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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 194

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2001

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Notices

- *1 **MR SCOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR SCOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR HOCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for other purposes.
- *5 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.
- *6 **MR ANDERSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 2 **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*).

Notices—continued

- *7 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public

* 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.

Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Construction of new Law Courts Building, Adelaide.

- *8 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported: Fitout of new Central Office building for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs at Belconnen, ACT.

Orders of the day—continued

- 3 **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).
- 4 **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).
- 5 **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).
- 6 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan).
- 7 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan).
- 8 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 June 2001—Mr M. J. Ferguson).
- 9 **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).
- 10 **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).
- 11 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne).
- 12 **SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS TAXES AND TERMINATION PAYMENTS TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 21 June 2001—Mr K. J. Thomson).
- 13 **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).

- 14 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT (BILATERAL AGREEMENT) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- 15 **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).
- 16 **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).
- 17 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan).
- 18 **BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan).
- *19 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BILL 2001** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *20 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *21 **CYBERCRIME BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *22 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *23 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IMMIGRATION DETAINEES) BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *24 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne).
- *25 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 27 June 2001—Mr Bevis).
- 26 **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).
- 27 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan).

- 28 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Bevis*).

Notices—*continued*

- 9 **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*

- 29 **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*).
- 30 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 31 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 32 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 33 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 34 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 35 **TELSTRA**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 36 **PRICE OF PETROL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 37 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 38 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 39 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 40 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 41 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 42 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).

- 43 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *44 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND TELSTRA'S COMPLIANCE WITH PRICE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS 1999-2000—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *45 **CHANGES IN PRICES PAID FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA 1996-97 TO 1999-2000—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- *46 **SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—REPORT FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2000 AND ERRATA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH-WEST FOREST REGION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM CHANGES—REPORT FOR QUARTER COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S REGIONAL AREAS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—HEALTH IS LIFE: INQUIRY INTO INDIGENOUS HEALTH—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 May 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MILITARY PROCEDURES IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY—PRINCIPLES FOR DETERMINING AMOUNT OF DATACASTING CHARGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **2001 TRADE OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 April 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the papers.

- 54 **TELSTRA CORPORATION—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 11—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 12—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSIONER—SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) ACT 1979—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSIONER—NATIVE TITLE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL—REPORT NO. 44—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 March 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—CORRIGENDA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **REVIEW OF STREAMED INTERNET AUDIO AND VIDEO CONTENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 March 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **IMMIGRATION DETENTION PROCEDURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr Williams*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the papers.
- 64 **2000 REDISTRIBUTION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **TREATIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate

(*from 8 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 66 **OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TRUST—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMPANY LAW REVIEW ACT 1998—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **TAX EXPENDITURES STATEMENT 2000—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 70 **COPYRIGHT AGENCY LIMITED—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000—REPLACEMENT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 February 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 73 **ILO CONVENTION 182—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **SYDNEY AIRPORTS CORPORATION LTD—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2000-2005—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 77 **AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 December 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 78 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 80 **CO-REGULATORY SCHEME FOR INTERNET CONTENT REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 82 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2000)—*moved 30 August 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Smith*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2001)—*moved 28 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2001)—*moved 3 April 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Snowdon*).
 - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2001)—*moved 6 June 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).
 - *Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2001)—*moved 27 June 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Bevis*).
 - 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 Snowden*).

84 TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr McGauran*):

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

85 TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr Costello*):

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

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

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

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, 6 AUGUST 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Australia's
extradition law, policy and practice. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)

†2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†3 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†4 **MRS HULL:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the financial difficulties being experienced by certain sectors of the citrus industry;
 - (2) recognises in particular those difficulties being experienced by the arid zone regions of southern Australia in the Riverina, Murray Valley and Riverland in particular reference to oranges;
 - (3) commends orange growers for their willingness to engage in structural reform moving away from valencias for the juice concentrate markets towards markets for fresh fruit;
 - (4) commends the industry for its huge effort in the export of navel oranges; and
 - (5) calls for financial and export enhancement assistance to this significant industry in the arid zones of rural Australia. (*Notice given 25 June 2001. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)
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COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued**Orders of the day**

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

- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 12 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.)

- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 18 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA’S ROLE IN UN REFORM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 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 the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 19 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 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 any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Thursday, 28 June 2001

- *1 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) supports the current campaign of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to not give an illegal worker a job;
 - (2) notes that to date no employer has been charged for employing an illegal worker although such workers have been deported;
 - (3) expresses concern that there appears to be a double standard applying to the employment of illegal workers; and

- (4) urges the Minister to introduce legislation to provide sanctions for employers who employ illegal workers. (*Notice given 27 June 2001.*)
- *2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House urges the Minister Assisting the Ministers for Defence to make a comprehensive statement concerning:
- (1) rough justice in the Australian Defence Force;
 - (2) the Government's attitude to rough justice and bastardisation; and
 - (3) measures taken by the Government to restore confidence in the military justice system. (*Notice given 27 June 2001.*)
- *3 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House take note of the report of the Judge Advocate-General on Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000. (*Notice given 27 June 2001.*)
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Notices—continued

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

- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 6 August 2001.*)

6 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 the next sitting Monday after 6 August 2001.*)

- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

19 **MR MOSSFIELD:** 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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

20 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

21 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) 14 June 2001 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the start of the Soviet Union's mass deportations of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians from their homes, to Siberia and other foreign destinations;
- (2) during the night of 13 to 14 June 1941, thousands of Baltic residents of all ages were arrested by armed men, taken to railway stations, loaded into cattle-wagons and deported, and these mass deportations continued, on and off, until 1953;
- (3) precise numbers of the Baltic deportees are difficult to determine, with conservative evidence showing that all together, over half a million local residents of all ethnic origins were deported from the three Baltic States by 1953;
- (4) these innocent people had committed no offences, were arrested and imprisoned as "political prisoners" and as "enemies of the people" and less than half survived deportation;
- (5) Baltic immigrants to Australia have contributed significantly to our country, its culture and its diversity; and
- (6) the sad events that are solemnly commemorated on 14 June by Baltic people across Australia, and across the world, stand in stark contrast to the robust democracy that all Australians enjoy and that we commemorate in this, our Centenary of Federation Year. (*Notice given 21 June 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

22 **MRS ELSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the safety of our children should be a paramount concern for all Governments;
- (2) recognises current safety standards imposed on coaches and long-distance buses include the mandatory requirement that these vehicles be fitted with seat belts;
- (3) points out the growing evidence, from studies conducted both in Australia and overseas, that the use of seat belts on these vehicles undoubtedly saves lives in the case of accidents;
- (4) acknowledges that currently hundreds of thousands of Australian school children travel daily to school on buses that are not fitted with seat belts; and
- (5) calls on all State and Territory Governments across the nation to put safety first and move urgently to at least require all new and replacement school buses be fitted with seat belts so this safety issue is eventually and finally addressed. (*Notice given 25 June 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001*)

- 23 **MS O'BYRNE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*. (Notice given 26 June 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 6 August 2001.)
- 2 **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 6 August 2001.)
- 3 **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 6 August 2001.)
- 4 **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 6 August 2001.)
- 5 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (from 4 December 2000) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
 - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
 - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
 - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
 - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 6 August 2001.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 6 August 2001.*)
- 7 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 the next sitting Monday after 6 August 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

12 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 2 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

13 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

14 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

15 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

16 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

17 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 3 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)

- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 28 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 29 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.)

- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 32 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 2001** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 25 June 2001*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 33 **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—40TH ANNIVERSARY:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2001*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 2001.*)
- 34 **WORKING HOURS:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2001*) on the motion of Ms Hoare—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 6 August 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, 6 August 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, 28 June 2001

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONCESSION CARDS) BILL 2001** (*from Senate*) (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Ms Gambaro, in continuation*).
- 2 **AGRICULTURE AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 24 May 2001*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 5 **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*).
- 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 **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*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **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, 1809, 1819, 1852, 1906, 1941, 1979, 2000, 2001, 2015, 2031, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2062, 2096, 2110, 2116, 2137, 2152, 2169, 2170, 2179, 2191, 2198, 2205, 2207, 2215, 2221-2223, 2229, 2237, 2238, 2252, 2253, 2263, 2303, 2323, 2343, 2351, 2353, 2367, 2375, 2384, 2388, 2391, 2404, 2409, 2414-2416, 2428-2430, 2443, 2449, 2452, 2455, 2456, 2459, 2460, 2467, 2471-2473, 2475, 2476, 2478, 2483, 2487, 2505, 2516, 2519, 2520, 2527, 2529, 2530, 2532, 2533, 2537-2539, 2541-2544, 2546-2548, 2550, 2551, 2553, 2554, 2556, 2557, 2559-2563, 2566-2575, 2577, 2579-2584, 2586, 2587, 2589, 2591-2593, 2596-2599, 2601-2604, 2606-2617, 2619, 2621-2629, 2631-2634, 2636-2639, 2642-2644, 2646-2653, 2655-2745.

25 June 2001

2746 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) How many voters registered in the 7 day period after the (a) 1998 federal election and (b) 1999 Constitutional Referendum were announced.
- (2) Is it the view of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that most of these voters were 17 and 18 year olds and were first time voters.
- (3) Is it a fact that 40% of 18 year olds failed to register prior to the recent Queensland election.
- (4) What measures or programs does the Government or the AEC have to encourage young people to participate and register in Australia for elections.
- (5) At every federal election since 1983, how many new voters registered in the 5 working days grace that they were given after the announcement of the election.
- (6) How many voters were excluded at the 1983 federal election when the rolls were closed on the day the election was announced.
- (7) Is the Minister able to say whether the proposal to close the electoral roll on the day an election is announced was contained in the Liberal Party submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters prior to its inquiry into the integrity of the electoral roll.
- (8) Is the AEC projecting that nearly 80 000 first time voters would use the 5 day period of grace when the next federal election is announced to register to vote.

2747 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the cost to the Australian taxpayer of the posting, forced early return and replacement of Australia's Ambassador to Chile.
- (2) What is the full cost to the taxpayer of his Santiago Sanction.

2748 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Did the Australian Federal Police (AFP) conduct re-profiling processes in approximately 1998 with a view to paying out those members considered unsuitable; if so, was Federal Agent (F/A) Francis Day nominated for re-profiling by any AFP member.
- (2) Was the re-profiling process conducted in an unbiased and non-discriminatory manner.
- (3) Did Mr Day nominate for re-profiling and was advised by the then General Manager of Northern, F/A Keelty, that he was disappointed with Mr Day's decision as Mr Day was regarded as an asset.
- (4) Was Mr Day advised approximately 1 and a half years after the re-profiling process by the new General Manager of Northern, F/A Overland, that his contract was not to be renewed due to concerns covering a period of 4 years.
- (5) Is the Minister taking action in relation to Mr Day being told he had a future in the AFP and not being advised to the contrary until the non-renewal of his contract; if so, what.
- (6) Will the Minister investigate and take action in relation to the failure of F/A Overland to nominate Mr Day for re-profiling, including the failure to provide Mr Day with counselling and remedial training, as required in the case of a staff member's work standard being found to be unacceptable; if so, what.
- (7) Did F/A Overland allow Mr Day's alleged poor performance to continue unabated for 4 years.
- (8) In the report prepared by F/A Overland recommending the non-renewal of the contract, are there references to F/A Overland having spoken to Mr Day during the preceding 4 years or providing counselling, remedial training or disciplinary action to Mr Day; if not, why not.
- (9) Did F/A Overland take any disciplinary action against Mr Day over this period.
- (10) Is there any official record of F/A Overland's concern on Mr Day's PMP; if not, will the Minister investigate why not.
- (11) Was Mr Day's PMP signed by his Team Leader and Director as meeting the standard; if so, will the Minister investigate why.
- (12) Was Mr Day made aware of F/A Overland's concerns and given an opportunity to address alleged shortcomings.
- (13) In light of the above, has the AFP failed in its duty to undertake the requisite action of providing remedial training, counselling, disciplinary action or dismissal; if so, what action is the Minister taking in relation to this.
- (14) Will the Minister investigate why F/A Overland failed to advise Mr Day's Team Leader and Directors of his concern.
- (15) Has any action been taken in relation to F/A Keelty or Mr Day's Team Leader or Directors, given the allegations about Mr Day.

- (16) Is Mr Day the only person to have been disciplined in regard to this contradiction and failure of management to carry out its duty in relation to Mr Day's performance.
- (17) Did the Review Panel for Mr Day's case have conditions which included that (a) Mr Day would not be allowed to speak except to answer questions, (b) Mr Day's accusers would not be attending the Review Panel and would not therefore have to answer questions from either Mr Day or the Review Panel and (c) Mr Day be denied legal representation; if so, are these conditions in line with government policy and natural justice afforded all employees.
- (18) Did F/A Overland declare on 17 November 1999 in an email regarding the non-renewal of contracts to all members of Northern Region that he had spoken to all the people in the workplace who he intended to speak to as part of the process, and that this was a one off action and would not be repeated.
- (19) Will the Minister investigate why Mr Day was not notified of his contract non-renewal status until 1400 hrs on 19 November 1999.
- (20) Is the Minister aware that Mr Day was misled by the statement made on 17 November 1999 and of the distress this has caused Mr Day's family and himself, and which has been further compounded by the failure of F/A Overland to reply to requests for a response since 19 January 2000.
- (21) Is the Minister aware that Mr Day has tried on many occasions in the past 2 years to obtain a response to this matter from the AFP.
- (22) Was Minister Vanstone, when Minister of Justice and Customs, advised by the AFP that information provided by Mr Day had been reviewed by the Review Panel.
- (23) Is the Minister aware of an interview that was instigated by F/A Overland prior to the Review Panel reviewing Mr Day's case in response to Mr Day's report.
- (24) Will the Minister investigate statements allegedly made by F/A Overland at this meeting, concerning F/A Overland's unwillingness to provide written responses.
- (25) Will the Minister investigate whether the AFP denied Mr Day the opportunity to properly defend himself against the allegations by denying him the right to speak at the Review Board hearing.
- (26) Does the Minister condone such procedures conducted by the AFP in this matter.
- (27) Will the Minister investigate how a review can be conducted when the relevant persons do not have to appear before the Review Panel.
- (28) Was the information supplied to the Minister not made available to the Review Panel as claimed by the AFP.
- (29) Will the Minister investigate why the Commissioner of the AFP has refused to grant Mr Day an appointment to discuss his report.
- (30) Have some of those members re-profiled as being unsuitable for continued employment with the AFP been employed by the Criminal Justice Commission in Queensland.

- (31) Will the Minister investigate why numerous members of the AFP were paid out under S26E before and after the non renewal of contract period commenced, when the more appropriate action would be to allow their contract to expire or simply stand them down in the interim period as with other members.
- (32) Was F/A Overland responsible for two members receiving S26E action for poor performance issues at the time Mr Day was advised of the non-renewal of his contract.
- (33) Was the AFP responsible for a least 10 other members receiving 26E or other pay outs for poor performance in the few months just after the non renewal of contract action; if so, what action is the Minister taking in relation to this matter.
- (34) Will the Minister investigate why F/A McKnight was allegedly observing Mr Day whose work station was located three floors above his own office and who was assigned to another department.
- (35) Will the Minister investigate why F/A McKnight during this supervision of Mr Day did not discipline Mr Day at the time of his observations, nor provide counselling or remedial training.
- (36) Will the Minister investigate the period of 5 weeks during which Mr Day was transferred to F/A McKnight's department and how F/A McKnight was able to make a reliable observation of Mr Day given the logistic impossibility to conduct such observations.
- (37) Will the Minister investigate how it was possible for Mr Day to pass his evaluation assessments during the 18 months F/A McKnight allegedly observed Mr Day in another department given his stated concerns.
- (38) Did the report submitted by F/A McKnight contain any indication that Mr Day was made aware of any performance problem prior to the report.
- (39) Was Mr Day's treatment during this process in accordance with departmental guidelines.
- (40) Was feedback not given to Mr Day prior to the Review Board which impeded his ability to defend his position.
- (41) Did the AFP advise that the Review Panel had investigated all matters raised by Mr Day; if so, will the Minister provide a detailed account of the investigations conducted by the Review Panel, such as the interviewing of relevant personal, reviewing of files, resources allocated and Mr Day's personnel record; if not, why not.

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2749 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2284 (*Hansard*, 25 June 2001, page 27009) concerning the withdrawal of funding under the Community Services Settlement Scheme, in considering requests for funding from the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It, did she or her office receive requests for such funding from the Prime Minister, his office or any other member of the Government; if so, who made such requests and on what dates were those requests made.

- (2) As the Turkish Association of Victoria lost funding under the Government's Community Settlement Services Scheme at the same time as the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It Victoria, were any requests made at the same time for funding assistance under the Ethnic Aged Care Framework.
- 2750 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
Further to the Summary of Facilities, Services and Activities Available to Detainees, dated 14 June 2001 and distributed to all Federal Members of Parliament, (a) is he able to say what Afghani cricket is and how it is played and (b) what is Aussie dingo - bazey dabelna.
- 2751 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to part (1) of the answer to question No. 2442 (*Hansard*, 25 June 2001, page 27010), did the former Minister for Transport state during the second reading speech on the Airports Bill (*Hansard*, 29 May 1996, page 1658) that the Government would not sell the airports until such time as they had been able to satisfactorily resolve Sydney's aircraft noise problems.
 - (2) Is the sale of Sydney Airport conditional upon satisfactory resolution of Sydney's aircraft noise problems.
 - (3) Further to part (3) of the answer to question No. 2442, is the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport a gazetted plan, including the gazetted LTOP target of 17% of all movements to the north of that airport.
 - (4) Will he furnish reasons why the implementation of the LTOP has proved difficult to achieve; if so, what are those reasons.
- 2752 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Are there a number of student vacancies at the various Colleges of Nursing throughout Australia; if so, (a) what is the number of those vacancies and (b) where are those vacancies located.
 - (2) Would the abolition of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) for student nurses increase the number of enrolments of student nurses at the Australian Colleges of Nursing; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will he consider abolishing HECS payments for student nurses.
- 2753 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Was a consultant employed to prepare an audiotape of his analysis of the 2001-2002 Budget that was sent to Australian doctors.
 - (2) If so, what was the (a) cost of this consultancy and (b) name and cost of employing the interlocutor heard on this tape.
 - (3) What was the total cost of the preparation, production and dissemination of the audiotape.
- 2754 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Is it a fact that around 350 000 voters, including first time voters and those who have recently changed their addresses, registered or re-registered to vote in the five working days after the last federal election was called.
 - (2) At every federal election since 1983, how many voters have registered or re-registered in the five working days grace that they were given after the announcement of the election.

- (3) How many voters were excluded or voted in the wrong electorate at the 1983 federal elections when the Fraser government closed the rolls on the day the election was announced.
- (4) Is the Australian Electoral Commission projecting that nearly 350 000 first time voters and voters who have recently changed their address would use this 5 day period of grace when the next election is announced to register to vote.

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2755 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1657 (*Hansard*, 18 June 2001, page 26538), did Treasury engage in modelling activities prior to the implementation of the GST on the cost of a range of student Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) repayments; if not, why not.
- (2) Since the implementation of the GST has there been an increase in the HECS indexation rate for each percentage increase in inflation; if so, what is the specific increase in the HECS indexation rate caused by the GST.
- (3) What are the actual increases in HECS loan repayments since the introduction of the GST in the income brackets (a) below \$22,346, (b) \$22,346 to \$23,565, (c) \$23,566 to \$25,393, (d) \$25,394 to \$29,456, (e) \$29,457 to \$35,551, (f) \$35,552 to \$37,420, (g) \$37,421 to \$40,223 and (h) \$40 224 and above.
- (4) What specific measures has the Government introduced to offset these increased costs to Australia's students and graduates.

2756 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Are the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority currently recruiting financial analysts with the assistance of personnel consultants.
- (2) Has this taken place subsequent to the HIH collapse.

2757 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) How many staff are directly involved in monitoring the financial well being of the insurance sector in Australia.
- (2) What are their qualifications and what is the extent of their practical experience to meet their work requirements.
- (3) How many insurance companies does each analyst monitor.
- (4) Will Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority financial analysts be monitoring fewer insurance companies in the near future.

2758 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
Did he consider the adequacy of the number of professional analysts responsible for monitoring the well being of the insurance industry during 2000; if so, what were his conclusions about the adequacy of such monitoring.

2759 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
Did events surrounding the collapse of GIO Australia cause the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority or the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to modify their procedures in terms of assessing the quality of risks

being faced by insurers, including HIH; if so, what changes were made in light of the GIO example.

- 2760 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
How many analysts were given the responsibility within the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority to monitor the quality of assets and the level of provisioning of insurance risks on the balance sheet of HIH.
- 2761 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Has he satisfied himself as to the adequacy of the monitoring role performed by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in respect of the quality of assets and the level of provisioning of risks of insurance companies.
 - (2) Did ASIC or APRA express concerns to him regarding their ability to monitor the financial well being of the insurance sector; if so, when were these concerns communicated to him.
- 2762 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
Are there any other insurance companies who are not providing the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority with timely information on the status of their balance sheet and the extent to which there is adequate provisioning for insurance liabilities.
- 2763 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) What process, if any, is in place within the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) to verify the adequacy of provisioning by insurance companies of their insurance risks.
 - (2) To what extent does APRA rely on the information supplied by the companies themselves and their appointed actuaries and auditors.
 - (3) Is any attempt made on the part of APRA to independently verify the adequacy of provisioning of insurance liabilities.
- 2764 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
Does the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority conduct audits of the reliability of financial information supplied by the insurance industry; if so, (a) how many audits were conducted in 2000 and (b) what were the outcomes of these audits.
- 2765 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
Have arrangements been finalised with Vietnamese officials for the return of Vietnamese nationals currently in Australia's prisons awaiting criminal deportation; if so, (a) when was an agreement reached, (b) what are the terms of the agreement and (c) when will the Vietnamese nationals be removed from Australia.
- 2766 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in *The Age* newspaper on 26 June 2001 titled "Tax experts declare: we are confused".
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to the comment in that report by the Tax Agents' Association President, Ray Regan that (a) this year's Taxpack is in the mail and its size and complexity has confused even the experts and (b)

the Government's tax reforms had complicated the system so much that tax agents' fees would increase by 50 to 100 % this year.

- (3) Has his attention also been drawn to a similar report in *The Canberra Times* on 26 June 2001 titled "Post-GST Taxpack too complicated: expert".
- (4) What action is he taking to make it easier for tax agents and taxpayers to better understand this year's Taxpack.
- (5) What action is he taking to minimise the increased costs taxpayers are bearing following the introduction of the Government's recent tax reforms.

2767 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent coverage in the print media on the growing acquisition by private healthcare corporates of independent medical practices, particularly in a series in *The Australian* newspaper entitled "The Health Revolution".
- (2) Is there any Commonwealth agency which monitors and records the ownership and the change in ownership of medical general practices by private healthcare corporates such as Mayne Nickless, Foundation Healthcare, Endeavour Healthcare, Medical Care Services and Primary Healthcare.
- (3) Is there any requirement for changes in the ownership of medical general practices to be advised to any Commonwealth agency, either prior to or after any acquisition of independent medical general practices by a private healthcare corporate.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the Foreign Investment Review Board is required to be advised by the private healthcare corporates with substantial foreign ownership prior to any acquisition by them of independent medical general practices.
- (5) Is the Health Insurance Commission or any other Commonwealth agency in possession of any information regarding the comparative (a) cost of medical services provided and (b) rates of referral to downstream ancillary services such as pathology and radiology, by independent and corporate general practices.
- (6) What are the comparative imposts of the independent and corporate (a) general practices and (b) downstream ancillary services practices and their relationship to the Health Budget.
- (7) What measures will the Commonwealth put in place to protect patients of independent and corporate medical general practices in relation to their servicing practices and conduct.
- (8) What measures will the Commonwealth put in place to protect a patient's right to choose either an independent or a corporate general practice in a patient's given locality, and have these rights been eroded or even eliminated by the complete acquisition of independent general practices by private healthcare corporates.

2768 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he replied to correspondence sent to him on 25 February 2001 from Michael McGuirk, Chair of Fort Street High School Council, regarding insulation for Fort Street High School; if not, why not.

- (2) Will the Government agree to insulate Fort Street High School from aircraft noise.

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*2769 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Has the Government given any consideration to the inclusion of Total and Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) in the pharmaceutical benefits scheme; if not, will it look at expanding the scheme to cover TPN in the future.

*2770 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has he seen reports in the *Australian Financial Review* on 25 June 2001 that the Chairman of the Board of Taxation, Mr Dick Warburton, regards the Australian tax base as vulnerable to tax avoidance and minimisation caused by (a) the large gap between the top personal tax rate and the reduced corporate tax rate and (b) a new type of tax minimisation based on converting income to capital to take advantage of the gap between income tax rates and the newly halved capital gains tax rate.
- (2) Has Mr Warburton expressed these concerns to him.
- (3) What is the estimated loss to government revenue from these tax practices.
- (4) What action will he take to address the tax avoidance problems identified by Mr Warburton.

*2771 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2413 (*Hansard*, 27 November 1997, page 11589), did the then Minister for Defence expect the Heritage Assessment of Ingleburn Army Camp to be completed by December 1997.
- (2) When was the Heritage Assessment completed.
- (3) What do the results of the Heritage Assessment show.
- (4) What caused the long delay in the completion of the Assessment.
- (5) What items of heritage significance have been lost due to neglect and vandalism during the period of delay in completing the Heritage Assessment.
- (6) What action will he and his Department take in implementing the results of the Heritage Assessment.
- (7) Will he now review the process of heritage assessment by his Department to avoid circumstances in which (a) his Department is planning to develop one of its sites, such as Ingleburn, for commercial purposes, (b) the elimination of heritage items on the site potentially increases the commercial development value of the site and (c) as a consequence, his Department has a conflict of interest between its commercial objectives and its heritage responsibilities.

*2772 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many Australian Protective Service (APS) officers were deployed for Operation Mandalay to Port Hedland on 25 May 2001.
- (2) How long did the officers remain in Port Hedland.

- (3) How much notice were the officers given.
- (4) For how many officers did this deployment constitute a change of shift.
- (5) Under the Public Service Award 1998, are APS officers entitled to payment of penalties for a change of shift without the required 7 days notice.
- (6) How many officers have been paid this entitlement.
- (7) Who made the decision regarding the payment or non-payment of these entitlements.
- (8) On what grounds was such a decision made.
- (9) Was there any discussion with the officers regarding shift changes or entitlements for Operation Mandalay before the deployment.
- (10) Did any officers waive the 7 days' notice of shift change provision; if so, (a) how many officers did so and (b) were these recorded in writing.

***2773 MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) When examining Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes in the process of preparing position papers, did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) examine the original prospectuses of the various schemes; if so, which schemes; if not, why.
- (2) Did the ATO find differences between the original information contained in the prospectus and the actual operation of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
- (3) Did the ATO find evidence of round robin arrangements associated with the payment of management fees from a non-recourse loan facility available to investors in any of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
- (4) Did the ATO find any evidence of any illegal activities in relation to round robin schemes; if so, was this evidence passed on to Australian Securities Investments Commission (ASIC) or any other investigative or regulatory body; if not, why.
- (5) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors had knowledge of round robin schemes that were contrary to the schemes original prospectus.
- (6) What statutory requirements does the ATO have to refer suspected breaches of Corporations law to ASIC.
- (7) When examining tax effective schemes, did the ATO make any inquiries with any investors in schemes, other than the project manager and its directors, to determine their knowledge of, or consent to round robin arrangements; if so, how many investors were interviewed or queried and in what specific schemes did this occur.
- (8) Were steps taken by the ATO or any other agency to protect the rights of investors in regard to the financial viability of these schemes; if, so what steps were taken and in which schemes were they taken.
- (9) Did the ATO investigate international agreements being entered into by schemes that were claimed as managerial or marketing services to the scheme; if so, which schemes were involved in this type of activity and what was the result of these investigations.
- (10) In relation to international agreements being used as a round robin device by schemes, was there any investigation by the ATO that this type of

arrangement may have constituted an activity with the dominant purpose of avoiding or evading taxation; if so, did the ATO proceed to disallow any tax deductions made by the management company in relation to the international arrangements and funding.

- (11) Did the ATO proceed to further investigate, prosecute or refer for prosecution any parties involved in these international transactions.
- (12) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors in schemes knowingly participated or approved round robin transactions or international arrangements or funding; if so, on what basis did the ATO determine that penalty payments should be applied to those investors in their notices of reassessment.

*2774 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) In relation to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) treatment of Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes, will he list the projects that the ATO has investigated and applied a Part IVA ruling on.
- (2) Which projects is the ATO currently investigating.
- (3) Will he provide a list of the number of investors in each of these projects who have received amended assessments as a result of a Part IVA ruling.
- (4) In relation to (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp, will he provide the number of participants in those schemes who were contacted by the ATO when preparing their position paper prior to the issuing of amended assessment.
- (5) How many submissions were made to the ATO by investors in (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp in response to the ATO position paper.
- (6) In relation to these schemes, what time frame was spent by the ATO examining these submissions and what was the time frame between issuing the position paper and the issuing of amended assessments.

*2775 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the plight of the communities in Southern Sudan and an innovative program devised by and for the people of that war zone to rebuild their communities, which includes a wish to establish an AM broadcasting service to transmit in 16 main languages programs dealing with sanitation and sterilisation of drinking water, AIDS, family planning, primary health care, peace and reconciliation, education and self-reliance through income generating activities.
- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to the alleged manipulation of the Operation Life Line Sudan aid by the Khartoum regime.
- (3) Has he or his Department been approached to join with the US in providing independent aid to Southern Sudan.
- (4) What measures is the Government willing to take to assist with this example of an abused community developing practical strategies to solve social and economic problems.

*2776 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Does he stand by his answer to question No. 1247 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2000, page 16500) that all Australians, including residents of caravan parks, will be better off under The New Tax System.

*2777 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What amount of the additional funding for the Defence Force Cadets announced in the Defence White Paper is earmarked for (a) changes to command and management arrangements, (b) the provision of information technology support and (c) the pilot indigenous project.
- (2) For (a) navy cadets, (b) army cadets and (c) air force cadets, what is the average amount of annual Commonwealth financial assistance per cadet for (i) uniforms, (ii) staff salary costs, (iii) annual camp, (iv) unit running costs, (v) regional and national overheads, (vi) federal police checks, (vii) unit accommodation, (viii) staff training and (ix) other assistance, if any.
- (3) As a result of the White Paper has there been any change in the level of Commonwealth financial support to individual cadet units in respect of the items referred to in part (2); if so, what are the details.

*2778 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1898 (*Hansard*, 30 October 2000, page 21677), how much of the announced one-off funding of \$20 million for the Defence Force Reserves was actually spent in 2000-01 on (a) subsidies to employers of reservists and to self-employed reservists, (b) accreditation of reserve training, (c) reserve survey, (d) reserve swipe card technology, (e) communications and public awareness strategies and (f) expansion of the Defence Reserves Support Council.
- (2) Has the Department of Finance and Administration agreed that Defence could roll over all unspent funds referred to in part (1) above from 2000-2001 to 2001-2002.
- (3) What is the funding allocation for (a) 2001-2002 and (b) 2002-2003 for (i) subsidies to employers of reservists and to self-employed reservists, (ii) accreditation of reserve training, (iii) reserve survey, (iv) reserve swipe card technology, (v) communications and public awareness strategies and (vi) expansion of the Defence Reserves Support Council.

*2779 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1858 (*Hansard*, 4 October 2000, page 20855), did the Government announce in the Budget that it is now proposing to sell the Endeavour House Accommodation Complex at Coogee and Lady Gowrie House; if so, when is proposed to sell these sites.
- (2) Is there a link between this decision and the review of below standard live-in accommodation for single defence personnel; if so, what is the nature of the link.
- (3) How many defence personnel were living at (a) Endeavour House and (b) Lady Gowrie House as at (i) 4 October 2000, (ii) 22 May 2001 and (iii) 28 June 2001.

- (4) In the event of these properties being sold, (a) what alternative housing arrangements will be made for the defence personnel who currently live there and (b) what proportion of the sale proceeds, if any, will be made available to improve the state of live-in accommodation for single personnel.

*2780 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
What sum has the Government spent on its campaign which commenced on 5 March 2000 to advertise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Country of Origin Guidelines.

*2781 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Does the Government intend to take any steps to amend section 53(a) of the Trade Practices Act to take into account the 1998 Country of Origin defences particularly in relation to a claim that a product is "made in" Australia.
- (2) Does the Government intend to confer with State Governments with a view to requesting that State laws be amended to take into account those defences.
- (3) Pending appropriate amendment of the law, will he direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to withdraw its current guidelines and to amend its website so that it is made clear that the 1998 Country of Origin defences are of no benefit and, in particular, have no application to claims that a product is "made in Australia".

*2782 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) What are the boundaries of the property which will be sold as part of the sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and, in particular, do the boundaries include an area of roadway; if so, what area of roadway is included within the boundaries of the sale.
- (2) Has the Government made any plans regarding the future management and use of the roadway and or roadways.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *2783 - *2784)—

- (1) How many major roads statements were made by the Minister for projects exceeding \$100 million in 2000-2001.
- (2) How many major rail or urban public transport statements were made by the Minister regarding projects committed to proceed exceeding \$100 million in 2000-2001.

*2783 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister.

*2784 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

*2785 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he seen a *New Scientist* report of 16 June 2001 titled "Feeling Lucky" dealing with a NASA-commissioned study claiming that military aircraft are now much safer than 20 years ago while the same affordable technology is yet to be made available to commercial airlines.
- (2) Is he aware of the results of the NASA-commissioned study into the crashworthiness of commercial aircraft, completed in February last year by crash consultancy Simula Technologies in Phoenix, Arizona.

- (3) Has his attention been drawn to the claim in the *New Scientist* report that four out of five airline crashes occur during take off and landing, at relatively low speed and could be largely survivable by passengers if certain practical modifications are made to the structure, floor, seats, fuel system and interior fittings of aircraft.
- (4) With the current large purchases of domestic aircraft now being made by the Australian aviation industry, what requirements is he imposing on airline companies to require them to order aircraft with modern safety design features and fittings.
- (5) Will these aircraft be required to have strengthened overhead lockers to prevent loose objects being flung about the cabin in the event of a crash.
- (6) Will these aircraft be fitted with strengthened shock absorbing seats that are able to protect passengers from the forces generated during a crash.
- (7) Will these aircraft be fitted with seats with three point harnesses that hold passengers firmly in their seats in the event of a crash.
- (8) Will these aircraft be fitted with strengthened floors that hold the seats in place during a crash.
- (9) Will these aircraft be fitted with foam filled cells in the underbody of the aircraft that protect passengers by absorbing the energy of a crash.
- (10) Will these aircraft be fitted with valves that automatically shut off fuel-flow if the wings break off as a result of a crash.
- (11) Will the Government ensure the introduction of improved airline safety initiatives as outlined in parts (4) to (10) of this question; if not, why not.

*2786 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What is the Howard Government's outlay on the National Highway System, Roads of National Importance and other road funds, including untied grants to local government for roads, for each of the six years starting 1996-97.
- (2) What is the Howard Government's actual outlay on the rail capital works programs, and other rail outlays, including the former Australian National Railways Commission and the Australian Rail Track Corporation, for each of the six years starting 1996-97.
- (3) What is the Howard Government's actual outlay on urban public transport, including for the Building Better Cities program for each of the six years starting 1996-97.

*2787 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an ABC 7-30 *Report* broadcast on 25 June 2001 titled "State meeting to address increasing electricity prices".
- (2) Is the Minister aware of problems associated with the supply of electricity caused principally by air-conditioners in Victoria and South Australia.
- (3) Has the Minister been made aware of the demand for electricity peaks during summertime daylight hours as a result of air-conditioning loads.

- (4) Is the Minister able to say whether solar-powered electricity generators in California are now being used to help meet peak electricity summer loads in that state.
 - (5) Did the *7-30 Report* state that the electricity generating peak capacity will have to be increased by 50% over the next decade, or by between 4000 and 7000 megawatts of new generating capacity to meet this growing demand in Victoria and South Australia.
 - (6) What would be the increase in carbon dioxide emissions in percentage and absolute terms if the 50% increase in demand over the next decade in electricity in South Australia and Victoria were sourced from fossil fuel.
 - (7) What would the cost be of new fossil fuel power stations to meet this demand.
 - (8) What would be the cost if this demand were met from solar-powered, wind-powered and hydro-powered generators.
 - (9) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that this additional 50% generating capacity to meet the demands of South Australia and Victoria's electricity needs will be taken up by alternative energy generators such as solar, wind and hydro power.
 - (10) Will the Minister examine the California solar power station experience; if not, why not.
- *2788 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What are the employer's obligations when sponsoring off-shore temporary skilled labour on 457 visas relating to employees rights on (a) workers compensation policy, (b) superannuation registration, (c) long service leave and (d) wage and tax recognition.
 - (2) Do these temporary visa holders have medical health cover; if so, what are the details; if not, what is available.
- *2789 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Are dairying communities in the lower Hunter eligible to receive Dairy Readjustment Assistance Program funding.

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.

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 28 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:

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 Danby, Mr Jull, Mr Melham, 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 Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator S. Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht.

Current inquiries:

Australia's relations with the Middle East.

Enterprising Australia—Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment.

Review of the Department of Defence Annual Report 1998-99.

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

MIGRATION (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs May (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Georgiou, Mrs Irwin, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

Current inquiry:

Review of State-specific migration mechanisms.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson, Senator West.

Current inquiries:

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

Sale of the Christmas Island resort (*To report by 9 August 2001*).

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mr Byrne, Mr Haase, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

- Australia's Extradition Law, Policy and Practice.
- Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.
- Kyoto Protocol.
- Statute for the International Criminal Court.
- Treaties tabled on 10 October.

Joint Select

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

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

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

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