations accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.

*2745 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) Did the Regional Forest Agreement signed in May 1999 include a commitment from the Prime Minister that the Commonwealth would provide Forest Industry Structural Adjustment (FISAP) funding of \$15 million to Western Australia.
- (2) Did he issue a media release on 11 August 2000 announcing that agreement had been reached with the State Government on guidelines for Industry Development Assistance Grants and that the funding applications under round one would close on 8 September 2000.
- (3) At the close of applications under round one, (a) how many applications were received and (b) what was the total amount of funding sought by applicants.
- (4) To date what amount of Commonwealth FISAP funding, if any, has been provided for (a) Industry Development Assistance Grants and (b) other FISAP elements in Western Australia.
- (5) Has his attention been drawn to the recent public comments by the honourable Member for Forrest criticising the Commonwealth's failure to deliver the money owing to the timber industry in the South-West; if so, what is his response.
- (6) Will he undertake to honour in full the Commonwealth's funding commitments to Western Australia; if so, what amount of funding will be provided in (a) 2001-02 and (b) 2002-03.

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.

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 Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Sherry, 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:

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 inquiry:

Electoral funding and disclosure.

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 Snowden, 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 Snowden, 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*).