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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 198

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2001

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Notices**

- 1 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool International Act 1993*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 7 August 2001.*)
- *2 **MR ABBOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR MCGAURAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- *1 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2000:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 August 2001*).
- 2 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Dr Lawrence*) on the motion of Dr Kemp—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lee, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:*
 - (1) misusing the issue of literacy for political advantage;
 - (2) manipulating statistics about literacy achievement; and
 - (3) providing \$145 million to wealthy category one schools which could have been better used improving literacy for students in government and needy non-government schools”.

* 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.

- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 8 **GENERAL INSURANCE REFORM BILL 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 9 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 10 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 11 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER BUDGET 2000 AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 12 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 13 **BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 3) 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 16 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INDEXATION) BILL 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 17 **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*).

- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 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 **RECONCILIATION AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 23 **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*).
- *24 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr Lee*).
- *25 **EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr Lee*).
- *26 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr Horne*).
- *27 **HEALTH AND AGED CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 28 **MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Forestry and Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Lee*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 7 August 2001*).

Notices—continued

5 **MR REITH:** To move—That:

- (1) in relation to any message from the Senate transmitting a resolution from the Senate and seeking the concurrence of the House, consideration of the

message shall be made an order of the day for the next sitting, unless a Minister moves an alternative time for consideration of the message; and

- (2) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 28 February 2001.*)

Orders of the day—*continued*

- 31 **COMPENSATION FOR NON-ECONOMIC LOSS (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 32 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 33 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 29 June 2001, a.m.*).
- 34 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 35 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 36 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 37 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 38 **TELSTRA**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 39 **PRICE OF PETROL**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 40 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 41 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 42 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 43 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 44 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 45 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 46 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- *47 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM CHANGES—QUARTERLY REPORT FROM 1 APRIL 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 48 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT ON BUILDING INDUSTRY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **COUNCIL OF FINANCIAL REGULATORS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **INDIGENOUS LAND CORPORATION—2001-2006 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS LAND STRATEGY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 August 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **PROGRESS ON COMMONWEALTH INITIATIVES IN RESPONSE TO THE BRINGING THEM HOME REPORT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—REPORT FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2000 AND ERRATA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.

- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.

- 82 **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.
- 83 **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.
- 84 **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.
- 85 **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.
- 86 **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.
- 87 **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.
- 88 **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.
- 89 **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.
- 90 **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.
- 91 **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.
- 92 **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.
- 93 **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.

- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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 Snowden*).
 - 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*).
- 97 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr McGauran*):
- Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (2001)—*moved 8 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
- 98 **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*).
- 99 **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, 20 AUGUST 2001, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on health services on Norfolk Island.
- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on six treaties tabled on 23 May 2001. (*Statements to conclude by 12.41 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS O'BYRNE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*. (*Notice given 26 June 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*. (*Notice given 6 August 2001. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†4 **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. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued**Orders of the day**

- 1 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 3 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 4 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 7 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 17 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 19 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—40TH REPORT—EXTRADITION—REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA’S LAW AND POLICY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 August 2001—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Thursday, 9 August 2001

- *1 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) welcomes the announcement by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs of the long awaited pilot program of housing women and children asylum seekers outside of the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre;
 - (2) notes that the Human Rights Subcommittee was very concerned at the impact of detention on families particularly women and children, and the improvement in the condition and treatment of families is a priority for that Committee; and

- (3) expresses concern at the reported condition of 6 year old Shayan Saeed in Villawood IDC who has spent 17 months in detention and now does not eat, does not speak nor respond to human contact and assumes the foetal position when frightened and is apparently regularly re-hydrated at hospital. (*Notice given 8 August 2001.*)
- *2 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) commends the Australian Government on its moves to establish a whale sanctuary at the most recent meeting of the International Whaling Commission in London;
 - (2) records its regret that the motion was defeated after failing to receive the required 75 per cent backing from member states; and
 - (3) calls on those states who abstained or voted against the motion to review their positions in order to allow this important initiative to proceed. (*Notice given 8 August 2001.*)
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Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 20 August 2001.*)

- 3 **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 20 August 2001.*)

4 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 5 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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)
- 6 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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)
- 7 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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 12 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that 24 311 Social Security recipients have their compensation preclusion period spanning the introduction of the GST;
 - (2) notes that the average length of preclusion periods is 291 weeks;
 - (3) notes that the income cut-out rate has increased by \$115.23 per week to compensate for price rises caused by the GST;
 - (4) notes that if the post GST cut-out rate of \$543.63 was applied to the post GST portion of the preclusion period it would result in a significant reduction in the preclusion period; and
 - (5) condemns the Government's failure to introduce legislation to extend GST compensation to people whose compensation preclusion period spans the introduction of the GST. (*Notice given 3 April 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

16 DR THEOPHANOUS: To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its grave concern at the current treatment and persecution of the religious leaders in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and in particular deplores the recent escalation of oppression directed at independent religious leaders such as Fathers Nguyen Van Ly and Chan Tin of the Catholic Church, Venerables Thich Huyen Quang, Thich Quang Do and Thich Hue Dang of the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Church and Elder Le Quang Liem of the Hoa Hoa Buddhist Church;
- (2) deplores the continued imprisonment of a large number of the clergy of the Cao Dai Church and other Christian Evangelical Churches;
- (3) requests that the Parliament and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam honour its commitments as a signatory to the International Convention of Human Rights and allow all religious leaders total freedom to practice and carry out their religious activities unhindered;
- (4) requests the release of all religious campaigners who are currently imprisoned or under house arrest, often as a result of contrived charges of criminality; and
- (5) calls on the Parliament and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to halt and reverse the deterioration of basic human rights, to end the policy of intimidation of human rights campaigners, and to respect the freedom of speech and association of individuals. (*Notice given 22 May 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

17 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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

18 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

19 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

20 **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. Notice will be removed from the*

Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.)

- 21 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House takes 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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 22 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Western Sydney is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia with a high proportion of young people;
 - (b) currently there is a negative perception of young people in Western Sydney, which is a mistaken view since Western Sydney is no different to any other region with regard to youth problems and youth achievements;
 - (c) there needs to be public recognition of the achievements of young people which is linked to high self esteem and minimises anti-social behaviour;
 - (d) lack of access to educational facilities, especially information technology, has resulted in an imbalance of academic achievements; and
 - (e) there is insufficient provision of community and recreational facilities for young people in Western Sydney;
 - (2) urges the Government to:
 - (a) research methods of providing adequate access to computer facilities to the disadvantaged in Western Sydney in order to close the digital divide; and
 - (b) to provide urgently needed youth community facilities in the Western Sydney area to address the social needs of young people; and
 - (3) acknowledges the work of the Blacktown Youth Orientation in drafting this motion and bringing these issues to light. (*Notice given 6 August 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001*)
- 23 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its condemnation of human rights and civil liberties violations perpetrated by the Government of Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, including:
 - (a) political and other extrajudicial killings perpetrated by or with the assistance of security forces;
 - (b) politically motivated disappearances perpetrated by ZANU-PF supporters with the tacit assent of the Government and security forces;
 - (c) torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment perpetrated by security forces;
 - (d) arbitrary arrest, detention or exile perpetrated by police;

- (e) denial of fair public trial and refusal to abide by judicial decisions;
 - (f) arbitrary Government interference with privacy, family, sexuality, home, correspondence and property;
 - (g) restrictions on freedom of speech and press;
 - (h) restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly and association;
 - (i) restrictions on freedom of religion;
 - (j) restrictions on freedom of movement within Zimbabwe, on foreign travel, emigration and repatriation;
 - (k) infringements of political rights, and particularly, the right of people to change their government; and
 - (l) discrimination based on sex, race, religion, disability and sexual preference; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
- (a) make the strongest possible representations to Robert Mugabe in respect of human rights violations while he is in Australia to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government meetings this year; and
 - (b) exhort other nations of the Commonwealth to make the strongest possible representations to Robert Mugabe in respect of human rights violations. (*Notice given 6 August 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 December 2000*) on the motion of Mr Wilkie—That this House:
- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
 - (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirus Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
 - (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
 - (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
 - (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 20 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 3 **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 20 August 2001.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)

7 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 the next sitting Monday after 20 August 2001.*)

8 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 the next sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)

- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.)

- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 31 **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (OBJECTIVITY, FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL 2001** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 6 August 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 20 August 2001.*)
- 32 **KOKODA TRACK:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 August 2001*) on the motion of Mr Secker—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper*

unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.)

- 33 **NURSING HOMES:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 August 2001*) on the motion of Ms Hall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 August 2001.*)
- 34 **CITRUS INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 August 2001—Mr Zahra, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Hull—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 20 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, 20 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, 9 August 2001**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 August 2001—Mr Lloyd*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Ferguson, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its neglect of the Australian shipping industry, leaving the Australian economy, environment and community exposed to the risk of marine accidents, port pollution and infiltration via ports and the sea of deadly diseases like foot and mouth disease”.*
- 2 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2001—Mr Sawford*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Orders of the day**

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

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2790 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—For each of the tax avoidance schemes known as (a) controlling interest super schemes, (b) offshore non-complying super funds and (c) employee benefit schemes, (i) how many taxpayers have been identified as participants, (ii) what amount of tax has been identified as being avoided, (iii) how many amended assessments have been issued, (iv) how many taxpayers have accepted and paid the amended assessments and (v) what is the total recovered in relation to each scheme.

2791 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) In respect of the aged care approval rounds in 1998, how many of the 565 ethno-specific allocations were allocated in (a) Victoria, (b) New South Wales, (c) Queensland, (d) the Northern Territory, (e) Western Australia, (f) South Australia and (g) Tasmania.
- (2) In respect of the aged care approval rounds in 1999, how many of the 575 ethno-specific allocations were allocated in (a) Victoria, (b) New South Wales, (c) Queensland, (d) the Northern Territory, (e) Western Australia, (f) South Australia and (g) Tasmania.
- (3) In respect of the aged care approval rounds in 2000, how many of the 1162 ethno-specific allocations were allocated in (a) Victoria, (b) New South Wales, (c) Queensland, (d) the Northern Territory, (e) Western Australia, (f) South Australia and (g) Tasmania.
- (4) In respect of the aged care approval rounds in 2000, was the application by the Villa Franca Private Nursing Home for the Spanish speaking community considered for the ethno-specific allocations; if not, why not.

- (5) With regard to the requirements set out in the *Aged Care Act 1997* and the *Aged Care Principles*, what were the specific reasons for the rejection of the Villa Franca Private Nursing Home's application.

2792 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many foreign citizens has his Department found working illegally in the electoral division of Prospect in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000 and (d) 2001.
- (2) What are the names of the employers or labour providers in the electoral division of Prospect who employed foreign citizens who were not authorised to work in Australia.
- (3) How many illegal workers had each employer engaged.
- (4) What range of sanctions and penalties can be placed upon an employer or labour provider found to be employing illegal workers.
- (5) What sanctions or penalties has the Government placed upon each of the employers and labour providers in the electoral division of Prospect who was found to be employing illegal workers.
- (6) What action did his Department take with the illegal workers.
- (7) Were illegal workers in the electoral division of Prospect detained and subsequently deported.
- (8) In each case, was the cost to the Commonwealth of the detention and deportation recovered from the illegal worker.
- (9) Following the 1999 review of illegal workers in Australia, will the Government implement the three-tiered approach to sanctions and penalties for employers who engage illegal workers as outlined in recommendation 3.6 of the review.

2793 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many individuals in Australia were sent letters signed by him informing them about the Pension Bonus Scheme.
- (2) How many individuals in the electoral division of Prospect were sent these letters.
- (3) What criteria were used to select each individual.
- (4) Were local Centrelink offices advised that the letters were being sent.
- (5) Was information provided by the Australian Taxation Office to him about each individual; if so, what information was provided.
- (6) Was Centrelink excluded from the process; if so, why.
- (7) What has been the overall response to his mail out.

2794 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Given that the Fuel Taxation Inquiry will report to the Government in March 2002, does the Government believe sufficient time exists to put in place an Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme, as such a scheme is timetabled to replace the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme and the Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grants Scheme from 1 July 2002.

2795 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Did Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) develop performance criteria or service levels for the new baggage handling system at the

international terminal before it was selected as the system to be introduced; if so, (a) what were they and (b) were they agreed with the industry paying for its introduction; if not, why not.

- (2) Have the performance criteria been met; if not, why not.
- (3) Is there a design deficiency in the system resulting in the mis-tracking of baggage; if so, (a) what is the nature of the problem, (b) what steps are being taken to fix the problem and (c) how long will that take.
- (4) Has SACL addressed the problem in the interim by employing additional baggage handlers; if so, what sum (a) has that cost to date and (b) is it estimated to cost until the design problem is fixed.
- (5) Have airlines been required to meet this cost, if so, (a) why, (b) what sum has it cost and (c) what cost has been borne by SACL.
- (6) What is the legal basis or instrument that allows SACL to recover those costs from the airlines.
- (7) Have the new aerobridges at the international terminal caused damage and delays to aircraft; if so, (a) on how many occasions and (b) what has been the cost of this damage.
- (8) Who has borne the financial responsibility for the damage and delays caused by the aerobridges.
- (9) Has any passenger or staff member been injured by an aerobridge; if so, what are the details.
- (10) When will the operation of the new aerobridges meet an acceptable standard and what is that standard.

2796 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—In developing the Fuel Taxation Inquiry, which business, transport and motoring organisations did the Minister consult with after the announcement of the inquiry in March 2001, and which business and industry organisations did the Minister write to seeking comments on the terms of reference.

2797 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Does departmental data show that in the period 2000-01 to the end of March there were eleven (457) Visa applications approved in the building occupations.
- (2) What are the names of the employers that have been approved to sponsor under the (457) Visa.
- (3) On what dates were the eleven (457) Visa applications approved.

2798 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) With respect to the Government's employment and training programs for indigenous Australians, what sum has the Government committed to the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway project, and as part of that commitment, what guarantees did the Government receive on employment and training of indigenous Australians.

- (2) Beyond the 13 July 2001 announcement to train indigenous people from Wyndham and Port Hedland in preparation for employment on the gas pipeline, as Darwin has become the central point for Australia's engagement in the Timor Sea Gas Pipeline project, what agreement has the Government put in place for the training and employment of indigenous Australians from the NT for employment in the project.
- (3) What is the level of unemployment, including CDEP participants, of indigenous Australians, and the level of youth unemployment of indigenous Australians in the NT as against the level of unemployment and youth unemployment in the NT.

2799 **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) and the Turkish Association of Victoria's loss of 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 as the Australian Greek Welfare Society and Co.As.It Victoria for funding assistance under the Ethnic Aged Care Framework.
- (2) Why were the grants transferred from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to the Department of Health and Aged Care not also transferred to the Turkish Association of Victoria.
- (3) Was the Turkish Association offered encouragement to apply for funding from other sources; if not, why not.
- (4) Does her Department provide any grants to the Turkish community in any other States and Territories; if so, what is the nature of those grants.

2800 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What measures raised in public submissions incorporated into the Canberra Airport Master Plan were adopted to mitigate or minimise aircraft noise over north Canberra.
- (2) How many complaints about aircraft noise have been made in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000 and (d) 2001.
- (3) What suburbs in Canberra have been identified as the main areas emanating complaints about aircraft noise.
- (4) What ongoing processes have been set in place to ensure minimisation of aircraft noise on Canberra residents.

2801 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) How many people are on the waiting list for nursing home places in the ACT.
- (2) On average, how long would an aged person wait for placement in a nursing home.
- (3) How many ACT residents requiring aged care services have been transferred out of the ACT and to what locations have they been transferred.
- (4) What are the reasons for the transfers.
- (5) How long are these ACT residents away from Canberra.

- (6) How many complaints about aged care services in the ACT have been received by the Aged Care Complaints Scheme.
 - (7) What is the general nature of the complaints lodged.
 - (8) How long do such complaints take to resolve.
 - (9) What is the follow up plan to ensure outcomes of investigations of complaints are implemented.
- 2802 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Is he able to say which countries have (a) allowed or (b) ceased to allow, appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council since his answer to question No.1634 (*Hansard*, 29 August 2000, page 9602).
- 2803 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) When was the \$400 duty free allowance introduced.
 - (2) Has consideration been given to the increasing the allowance since then.
 - (3) Is a review process in place to monitor the level of the duty free allowance; if so, what is the extent and nature of the review process.
 - (4) Was consideration given to reviewing the duty free allowance at the time the GST was introduced.
 - (5) What sum of GST revenue has been generated as a result of the imposition of the GST on goods on which customs duty has been paid.
- 2804 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2521 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2001, page 27323), what are the reasons for the delay in not making the Master Plan available until 2002.
 - (2) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2521, (a) will he give the date upon which the material will cease to be commercial-in-confidence, (b) on what grounds is the material commercial-in-confidence and (c) how are public interest and other factors, including environmental impacts, economic impacts, the application of ecologically sustainable development, the precautionary principle and intergenerational equity in terms of aircraft noise now and in the future, to be accommodated in this current privative negotiations between Government and private entities.
 - (3) How can the Government accommodate the public interest in its privative dealings with private entities.
 - (4) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2521, how will the Government accommodate its responsibilities as custodial trustee of public assets by acting in the public interest by fully accommodating the Long Term Operating Plan.
 - (5) Do the Government's dealings with the private entities seeking to bid for Sydney Airport and other Sydney basin airports conflict with its obligations in the public interest.
 - (6) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 2521, do none of the Acts and other Commonwealth provisions mentioned, in light of his various answers in the House to date, have any impact on the changes to aircraft movements, in particular management of aircraft in the air; if not, then can

he describe how the existing legislation is invoked from changes in aircraft movements in the air and volume of aircraft movements.

- 2805 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read an article that appeared on page three of *The Australian Financial Review* dated 4 July 2001 titled 'Sydney Airport offers in the air'.
 - (2) Is his Department considering a recommendation to alter the current curfew times for Sydney Airport to 12 a.m. to 6 a.m.; if so, can he furnish particulars of any proposed legislative amendments to the curfew legislation currently in force for Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- 2806 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read an article that appeared on page 18 of *The Australian Financial Review* dated 20 July 2001 titled 'Airport gets pick of three plans'.
 - (2) Are there three plans for extra runways at Sydney Airport; if so, what are those plans and will he table copies of these plans in the House.
 - (3) Is one of the plans to construct two further parallel north-south runways starting on Botany Bay's southern shore just north of an area of preserved sand dunes and running parallel to a spit known as Towra Point; if so, will he furnish details; if not, why not.
 - (4) What will be the aircraft movement capacity for Sydney Airport if the plan by Dr Bill Bradfield for the IAC Aviation Consultancy is introduced at Sydney Airport.
 - (5) Will he support the Bradfield Plan proposals; if so, why.
- 2807 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he read an article that appeared on page 6 of *The Australian Financial Review* dated 21-22 July 2001 titled 'New runways won't raise bids'.
 - (2) Is there a proposal to increase the number of runways at Sydney Airport; if so, what are the details.
 - (3) What impact will the permissible expansion of the number of runways at Sydney Airport have on the sale price of Sydney Airport.
 - (4) What impact will the decision to permit extra runways to be constructed at Sydney Airport have on the timing and likelihood of the construction of Sydney West Airport.
 - (5) Is the proposal for extra runways to be included in lease or sale of Sydney Airport; if so, why.
- 2808 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2600 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2001, page 27325), (a) does this confirm that the aggregate number of air traffic movements to the north of Sydney Airport (27.3%) is more than 60% additional air traffic movements than Sydney Airport's Long Term Operating Plan's (LTOP) target of 17% of total movements to the north and (b) can the 17% target of air traffic movements to the north of Sydney Airport be achieved; if so, how; if not, why not.
 - (2) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2600, will he table a copy of the advice from Airservices Australia that Bankstown Airport operations

can be configured so they will not be an impediment to the implementation of the remaining elements of the LTOP such as the ‘trident’ and ‘power-off’ approaches; if not, why not.

- (3) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2600, (a) when he refers to the *Environment and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* does he mean the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*, (b) can he define what ‘necessary clearances’ means, (c) can he define precisely what provisions of the EPBC Act will apply to provide the necessary clearances; if so, what does this layperson’s term mean in respect of the statutory provisions of the Act, (d) when will these matters be referred to the Minister for Environment and Heritage in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, (e) does the decision of the Government on 13 December 2000 to use Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport for Sydney Airport constitute an action that triggers the provisions of the EPBC Act and (f) does the act of redesigning the airspace trigger the provisions of the EPBC Act; if so, what are those provisions.

2809 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answers to parts (1) and (4) of question No. 2666 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29209) and in light of his previous answer to question No. 2521 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2001, page 27323) that the Master Plan for Sydney Airport will not be available before 2002, is it a fact that no environmental assessment under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act of aircraft movements will (a) occur before 31 January 2003, (b) occur before some time after the date of release of the Master Plan and (c) be considered at all; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (2) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2666, is the Master Plan commercial-in-confidence; if not, what commercial interest, privilege, intellectual property rights or other rights of release may affect the release of the master plan.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2666, what environmental impact assessment under the Act for aircraft noise and other environmental factors is proposed before 31 January 2003.

2810 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does subsection 262A(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act require each person who is liable to pay income tax to retain their taxation records for a period of five years from the latter of the date on which the records were originally prepared or obtained, or the date on which the transactions or acts to which those records relate were completed.
- (2) Does section 70 of the Taxation Administration Act prescribe the keeping of records of indirect tax transactions for at least five years after the completing of the transactions or acts to which they relate, including the goods and services tax (GST).
- (3) Is he aware that, in light of the Government’s amendments to the taxation law and in particular the introduction of the goods and services tax, the volume of records required to be kept under the provisions of these Acts will increase significantly by imposing a substantial storage cost on individual taxpayers by virtue of the Acts’ record retention provisions.

- (4) In light of the increased personal financial burden of document storage costs on individual taxpayers through the introduction of the GST, will he amend the retention provisions of both Acts to reduce the retention periods from five years to three years; if not, why not
- 2811 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to part (8) of his answer to question No. 2737, can he say why the appointment of Major-General Janaka Perera as Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia is acceptable to the Australian Government; if not, why not.
- 2812 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2672 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29210), upon what advice does the Minister rely in assessing the aircraft traffic relationship between Sydney and Sydney West Airport.
 - (2) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 2672, will the Minister assess the total impact of all Sydney's airports in the Sydney metropolitan area and propose a basin-wide environmental assessment of all Sydney basin airport impacts; if not, why not.
- 2813 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2673 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29210), has the Minister received advice from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) in respect of the anticipated expansion of Sydney Airport as a traffic generating event; if so, what is that advice.
 - (2) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2673, what safeguards is the Minister proposing to minimise or eliminate the adverse effects of the increase in air toxins from increased road and air traffic due to the expansion of Sydney Airport.
 - (3) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 2673, is the Minister now able to say that the expansion of Sydney Airport requires environmental assessment for air quality in the Sydney Basin; if not, why not; if so, when will that environmental assessment occur.
- 2814 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Will the Australian Broadcasting Corporation televise the 2002 Anzac Day march in Sydney; if not, why not.
- 2815 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—When will he provide an answer to my question No. 2546.
- 2816 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to part (2) of the answer by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to question No. 2548 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29189), has the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency obtained international research regarding the possible effects of exposure to ionising radiation and made this information available to those affected by the British nuclear tests; if not, why not.
- 2817 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What publicly funded services exist for the provision of reliable hearing tests from audiological services.

- (2) What are the Medicare service provider codes relating to persons suffering hearing impairment under the public health system.
- (3) Are services funded under the public health care system to allow same-day repair for persons who use hearing devices that break down during use, thus requiring prompt repair; if so, what are the details.
- (4) What training is provided for staff of Australian Hearing and other service industries in dealing with clientele who are hearing impaired, in particular, what specific training is provided to staff in dealing with pre-lingually deaf people.

2818 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Will he grant a Gold Card to servicewomen who were members of the Women's Australian Air Force during World War II; if not, why not.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2819 - 2820)—Can the Minister guarantee that payments of the \$300 one-off bonus announced in the 2001 Budget to eligible residents of aged care facilities were paid directly to, and received separately by, those residents and not the management of the aged care facilities in which they reside; if not, why not.

2819 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care.

2820 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Community Services.

2821 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 2533 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29188), how are aircraft movements between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. weighted in the calculation of the Aircraft Noise Exposure Index.

2822 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Will he make publicly available the two letters he received from Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) senior executive Mr Tom Karp prior to the collapse of HIH on 15 March 2001; if not, why not.
- (2) What action did he take after receiving the second letter from APRA written on or around 28 February 2001 concerning HIH.

2823 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Will there be an official Australian delegation attending the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance to be held in Durban, South Africa from 31 August to 7 September 2001.
- (2) If so, will he be leading the delegation; if not, why not and who will lead the delegation.
- (3) Who will be the members of the official delegation.
- (4) Will the Commonwealth pay the fares, accommodation and expenses for the members of the official delegation; if not, why not and how will the delegates fund their attendance.

2824 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has the Awards and National Symbols Branch of his Department issued guidelines prohibiting the use of the Australian flag for advertising and commercial purposes in circumstances where the flag is (a) used in an

undignified manner or (b) defaced by having objects and illustrations superimposed on it.

- (2) Has the Branch's attention be drawn to the commercial advertising campaigns of the Big Kev and Dick Smith companies.
- (3) Does the use of the Australian flag in these campaigns comply with the Branch's guidelines; if not, what action has been taken against the companies concerned.
- (4) What representations has the Branch received from the Returned Services League of Australia on this matter.

2825 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—In the Government's lease arrangements for Hoxton Park Airport, what contingency provisions apply with respect to (a) the future development of Badgerys Creek International Airport which would necessitate the closure of Hoxton Park for air safety reasons and (b) future land use and zoning arrangements at the Hoxton Park site should the airport ever cease operations.

2826 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he update his answer to question No. 1605 (*Hansard*, 29 June 2000, page 18813) and confirm whether Australia and New Zealand have signed the Joint UNESCO/Council of Europe Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications Concerning Higher Education in the European Region, 1996 (known as the Lisbon Convention).

2827 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In answer to question No. 986 (*Hansard*, 9 May 1994, page 519), did his predecessor state that his Department had not made representations on the return of the Parthenon marbles to either the Greek or British Governments, nor in Commonwealth or UN forums.
- (2) In his answer to question No. 422 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 5100), did he state that the Australian Government has not made any representations on this issue.
- (3) Is he able to say whether a petition with 30,000 signatures was handed to the Prime Minister on 25 June 2001 asking him and the Federal Government to urge and call on the British Government to return the Parthenon marbles to Greece on the completion of the new Acropolis Museum.
- (4) Has there been a response to the petition; if so, when and what was the response.
- (5) Will the return of the Parthenon marbles be on the agenda of the 2001 (a) CHOGM, (b) General Conference of Unesco and (c) World Heritage Committee.

2828 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Is he aware of the proposed partnership between the Shire of Boddington, Boddington State School and Wesley College in the development of campuses in Boddington, WA.
- (2) What support will the Government provide to this project.
- (3) What discussions has he had with the WA Minister for Education to ensure Federal and State cooperation in the development of the project.

- 2829 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What Departments and/or agencies have or will have their frequent flyer points suppressed and with which airline companies has this occurred.
 - (2) As a result of the suppression of frequent flyer points, what savings will Departments and/or agencies make.
- 2830 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—What assurances can he give that (a) Senators' and Members' entitlements to staff, facilities and allowances as provided for by determinations of the Remuneration Tribunal, the Parliamentary Entitlements Act and the Members of Parliament Staff Act (MOPS Act) will not be used for party political business in the next federal election and (b) the campaign headquarters of any political party, particularly those of the Liberal and Labor parties in Melbourne, will not contain any equipment funded by his Department, nor be staffed by any officers employed under the MOPS Act, claiming travel allowance, overtime and airfares through his Department.

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- 2831 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What financial and organisational resources have been allocated by the Government to the Australian Inland Rail Expressway project.
 - (2) What discussions has he, his office or his Department had with representatives of the Australian Inland Rail Expressway and/or representatives of Patrick Stevedores, including representatives of Lang Corporation, concerning the financing of the project from Melbourne to Gladstone with a link to Brisbane.
 - (3) Given that the Australian Transport and Energy Corridor Ltd, including Patrick Stevedores, is essentially a private company in competition with other transport companies, what is the Government's position with respect to the potential allocation of additional taxpayers' money to the Inland Railway Project; and if the Government intends allocating additional taxpayers' money to this private sector project, what will be done to assist this company's competitors.
- 2832 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Given the restrictions on the use of the word 'Commonwealth' under the Corporations Act and regulations, and specifically schedule 6, regulation 6203(c) and 6205 of the Corporations Regulations, how is that the word 'Commonwealth' came to be used as a business name by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia following its privatisation.
 - (2) Given the Government's recent moves to protect from misuse the name 'Bradman' and words associated with the Sydney 2000 Olympics, why is the use of the word Commonwealth not subject to the same prohibitions.
- 2833 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an apparent unfairness in the Child Support Scheme where, following a marriage breakdown, the female payer left the marital home and her husband and three young children, subsequently took

out a bank loan and studied in order to secure employment, obtained a good job, and has now been advised that she had incurred a debt of \$6,134.08, plus interest, due to her salary packaging.

- (2) What measures are in place to allow payers who pursue further education to support themselves and advance their careers, to not be subjected to paying ever-increasing child support payments.

2834 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many irregular arrivals have there been (a) in 1998, (b) in 1999, (c) in 2000 and (d) to date in 2001.
- (2) How many of these have been (a) males without accompanying family members on arrival, (b) males with accompanying family members, (c) females without accompanying family members on arrival and (d) females with accompanying family members.
- (3) How many of these have been (a) children or minors who were part of a family group when they arrived and (b) unaccompanied minors.
- (4) How many of these minors have been (a) male and (b) female.
- (5) How many of these minors were (a) below the age of five years, (b) 6 to 12 years, (c) 13 to 15 years and (d) 16 to 18 years.
- (6) What are the religious affiliations of these irregular arrivals and asylum seekers.
- (7) How many were (a) refused and (b) granted refugee status (i) in 1998, (ii) in 1999, (iii) in 2000 and (d) to date in 2001.

2835 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the contribution made by personnel of the Australian Customs Service (ACS) who served in dangerous conditions in the UN peacekeeping contingent in East Timor.
- (2) If so, (a) what are the details of the number of ACS personnel who provided this service, and the dates and duration of their East Timor service and (b) is the Minister also aware that these personnel have not been awarded the UN medal for East Timor.
- (3) What steps, if any, has the Minister taken to ensure that ACS personnel receive appropriate recognition of their contribution to this important operation.

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2836 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2356 (*Hansard*, 26 March 2001, page 25693), how many of the 259 Australian Defence Force personnel who served in the Balkans have now been contacted by Defence and have completed (a) blood and urine tests to check the functioning of their kidneys and blood forming systems and (b) the questionnaire to assess their exposure risk to depleted uranium.

- (2) Has Defence conducted any preliminary analysis of the data that it has obtained to date; if so, what are the details of its analysis.
- (3) Are Defence personnel who served in the Balkans eligible for any medal in respect of that service; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Does service in the Balkans confer eligibility for any repatriation benefits; if so, what are the details.

2837 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does Defence currently maintain a centralised case flow management system in order to ensure that the military justice system is operating efficiently and to prevent unnecessary delays with individual cases before court martials, Defence Force Magistrates and summary authorities.
- (2) In particular, does Defence currently monitor progress with (a) notification of laying of charges, (b) the steps proceeding to trial and (c) the result of any trial; if not, has the need to introduce such a system been identified by the Judge Advocate-General.
- (3) Does Defence currently utilise a structured system of directions hearings to ensure that appropriate preparations are being made for a trial; if not, has the need for such a system been identified by the Judge Advocate-General.
- (4) Has the Judge Advocate-General noted difficulties with the ready provision of statistics on the operation of the military justice system; if so, would the proposals referred to in parts (2) and (3) assist in overcoming these difficulties.

2838 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent death from pancreatic cancer of an asylum seeker in Western Australia.
- (2) Why was the detainee admitted to Hollywood Private Hospital rather than a public facility.
- (3) Was the detainee kept under ACM surveillance during his hospitalisation.
- (4) Were the ACM officers involved providing 24 hour surveillance.
- (5) Were local ACM officers assigned to monitor the detainee or were officers relocated from elsewhere in Australia.
- (6) What was the cost of maintaining surveillance while this detainee was hospitalised.
- (7) What was the cost of medical services provided to the detainee prior to his death.

2839 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What was the projected cost of the security fence recently constructed around Port Hedland immigration processing centre.
- (2) What was the actual cost of the construction.

2840 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Temporary Residence Visas were granted in the 2000-2001 intake year.

- (2) What is the breakdown of Temporary Residence Visas granted in 2000-2001 by subclass.
 - (3) On average how many Temporary Residence Visa holders go on to apply for permanent residency.
 - (4) How many Temporary Residence Visas have been allocated for the 2001-2002 intake year.
 - (5) How many Working Holiday Visas were granted in the 2000-2001 intake year.
 - (6) On average how many Working Holiday Visa holders go on to apply for permanent residency.
- 2841 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Were the number of Temporary Protection Visas granted in 2000-2001 included in the total quota of refugee and humanitarian visas granted in that intake year.
 - (2) When the asylum claims of those granted Temporary Protection Visas in 2000-2001 are reassessed as their visas near expiry, will those applicants who are consequently granted permanent visas be recounted as part of the total quota of refugee and humanitarian visas granted in the relevant intake year.
- 2842 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1907 (*Hansard*, 6 November 2000, page 22254), has he now received the Campbelltown Ramps Study.
 - (2) What progress has been made in implementing the findings of the Study.
- 2843 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—
- (1) When will the Government act on the recommendations of the February 1999 Copyright Law Review Committee to guarantee the extension of the Commonwealth's legal deposit provisions to publications in electronic form.
 - (2) Will the Government guarantee that redefining the definition of "library material" in the Copyright Act will cover forms of publication such as microforms, audio-visual materials and electronic publications.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether legal deposit legislation in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia already cover publications in all forms.
 - (4) Unless the extension of the definition of legal deposit is attended to urgently, is the coverage of the national collection of library material relating to Australia and the Australian people weakened.
- 2844 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2257 (*Hansard*, 29 March 2001, page 26087), what additional costs have subsequently been incurred by the Commonwealth in its legal action before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal over the Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan.
 - (2) What is the cumulative cost incurred by the Commonwealth in its legal action against myself before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court over the Brisbane Airport Corporation Master Plan.

- (3) In respect of the legal action, what is the (a) cumulative cost incurred by the Commonwealth for the engagement of Queen's Counsel, (b) cumulative cost incurred by the Commonwealth for the engagement of Senior Counsel and (c) costed-out value of solicitors used from the Australia Government Solicitor and elsewhere.
 - (4) What other costs have been incurred in respect of the legal action.
- 2845 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will he introduce air quality capacity constraints at Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport such as those adopted by Zurich and Stockholm Arlanda airports; if not, why not; if so, when.
- 2846 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to the answers to questions Nos. 2673 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29210) and 2674 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29211), what precautionary actions has the Government taken to protect citizens from increases in health risks due to long-term exposure to air toxic transport emissions from Sydney Airport's total-airport operations, including aircraft emissions and emissions from road traffic going to and from the airport, and taking into consideration background levels of air toxic pollution from other sources, over the anticipated lifespan of the airport.
 - (2) What, if any, precautionary actions remain to be implemented to protect citizens from increases in health risks due to long-term exposure to air toxic transport emissions from Sydney Airport's total-airport operations, including aircraft emissions and emissions from road traffic going to and from the airport, and taking into consideration background levels of air toxic pollution from other sources, over the anticipated lifespan of the airport.
 - (3) Why are road traffic congestion and air toxic transport emissions generated by motor vehicles which use Sydney Airport's car parks excluded from the Federal Government's area of social responsibility, given that the revenue-generating potential of Sydney Airport's car parks is of significant commercial interest to current and future Sydney Airport operators, and a major commercial factor in the Federal Government's privatisation of the airport.
- 2847 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether gasoline station pumps in California, USA, bear a California Health and Safety Code gasoline health warning label which states "Harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long term exposure to vapor has caused cancer in laboratory animals. Chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm are found in gasoline, crude oil and other petroleum products and their vapor or result from their use. Read and follow label directions and use care when handling all petroleum products.".
 - (2) Do benzene and 1-3 butadiene precursors occur in higher percentages in Australian unleaded and leaded fuels than in Californian unleaded and leaded fuels.

- (3) What percentage of benzene is on average in Australian unleaded and leaded petrol and what is the maximum amount of benzene that may occur.
- (4) Will the Minister introduce health-warning labels for all Australian petrol bowsers; if not, why not.

2848 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a 25 July 2001 issue of *The Guardian* newspaper reporting that emissions from aircraft are a growing contributor to climate change, according to a recent government consultation paper on the future of British aviation.
- (2) Is the Minister familiar with the government consultation paper; if so, what is the name of the consultation paper

2849 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Is revenue from Sydney Airport's car parks forecast to increase in future years; if so, will a proportion of that revenue be dedicated to mitigating against air toxic emissions impacts; if so, what proportion and by what means.
- (2) What percentage of anticipated proceeds from the sale of Sydney Airport will be spent on upgrading the Sydney Airport aircraft noise insulation project so as to comply more closely with the Australian Standard AS2021, and what amount has been set aside to mitigate against adverse health impacts of airport-associated air toxic emissions.
- (3) Have taxpayers agreed to fund further mitigation of noise and air toxic emissions impacts, if so, to what extent; if not, will the private operator of Sydney Airport be made responsible for such costs.
- (4) Will taxpayers bear all or part of the environmental cost of the privately operated airport, or will all or part of such costs be socialised and passed on to the community in the form of unmitigated environmental impacts.

2850 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) Can Sydney Airport's environmental management plan be considered to be world class practice until the environmental impacts are dealt with in the Master Plan for Sydney Airport, as indicated by Schiphol Group in the Sydney Airport Environment Strategy document.
- (2) Does the Master Plan for Sydney Airport address impacts outside the airport perimeter, including aircraft noise and its mitigation, road traffic congestion and airport-related air toxic emissions and its mitigation.
- (3) Will the Master Plan for Sydney Airport be released for public scrutiny before or after privatisation and will there be provision for public consultation and remedial action if the Master Plan should exclude environmental impacts of significant concern to the public.

2851 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2752 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29227), will he initiate a separate study to assess the impact of HECS on student nurse enrolments.

- 2852 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— Will he provide a breakdown of the total expenditure that has and will be expended by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other Government departments and agencies, publicising, collecting and collating the 2001 Census.
- 2853 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) Is participation by young Australians in the learning of languages other than English a critical issue for Australia's cultural and economic development.
 - (2) Should the Government do everything possible to encourage the teaching of languages other than English, especially facilitating the teaching of children from non-English backgrounds in the languages of their original heritage.
 - (3) Has the teaching of languages other than English at universities been seriously cut back, with more than 100 positions in language teaching disappearing in the past 5 years.
 - (4) Is Federal funding for the teaching of some community languages in Saturday-schools and afternoon-schools being increasingly constrained.
 - (5) Have the total points given for the knowledge of community languages in some States, such as Victoria, been drastically reduced, and does this discourage children of non-English speaking backgrounds from pursuing the study of the language of their background.
 - (6) Have languages in Victoria, such as Turkish and Croatian, had the allocation reduced from 250 points to 100 points for the VCE.
 - (7) What is his response to the above issues, and what does he intend to do to promote second-language learning in Australia.

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- *2854 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer to question No. 2303 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29177), in light of the fact that the aggregate movement of aircraft to the north of Sydney Airport up until 31 May is 29.4%, when compared to the promised Long Term Operating Plan target of 17% for aircraft movements to the north, (a) upon what basis does he claim that the Government has addressed the aircraft noise issue by providing for a substantially more equitable sharing of noise and (b) what does 'substantial' mean in light of the facts on aircraft movements for Sydney Airport, with particular reference to aircraft movements to the north of that airport.
- *2855 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2599 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29198) which stated that the Government had made no decision on the site for a second major airport for Sydney, in light of ongoing development in the immediate vicinity of Badgery's Creek, is Badgery's Creek still a viable site for the selection of Sydney West Airport; if not, does a fresh environmental assessment for the site of the Sydney West Airport need to be undertaken.
 - (2) Does his answer mean that one of the Government's two preconditions for the sale of Sydney Airport, namely, the construction of a second Sydney Airport, is now fundamentally compromised.

- (3) Does the process for the sale of Sydney Airport need to be deferred until Sydney Airport's noise problems have been solved by (a) the full implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan and (b) a decision on the site for a second major airport for Sydney.
- (4) Further to the answer to part (1)(c) of question No. 2599, does his answer in the negative mean that his answer is logically inconsistent and contradictory to the answer he gave to question No. 2305 (*Hansard*, 4 June 2001, page 26112); if not, why not.
- (5) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2599, will he provide reasons for the decision to defer any consideration of constructing a second Sydney Airport until 2005, in particular, (a) upon what basis is the year 2005 significant for a decision to proceed with construction of Sydney West Airport, (b) why the Government has deemed it premature to build a second major airport for Sydney, (c) upon what evidence does he rely in considering construction of a second major airport premature, (d) will he furnish a copy of this reasoning to the House; if so, when, if not, why not, (e) in light of the facts as presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by PPK Environment and Infrastructure of 1995 and subsequent ancillary documents that together constitute the proposal for a second major airport for Sydney, has Sydney Airport reached its environmental capacity and hence is there justification for the immediate commencement of a second major airport for Sydney and (f) is the decision to consider construction of a second major airport for Sydney as premature wrong in light of the facts; if not, why not.
- (6) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2599, (a) upon what basis is the confidential advice considered confidential, (b) will he declare what type of confidentiality is invoked in the advice and (c) will he furnish copy of that advice; if not, why not.

*2856 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to parts (1) and (2) of question No. 2612 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29199), in light of the fact that he says that the Environmental Impact Statement for Sydney Airport's Third Runway is a publicly available document, can he explain why the specific risk analysis data requested is not available.
- (2) On what basis could the (a) implementation of the Precision Runway Monitoring System, (b) proposed changes to the Slots Management Scheme 1998, (c) expansion of Sydney Airport as announced by the Government on 13 December 2000 and (d) change of use of Bankstown Airport as an overflow airport as also announced on 13 December 2000 be made without any risk analysis data being available.

*2857 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2714 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29220) are aircraft movements to the north of Sydney Airport still in the order of 60% higher than the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) target of 17 %.
- (2) Further to the answer to parts (6) and (7) of question No. 2714 and in light of his answer to part (2) which says the aggregate movements of aircraft to

the north of Sydney Airport up until 31 May is 29.4%, when compared to the LTOP target of 17% for aircraft movements to the north, is he in error when he asserts that the LTOP has been substantially implemented.

- (3) What does 'substantial implementation' mean in light of the facts on aircraft movements for Sydney Airport.
- (4) Further to the answer to parts (5) and (8) of question No. 2714 when will he direct Airservices Australia to cease its practice of mere historical reporting on the implementation of the LTOP and direct it to implement true project management scheduling including a declaration of the LTOP implementation date, as repeatedly requested by resolutions passed at the Sydney Airport Community Forum meetings; if not, why not.

*2858 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2619 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29200), has the Minister's attention been drawn to the reply by the Minister for Transport and Regional Service to question No. 2599 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29198) in which he says the Government has made no decision on the site for a second major airport for Sydney.
- (2) In light of the Minister's answer to part (2) of question No. 2619 in which it is stated that the Second Sydney Airport proposal for which an EIS was conducted was a proposal to locate a second Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek, where does the Minister understand the site for a second major airport for Sydney to be.
- (3) What is the location of the Second Sydney Airport proposal as understood by the Minister pursuant to the provisions of the Environmental Assessment (Impact of Proposals) Act.
- (4) Is the proponent of the Second Sydney Airport the Minister for Transport and Regional Services; if not, who is the proponent of the proposal.
- (5) In light of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services' answer to question No. 2599, is the Minister able to say what is the effect of Commonwealth environmental law.
- (6) Is the effect of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services' answer to question No. 2599 such that that the proposal as submitted to the Minister for environmental assessment is thereby withdrawn; if not, which site was selected for the location of the Second Sydney Airport following the environmental impact assessment process conducted at the Minister's instruction by Rust PPK Environment and Infrastructure, from 1995 to 1997 inclusive.

*2859 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Further to his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 8 August 2001) concerning private health insurance and the 30% rebate and gap cover, did he say, in relation to the Aston by-election, that the Labor Party refused to answer a question.
- (2) Is it a fact that, as at 8 August 2001, (a) there are 51 unanswered questions addressed to him, some dating back to February 1999, which have been on

the House of Representatives Notice Paper for more than 60 days and (b) 12 of those questions are from me.

- (3) When will he provide answers to all of these questions.

***2860 MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which firms actually submitted bids for the ADF Explosive Ordnance Storage Maintenance and Distribution Project.
- (2) Did Complete Ammunition Services submit an in-house bid in conjunction with their commercial sector sub-contractors Brown & Root, J D Edwards, Wesfarmers and Skilled Engineering.
- (3) Was the in-house bid the lowest cost compliant bid for the contract.
- (4) On what basis was the in-house bid, submitted on behalf of experienced staff involved in providing explosive ordnance storage and distribution for the ADF, rated as compliant but inferior to all other bidders in terms of their ability to conduct the business.
- (5) What was the difference in the indicative tender price submitted by the in-house bid compared to that submitted by the successful bidder, ADI Ltd.
- (6) Did the in-house bid fail to comply with any of the tender requirements; if so, which specific requirements did it fail to meet.
- (7) Was the in-house bid rated as presenting minimal risk to Defence.
- (8) On what specific grounds was the ADI proposal considered to provide better value for money than the less expensive bid submitted by the existing in-house team.

***2861 MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the duration of the pilot outsourcing contract with Manpower Services Australia Pty Ltd for the provision of Defence recruiting services in Victoria, Tasmania and southern NSW.
- (2) Did the contract for the pilot incorporate a formal evaluation requirement; if so, what were the details; if not, why was there no such requirement.
- (3) Has Defence now completed an assessment of the success or otherwise of the pilot project; if so, what were its findings.
- (4) Is it proposed to publicly release the results of the assessment; if not, why not.
- (5) Has Defence now entered into a further contract with Manpower for the provision of recruitment services; if so, (a) when was this contract signed, (b) what geographical area and how many recruitment offices does it cover, (c) what is the duration of the contract, (d) what is the estimated total cost of the contract and (e) what evaluation arrangements will apply.

***2862 DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) When will the dual citizenship bill be introduced into Parliament.
- (2) When will he announce specific details of this bill.
- (3) Given that the bill will not be retrospective, how will this affect persons who already have another nationality as well as being Australian citizens.

- (4) How will this bill affect the question of Australian citizens being able to travel on non-Australian passports into, and out of, Australia.

*2863 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to allegations made on the *Sunday* program on 5 August 2001, concerning the misuse by pharmaceutical companies of their marketing funds to pay perks for doctors.
- (2) Does he have any information on the extent of this problem.
- (3) What is his response to the examples of apparent attempts by pharmaceutical companies to improperly influence doctors to prescribe particular drugs.
- (4) Will he take legislative or regulatory action to curtail these practices; if so, what action does he propose; if not, why not.

*2864 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) What consultation occurred between the Government and the ABC with respect to ABC Radio's increase in regional program content.
- (2) What was the role of the ABC Board in determining how these new resources were allocated.
- (3) What was the rationale for installing new regional stations and centres at Ballarat, Narrogin or Katanning, and Katherine.
- (4) Were any other sites examined; if so, what sites.



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Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.



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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mr Forrest, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, 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 Forrest, Mr Horne, 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.

Current inquiry:

Non-print material.

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.

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.

Australian Quarantine Function.

Coastwatch.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries:

Brisbane—Redevelopment of residential areas at Enoggera.

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:

Norfolk Island electoral matters.

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

Sale of the Christmas Island resort (*To report by 27 September 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 relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

Kyoto Protocol.

Statute for the International Criminal Court.

Treaties tabled on 10 October.

Joint Select

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (*Formed 28 June 2001*): Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brereton, Mr Forrest, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Melham, Mr O'Keefe, Senator Calvert, Senator Coonan, Senator Faulkner, Senator Greig, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray. (*To report by 20 August 2001.*)

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*).