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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 203

MONDAY, 27 AUGUST 2001

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.*

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**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

## COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on procedures for the opening of Parliament. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)
- 2 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report on law enforcement implications of new technology. (*Statements to conclude by 1.05 p.m.*)
- 3 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on New Zealand Committee exchange. (*Statements to conclude by 1.15 p.m.*)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

**Notices**†1 **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;

\* *Notifications to which an asterisk (\*) is prefixed appear for the first time*

† *Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.*

- (4) 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†2 **MR MOSSFELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that 24 311 Social Security recipients have their compensation preclusion period spanning the introduction of the GST;
- (2) notes that the average length of preclusion periods is 291 weeks;
- (3) notes that the income cut-out rate has increased by \$115.23 per week to compensate for price rises caused by the GST;
- (4) notes that if the post GST cut-out rate of \$543.63 was applied to the post GST portion of the preclusion period it would result in a significant reduction in the preclusion period; and
- (5) condemns the Government’s failure to introduce legislation to extend GST compensation to people whose compensation preclusion period spans the introduction of the GST. (*Notice given 3 April 2001. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

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

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Consideration in detail (*from 22 August 2001*).

- 3 **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*).
- 4 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2001** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 5 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 6 **BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2001—Mr Swan*).
- \*7 **ROYAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Defence*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 8 **INNOVATION AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 9 **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*).
- 10 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2001—Mr Smith*).
- 11 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 20 August 2001*).
- 12 **MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Forestry and Conservation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2001—Mr Lee*).
- \*13 **COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 14 **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*).
- \*15 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2001** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 16 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (MINIMUM ENTITLEMENTS FOR VICTORIAN WORKERS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2001—Mr Swan*).
- \*17 **EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL**

- 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 18 **WOOL INTERNATIONAL AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 7 August 2001*).
- 22 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001** (*Minister for Employment Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2001—Mr Swan*).
- 23 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BILL 2001** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 25 **CYBERCRIME BILL 2001** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2001—Mr Horne*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 November 2000—Mr Horne*).
- \*28 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- \*29 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- \*30 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).
- 31 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2001** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 4 April 2001—Mr Bevis*).

## Notice

1 **MR REITH:** To move—That:

- (1) in relation to any message from the Senate transmitting a resolution from the Senate and seeking the concurrence of the House, consideration of the message shall be made an order of the day for the next sitting, unless a Minister moves an alternative time for consideration of the message; and
- (2) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 28 February 2001.*)

## Orders of the day—*continued*

- 32 **COMPENSATION FOR NON-ECONOMIC LOSS (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 33 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- 34 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 29 June 2001, a.m.*).
- 35 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 36 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 37 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 38 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998:** Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 39 **AUSTRALIA'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 678 (*from 22 August 2001*).
- 40 **TELSTRA:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 550 (*from 27 February 2001*).
- 41 **PRICE OF PETROL:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 540 (*from 7 February 2001*).
- 42 **PETROL PRICING:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 43 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 44 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 45 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 46 **GEELONG ROAD:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).

- 47 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 48 **CENTRELINK:** Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 49 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **KENBI (COX PENINSULA) LAND CLAIM NO. 37—EXPLANATORY STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **KENBI (COX PENINSULA) LAND CLAIM NO. 37—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **URAPUNGA LAND CLAIM NO. 159—EXPLANATORY STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **URAPUNGA LAND CLAIM NO. 159—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2001—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.

- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.

- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.



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

- 93 **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.
- 94 **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.
- 95 **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.
- 96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
- Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
  - Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2000)—*moved 30 August 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Smith*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2001)—*moved 28 February 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

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

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2001)—*moved 6 June 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2001)—*moved 27 June 2001*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Bevis*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

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

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

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

**105 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*).

**106 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 OF THE HOUSE****Order of the day**

- \*1 **PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*The Speaker*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 2001—Mr Fitzgibbon*).

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

- 1 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 3 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 4 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 5 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 6 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 7 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 12 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)

- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 16 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—HEALTH SERVICES ON NORFOLK ISLAND—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2001—Ms Ellis, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Ellis—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 27 August 2001.*)
- 17 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—41ST REPORT—SIX TREATIES TABLED ON 23 MAY 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 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 27 August 2001.*)
- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 384—REVIEW OF COASTWATCH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2001—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)



## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued**

### **Notices—continued**

- 1 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.)*

5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.)*

6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.)*

7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

8 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

**10 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

**11 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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

**12 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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 13 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)

17 **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

- (1) 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 18 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 19 **MS LIVERMORE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes community concerns over the ABC's review of current sports broadcasting;
  - (2) recognises the importance of its coverage of women's sport in particular in providing positive role models for young women;
  - (3) recognises the value of broadcasting national sporting events in regional and rural Australia where distance prevents travel to games; and
  - (4) recognises the conflict between any proposal to cease broadcasting the Women's National Basketball League and the National Netball League and the recommendations in the 1996 report "An Illusory Image, a Report on the Media Coverage and Portrayal of Women's Sport in Australia". (*Notice given 21 August 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 20 **MR ST CLAIR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the importance of continued government investment in Research and Development in domestic and export industries to future growth of the Australian economy;

- (2) recognises the demonstrated strong commitment of the Howard/Anderson Federal Government to providing new opportunities for research and development in Australian industries;
  - (3) continues to support and invest in successful partnerships between industry and government in providing up-to-date and readily available research data to Australian industry through the Cooperative Research Centre and Major National Research Facility programs; and
  - (4) encourages further private investment in industry research and development by seeking further investigation of new options for Government-led R&D incentive programs. (*Notice given 21 August 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 21 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that the stand taken by the workers at Tristar in Marrackville was lawful and borne out of a legitimate concern for the protection of their accrued employee entitlements;
  - (2) condemns the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business for his comments towards the workers at Tristar in Marrickville labelling them as traitors and accusing them of treason;
  - (3) condemns the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business for attempting to prolong the industrial dispute at Tristar and placing at jeopardy the livelihoods of those workers; and
  - (4) calls on the Minister to retract his comments and issue a public apology to the workers at Tristar and their families for the crass and inflammatory comments he made towards them. (*Notice given 22 August 2001. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 2 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 3 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 4 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 5 **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 27 August 2001.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.)*

- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 9 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 10 **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 the next sitting Monday after 27 August 2001.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.)*

- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 17 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 18 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 19 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 20 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 21 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 22 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)

- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 25 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 26 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 27 **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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 28 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 29 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 30 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 31 **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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 32 **QUIETER ADVERTISING—HAPPIER HOMES BILL 2001** (*Ms O'Byrne*): Second reading (*from 20 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 27 August 2001.*)
- 33 **SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2001** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*): Second reading (*from 20 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 27 August 2001.*)
- 34 **EDUCATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2001*) on the motion of Mr Emerson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 35 **SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2001*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
- 36 **ATOMIC TESTING—COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2001*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 August 2001.*)
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**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS** (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

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

- 1 **DEFENCE 2000—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2001—Mr Sawford*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.

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

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

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

*10 February 1999*

404 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the private health rebate advertising program.
- (2) Will he provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
- (3) Will private health cover become 30 percent cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
- (4) What guidelines has he provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
- (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.
- (6) What sum will a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
- (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, are now paying \$192.95.

*8 March 1999*

460 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practise in each electoral division.
- (2) How many and what percentage of general practitioners and specialists, by specialty, practising in each electoral division bulk-billed in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.

461 **MS MACKLIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many services were (a) provided in total and (b) bulk-billed by (i) general practitioners and (ii) specialists, by specialty, in each electoral division in each month from January 1998 to January 1999.

*22 November 1999*

1041 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Government, or any person on behalf of the Government, conducted research into the health effects of poor dental health.
- (2) Does poor dental health have direct links to negative outcomes for pregnancy, birth weight, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- (3) Does poor dental health also impact directly on primary health care, pharmaceutical, work force and social political issues.

- (4) Has research been undertaken as to the preventative value of regular access to dental care where regular review of a patient's teeth by the dentist contributes to positive primary health care outcomes.
- (5) Do those positive health outcomes have positive economic outcomes; if so what are those positive economic outcomes.

*15 February 2000*

1134 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Were additions, improvements or renovations made to (a) Kirribilli House, (b) The Lodge or (c) his Parliament House office in 1999; if so, what (a) are the details and (b) was the cost in each case.
- (2) What was the total maintenance cost for each location in 1999.

*6 March 2000*

1208 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) How many grants have been provided to the (a) National Council of Women of Australia, (b) YWCA and (c) Federation of Business and Professional Women.
- (2) How many, and which State or National organisations are affiliated with each organisation.
- (3) What is the cost of membership or affiliation with each organisation.
- (4) Are conditions placed on membership or affiliation; if so, what.

*13 March 2000*

1256 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1 (*Hansard*, 17 February 2000, page 13731), what were the actual costs incurred by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) between 1 July 1996 and 13 March 2000 in respect to (a) compliance activity, (b) audit activity, (c) research into and implementation of the GST legislation and (d) research into and implementation of the Business Tax Reform Program.
- (2) Have ATO staff been taken off their usual duties to undertake work in respect to research into and implementation of the GST legislation and Business Tax Reform Program; if so, (a) how many staff, (b) have those positions been left unfilled and (c) who is doing the work of those who have moved into work associated with research into and implementation of the GST and Business Tax Reform Program.
- (3) What is the actual expenditure on staff doing work in respect to research and implementation of the (a) GST and (b) Business Tax Reform Program.

*3 April 2000*

1290 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was the document posted on the ATO website at [taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999](http://taxreform.ato.gov.au/publications/1999) titled *The new tax system: here's*

*what you need to know* written entirely within the ATO and Treasury, or was part of the drafting provided by his office.

- (2) Does the ATO stand by its assurances at page 7 that prices will not go up by the full 10 per cent because old, unfair taxes such as the wholesale sales tax will be removed and many things will be GST-free.
- (3) What is the basis of the ATO's claim at page 3 that all families, not categories of families, will be better off under the GST.
- (4) Will non-prescription skin creams, tampons and sanitary pads, feeding pads and breast pumps, vitamins and minerals, pregnancy kits, spectacle frames, contact lens solutions, first aid kits and band-aids, antiseptics and lozenges, school uniforms, school shoes, stockings and socks, stationery, pens, pencils and paintbrushes and school bags and cases be subject to the GST; if so, how can the ATO claim at page 1 that there will be no GST on health and education.
- (5) Does the ATO stand by its assurance at page 13 that the price of a new \$30 000 family car will fall by around \$2400.

*10 April 2000*

1415 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Are there wine cellars at Kirribilli House and The Lodge.
- (2) If so, how many wines are stored in each cellar, and for each wine (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage, (e) in what year was it purchased and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (3) How many bottles of wine were purchased in 1999, and for each wine purchased (a) what is the name of the wine, (b) what is the name of the vineyard, (c) what is the wine maker's name, (d) what is the vintage of each new purchase and (f) what was the cost of the wine at the time of purchase.
- (4) Of the wines cellared at Kirribilli House and The Lodge, how many are local produce.
- (5) Was a wine consultant appointed to implement a wine cellaring strategy for Kirribilli House and The Lodge; if so, (a) what sum, if any, of Commonwealth money was used to pay for the wine consultant's services and (b) what were the terms of the consultant's appointment.

*13 April 2000*

1449 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Does the Minister administer legislation which relates to domestic violence.
- (2) If so, what is the definition applied by the Minister's Department to the term "domestic violence".
- (3) Is the definition sourced from a policy document or statute.
- (4) Is there discretionary flexibility available to be exercised by the Department when applying the definition to individual circumstances; if so, are there internal departmental manuals outlining discretionary options.

9 May 2000

1473 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is the Minister able to say what services operate in the Northern Territory to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the services, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (7) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (9) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (10) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (11) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the (a) Commonwealth and (b) Northern Territory.
- (12) What proportion of total expenditure by the Commonwealth is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Commonwealth.
- (13) What proportion of total expenditure by the Northern Territory is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Northern Territory.

1476 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Is the he able to say what services operate in Western Australia to provide assistance or counselling in relation to the use of alcohol or drugs.
- (2) Where does each service operate.
- (3) What are the particular services provided by each of the services.
- (4) Who operates the services.
- (5) What proportion of clients of each of the services identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (6) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in each of the services, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

- (7) How many (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual staff are employed in the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice, and of the total staff, how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- (8) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services by (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Western Australia.
- (9) What is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Western Australia.
- (10) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services by (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Western Australia.
- (11) What is the total per capita allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Western Australia.
- (12) What proportion of total expenditure by the Commonwealth is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Commonwealth.
- (13) What proportion of total expenditure by Western Australia is the total allocation of financial resources provided for the services in areas related to the correctional services and justice by the Western Australia.

*29 May 2000*

1558 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What has been the total outlay by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on the EDS contract in each financial year since EDS won the information technology delivery contract for the ATO.
- (2) What sum has been spent by the ATO for non-EDS delivered IT functions in each financial year since the commencement of the contract.
- (3) What is the price charged by EDS to the ATO for a basic call out.
- (4) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions prior to the contract being outsourced to EDS and did that cost include the cost of call outs.
- (5) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions after the contract was outsourced to EDS, including the internal support and does that cost include the cost of call outs.
- (6) Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 19 October 1999, page 11914), will he provide copies of the reports EDS is required to prepare each month on service levels, since the commencement of the contract until 1 May 2000.

1559 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) For how many of its staff has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided GST training.
- (2) How many of those staff have subsequently left the ATO, and how many of them left within six weeks of completing the training course.
- (3) How many staff left the ATO in 1998-99.
- (4) How many staff have left the ATO in 1999-2000 to date.

- (5) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.
- (6) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.
- (7) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
- (8) What percentage of the ATO budget is being allocated to information technology in financial year 1999-2000.
- (9) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1997-98 and (c) 1996-97.
- (10) Has the ATO given incorrect GST registration numbers to businesses registering for the GST; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the reason for incorrect registration numbers being issued and (c) will businesses in this situation who have printed letterheads, replied to questionnaires and who will incur significant expense in rectifying these errors be offered compensation by the ATO or the Government for expenses incurred as a result.

*7 June 2000*

1620 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Have the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and other Ministers stated that the policy of mandatory detention of refugees is not inconsistent with Australia's international human rights obligations.
- (2) Did the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs receive advice from the Attorney-General's Department supporting this view; if so, will he provide a copy of that advice.
- (3) Does the advice does cover the (a) convention relating to the status of refugees, (b) international covenant on civil and political rights, (c) convention against torture and all forms of cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment and punishment and (d) convention on the rights of the child; if not, how is the policy of mandatory detention consistent with those conventions.

*19 June 2000*

1635 **MR O'KEEFE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What action has he taken to give effect to undertakings given in his answer to the question without notice (*Hansard*, 30 September 1999, page 11091) regarding alcohol based essence mixtures available to minors in supermarkets.
- (2) What is the present situation regarding an Australia New Zealand Food Authority labelling agreement.
- (3) What proposals have been put by the Commonwealth to the States to secure a uniform national agreement to resolve this problem.
- (4) What has been the response by each State.

- (5) What undertakings have been given by manufacturers and retailers on this issue.

*27 June 2000*

1702 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Since the Senate Estimates Committee hearing in May 2000, has there been any increase in the total sum, including travel, accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses, paid to Dr Jack Best for the Rural Stocktake report on medical education facilities Dr Best undertook for his Department.
- (2) Has Dr Best undertaken other work for him or his Department since then.
- (3) When will Dr Best's report be released.
- (4) Were the recommendations made by Dr Best the basis for budget decisions to provide funding for three new university departments of rural health and nine new clinical schools to undertake relevant undergraduate training.
- (5) Has a decision been made about where these new departments of rural health will be located; if so, (a) what was the process used to decide which universities would be funded to establish these departments, (b) which universities have been successful and (c) what funding has been agreed in each case; if not, (a) when will the decision be made public and (b) what process is being used to reach the decision about which universities will be allocated funds for the new departments.
- (6) Have decisions been made about the sum of additional funding to be provided to each of the medical schools for undergraduate training in rural health; if so, (a) what was the process used to arrive at these decisions, (b) what sums have been agreed in each case and (c) when are these funds to be made available; if not, when and how will the decisions be made.
- (7) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department to recommend which medical schools should receive funds to establish the three new rural health departments.
- (8) Has Dr Best made recommendations about the amount of funding for each of the successful universities.
- (9) Has Dr Best made representations to him or to staff in his office or his Department about the amount of funding to be provided to medical schools for undergraduate clinical programs in rural health.

*29 June 2000*

1722 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) still have an Information Technology department; if so, (a) what is the cost of that department, (b) how many staff does it employ and (c) what is its function.
- (2) What is the total of the financial penalties levied upon EDS for non-achievement of service credits to date and over the first year of the contract.
- (3) Has the ATO hired a company to ascertain whether or not the ATO has achieved savings by outsourcing its IT department to EDS; if so, (a) what is the name of the company, (b) what is its brief, (c) what is the cost to the

ATO of the review and (d) did the company have to win a tender to carry out this work.

*15 August 2000*

1809 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government instructed the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to review existing excise arrangements for petroleum products that may be used as a substitute in fuel.
- (2) Does this review involve a review of the current testing practices.
- (3) Is the Government considering directing the ATO to recommence the spot testing for fuel substitution that was curtailed when the excise function was transferred to the ATO from Customs.
- (4) What petrol stations have been found to be adding methanol to petrol.
- (5) Does the Government agree with the calls by the Australian Automobile Association and the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of national standards for fuel and regular random fuel testing to prevent excise loss and possible damage to automobiles.
- (6) Does the Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000 contain proposals to allow the searching of conveyances without warrant to search for tobacco leaf; if so, will the (a) same provisions apply to petroleum products and (b) ATO be directed to apply a similar measure to all excisable products; if not why not.

*16 August 2000*

1819 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 681 (*Hansard*, 1 September 1999, page 9723), have the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade finalised criteria for the distribution of tickets available to the Government for use at the Sydney Olympic Games; if so, what are the criteria.
- (2) Has the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received a license agreement for the SuperDome box as yet and what is the basis of the agreement.
- (3) In addition to the \$850 000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240 000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120 000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what is the estimate and breakdown of other costs to be incurred by the Prime Minister and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.

*17 August 2000*

1852 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it a fact that for motor vehicle leases signed before 2 December 1998 and which span 1 July 2000, the GST does not apply to periodic lease payments but does apply to the residual value of a motor vehicle purchased by a lessee at the end of a lease agreement, however, for motor vehicle leases signed



after 2 December 1998 and which span 1 July 2000, the GST applies to both periodic lease payments and the residual value of a vehicle purchased by a lessee at the end of a lease agreement; if so, why does the GST apply differently in each case.

- (2) Do monthly payments and residual values of motor vehicles arising from lease arrangements entered into prior to 1 July 2000 include a wholesale sales tax component; if not, why not; if so, (a) why is GST being applied to such leases on top of wholesale sales tax, (b) what is the Government's response to claims that such treatment amounts to double taxation and (c) what sum does the Government estimate will be collected from GST paid on (i) motor vehicle leases and (ii) vehicles purchased for a residual value arising from leases spanning 1 July 2000.
- (3) Will the Government remove the GST from periodic payments and the residual purchase prices of motor vehicles arising from transitional leases; if not, why not.

*6 September 2000*

1941 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to promises made on numerous occasions in recent years by members of his Government to base the Airborne Early Warning and Control unit at RAAF Base Williamtown.
- (2) Has the Minister for Defence indicated that he will be retiring from politics at the end of 2000; if so, will he assure the people of the Hunter Region that his Government will support the Airborne Early Warning and Control unit at RAAF Base Williamtown.

*3 October 2000*

1979 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) recommended that the pharmaceutical Ritalin (methylphenidate hydrochloride) be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- (2) Did he accept the recommendation made by the PBAC in relation to Ritalin; if not, why not.

2000 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does a landlord require an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- (2) Does a tenant require an ABN.
- (3) Is a tenant who is operating a business from their rented accommodation required to supply an ABN to the landlord.
- (4) Does Taxation Ruling MT 2000/2 state that "If you let out residential premises where the whole of the premises is to be used predominantly for residential accommodation purposes you are entitled to get an ABN, but you do not need one for PAYG withholding purposes"; if so, what is the definition of "whole" and "predominantly" and how is the determination arrived at.

- (5) If a taxpayer rents a residential flat and uses one of the three bedrooms to run a web publishing business is he or she required to provide an ABN to the landlord.
- (6) How does a landlord determine (a) the use of the premises and (b) whether or not they should require the presentation of an ABN.

*9 October 2000*

2031 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Roads of National Importance program can he provide the requests for funding under this program submitted by each State and Territory Government for the (a) 1999/2000, (b) 2000/2001 and (c) 2001/2002 financial years.

*10 October 2000*

2037 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware of reports that his electorate officer, Margaret Nicolls, contacted the Tax Office on behalf of a constituent, and was told by an officer of the Tax Office that it was about time the Treasurer knew what people were experiencing with the delays and current workload of the ATO.
- (2) Is it the case that bad language used by the Tax Officer was the subject of a report to him.
- (3) Has the Tax Officer concerned been the subject of disciplinary action; if so, what action was taken against him.

2038 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many businesses in the electorate of Prospect have been issued with a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (2) What is the average time taken for the ATO to conduct a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (3) Is a business required to close during a Review of Business Activity Statement.
- (4) If daily business operations are disrupted during a Review to the extent that trading is affected, will the ATO compensate the business for lost revenue.
- (5) What is the average period of time between the completion of a review and the business owner being notified of the result.
- (6) How many employees of the ATO have been assigned to conduct reviews of Business Activity Statements in the South Western Sydney region.

2040 **MR MOSSFELD:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is he aware that the GST is being charged on Vitalcall services adding around \$56 to the cost of this potentially lifesaving service.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that Vitalcall is an essential health service for sick and elderly people in the event of serious illness or accident.
- (3) Did the Minister for Health and Aged Care raise this matter with you or your department at any stage during the drafting of the GST legislation; if not, why not.

- (4) Will he act to ensure that the GST is removed from this service for elderly people; if not, why not.

*31 October 2000*

2096 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Further to the answer to question No. 209 (*Hansard*, 11 May 1999, page 4165 and 23 June 1999, page 5736), what proportion of (a) total health expenditure in Australia was funded by health insurance funds in each year since 1996-97 and (b) recurrent health expenditure was funded by health insurance funds for (i) public acute care hospital, (ii) private hospitals, (iii) medical services, (iv) dental services, (v) other professional services and (v) all other services in each year since 1996-97.

*27 November 2000*

2152 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Does his Department have a website containing a document outlining National Illicit Drugs Strategy “Tough on Drugs” initiatives at <http://www.health.gov.au/pubhlth/strateg/drugs/illicit/index.htm>.
- (2) Does the document contain up-to-date details of all Howard Government spending under the National Illicit Drugs Strategy “Tough on Drugs” which is the responsibility of his Department; if not, will he provide the information not contained in the document.
- (3) Further to the “Demand Reduction Measures” section of the document and dot point two under sub-heading *Treatment* claiming that funding has been provided for a range of activities aimed at identification, promotion and dissemination of best practice in treatment of illicit drug dependence, (a) was there a budget commitment specific to this funding; if so, when was the commitment made and what were the details, (b) is his Department responsible for providing this funding; if so, where can it be found in the budget papers, (c) what are the criteria for funding under this program and if there is no program, how are funding decisions made, (d) what sum has been spent to date on this program, or if there is no program, what is the total sum which has been given to projects, (e) will he provide details of projects funded, including (i) to whom funding was given, (ii) what the funding was for, (iii) what sum was provided, (iv) when was funding given, (v) what are the evaluation criteria for projects which have been funded and (vi) what were the outcomes of projects which have been funded.
- (4) Further to the third dot point under *Treatment*, referring to the \$212m Federal Government commitment to the COAG Diversion Program announced by the Prime Minister in April 1999, (a) how many jurisdictions have signed agreements with the Federal Government to implement diversion programs, (b) what are the terms of each agreement, (c) which Department has responsibility for developing the policy and negotiating these agreements, (d) what sum has been allocated to each State under the relevant agreements and will these funding allocations be given as ‘one-offs’, or is there recurrent funding over a specified time period, (e) is the money being provided to State governments to distribute to various programs or organisations or is the Federal Government directly funding these programs and organisations, (f) what sum has been provided to each

jurisdiction to date, (g) what criteria and processes are in place to evaluate the diversion programs in each jurisdiction, (h) when will the Federal Government report on the outcome of these diversion programs and (i) when will agreements be reached between the Federal Government and the other jurisdictions.

- (5) Further to the third dot point under *Treatment* referring to funding of \$11.3m under the COAG Diversion Program agreement to strengthen and support families coping with illicit drugs, (a) over what period will the \$11.3m be made available, (b) is his Department responsible for providing the funding, (c) where can the \$11.3m be found in the budget papers, (d) what guidelines and criteria exist for grants under this funding commitment, (e) what projects have been funded under this commitment and what sum has been given to each project and (f) what framework is in place to evaluate projects funded under this commitment.
- (6) Further to dot point three under subheading *Prevention* referring to the Australian Drug Information Network (ADIN), (a) is the ADIN online; if not, what has been causing the delay and when is it expected to be online, (b) which individuals, organisations and Government Departments have been involved in the development of the ADIN, (c) how long has the ADIN been in development, (d) what is the content of the ADIN, (e) what sum has the ADIN cost to date, and if it is not completed, what are the estimated costs to bring it to completion and (f) what are the estimated costs of maintaining the ADIN, including staffing costs.
- (7) Further to dot point five under subheading *Prevention* referring to the National Illicit Drugs Campaign (NIDC), (a) does his Department have primary responsibility for the NIDC, (b) which other Departments, non-government organisations, experts or other bodies have been involved in developing the NIDC, (c) where can the cost of the NIDC be found in the budget papers, (d) what work has been carried out under the NIDC to date, (e) what is the cost of that work to date, (f) have consultants been employed to develop the NIDC; if so, what are the details of (i) each consultant, (ii) task undertaken and (iii) cost and (g) will there be a national education campaign carried out in the next twelve months; if so, (i) when will the campaign be launched and (ii) what will the campaign cost.
- (8) Further to subheading *Training* referring to a \$3m three year allocation towards projects to train and better equip front-line workers, (a) where can the \$3m allocation be found in the budget papers, (b) what are the guidelines or criteria for funding projects under the allocation, (c) what framework has been put in place for the evaluation of projects and (d) what funding has been given to projects to date.
- (9) Further to dot point one under subheading *Monitoring and Evaluation* referring to the National Evaluation of Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Dependence, (a) what sum has been allocated to the program, (b) where can the funding be found in the budget papers, (c) what sum has been spent to date and (d) have there been any outcomes from the trials; if so, where and how have these outcomes been disseminated.

- (10) What sum does the Federal Government spend annually on the (a) National Drug Strategy Household Survey, (b) National Coronial Information System and (c) National Illicit Drug Reporting System.

*30 November 2000*

2198 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Did he receive the necessary supporting documentation from the NSW Government in August 1999 for the provision of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner for Liverpool Hospital under the Federal Adjustment and Relocation Scheme.
- (2) Did he state in a press release dated 23 December 1998 that subject to the supporting documentation, he expected the hospital to have an MRI as soon as possible.
- (3) Has he delayed the approval of funding for an MRI scanner for Liverpool Hospital under the scheme; if so, why.
- (4) When will he approve funding for an MRI scanner at Liverpool Hospital.

*4 December 2000*

2205 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent report by the international health care coalition, Health Care Without Harm, into the possible health risks to newborns of exposure to chemicals such as ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), a chemical found in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) medical products.
- (2) Are neonatal intensive care units aware of the possible risks of such PVC exposure to newborns and will these intensive care units be seeking to reduce the exposure.
- (3) Will he be requesting further research into the possible risks to newborns of such PVC exposure.

2207 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1940 (*Hansard*, 27 November 2000, page 20076), what were the results of the initial phase of a community consultation program that considered the idea of optional tax returns.
- (2) Did the respondents think that it was a good idea.
- (3) What reservations were expressed.
- (4) As it was decided to not give the proposal a full scale pilot in 2000-2001, is it planned to consider a pilot for 2001-2002 or 2002-2003.
- (5) Has the Australian Taxation Office considered any internal discussion papers on the subject in the last year.
- (6) Given that the proposal is in a formative stage, when will the wider community be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

*5 December 2000*

2215 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) With respect to the obligations placed on Certificate of Registration holder for aircraft, how many instances in 2000 has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware of where an aircraft owner has failed to pass on maintenance information to an operator, lessor, or maintenance organisation.
- (2) Of those cases, how many owners were (a) investigated and (b) prosecuted, and what was the outcome of those investigations and prosecutions.

*6 December 2000*

2221 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the status of the drug RU486 in Australia.
- (2) Is RU486 being used as an abortion drug overseas.
- (3) What are the side-effects of RU486 when it is not properly used in combination with Cyotec (Misoprostol).
- (4) Will RU486 be banned in Australia.

2222 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he include the drug Serc on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for treatment of Meniere's Disease.

*7 December 2000*

2229 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Why is ReVia (Naltrexone) listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule only to treat those afflicted with alcohol addiction.
- (2) Will ReVia (Naltrexone) be reconsidered for listing on the PBS for treatment of opioid addictions.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to a Media Release from Orphan Australia, dated 11 December 1999 titled 'Naltrexone wins PBS Listing - but only for alcohol addiction' which states that surveillance figures on heroin deaths found that the only State where deaths are not increasing is WA, where the population-based naltrexone program run by Dr George O'Neil appears to be making a difference.
- (4) Does he accept that ReVia (Naltrexone) is the most successful method of treating opioid addiction in Australia at present; if not, what is the most successful method of treating opioid addiction.

*7 February 2001*

2343 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Has there been a rise in the incidence of tuberculosis in Australia recently.
- (2) Over the last ten years has there been an increase in the number of individual cases; if so, to what is the increase attributed.
- (3) Will he provide a State by State breakdown of the number of cases of tuberculosis notified over the last ten years.

*8 February 2001*

2353 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Under what circumstances are civilian Defence employees who are serving overseas as part of a peace monitoring mission entitled to a special taxation rebate.
- (2) Is the rebate available to civilian personnel who served, or are serving, with (a) the INTERFET force in East Timor between September 1999 and February 2000, (b) the UNTAET mission in East Timor after 23 February 2000, (c) the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group and (d) in support of Australian Defence Force activities in the Solomon Islands.
- (3) If not, what action is the Government taking to address the anomaly.

*26 February 2001*

2367 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Treasurer—Is he able to say whether an increasing number of companies have been contacting individuals via unsolicited emails with offers to set up offshore accounts as a means of avoiding tax; if so, what action is being taken to counter this form of tax evasion.

*27 February 2001*

2375 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Does he recognise that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can provide significant medical benefits for women who (a) require relief for the symptoms of menopause, (b) have undergone partial or complete hysterectomies and (c) are at risk of, and/or suffering from osteoporosis.
- (2) Does he acknowledge that due to negative side effects many women who have had a hysterectomy are unable to take alternative forms of hormone replacement therapy such as estrederm or premarin.
- (3) Is he aware that oestrogen implants are not available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
- (4) Why are women ineligible for oestrogen implants under the PBS whilst under certain circumstances, men are eligible for testosterone implants under the PBS.
- (5) Will he consider the inclusion of oestrogen implants for PBS listing.

*1 March 2001*

**MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 2384 - 2388)—

- (1) Is the Minister's Department, or are agencies within the portfolio, large purchasers or consumers of office papers.
- (2) How are Commonwealth procurement guidelines being adhered to by the Minister's Department and agencies within the portfolio.
- (3) What methodology or weighting criteria does the Minister's Department and agencies use to determine the importance of the core principles which underpin the procurement guidelines, namely (a) value for money, (b) open and effective competition, (c) ethics and fair dealing, (d) accountability and reporting, (e) national competitiveness and industry development and (f) support for other Commonwealth policies.
- (4) What weighting criteria are used to implement the mandatory provisions in the guidelines which state that agencies must be able to demonstrate that

Australia New Zealand (ANZ) suppliers have had a fair opportunity to compete.

- (5) In inviting suppliers to tender for the provision of goods, are suppliers advised that they must offer ANZ goods.
- (6) If the Minister's Department or agencies within the portfolio do not have weighting criteria for determining the principles, will the Minister take steps to ensure that they provide an appropriate means to demonstrate their compliance with Commonwealth procurement policy.

2384 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

2388 **MR SIDEBOTTOM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2404 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In his 9 February 2001 press release titled 'Motorists have not been short changed on road funding', did he claim that since 1993-94 the Government has actually channelled \$2.9 billion more for roads overall than would have been spent if only 4.95 cents per litre had been allocated as required by the Australian Land Transport Development Act.
- (2) In reaching the conclusion referred to in part (1), did he not rely (a) on the inclusion since 1994 of almost \$5 billion in Commonwealth grants to State and local governments despite the fact that road grants to local government are untied, and identified road grants to State governments have been untied since 1991 and (b) on \$435.9 million in identified road grants to the States for the 2000-2001 financial year when State Financial Assistance Grants have been replaced by GST revenue from 2000 onwards.
- (3) If so, is it a fact then that (a) successive Governments have, as identified by the Auditor-General in his report on the management of the National Highways System Program, failed to administer the Act as it requires, (b) as a result of this maladministration \$2.9 billion less in excise collected on fuel has been spent on roads than the Act requires and (c) in terms of the road funding requirements the Act places on the Commonwealth, it is irrelevant what amounts may flow through to road spending under other legislation.

2409 **MR KERR:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why is biodiesel excluded from the definition of alternative fuel in the Excise Tariff Act.
- (2) Will the Government amend the Act to allow biodiesel to achieve recognition and parity with the fuel ethanol industry.

2414 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2046 (*Hansard*, 27 February 2001, page 21302), during the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services' second reading speech in the House of Representatives on the Airports Bill 1996 was it stated that (a) no sales Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) should occur until all environmental impact statements processes were completed and the future of Sydney West Airport resolved, (b) the Government was determined not to sell Sydney Mascot and Sydney West Airport until such time as the environmental impact studies have been satisfactorily completed and decisions made in relation to that and (c) the



Government would not be putting on the market Sydney Mascot and Sydney West Airports until such time as the election commitment made by the former shadow Minister for Aviation, Senator Parer and reiterated by the Prime Minister was fulfilled.

- (2) Is the primary purpose of the Airports Act, in light of the then Minister for Transport's second reading speech, not to sell KSA until the future of Sydney West Airport is resolved.
- (3) Following, and as a result of the environmental impact assessment conducted for Badgery's Creek and Holsworthy sites, does Sydney West Airport mean the Badgery's Creek proposal.
- (4) When will Sydney West Airport at Badgery's Creek be built.
- (5) In respect to part (1) of his answer to question 2046, does the 13 December 2000 announcement mean that, for the purposes of the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act (a) the proposal of Sydney West Airport located at Badgery's Creek is thereby withdrawn by the proponent, (b) the proposal has been officially withdrawn by the proponent, (c) the withdrawal has been officially issued in writing by the proponent to the Minister for the Environment in the prescribed manner, (d) the withdrawal, in light of his announcement made on 13 December 2000, means that there is currently no proposal for Sydney West Airport before the Minister for the Environment.

2415 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a media article on 27 February 2001 in the *Australian Financial Review* by Mr Steve Lewis titled "Airport sale may have to wait for poll".
- (2) Will he furnish a copy of the terms of reference to Salomon Smith Barney in respect to the proposed sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA).
- (3) Will he furnish a copy of the scoping study prepared by Salomon Smith Barney in respect to the proposed sale of KSA.
- (4) How is a proposed sale of 25% of KSA consistent with section 18 of the Airports Act.
- (5) How can a partial sale or lease of KSA be part leased in light of the provisions of sections 11 to 22 inclusive of the Act.
- (6) Is the paramount consideration on a decision for the construction of Sydney West Airport the ability to cope with increasing aircraft traffic until the end of the decade, in light of his statement of 13 December 2000.
- (7) Is the capacity of Sydney Airport consistent with the aims expressed in the second reading speech of the Airports Bill 1996 in which the then Minister for Transport indicated that solving Sydney's aircraft noise problem was the paramount consideration prior to sale of KSA.
- (8) Have terms of reference for Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports also been issued; if so, to whom.
- (9) Are there overseas airport operators interested in the purchase of KSA; if so, who.

2416 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In answers given during Senate Estimates (Senate Committee *Hansard*, 19 February 2001, page RR&T 71) concerning his Department's assessment of the viability of a proposed Parkes international freight airport, was it stated that his Department had been lobbied over a number of years and could not see any economic viability in that and that a due diligence process had been followed.
- (2) If so, how can he justify the total lack of any economic assessment of the viability of the Alice Springs to Darwin rail project before committing expenditure by his Department, as confirmed in the answer to question No. 2036 (*Hansard*, 7 December 2000, page 23867), yet conduct a due diligence process and an assessment of the economic viability of a far smaller project, the Parkes international freight airport.

*6 March 2001*

2428 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Shortland, and of these, how many bulk bill.
- (2) Of those general practitioners who bulk bill, what percentage of their patients and services do they actually bulk bill.
- (3) Has the number of services being bulk billed declined in the electoral division of Shortland since 1 September 2000; if so, by how many and what percentage.

2429 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many workers and what classes of workers will be affected by the decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in the case of Quest Personnel Temping Pty Ltd vs Commissioner of Taxation (AATA 124).
- (2) Does the decision apply retrospectively or just to payments made to workers in the future.
- (3) How will the Government ensure that all employers comply with the decision.

2430 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has he been provided with the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) estimates on the number of small businesses with less than 20 employees and a turnover of less than \$2 million that will opt for the Government's new, annual reporting for the Business Activity Statement (BAS).
- (2) How many small businesses opted to use the accounts method to calculate their BAS returns in (a) the first quarter and (b) the second quarter.
- (3) Of the BAS returns remitted by small business from the first quarter, what proportion did the ATO receive (a) from accountants, (b) from personal lodgements (c) electronically and (d) by post.
- (4) On what date does the ATO expect its Hotline to be fully operational in terms of providing advice to small businesses and accountants on the new BAS reporting arrangements.

- (5) What specific communication activities will the ATO undertake during the transitional period to ensure small businesses and tax accountants understand the new BAS reporting arrangements.
- (6) Will the ATO recruit additional staff to manage the transitional arrangements for the new BAS reporting arrangements; if so, how many additional staff will be employed.
- (7) What is the average amount of time an operator spends training before beginning to provide advice on the Government's tax reforms and who provides this training.
- (8) Do the ATO's telephone operators have to complete a formal exam or similar measure, to assess or test their knowledge of the Government's tax reforms before they begin providing advice to members of the public.
- (9) What quality control mechanisms are in place to ensure the information being provided by the ATO's GST hotline staff is correct.
- (10) How are the ATO's hotline staff kept informed of changes or developments in terms of the tax advice they are providing to the public.
- (11) Does the ATO call centre have an electronic scripting system for its staff to enable them to keep up-to-date with changes or developments in the Government's tax reforms.
- (12) How many calls has the tax reform hotline received since the announcement of changes to the BAS reporting arrangements on 22 February 2001.
- (13) What proportion of these calls were related to the changes announced on the BAS reporting arrangements.
- (14) Will the ATO be reviewing the terminology it uses in the BAS form as part of the changes announced on 21 February 2001; if so, who does the ATO intend to contract, employ or consult to make these changes.

*8 March 2001*

2443 **MR O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—How many doctors bulk billed in the electoral division of Corio in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) 2000-2001.

2449 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did his present Principal Private Secretary authorise in February 1996 a Liberal Party brochure for distribution to the electors of Lowe entitled "No new areas in Lowe will be affected by aircraft noise".
- (2) Did the brochure contain a quote from his press statement dated 8 February 1996 saying that (a) those who had not been affected by disruptive aircraft noise in the past in the seat of Lowe would not be affected in the future, (b) the Coalition's policy would result in a dramatic reduction in flights over the electorate of Lowe and (c) Lowe would experience a very substantial reduction in aircraft noise.
- (3) Did the brochure also (a) say that Paul Zammit and the Liberals had the answer and would halve the number of planes over Lowe, (b) depict the Labor Party's assessment of the flight paths over the electorate of Lowe which would come into operation under his Government after March 1996 and (c) contain the words (i) 'This is not Liberal Policy' superimposed on

that part of the brochure depicting the foreshadowed flightpaths which would come into operation in the electorate of Lowe from Drummoyne in the East to Homebush West if he was elected to Government in March 1996 and (ii) 'You can't trust Labor' below the words 'This is not Liberal Policy'.

- (4) Is it a fact that the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) forecasts 17% air traffic movements to and from the north.
- (5) Do the Sydney Air Traffic Services Sydney Airport Operational Statistics of December 2000 issued on 22 February 2001 confirm that air traffic movements to and from the north of KSA amount to 27.4% of movements.
- (6) Will air traffic movements to and from the north of KSA be reduced to 17% of all movements before the next federal election.
- (7) When will the new Chairperson of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) be appointed.
- (8) When will SACF next meet.

*26 March 2001*

2455 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at any time over the last five years retained any barrister who has used bankruptcy as a means of avoiding taxation obligations; if so, (a) which barrister or barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date that each barrister was retained.
- (2) Has the ATO at any time over the last five years retained any barrister while that person was bankrupt; if so, (a) which barrister or barristers, (b) on how many occasions was each barrister retained and (c) what was the most recent date that each barrister was retained.

2456 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to reports of barristers avoiding large tax debts by declaring themselves bankrupt.
- (2) Is the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) able to garnishee notices under S.128 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to payments made to barristers by their clients in order to repay tax debts; if so, has the ATO been issuing these notices; if not, why not.

*27 March 2001*

2459 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What official functions were held at Kirribilli House and The Lodge between 15 September and 31 December 2000.
- (2) What was the date and time of each function.
- (3) Who other than him attended each function.
- (4) What was the total cost of catering at each function.
- (5) Was alcohol served at these functions.
- (6) Were any bottles of wine which had been couriered from Canberra to Sydney served at these functions; if so, (a) how many bottles of wine were

couriered from Canberra to Sydney and (b) what was the total sum of Commonwealth money used for the purpose of couriering wine for these functions.

2460 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many nights did he spend in residence at (a) Kirribilli House and (b) The Lodge during 2000.
- (2) What (a) renovations, (b) restorations and (c) repairs have been carried out on the (i) buildings, (ii) grounds, (iii) furniture and (iv) fittings at (A) Kirribilli House, (B) The Lodge and (C) his Parliament House office in 2000.
- (3) What was the (a) cost of each piece of work referred to in part (2) and (b) name of the tradesman or company which carried out the work or the name of the person or company from which new additions and furniture were purchased.

2467 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the estimate in the first full year for Goods and Services Tax collected on utilities including (a) water, (b) gas and (c) electricity.

2471 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is the Australia Cycling National Strategy examining the (a) benchmarking of bicycle use, (b) benchmarking of accident exposure and (c) benchmarking of bicycling facilities in Australia using international standards; if not, why not.
- (2) Has the National Strategy met its December 2000 objective to include cycling expertise in peak transport, recreation and other appropriate bodies; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the National Strategy met its January 2001 objective to make education about cycling available for pre, primary and secondary school aged students, consistent with curriculum frameworks; if not, why not.
- (4) What work has been done to enable the National Strategy to meet its June 2001 objectives to (a) improve the services and products delivered by the bicycle industry through the development of partnerships, (b) develop a generic policy that can be adapted by all local governments which outlines their role in creating pro-bicycle cultures and physical environments, (c) ensure that appropriate new and renovated public and private developments include end-of-trip facilities for cyclists consistent with national standards, (d) increase multi-nodal trips involving bicycles and public transport, (e) develop and implement a national public communication strategy to improve the awareness of all road users and path users to better share our roads and paths, (f) ensure that safety initiatives such as safety audits and identification of blackspots include consideration of cycling and (g) develop and implement behavioural programs/initiatives relating to all road users which improve cyclist safety in areas such as motor vehicle speeds and helmets.

2472 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How can a private provider of meals to disabled and elderly members of the community compete with a local government service that is GST exempt.
- (2) What measures will be taken to provide an even playing field.

*28 March 2001*

2475 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) In response to a call regarding the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme does he recall saying on Brisbane talk back radio on Tuesday, 20 March 2001, that aspects of it are under review; if not, why not.
- (2) If aspects of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme are under review, can he detail (a) which aspects are under review, (b) who is conducting the review, (c) when the review is expected to be completed and (e) whether the results of the review will be made public; if so, when they will be made public; if not, why not.

2476 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the primary policy consideration in competition policy with respect to Sydney Airport.
- (2) Is Cabinet's paramount policy consideration directing the sale of Sydney Airport (a) benefits from competition or (b) cost.
- (3) What are the foreseeable impacts on regional aircraft consumers from the recent proposed amendments to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Act.
- (4) What compensation to regional airline consumers and airline competitors has been appropriated for the anticipated sale of Sydney Airport.

2478 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he obtain Income Tax Exemption Charity Status for non-profit child care centres that look after children, including children with a disability, children with special needs, Aboriginal children and children from disadvantaged families; if not, why not.

2483 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Did he extend the qualifying period for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme from 60 days to four months.
- (2) Effective from 9 March 2001, was the First Home Owners Grant increased from \$7000 to \$14 000.
- (3) Did the Government inform first home buyers prior to 9 March that the First Home Owners Grant would increase; if not, why not; if so, when did the Government first publicly announce that the First Home Owners Grant would increase.
- (4) Will first home buyers who qualified for the First Home Owners Grant Scheme prior to 9 March 2001 receive a grant of \$7000, while those who qualified after 9 March 2001 will receive a grant of \$14 000.
- (5) Will first home buyers who have put down a deposit to build a house before 9 March but are not due to settle and finalise until after 9 March receive a grant of \$7000.

- (6) What, if any, consideration has he given to backdating the starting date for the \$14 000 First Home Owners Grant Scheme to include those first home buyers who put down a deposit to build a house before 9 March but did not, or are not due to settle and finalise until after 9 March.

*29 March 2001*

2487 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Chisholm.
- (2) How many general practitioners in the electoral division of Chisholm bulk billed in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) 2000-2001.

*5 April 2001*

2516 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What is the (a) number of general practitioners and (b) ratio of general practitioners to each 1000 of population in (i) the electoral division of Bendigo, (b) Melbourne, (c) Victoria, (d) Australia, (e) rural and regional Victoria, (f) metropolitan Australia and (g) rural and regional Australia.
- (2) What is the (a) number and (b) percentage of general practitioners in each case that bulk-bill.

2519 **MR MORRIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has the Minister's Department lodged an appeal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against the decision of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) to uphold the appeal of Helen Maddison to receive equal treatment to her husband in applying for an Aged Persons Savings Bonus and that her deemed income should include deemed income from one half of the funds held by Mr Maddison in his superannuation roll over fund.
- (2) Is the Government opposed to a couple being treated equally in the granting of the Aged Persons Savings Bonus.
- (3) Has all policy development over recent years treated superannuation as a joint asset of marriage.
- (4) Is the Government's decision to appeal based on the interpretation that the superannuation rollover belongs solely to Mr Maddison and is only applicable to him; if so, is this (a) a complete reversal of all recent policy developments in superannuation and (b) at total variance with the treatment of household income and assets by the Minister's Department when determining eligibility for any pension or pension related entitlements.
- (5) Is the amount involved in the vicinity of \$866.
- (6) What are the likely legal and associated costs to the Department of pursuing this appeal.
- (7) If Mrs Madison's appeal was successful would other applications have to be reviewed and varied; if so, (a) how many and (b) what would be the estimated cost.

- (8) Is this a case of the Government, having lost the case at SSAT, now seeking to deny the bonus to Mrs Maddison, who has sought only to keep the Government to the principle of this bonus, on technical legal grounds.

2527 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Taxpayers' Charter explanatory booklet entitled "Treating you fairly and reasonably" contain a statement that it recognises individual circumstances, including previous history as a taxpayer and level of knowledge and understanding of the tax laws.
- (2) What criteria does the ATO use to ensure that individual taxpayers are treated individually.
- (3) Does the ATO have an internal policy document or set of procedures that outlines how this statement in the charter is to be put into practice.
- (4) How does the ATO monitor compliance to clauses in the taxpayers charter.
- (5) In the instances of reassessing investors in Mass Marketed Tax Effective investments who have had rulings made against them, did the ATO look at every case individually.

*22 May 2001*

2537 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Is the pharmaceutical allowance paid to a couple who are in receipt of an aged pension less than the accumulative value of the allowance as paid to single pensioners.
- (2) How does the Government justify that calculation when medication is prescribed to individuals rather than to couples.

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

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

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

2543 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) When will the taskforce announced on 22 March report on the matter of the abuse, notably by high income earning lawyers, of the bankruptcy laws for the purpose of extinguishing often very large unpaid taxation debts.



- (2) What procedures will be adopted to ensure such persons will no longer be engaged or remunerated by the Commonwealth or its agencies, and from when will these procedures be effective.
  - (3) What steps are being taken to quantify and to prevent potential losses to Commonwealth revenue from this continuing abuse.
- 2546 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—When will he provide answers to my question Nos. (a) 2110, (b) 2179, (c) 2221, (d) 2222, (e) 2229, (f) 2252 and (g) 2253.
- 2547 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 11 May 2001 titled “ACCC shot down over airport price regulation”.
  - (2) Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) accepted a Federal Government direction to back Sydney Airport Corporation’s bid to secure an unregulated stream of revenue from non-aeronautical services such as shops and car parking.
  - (3) What cost impacts will this direction have on consumers of (a) aeronautical and (b) non-aeronautical services.
  - (4) Will he furnish a copy of the direction to Parliament; if so, when.
  - (5) What public interest consultation was undertaken in making the direction.
  - (6) Was the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia consulted.
  - (7) What other public interest groups were consulted.
  - (8) Does he agree with the ACCC head, Professor Fels’ prediction that this decision will result in higher prices.
  - (9) What are the policy and moral grounds for the direction to the ACCC.
  - (10) What are the public interest impacts of the decision on (a) consumers of airport services and (b) tenants of privatised airports, particularly service providers such as airline companies, on their profitability.
  - (11) Will the direction have an adverse effect on profitability of airline companies and other service providers due to non-regulation of non-aeronautical services in Australia’s privatised airports.
- 2550 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—In relation to the purchasing of Job Network Services, will he explain the formula used for calculating a provider’s “Q” or quality rating number, including the criteria used and the weighting given to each criterion.
- 2559 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many apprentices or trainees have been employed in each employment category by (a) his Department, (b) Airservices Australia, (c) the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and (d) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority for each of the past 6 years.
  - (2) Have any staff been appointed under any graduate entry programs, if so how many.

- (3) Have any targeted recruitment campaigns been conducted, if so, when and what was the aim of those campaigns.
- (4) What sum has been spent on external recruitment agencies for recruitment to each employment category.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (4) Will the application be considered in the next round of funding.

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

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

23 May 2001

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

- (1) In relation to the *Building Consumer Sovereignty in Electronic Commerce: A Best Practice Model for Business*, what are the full details of any industry bodies or businesses who have adopted the model, as per sections 13 and 14 of the model.
- (2) How many businesses are using the best practice model logo for electronic commerce.
- (3) Is he satisfied that the logo being available to businesses on a self-assessment basis offers consumers adequate protection.
- (4) Does section 16 of the Electronic Commerce Model state that law overrides the model; if so, does the Privacy Act's adoption of an opt-out approach to unsolicited commercial email mean that businesses subject to the Privacy Act who adopt the model can disregard section 23 of the model which provides for a qualified opt-in approach to unsolicited commercial email.

2577 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Given the crisis facing policyholders in the wake of the HIH collapse, what steps are being taken to ensure the protection of contributions to funeral funds.
- (2) What is the current estimate of moneys held by funeral funds.
- (3) Is he confident that funeral funds are secure.
- (4) What monitoring and auditing of funeral funds is undertaken.

2579 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Have proceedings been commenced in the High Court of Australia by Justice Robert Austin of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and Master Kathryn Kings of the Supreme Court of Victoria seeking to have the Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition Act 1997 declared invalid.
- (2) What are the issues which have been raised in those proceedings.
- (3) When is it anticipated that the matter will be listed for hearing.

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

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25922) concerning the appointment of a wine consultant for Kirribilli

House, what is the brand name of each of the 58 dozen bottles purchased and what was the cost of each dozen.

- (2) What is the full detail of the strategy/cellar plan used by the consultant on the advice of his Department.
- (3) What arrangements apply with respect to the purchase of wine for The Lodge.
- (4) Do any other Ministers have an entitlement to purchase wine at public expense; if so, which Ministers and what is their entitlement.
- (5) Why were no wines purchased from Queensland.

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

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

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

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

*24 May 2001*

2591 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—Will the terms of reference for the HIH Royal Commission cover (a) the HIH policy of underpricing their insurance premiums against the premiums of their competitors and its contribution to the HIH collapse, (b) the HIH practice of under-provisioning for their policyholders claims and its contribution to the HIH collapse, (c) the HIH policy of litigating claims where claimants did not accept the HIH standard offer of 40% settlement and its contribution to the practice of under-provisioning for policyholders claims, (d) the role of the HIH Board committees in the corporate governance of HIH and of their contribution, by

negligence or otherwise, to the collapse of the company, (e) the role of HIH senior management in the corporate governance of HIH and of their contribution, by negligence or otherwise, to the collapse of the company, (f) the role of HIH internal and external auditors in assessing whether the policies of HIH in relation to the pricing of its policies and its provisioning for claims were adequate for on-going solvency of HIH and in the best interests of policyholders, (g) the role of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) in assessing whether the policies of HIH in relation to the pricing of its policies and its provisioning for claims were adequate for the on-going solvency of HIH and in the best interests of policyholders and the insurance industry generally and (h) a future role for APRA in determining the minimum actuarial standards for the level of provisioning by insurance companies to meet claims for each class of insurance.

2592 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) What sum has the Commonwealth spent on decontamination of the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) site in St Mary's and in what financial years was the money spent.
- (2) Is he able to say what sum Lend Lease has spent on decontamination of the ADI site, in what years, and on what parts of the site was the money spent.
- (3) Was the expenditure referred to in parts (1) and (2) a condition of the 1994 agreement signed between Lend Lease and the Commonwealth and what were the cost and revenue sharing arrangements attaching to that agreement.
- (4) Are the Commonwealth and/or Lend Lease indemnified for damages associated with the clean up of the ADI site; if so, what are the terms of this indemnification.
- (5) What percentage of the ADI site is to be protected by parks or reserves.

2597 **MS HALL:** To ask the Treasurer—Is it a fact that there was a one stop Budget shop where Government Members could access information on the federal Budget, but Opposition Members were denied access to this information, thereby denying their constituents access to relevant information on the Budget.

#### *4 June 2001*

2601 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

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

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

- (1) Given that (a) page 6-82 of Budget Paper No.1 2001-2002 and (b) page 53 of the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2000-2001 state that \$25 million has been budgeted to fund the Regional Solutions Program in 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and \$25.1 million in 2003-2004, why is that his Department's Portfolio Budget Statement states at page 47 that only \$22.6 million has been budgeted each year for that program.
- (2) If amounts accounting for the differences are included elsewhere in the budget papers can he indicate where; if they are not reported elsewhere can he explain why this is so; if there is a discrepancy in the figures reported, can he indicate which set of figures is correct.
- (3) Given that (a) page 53 of the Mid Year Economic Fiscal Outlook 2000-2001 Statement budgeted \$15 million for 2000-2001 to fund the Regional Solutions Program and (b) that page 47 of his Department's Portfolio Budget Statement 2001-2002 states that \$12.6 million is projected to be spent during 2000-2001, what will happen to the \$2.4 million not expected to be allocated in 2000-2001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

others in the community who may have wished to apply for membership of the latter.

- (5) Has the position of head of the SSAT, the Executive Director, been vacant for over 12 months.
- (6) Is it proposed to choose the Executive from the applications to the Income Security Division of the ART, without advertising the position generally to the community.

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

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2376 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25779) did both the Professor of Medicine and the Professor of Surgery conclude that former Senator Colston's life expectancy was months; if not, which professor reached an alternative conclusion about Dr Colston's life expectancy and what was that conclusion about Dr Colston's life expectancy.
- (2) Is the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) able to confirm that at least one eminent medical specialist who examined Dr Colston on 14 or 19 May 1999 concluded that his life expectancy was months.
- (3) Did the DPP not have Dr Colston further medically examined until approximately 13 December 2000.
- (4) On what dates did the examinations of Dr Colston by the two independent eminent specialists take place which led to their respective reports of 13 December 2000 and 9 February 2001.
- (5) Were the medical examinations which led to the reports of 13 December 2000 and 9 February 2001 conducted by a Professor of Medicine and a Professor of Surgery who were the same independent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999.
- (6) Do the Professors of Medicine and Surgery hold their chairs in Queensland.
- (7) Is he able to say whether, prior to their examination of Dr Colston on 14 and 19 May 1999, the Professors had prior personal contact with Dr Colston; if so, when.
- (8) What is the precise nature of the current medical condition of Dr Colston.
- (9) What is the exact prognosis contained in each of the reports identified in his answer to parts (7), (10) and (13) of question No. 2376.
- (10) What are the exact medical specialisations that are required to define the prognosis of Dr Colston's medical condition.
- (11) In light of the qualifications, chairs and fellowships of the independent medical specialists identified in part (6), is he confident they hold the exact medical specialisations necessary to express an accurate assessment on the state of health of Dr Colston and prognosis of Dr Colston's medical condition; if not, can he identify alternative competent, eminent, independent medical specialists who can express an accurate prognosis on the current medical condition of Dr Colston; if not, why not.
- (12) In light of his answer to part (19) of question No. 2376, will he now obtain the medical reports of Dr Colston from Wesley Private Hospital.



- (13) In light of his answer to part (11) of question No. 2376, has the estimation of Dr Colston's life expectancy as expressed in terms of months now been disproved; if not, why not.
- (14) Is he prepared to have Dr Colston re-examined by appropriately qualified medical experts, other than the independent eminent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston on 14 and 19 May 1999, to assess whether Dr Colston is now capable of standing trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts; if not, why not.
- 2623 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Is the cholesterol treatment drug known as LIPOBAY listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
  - (2) Will the Government de-list the drug from the PBS; if so, (a) when will de-listing occur, (b) why is it being taken off and (c) what process is in place to have the drug re-listed.
  - (3) What other drugs of an equivalent kind of treatment are currently listed on the PBS in substitution of LIPOBAY that provide the same relief for the same symptoms that LIPOBAY is designed to treat.
  - (4) Who is the (a) registered trademark holder and (b) patent holder of LIPOBAY.
  - (5) What quantity of LIPOBAY was prescribed in Australia in 1999-2000.
- 2624 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—What is the 2001-2002 budget for the Consumer Affairs Division of Treasury.
- 2626 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many flight movements have occurred into and out of Brisbane Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each year since and including 1995.
  - (2) What proportion of flight movements into and out of Brisbane Airport have occurred over Brisbane suburbs compared to the proportion of flight movements which have occurred over Moreton Bay between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. each year since and including 1995.
  - (3) When was the planned phase-out of Chapter 2 aircraft from service at Brisbane Airport lifted.
  - (4) How many flight movements involving Chapter 2 aircraft have occurred at Brisbane Airport each year since and including 1995 and what proportion of these flight movements have occurred between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
  - (5) Are there any discussions under way between Airservices Australia, his Department and the industry concerning a possible further reduction in the hours currently covered by Brisbane's de facto 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. curfew.
- 2627 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—
- (1) Did he provide me with an assurance in a letter dated 10 March 2000 that customers of South Melbourne Centrelink will continue to receive full customer service from Centrelink in South Melbourne.
  - (2) Has he been informed that the South Melbourne branch of Centrelink is to close at the end of June 2001; if so, (a) who notified him and when and (b) what are the reasons for the closure.

- (3) What is the current cost of the lease at Centrelink South Melbourne.
- (4) What is the cost of any future lease agreement at the same Centrelink South Melbourne premises.
- (5) How long has Centrelink in South Melbourne been looking for new premises to conduct its operations.
- (6) Who is the owner of the building of which South Melbourne Centrelink occupies.
- (7) How many customers does South Melbourne Centrelink service, and of this number, approximately how many (a) are aged pensioners, (b) are disability pensioners and (c) receive a family allowance.

*5 June 2001*

- 2628 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is he aware that the Bendigo region has (a) been excluded from applying for one of the six MRI licences which were advertised recently and (b) demonstrated a substantial need for MRI services; if so, why was the region excluded from applying.
- 2629 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the Australian software design and manufacturer, Webtrain, has been consistently overlooked when Government Departments have awarded contracts.
  - (2) Have the majority of Commonwealth Departments' software contracts been awarded to overseas suppliers.
  - (3) Can he guarantee that Australian software designers and manufacturers will be given priority when awarding such contracts.
- 2632 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) How many Medicare offices are located within the electoral division of Lowe.
  - (2) How many new Medicare offices will be located within the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002.
  - (3) By what criteria are Medicare offices justified and do they include service area, number of inquiries to be catered for, size and location.
  - (4) Under the criteria identified in part (3), is the electoral division of Lowe justified in having a new Medicare office.
  - (5) If no new Medicare offices are proposed for the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002, will he now make provision for them; if so, when.
- 2633 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Will he have fossamax included on the list of drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- 2634 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is Mr Kondrad Kalejs paying for his current legal defence with the assistance of legal aid.
  - (2) What are the criteria for an individual being granted such assistance.
  - (3) Is he able to say whether Mr Kalejs used his own financial services, or legal aid services of the US or Canadian Governments, during his 15 year defence against extradition from those countries.

2637 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) When did Comland take over the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) site at St Marys on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) What is the value of this site on Comland's books.
- (3) What is the estimated present value of this site.
- (4) What is the estimated cost to turn the ADI site into a park for the site and compensation for forgone profits.
- (5) Is any revenue from the proceeds of sales from the ADI site shown in the 2001-2002 budget papers; if so, (a) what sum and (b) over which years.

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

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

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

- (1) What guidelines were established for the interaction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Board and management following the briefing from Professor McNamara of Bond University on the respective roles of the Board and the Chief Executive of public sector companies and authorities and the interaction between the two.
- (2) Was his office or Department consulted in the finalisation of these guidelines; if so, (a) to what extent and (b) did he approve them.

2656 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

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

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

- (1) Is there a large number of anomalies associated with the current definition of a charity as a benevolent institution under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITA Act).
- (2) Will amendments to the ITA Act need to be made to reflect community needs to enable charitable entities to benefit from tax deductible donations to assist their work.
- (3) In view of the need for some charitable entities like the Breast Cancer Action Group NSW to undertake advocacy on behalf of their clients, is he prepared to recommend to the Government that amendments to the ITA Act should be made to ensure that such advocacy activities should not be a disqualifying criterion for Deductibility Gift Recipient Status; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the St Vincent de Paul Society enjoy Deductible Gift Recipient Status; if so, is the Society precluded from engaging in any form of advocacy on behalf of the people it assists; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Government encourage not-for-profit public good groups to address the problems of their members and others in the community by amending the definition of Deductible Gift Recipient Status so that such groups can more readily attract donations; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Charities Inquiry complete its report by 30 June 2001; if not, why not.
- (7) Will the Charities Inquiry report be made available to the public before the next federal election; if so, when; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Further to part (2) of his reply to question No. 2346 (*Hansard*, 4 June 2001, page 26114) and the answer of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to part (2) of question No. 2307 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25926), (a) has the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) not been fully implemented, (b) has the number of houses now requiring insulation from increased aircraft noise resulting from management changes increased the number of noise insulation project eligible households and (c) was the environmental assessment of 1995 for the second Sydney Airport wholly defective in light of the two-site selection of Badgerys Creek and Holsworthy.
- (2) Further to part (3) of his reply to question No. 2436, have the two preconditions not been satisfied; if so, should his answer have been “no”.

- (3) Further to part (4) of his reply to question No. 2436 and in light of the Minister for Transport and Regional Service's answer to question No. 2307, will the scoping study advisers, Salomon Smith Barney and Freehills, be briefed in respect of the fact that the LTOP, the environmental insulation program and the size, capacity and location of Sydney West Airport have not been determined.
- (4) If these preconditions have not been met, is the sale of the Sydney basin airports not in conformance with the Government's election promises and second reading speech to the House in the Airports Bill 1996.

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

- (1) In light of reports in the *Australian Financial Review* during May 2001, have all airports that have been privatised been financially successful.
- (2) Have any airports reported losses since privatisation; if so, what are those losses.
- (3) What is the maximum economic rent for the land within Sydney Airport's boundary.
- (4) Is its maximum economic rent as residential redevelopment and would it give a value many times higher than the anticipated proceeds from privatisation of the Airport; if not, why not.
- (5) What are the economic grounds of privatising the airport for less than what the 886 hectares of bayside real estate is worth as residential or industrial redevelopment.
- (6) Have any international airports been successfully relocated to new sites and the original airport sites re-developed as residential areas; if so, which airports.
- (7) Has he previously asserted that newer aircraft are becoming so quiet as to make noise problems around urban airports a non-issue in the future.
- (8) Is the Sydney Airport Noise levy \$3.60 per passenger, and not \$3.40 per passenger.
- (9) Is every passenger arriving at Sydney Airport charged this levy; if not, what exceptions exist to waive the levy.
- (10) Did community groups concerned with noise and air toxic impacts outside the airport boundary who participated in the Government's workshops in 1999 unanimously reject the Draft Sydney Airport Environment Strategy because (a) it failed to provide a strategy for dealing with environmental and health impacts outside the airport boundary and (b) the Master Plan, when requested by these groups at the initial workshop, was withheld.
- (11) Has Sydney Airports Corporation Limited (SACL), during any of its visits to regional NSW, ever claimed to any regional NSW Member of Parliament that without the removal of the legislated 80 movements per hour cap at Sydney Airport, access for regional airlines to Sydney Airport would be in jeopardy; if so, who are those Members of Parliament and when were those statements made.
- (12) Is he able to identify the risks associated with future expansion of Sydney Airport; if so, has he disclosed those risks to interested parties involved in

the due diligence process of the privatisation of Sydney Airport ; if not, why not.

- (13) What notice, if any, has he provided to potential bidders for Sydney Airport and to advisers to the bidders for Sydney Airport regarding future potential risk of profit erosion that may occur should public pressure for world class environmental protection cause the Government to curtail aviation operations or road traffic congestion at Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (14) Has his attention been drawn to SACL's document titled "Sydney Airport Australia's International Gateway teachers and students booklets - Human Society and Its Environment Curriculum support materials Stage 3"; if so, (a) are there omissions and inaccuracies in the document and (b) will he withdraw it from all Sydney schools on the grounds that the material contains inaccurate material; if not, why not.

*7 June 2001*

2663 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his response to question No. 2311 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 25772), is the risk of being killed in an aircraft crash in the order of 4.5 chances per million per year for fare paying passengers as testified by Professor Jean Cross on 22 September 1995 to the Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney.
- (2) Since March 1996, how many times has he publicly stated concern for the safety of fare paying airline passengers.
- (3) Did Professor Cross testify to the 1995 Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise in Sydney that aircraft crash risk for some residents in 2010 was forecast by Kin hills in the Third Runway EIS to be around 100 in one million, or more than 20 times higher than the risk for fare paying passengers, and twice as high as he advised in his response to question No. 2311.
- (4) What is the most recent aircraft crash risk analysis for Sydney Airport for the year 2010 and on what number of aircraft movements and mix of aircraft types is that aircraft crash risk analysis based.
- (5) Has a risk analysis been undertaken to assess the aircraft crash risk to residents on the ground associated with aircraft movements at Sydney Airport in excess of 353 900 movements per annum.
- (6) Has a risk analysis been undertaken to assess the aircraft crash risk to residents on the ground for risk associated with changing the aircraft mixes at Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport.
- (7) How many times since March 1996 has he publicly stated concern for the safety of residents living under the flight paths of Sydney Airport's parallel runways.
- (8) Is (a) the risk of aircraft crash for residents living close to the airport not separate from, but in addition to, the risk of being killed in a road accident and (b) road traffic congestion associated with Sydney Airport and Port Botany disproportionately heavy in Sydney's inner western suburbs.

- (9) Will the risk of aircraft crash for residents rise with small aircraft being moved out of Sydney Airport, and aircraft traffic increasing over time up to the maximum operational capacity of the two existing parallel runways; if so, by how much.
  - (10) What risk assessment studies have been undertaken to assess whether the introduction of small jets at Bankstown Airport would compromise the operational safety over residential areas around Sydney Airport and Bankstown Airport; if so, (a) what are the names of those studies and (b) will he table these studies in the House.
  - (11) Have any military aircraft joy rides been proposed to operate out of Bankstown Airport; if so, will he provide details in the House; if so, when.
- 2671 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his response to part (1) of question No. 2309 (*Hansard*, 24 May 2001, page 26023), has the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Project complied in full with the Australian Standard for Aircraft Noise AS2021, and has the projected increase in airport capacity been reflected in a review of noise contours and hence those eligible for the noise insulation project.
  - (2) Will he provide a capacity forecast specifically for Sydney Airport in 2010, taking into account the implications of the removal of small aircraft from Sydney Airport.
- 2676 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is the Coral Fishery on the Great Barrier Reef to be closed; if so, what (a) consultation has been undertaken with interested parties and (b) impact will the closure of the Coral Fishery have on jobs in that industry.
  - (2) Is the impact of the aquarium trade on the Great Barrier Reef minimal.
  - (3) What is the impact on the health of the Great Barrier Reef from cyclones, soil run-off, freighters and tourists.
  - (4) Do marine aquarium hobbyists contribute significantly to the viability of the Great Barrier Reef.
  - (5) Is a significant level of research and education undertaken by marine aquarium hobbyists.
- 2678 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—Is it a fact that, while overall smoking levels of people living in Sydney have generally fallen, both toxic transport emissions and lung cancer rates have risen in Sydney.
- 2679 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Further to his reply to my question No. 2380 (*Hansard*, 2 April 2001, page 22432), how safe are the contributions made by the contributors to the Commonwealth Superannuation (CSS) and Public Sector Superannuation Schemes trust funds.
  - (2) Was all of the 15.1% interest gained by the CSS, as reported in its 1999-2000 annual report, re-invested in the CSS Scheme; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Has he seen an article titled “Toothless tiger” written by Michael Heffernan and reported in *The Pro Trader’s Advice* segment of *The Sunday Telegraph* of 6 May 2001.
- (2) Is the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority confident of the security and management of the funds of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and Public Sector Superannuation Scheme.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) What is the definition of Roads of National Significance.



- (2) What criteria are used to choose between different projects involving Roads of National Significance.
- 2689 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many Service personnel have contacted the Burchett audit team to date.
  - (2) How many complaints are the subject of investigation.
  - (3) When will Mr Burchett be reporting his findings.
- 2690 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did Australia accept the provisions of Part II of the International Labour Convention No 173 on Protection of Workers' Claims (Employers' Insolvency) Convention 1992 on 8 June 1994.
  - (2) On what dates, in what circumstances and with what results have there been subsequent communications between the Commonwealth Government and the governments of each State and Territory concerning the Convention.

*18 June 2001*

- 2693 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) What are the Medicare item numbers for treatment of (a) depression in all its forms and (b) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
  - (2) How many claims are made each year under each item number referred to in part (1).
  - (3) Are there any forms of treatment for mental illness, mental disorder, psychosomatic or other mental syndrome which are not covered under Medicare; if so, what are they.
  - (4) What is the process under which a treatment is assessed for addition to the Medicare scheme.

*19 June 2001*

- 2698 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Without the benefit of bracket creep, will the 2001-2002 Federal Budget finish in deficit; if not, why not.
- 2701 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) Did the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield, NSW, increase in the March 2001 quarter; if so, why.
  - (2) Was the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield during the March 2001 quarter 12.5% and was this the highest rate since the June 1999 quarter.
  - (3) Do departmental figures show that the unemployment rate for the small area labour market of Fairfield was (a) 8.7% for the June 2000 quarter, (b) 10.2% for the September 2000 quarter, (c) 11.1% for the December 2000 quarter and (d) 12.5% for the March 2001 quarter; if so, why has there been a steady rise in the unemployment rate since 1 of July 2000.

2703 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 1143 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2001, page 16097) regarding licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, (a) what is the current extent of the shortage of licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, (b) what is the status of any measures taken or in train to redress this shortage and (c) are there any plans to facilitate importing licensed aircraft maintenance engineers, including making it easier to have overseas qualifications recognised in Australia; if so, (i) what is the detail of this proposal and (ii) when will it be issued for public discussion.

2704 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Who commissioned the series of advertisements regarding the benefits to older Australians from the recent Budget that are being broadcast on the Melbourne based youth orientated radio station TT FM in the weeks prior to the Aston by-election.
- (2) Were the advertisements broadcast on other Melbourne based radio stations; if so, which stations.
- (3) Over what period were the radio advertisements run.
- (4) What was the total cost of these broadcasts and who is paying for them.
- (5) Has the Government sought advice from the Australian Electoral Commission as to the legality of the advertisements.

*20 June 2001*

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) How much of the land required for the proposed Sydney's Second Airport at Badgerys Creek has been acquired and what has the land acquisition cost been to date.
- (2) Is any land still to be acquired; if so, how much and what cost.
- (3) Has there been a recent valuation of the land acquired to date, if so, when was it undertaken and what was the valuation amount.

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

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

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

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

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2724 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

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

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

- (1) Is it a fact that (a) workers over the age of 75 are excluded from the Pension Bonus Scheme, (b) people who return to work after a period on the Aged Pension are excluded from the Pension Bonus Scheme, (c) the pension bonus scheme provides an incentive for people to work past retirement age when the Income Tax Assessment Act requires that monies invested in superannuation and approved deposit funds must be released if the holder is aged 65 and not gainfully employed, and the Superannuation Industry Supervision Regulation 1993 stipulates that superannuation funds may not accept all contributions made by or on behalf of employees after they reach age 70; if so, why.
- (2) In light of the taxation and superannuation deterrents facing people who wish to work past pension age detailed in part (1)(c), (a) is it anomalous that the Pension Bonus Scheme encourages people to work up until age 75, (b) how was the age of 75 chosen as the upper limit for the Pension Bonus

Scheme and is the selection of such an age discriminatory, (c) why is there an age limit at all for the scheme and (d) will the Government amend the various pieces of age, tax and superannuation legislation to ensure age consistency across all portfolios; if not, why not.

- (3) Given the longstanding view of successive governments that the compensation system has the first responsibility for the provision of income support for workers injured at work, what powers does the Federal Government have to ensure that people over pension age who choose to work, but are injured, are paid workers' compensation and not forced to rely on the Aged Pension for income support.

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

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

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

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

2736 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 12 June 2001 titled "Airport bids growth conundrum".
- (2) Does the article state that the three key bidding groups for the \$4 billion Sydney Airport sale will be lodging indicative bids late next month based on some 14 times earnings before interest, tax and depreciation of about \$280

million; if so, does he agree with the estimates made in this statement; if not, what is his estimate of Sydney Airport's earnings before tax.

- (3) Does the article also state that figures contained in the information memorandum being circulated among bidders makes it clear that the two value drivers will have first right of refusal over any new airport being built in Sydney and unfettered access to 68 per cent of the airport's revenue; if so, does he agree with the estimates in this statement; if not, what are the value drivers for Sydney Airport's sale price.
- (4) Is it expected that the growth in international passenger numbers will be as forecast in the information memorandum, that is by between 3.4 and 5.6 per cent from June 2001 to the 2016 financial year, after growing by 3.2 to 6.2 per cent over the next five years; if not, what are the correct relevant forecasts for passenger number growth at Sydney Airport.
- (5) Is he able to estimate the environmental impact of this forecast growth on (a) aircraft noise from aircraft movements emanating to and from Sydney Airport and (b) the ability to implement the Long Term Operating Plan.
- (6) Based on the forecast growth of Sydney Airport, must Sydney West Airport be built and operational before Sydney Airport may be leased; if not, why not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Did the Australian Federal Police (AFP) conduct re-profiling processes in approximately 1998 with a view to paying out those members considered unsuitable; if so, was Federal Agent (F/A) Francis Day nominated for re-profiling by any AFP member.
- (2) Was the re-profiling process conducted in an unbiased and non-discriminatory manner.

- (3) Did Mr Day nominate for re-profiling and was advised by the then General Manager of Northern, F/A Keelty, that he was disappointed with Mr Day's decision as Mr Day was regarded as an asset.
- (4) Was Mr Day advised approximately 1 and a half years after the re-profiling process by the new General Manager of Northern, F/A Overland, that his contract was not to be renewed due to concerns covering a period of 4 years.
- (5) Is the Minister taking action in relation to Mr Day being told he had a future in the AFP and not being advised to the contrary until the non-renewal of his contract; if so, what.
- (6) Will the Minister investigate and take action in relation to the failure of F/A Overland to nominate Mr Day for re-profiling, including the failure to provide Mr Day with counselling and remedial training, as required in the case of a staff member's work standard being found to be unacceptable; if so, what.
- (7) Did F/A Overland allow Mr Day's alleged poor performance to continue unabated for 4 years.
- (8) In the report prepared by F/A Overland recommending the non-renewal of the contract, are there references to F/A Overland having spoken to Mr Day during the preceding 4 years or providing counselling, remedial training or disciplinary action to Mr Day; if not, why not.
- (9) Did F/A Overland take any disciplinary action against Mr Day over this period.
- (10) Is there any official record of F/A Overland's concern on Mr Day's PMP; if not, will the Minister investigate why not.
- (11) Was Mr Day's PMP signed by his Team Leader and Director as meeting the standard; if so, will the Minister investigate why.
- (12) Was Mr Day made aware of F/A Overland's concerns and given an opportunity to address alleged shortcomings.
- (13) In light of the above, has the AFP failed in its duty to undertake the requisite action of providing remedial training, counselling, disciplinary action or dismissal; if so, what action is the Minister taking in relation to this.
- (14) Will the Minister investigate why F/A Overland failed to advise Mr Day's Team Leader and Directors of his concern.
- (15) Has any action been taken in relation to F/A Keelty or Mr Day's Team Leader or Directors, given the allegations about Mr Day.
- (16) Is Mr Day the only person to have been disciplined in regard to this contradiction and failure of management to carry out its duty in relation to Mr Day's performance.
- (17) Did the Review Panel for Mr Day's case have conditions which included that (a) Mr Day would not be allowed to speak except to answer questions, (b) Mr Day's accusers would not be attending the Review Panel and would not therefore have to answer questions from either Mr Day or the Review Panel and (c) Mr Day be denied legal representation; if so, are these conditions in line with government policy and natural justice afforded all employees.



- (18) Did F/A Overland declare on 17 November 1999 in an email regarding the non-renewal of contracts to all members of Northern Region that he had spoken to all the people in the workplace who he intended to speak to as part of the process, and that this was a one off action and would not be repeated.
- (19) Will the Minister investigate why Mr Day was not notified of his contract non-renewal status until 1400 hrs on 19 November 1999.
- (20) Is the Minister aware that Mr Day was misled by the statement made on 17 November 1999 and of the distress this has caused Mr Day's family and himself, and which has been further compounded by the failure of F/A Overland to reply to requests for a response since 19 January 2000.
- (21) Is the Minister aware that Mr Day has tried on many occasions in the past 2 years to obtain a response to this matter from the AFP.
- (22) Was Minister Vanstone, when Minister of Justice and Customs, advised by the AFP that information provided by Mr Day had been reviewed by the Review Panel.
- (23) Is the Minister aware of an interview that was instigated by F/A Overland prior to the Review Panel reviewing Mr Day's case in response to Mr Day's report.
- (24) Will the Minister investigate statements allegedly made by F/A Overland at this meeting, concerning F/A Overland's unwillingness to provide written responses.
- (25) Will the Minister investigate whether the AFP denied Mr Day the opportunity to properly defend himself against the allegations by denying him the right to speak at the Review Board hearing.
- (26) Does the Minister condone such procedures conducted by the AFP in this matter.
- (27) Will the Minister investigate how a review can be conducted when the relevant persons do not have to appear before the Review Panel.
- (28) Was the information supplied to the Minister not made available to the Review Panel as claimed by the AFP.
- (29) Will the Minister investigate why the Commissioner of the AFP has refused to grant Mr Day an appointment to discuss his report.
- (30) Have some of those members re-profiled as being unsuitable for continued employment with the AFP been employed by the Criminal Justice Commission in Queensland.
- (31) Will the Minister investigate why numerous members of the AFP were paid out under S26E before and after the non renewal of contract period commenced, when the more appropriate action would be to allow their contract to expire or simply stand them down in the interim period as with other members.
- (32) Was F/A Overland responsible for two members receiving S26E action for poor performance issues at the time Mr Day was advised of the non-renewal of his contract.
- (33) Was the AFP responsible for a least 10 other members receiving 26E or other pay outs for poor performance in the few months just after the non

renewal of contract action; if so, what action is the Minister taking in relation to this matter.

- (34) Will the Minister investigate why F/A McKnight was allegedly observing Mr Day whose work station was located three floors above his own office and who was assigned to another department.
- (35) Will the Minister investigate why F/A McKnight during this supervision of Mr Day did not discipline Mr Day at the time of his observations, nor provide counselling or remedial training.
- (36) Will the Minister investigate the period of 5 weeks during which Mr Day was transferred to F/A McKnight's department and how F/A McKnight was able to make a reliable observation of Mr Day given the logistic impossibility to conduct such observations.
- (37) Will the Minister investigate how it was possible for Mr Day to pass his evaluation assessments during the 18 months F/A McKnight allegedly observed Mr Day in another department given his stated concerns.
- (38) Did the report submitted by F/A McKnight contain any indication that Mr Day was made aware of any performance problem prior to the report.
- (39) Was Mr Day's treatment during this process in accordance with departmental guidelines.
- (40) Was feedback not given to Mr Day prior to the Review Board which impeded his ability to defend his position.
- (41) Did the AFP advise that the Review Panel had investigated all matters raised by Mr Day; if so, will the Minister provide a detailed account of the investigations conducted by the Review Panel, such as the interviewing of relevant personal, reviewing of files, resources allocated and Mr Day's personnel record; if not, why not.

#### *26 June 2001*

2753 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) Was a consultant employed to prepare an audiotape of his analysis of the 2001-2002 Budget that was sent to Australian doctors.
- (2) If so, what was the (a) cost of this consultancy and (b) name and cost of employing the interlocutor heard on this tape.
- (3) What was the total cost of the preparation, production and dissemination of the audiotape.

#### *27 June 2001*

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1657 (*Hansard*, 18 June 2001, page 26538), did Treasury engage in modelling activities prior to the implementation of the GST on the cost of a range of student Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) repayments; if not, why not.
- (2) Since the implementation of the GST has there been an increase in the HECS indexation rate for each percentage increase in inflation; if so, what is the specific increase in the HECS indexation rate caused by the GST.

- (3) What are the actual increases in HECS loan repayments since the introduction of the GST in the income brackets (a) below \$22,346, (b) \$22,346 to \$23,565, (c) \$23,566 to \$25,393, (d) \$25,394 to \$29,456, (e) \$29,457 to \$35,551, (f) \$35,552 to \$37,420, (g) \$37,421 to \$40,223 and (h) \$40 224 and above.
  - (4) What specific measures has the Government introduced to offset these increased costs to Australia's students and graduates.
- 2756 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Are the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority currently recruiting financial analysts with the assistance of personnel consultants.
  - (2) Has this taken place subsequent to the HIH collapse.
- 2757 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) How many staff are directly involved in monitoring the financial well being of the insurance sector in Australia.
  - (2) What are their qualifications and what is the extent of their practical experience to meet their work requirements.
  - (3) How many insurance companies does each analyst monitor.
  - (4) Will Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority financial analysts be monitoring fewer insurance companies in the near future.
- 2758 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— Did he consider the adequacy of the number of professional analysts responsible for monitoring the well being of the insurance industry during 2000; if so, what were his conclusions about the adequacy of such monitoring.
- 2759 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— Did events surrounding the collapse of GIO Australia cause the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority or the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to modify their procedures in terms of assessing the quality of risks being faced by insurers, including HIH; if so, what changes were made in light of the GIO example.
- 2760 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— How many analysts were given the responsibility within the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority to monitor the quality of assets and the level of provisioning of insurance risks on the balance sheet of HIH.
- 2761 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—
- (1) Has he satisfied himself as to the adequacy of the monitoring role performed by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in respect of the quality of assets and the level of provisioning of risks of insurance companies.
  - (2) Did ASIC or APRA express concerns to him regarding their ability to monitor the financial well being of the insurance sector; if so, when were these concerns communicated to him.
- 2762 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— Are there any other insurance companies who are not providing the Australian

Prudential Regulatory Authority with timely information on the status of their balance sheet and the extent to which there is adequate provisioning for insurance liabilities.

2763 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) What process, if any, is in place within the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) to verify the adequacy of provisioning by insurance companies of their insurance risks.
- (2) To what extent does APRA rely on the information supplied by the companies themselves and their appointed actuaries and auditors.
- (3) Is any attempt made on the part of APRA to independently verify the adequacy of provisioning of insurance liabilities.

2764 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation— Does the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority conduct audits of the reliability of financial information supplied by the insurance industry; if so, (a) how many audits were conducted in 2000 and (b) what were the outcomes of these audits.

2765 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs— Have arrangements been finalised with Vietnamese officials for the return of Vietnamese nationals currently in Australia's prisons awaiting criminal deportation; if so, (a) when was an agreement reached, (b) what are the terms of the agreement and (c) when will the Vietnamese nationals be removed from Australia.

2766 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in *The Age* newspaper on 26 June 2001 titled "Tax experts declare: we are confused".
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the comment in that report by the Tax Agents' Association President, Ray Regan that (a) this year's Taxpack is in the mail and its size and complexity has confused even the experts and (b) the Government's tax reforms had complicated the system so much that tax agents' fees would increase by 50 to 100 % this year.
- (3) Has his attention also been drawn to a similar report in *The Canberra Times* on 26 June 2001 titled "Post-GST Taxpack too complicated: expert".
- (4) What action is he taking to make it easier for tax agents and taxpayers to better understand this year's Taxpack.
- (5) What action is he taking to minimise the increased costs taxpayers are bearing following the introduction of the Government's recent tax reforms.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the recent coverage in the print media on the growing acquisition by private healthcare corporates of independent medical practices, particularly in a series in *The Australian* newspaper entitled "The Health Revolution".
- (2) Is there any Commonwealth agency which monitors and records the ownership and the change in ownership of medical general practices by private healthcare corporates such as Mayne Nickless, Foundation

Healthcare, Endeavour Healthcare, Medical Care Services and Primary Healthcare.

- (3) Is there any requirement for changes in the ownership of medical general practices to be advised to any Commonwealth agency, either prior to or after any acquisition of independent medical general practices by a private healthcare corporate.
- (4) Is he able to say whether the Foreign Investment Review Board is required to be advised by the private healthcare corporates with substantial foreign ownership prior to any acquisition by them of independent medical general practices.
- (5) Is the Health Insurance Commission or any other Commonwealth agency in possession of any information regarding the comparative (a) cost of medical services provided and (b) rates of referral to downstream ancillary services such as pathology and radiology, by independent and corporate general practices.
- (6) What are the comparative imposts of the independent and corporate (a) general practices and (b) downstream ancillary services practices and their relationship to the Health Budget.
- (7) What measures will the Commonwealth put in place to protect patients of independent and corporate medical general practices in relation to their servicing practices and conduct.
- (8) What measures will the Commonwealth put in place to protect a patient's right to choose either an independent or a corporate general practice in a patient's given locality, and have these rights been eroded or even eliminated by the complete acquisition of independent general practices by private healthcare corporates.

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many Australian Protective Service (APS) officers were deployed for Operation Mandalay to Port Hedland on 25 May 2001.
- (2) How long did the officers remain in Port Hedland.
- (3) How much notice were the officers given.
- (4) For how many officers did this deployment constitute a change of shift.
- (5) Under the Public Service Award 1998, are APS officers entitled to payment of penalties for a change of shift without the required 7 days notice.
- (6) How many officers have been paid this entitlement.
- (7) Who made the decision regarding the payment or non-payment of these entitlements.
- (8) On what grounds was such a decision made.
- (9) Was there any discussion with the officers regarding shift changes or entitlements for Operation Mandalay before the deployment.
- (10) Did any officers waive the 7 days' notice of shift change provision; if so, (a) how many officers did so and (b) were these recorded in writing.

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

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

scheme; if so, which schemes were involved in this type of activity and what was the result of these investigations.

- (10) In relation to international agreements being used as a round robin device by schemes, was there any investigation by the ATO that this type of arrangement may have constituted an activity with the dominant purpose of avoiding or evading taxation; if so, did the ATO proceed to disallow any tax deductions made by the management company in relation to the international arrangements and funding.
  - (11) Did the ATO proceed to further investigate, prosecute or refer for prosecution any parties involved in these international transactions.
  - (12) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors in schemes knowingly participated in or approved round robin transactions or international arrangements or funding; if so, on what basis did the ATO determine that penalty payments should be applied to those investors in their notices of reassessment.
- 2774 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In relation to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) treatment of Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes, will he list the projects that the ATO has investigated and applied a Part IVA ruling on.
  - (2) Which projects is the ATO currently investigating.
  - (3) Will he provide a list of the number of investors in each of these projects who have received amended assessments as a result of a Part IVA ruling.
  - (4) In relation to (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp, will he provide the number of participants in those schemes who were contacted by the ATO when preparing their position paper prior to the issuing of amended assessment.
  - (5) How many submissions were made to the ATO by investors in (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp in response to the ATO position paper.
  - (6) In relation to these schemes, what time frame was spent by the ATO examining these submissions and what was the time frame between issuing the position paper and the issuing of amended assessments.
- 2776 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Does he stand by his answer to question No. 1247 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2000, page 16500) that all Australians, including residents of caravan parks, will be better off under The New Tax System.
- 2780 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—What sum has the Government spent on its campaign which commenced on 5 March 2000 to advertise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Country of Origin Guidelines.
- 2781 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Does the Government intend to take any steps to amend section 53(a) of the Trade Practices Act to take into account the 1998 Country of Origin defences particularly in relation to a claim that a product is "made in Australia".

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

2782 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

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

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

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

2783 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

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

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

- (1) Has he seen a *New Scientist* report of 16 June 2001 titled “Feeling Lucky” dealing with a NASA-commissioned study claiming that military aircraft are now much safer than 20 years ago while the same affordable technology is yet to be made available to commercial airlines.
- (2) Is he aware of the results of the NASA-commissioned study into the crashworthiness of commercial aircraft, completed in February last year by crash consultancy Simula Technologies in Phoenix, Arizona.
- (3) Has his attention been drawn to the claim in the *New Scientist* report that four out of five airline crashes occur during take off and landing, at relatively low speed and could be largely survivable by passengers if certain practical modifications are made to the structure, floor, seats, fuel system and interior fittings of aircraft.
- (4) With the current large purchases of domestic aircraft now being made by the Australian aviation industry, what requirements is he imposing on airline companies to require them to order aircraft with modern safety design features and fittings.
- (5) Will these aircraft be required to have strengthened overhead lockers to prevent loose objects being flung about the cabin in the event of a crash.
- (6) Will these aircraft be fitted with strengthened shock absorbing seats that are able to protect passengers from the forces generated during a crash.



- (7) Will these aircraft be fitted with seats with three point harnesses that hold passengers firmly in their seats in the event of a crash.
  - (8) Will these aircraft be fitted with strengthened floors that hold the seats in place during a crash.
  - (9) Will these aircraft be fitted with foam filled cells in the underbody of the aircraft that protect passengers by absorbing the energy of a crash.
  - (10) Will these aircraft be fitted with valves that automatically shut off fuel-flow if the wings break off as a result of a crash.
  - (11) Will the Government ensure the introduction of improved airline safety initiatives as outlined in parts (4) to (10) of this question; if not, why not.
- 2786 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What is the Howard Government's outlay on the National Highway System, Roads of National Importance and other road funds, including untied grants to local government for roads, for each of the six years starting 1996-97.
  - (2) What is the Howard Government's actual outlay on the rail capital works programs, and other rail outlays, including the former Australian National Railways Commission and the Australian Rail Track Corporation, for each of the six years starting 1996-97.
  - (3) What is the Howard Government's actual outlay on urban public transport, including for the Building Better Cities program for each of the six years starting 1996-97.
- 2787 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an ABC 7-30 *Report* broadcast on 25 June 2001 titled "State meeting to address increasing electricity prices".
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of problems associated with the supply of electricity caused principally by air-conditioners in Victoria and South Australia.
  - (3) Has the Minister been made aware of the demand for electricity peaks during summertime daylight hours as a result of air-conditioning loads.
  - (4) Is the Minister able to say whether solar-powered electricity generators in California are now being used to help meet peak electricity summer loads in that state.
  - (5) Did the 7-30 *Report* state that the electricity generating peak capacity will have to be increased by 50% over the next decade, or by between 4000 and 7000 megawatts of new generating capacity to meet this growing demand in Victoria and South Australia.
  - (6) What would be the increase in carbon dioxide emissions in percentage and absolute terms if the 50% increase in demand over the next decade in electricity in South Australia and Victoria were sourced from fossil fuel.
  - (7) What would the cost be of new fossil fuel power stations to meet this demand.
  - (8) What would be the cost if this demand were met from solar-powered, wind-powered and hydro-powered generators.

- (9) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that this additional 50% generating capacity to meet the demands of South Australia and Victoria's electricity needs will be taken up by alternative energy generators such as solar, wind and hydro power.
- (10) Will the Minister examine the California solar power station experience; if not, why not.

2789 **MR HORNE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Are dairying communities in the lower Hunter eligible to receive Dairy Readjustment Assistance Program funding.

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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 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2001, page 29507), 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 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.

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 Transport and Regional Services—

- (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 Transport and Regional Services—

- (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, page 29340) 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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2865 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is it stated at page 36 of *Taxpack 2001* that the ATO can ask taxpayers who claim work related deductions of over \$300 to justify such claims with written evidence.
- (2) How did the ATO determine the threshold of \$300 for work related deductions to require written evidence.
- (3) In determining the threshold of \$300, did the ATO consider the impact of the GST; if not, why not.
- (4) Will the Taxation Commissioner consider reviewing the threshold of \$300 for work related deductions to require written evidence; if not, why not.

2866 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is he aware of a letter dated 23 July 2001 from the Australian Standards Board Ltd addressed to Reverend John W Woo, Rector, St Andrew's Anglican Church, Strathfield.
- (2) Is he aware of the Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) *Advertiser Code of Ethics* and clause 1.1 of those ethics which states that advertisements shall comply with Commonwealth law and the law of the relevant State or Territory.
- (3) Is the *Trade Marks Act 1995* a Commonwealth Law.
- (4) Is he aware that a billboard poster at the corner of Great Western Highway (Parramatta Road) and Mosely Street, Strathfield, NSW was recently seen depicting an advertisement for Four Seasons® condoms.
- (5) Is he able to say whether the trade mark "Four Seasons" in respect to its advertised relationship to the word "condom" is the registered trade mark of (a) Australian Therapeutic Supplies Pty Limited (A.C.N. 003 809 783 and ABN 36 003 809 783), (b) Mr Graham William Porter or (c) some other person; if so, who.
- (6) Does the first paragraph of the Australian Standards Board letter hold out that the registered trade mark holder of Four Seasons® condoms is Australian Therapeutic Supplies Pty Limited; if so, is he able to say whether this is misleading.

- (7) What relationship does the Australian Standards Board have in respect of his portfolio.
- (8) How does he police and enforce the punitive provisions of the Trade Marks Act in respect to fraudulent, misleading or other advertisements implicitly or explicitly depicting trade mark symbols or otherwise hold out to be a product as a registered trade mark.
- (9) Does the Advertising Standards Board Ltd have an administrative and moral obligation to ensure that advertisers' advertisements comply with Commonwealth law and in particular, the spirit of that law.
- (10) Is it possible for the registered trade mark owner and the advertiser to whom the AANA standards applies, to not be the same person.
- (11) In respect of the advertisement described in part (5) of this question, was (a) the advertiser Australian Therapeutic Supplies Pty Limited and (b) the relevant registered trade mark holder of the intellectual property good called "Four Seasons" Mr Graham William Porter.
- (12) Does the letter from the Australian Standards Board Ltd (a) explicitly state that the Advertising Standards Board considered the advertisement at its most recent meeting and determined that the complaint should be dismissed, (b) imply that the advertisement complies with the AANA Code and Commonwealth and State Law and (c) is silent on whether the advertiser and the trade mark holder is the same person; if so, is it misleading.
- (13) Is the letter from the Australian Standards Board Ltd misleading in that it implies the advertisement that is depicted is the property of Australian Therapeutic Supplies Pty Ltd and that the product so advertised is the intellectual property of the advertiser.
- (14) Does the Advertising Standards Board's implied association between the advertiser and the registered trade-mark holder create a legitimate expectation that the advertisement complies with the AANA Code and Commonwealth law and therefore the letter to Reverend Woo is misleading.
- (15) In light of these facts, will he empanel a meeting of Attorneys-General of the States, Territories and the Commonwealth to review the application of standards in advertising and in particular, the conduct of "self regulating" bodies, including the Australian Standards Board, who have demonstrated (a) a failure to consider the spirit of the AANA industry code, (b) misrepresentation of cases, including that of Reverend Woo and (c) a misunderstanding of their own administrative and legal responsibilities.
- (16) Will he also empanel a meeting of Attorneys-General of the States, Territories and the Commonwealth to review the application of standards in ancillary self-regulating organisations, including the (a) Federation of Australian Commercial Television Stations in respect of television broadcasting, (b) Australian Record Industry Association in respect of the publication, sale and distribution of music and (c) Office of Film and Literature Classification in respect of videos, computer games and other materials.

2867 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Has the awarding of the 2008 Olympic Games been hailed in some quarters as providing an opportunity for improved human rights in China; if so, what is the Government's view of this assessment.
- (2) Will the Government be taking any steps to make use of the opportunity presented by China's winning of the right to host the 2008 Olympics to improve outcomes in the Bilateral Dialogue on Human Rights with China; if so, (a) what progress does the Government expect to achieve through the dialogue, particularly in relation to Tibet, for each year to 2008 and (b) how will this achievement be measured for each of these years; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the Government commit to public reporting of the results of its Dialogue with China on Human Rights, particularly in relation to Tibet, immediately after each Dialogue meeting, for each year to 2008; if so what form will this reporting take; if not why not.

2868 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to concerns that the High Court's majority decision in *Melway Publishing Pty Ltd v. Robert Hicks Pty Ltd* [2001] 178 ALR 253 (Melway) will weaken the protection afforded to small business by section 46 of the Trade Practices Act which prohibits the use of market power to stifle competition.
- (2) Does the Government share concerns expressed by Justice Michael Kirby in his dissenting judgment in that case that the majority decision departs significantly from Parliament's intention in enacting section 46 of the Trade Practices Act (and subsequent changes to that provision) to prohibit anti-competitive conduct engaged in by firms holding a substantial degree of market power.
- (3) Has his attention also been drawn to concerns expressed by commentators that the decision in Melway has created significant uncertainty as to the meaning and effect of section 46 of the Trade Practices Act.
- (4) What action does the Government propose to address these concerns and what steps has it taken to ensure that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is able to monitor and, where appropriate, address any undesirable consequences flowing from Melway.

2869 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Have there been communications between the Commonwealth and WA Governments concerning the 1975 Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States since his answer to question No. 898 (*Hansard*, 22 November 1999, page 12352); if so, what were the dates, terms and results of this communication.
- (2) Will he bring up-to-date the information on contracting states and other signatories provided in his answer to question No. 1349 (*Hansard*, 14 May 1997, page 3667).



21 August 2001

2870 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—

- (1) What were the processes adopted by the Medicare Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) in its study on Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.
- (2) Is this the first instance in which MSAC was asked to examine an existing medical procedure rather than the viability of a possible new service.
- (3) Should those with existing financial and practice interests in the provision of medical services be denied the opportunities for open participation in MSAC's proceedings.
- (4) How does he justify the secrecy of the proceedings of MSAC and its alleged failure to comply with the rules of natural justice.
- (5) Where an existing service is being examined, should there be some form of right of appeal.

2871 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to recommendations implemented by the Minister for Health and Aged Care following recommendations by the Medicare Specialist Advisory Committee regarding funding of hyperbaric medicine.
- (2) Has he received advice that the restriction of the use of hyperbaric medical facilities is likely to increase the number of amputations for conditions currently treated conservatively through high pressure oxygen; if so, will he undertake to examine funding directly through his portfolio, expenditures the Department of Health and Aged Care will no longer meet for the care of veterans.

2872 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) On Tuesday, 14 August 2001, did Mr Nick Arthur, Regional Director (Tas) of the Australian Customs Service meet with Ms Bev Newberry, the Master of the yacht *Half Moon*.
- (2) At that meeting, was Ms Newberry told by Mr Arthur that a former employee of Customs, Mr Rex Cox, no longer stood by assertions to the effect that Mr Cox had left Ms Newberry with the expectation or assumption that an extension to her stay could be negotiated if necessary.
- (3) Will the Minister seek from Mr Cox a direct statement of the representations that Mr Cox made to Ms Newberry.
- (4) If what Ms Newberry was told by Mr Arthur is false, will the Minister explain (a) how these circumstances have come to exist and (b) why Ms Newberry has been placed in a situation where Customs has failed and will not stand behind what she was advised by Mr Cox.

2873 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Has the exposure draft of the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2001 been removed from the home page of the Minister's Department's website; if so, why.

- (2) Has the Government decided not to press ahead with this bill, the purpose of which was to allow the civil confiscation of the proceeds of crime.
- (3) Is the removal of the access link on the website consistent with the Minister's announcement that the public should have the opportunity to have input into the bill before its introduction into the Parliament.
- (4) What is the Government's explanation for not proceeding in a manner consistent with the Minister's public statements regarding the importance of such legislation.

2874 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a statement by the Calder Highway Improvement Committee in the *Castlemaine Mail* on 17 July 2001, that the original target date for completion of the duplication of the Calder Highway was 2009.
- (2) Does he reject the Bracks Government's 2006 finishing date; if so, is the Howard Government's finishing date 2009.
- (3) If 2009 is the Howard Government's finishing date for the duplication, why did he in his recent answer to me refuse to commit to funding for any section of the duplication after the completion of the Karlsruhe upgrade in 2003.
- (4) What is the estimated total cost of completing the Calder duplication after the finish of the Karlsruhe section and what cost would be incurred by the Federal Government.

2875 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) On what dates did the Government (a) decide to purchase Bushmaster armoured personnel carriers from Australian Defence Industries (ADI) and (b) contract with ADI to supply these vehicles.
- (2) Did the contract the Government signed with ADI set out a timeline for the supply of the vehicles; if so, on what dates and in what numbers were the vehicles to be supplied to the Army.
- (3) What funds were allocated for the purchase of Bushmaster vehicles in each Budget since the signing of the agreement to purchase the vehicles and what funds are required to be allocated in what subsequent years to complete the purchase.
- (4) Can he explain why he stated in a letter in July to the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union that he could not indicate an expected starting date for production of the Bushmaster vehicles, whereas in his reply to me in question No. 2711 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29220) he stated that production was expected to commence in late 2003.
- (5) What are the technical shortfalls that he states in his reply to me that have delayed commencement of production.
- (6) What sum did the Government originally agree to pay ADI for the number of vehicles it originally undertook to purchase, and what is expected to be the final cost following changes to the vehicle and delays to production.

- (7) If the Government anticipates significant cost increases in fulfilment of the original contract, is the Government planning to reduce the number of vehicles it purchases.

2876 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What steps did the Government take in the process of privatising Australian Defence Industries (ADI) to ensure that Bendigo would be the location for the series production of the Bushmaster armoured personnel carrier by ADI's new owners.
- (2) Is it the Government's intention that the Bushmaster will be produced at ADI Bendigo.

*22 August 2001*

2877 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the total cost to the Commonwealth of the construction of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) building in Butlers Road, Hurstville, NSW.
- (2) What is the total office space in the building and what area was occupied by the ATO.
- (3) For how long was the space occupied by the ATO and to where did the ATO transfer its Hurstville operations.
- (4) What was the reason for the transfer of the office.
- (5) Are the existing premises of the ATO in Hurstville owned or leased by the Commonwealth; if the premises are leased, for how long does the lease run and what is the cost of the lease.
- (6) Does any of the space vacated by the ATO in the Butlers Road, Hurstville premises remain vacant; if so what area.
- (7) What is the estimated annual cost to the Commonwealth of the vacant space in the Butlers Road building.
- (8) How many officers previously worked in the ATO in Butlers Road and how many now work in the present ATO building in Hurstville.

2878 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Did he, in a letter to the Speaker, dated 8 August 2001, in relation to the delay in answering my question No. 2521, state (a) the Airports Division of his Department is responsible for the on-going regulation of leased Federal airports and since the Government announced its decision to sell Sydney Airport, the division has had a major, time-critical responsibility to answer, in detail, questions from prospective buyers in relation to aspects of the Airport's regulatory regime and (b) during the same period, I had asked a number of detailed questions relating to the sale of Sydney Airport and as a result of these cumulative pressures, there was a delay in answering question No. 2521.
- (2) Does his letter demonstrate he has placed the commercial interests in the hands of the Government ahead of, and given a higher priority to, the public interest matters raised in my question No. 2521.

- (3) Has his instruction to the Airports Division over-ridden both the Coalition's February 1996 policy on aviation and the then Transport Minister's second reading speech during the Airports Bill 1996 debate; if not, why not.
- (4) When did he give the Airports Division directions about his priorities concerning the time-critical responsibility to answer, in detail, questions from prospective buyers in relation to aspects of the Airport's regulatory regime.
- (5) At the time that he directed the Airports Division of the time-critical responsibility, did he contemplate the airport's regulatory regime in the context of a fully implemented Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport.
- (6) How did he express to the Airport's Division the manner in which prospective buyers of the lease for Sydney Airport would be required to adhere to a fully implemented LTOP for Sydney Airport.
- (7) How are prospective buyers now expected to fully implement the LTOP for Sydney Airport.
- (8) When will prospective buyers be required to fully implement the LTOP for Sydney Airport.

2879 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2716 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29772), notwithstanding his answer that the lease of the Airport will have no effect on the Direction given to Airservices Australia by the then Minister for Transport and Regional Development in July 1997 to implement Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), will Airservices Australia be unable to implement the LTOP if it should be found that the Direction cannot be fulfilled due to operational constraints posed by the lease for Sydney Airport.
- (2) What guarantee can he give that the LTOP can be achieved in light of commercial interests seeking to maximise aircraft movements at Sydney Airport.

2880 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2667 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29771), is Sydney Airport to revert to parallel runway modes in order to achieve 80 movements per hour; if not, is Sydney Airport unable to achieve 80 movements per hour.
- (2) If so, has he made this point clear to prospective bidders for the Sydney Airport lease; if not, why not.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 2667, what is the projected number of non-jet aircraft movements for the years 2002 to 2006 inclusive.
- (4) Will he answer part (4) of question 2667 which sought future projected non-jet aircraft movements and not a historical record for 2000.

2881 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2621 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29765), is he the Minister responsible for the sale of Sydney Airport and

other Sydney basin airports; if not, who is the Minister with this responsibility.

- (2) Is he responsible for the preparatory tender process for the sale of Sydney Airport and other Sydney basin airports; if not, who is the Minister with this responsibility.
- (3) In respect to his answers to parts (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) of question No. 2621, is he able to say whether 15% constitutes, in public corporation terms, a controlling interest in a Board of Directors for publicly listed companies; if not, what percentage of a Board's voting interest constitutes a controlling interest in a publicly listed firm.
- (4) Does a parent entity with a maximum 15% interest in either respective paired airports constitute a situation where a single parent company can have a controlling interest in more than one of the combination of respectively paired airports.
- (5) If the situation were to arise where a parent company did acquire 15% interest in any combination of paired airports, is he able to say whether this would constitute a situation of monopolistic-like market control by a single parent company.
- (6) If 15% means a controlling interest, has the Government legislated in monopolistic structural control by a prospective parent company in the administration of Australia's airports; if not, why not.
- (7) Has he effectively eliminated the capacity of the public interest to have any statutory protection against the new regime as contained in the Airports Act that now statutorily protects the controlling interest of a prospective parent company that may have a controlling interest in one or more pairs of airports.
- (8) Is the policy underpinning this provision of diversity of ownership fundamentally defective in that it ensures a maximum of 15%, thus effectively guaranteeing controlling interest at the shareholder meetings of the prospective parent companies and hence their subsidiaries.
- (9) Does he limit strategic interest of Australia's airports to mean only aviation gateways to the world; if so, (a) are Australia's airports also (i) of strategic military importance and (ii) important to Australia's border protection obligations and (b) does his answer singularly focus on the gateway role of Australia's airports while ignoring the regulatory functions.
- (10) Does the ownership of operating leases by private entities fundamentally compromise the strategic importance of Australia's assets such as airports into the hands of private persons who may include elements of foreign ownership.
- (11) Does the controlling interest of private companies of strategic interests such as Sydney Airport and other Australian airports constitute a serious strategic exposure.
- (12) Will the controlling interest of Sydney and other Australian airports fundamentally place their commercial interests of profit maximisation at odds with those Government agencies charged with border protection responsibilities, including the Australian Customs Service, Australian

Quarantine and Inspection Service, Australian Taxation Office, Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Environment Australia and any other Government agency charged with border protection functions.

- (13) How can he justify his comment that these provisions also ensure that commercially-driven decisions are made about maintaining existing infrastructure and building new infrastructure when border protection functions necessarily constitute a commercial hindrance to the free flow of people and goods between borders.
- (14) Must the agencies listed in part (12) be free to perform their functions without interference by the airport lessee company through commercial constraints or other pressure that the airport lessee company may exert; if so, how does the existing legislation protect these agencies against the risk of commercial imperatives overriding the free administration of these Government agencies' statutory responsibilities.
- (15) What steps will he take to fortify those Government agencies in the performance of their statutory responsibilities.

2882 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to the answer to question No. 2621 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29765), (a) is he the Minister charged with the responsibility for the sale of Sydney and other Sydney basin airports and (b) why was the question transferred to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services for a reply.

2883 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2350 (*Hansard*, 29 March 2001, page 26101), have there been any legislative developments in either State or Territory jurisdictions regarding the ILO Conventions referred to in that question.
- (2) What are the names and qualifications of the delegates to the 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Meeting of the ILO to be held in Bangkok on 28-31 August 2001.

2884 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What sum has the Government spent on the First Home Owners Scheme.
- (2) What proportion of these grants has been received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) more than \$50,000 p.a. and (c) more than \$100,000 p.a.
- (3) For the most recent financial year in which statistics are available, what sum did the Government outlay on tax expenditures for (a) self-funded retirees, (b) superannuation concessions, (c) capital gains tax exemptions for economic purposes, (d) capital gains tax discounts for individuals and (e) capital gains tax exemptions for residential purposes.
- (4) In each case referred to in part (3), what proportion of the outlays was received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) more than \$50,000 p.a. and (c) more than \$100,000 p.a.

2885 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In the vote on the Draft Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage in Paris between 2 and 7 July 2001 which countries (a) voted in favour, (b) voted against and (c) abstained from voting.

2886 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the United Nations Global Compact that requires governments and corporations to support the protection of human rights, the right of workers to bargain collectively, the elimination of forced labour, the abolition of child labour, ending workplace discrimination, the promotion of environmental responsibility and the encouragement of environmentally friendly technologies.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the decision of Melbourne City Council to join the Global Compact and require corporations tendering for Council contracts to comply with the Compact's terms and conditions.
- (3) Will the Federal Government also join the Compact and require corporations receiving Federal subsidies, import protection and tax concessions to comply with its terms and conditions.
- (4) If not, what action is the Government taking to ensure that companies meet their proper social, labour and environmental responsibilities in return for Federal financial assistance.

2887 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—

- (1) What sum of financial support is the Government providing to the Australian Magnesium Corporation's Stanwell project.
- (2) Did the Minister write an article for the *Australian Financial Review* on 16 August 2001 in which the Minister said that the project has the potential to be the best in the world.
- (3) If the Stanwell project has so much potential why does it need to be financially supported by the Federal Government rather than fully financed by the private sector.
- (4) What does the Minister know about the potential and profitability of the project that is not yet apparent to private sector investors.
- (5) What financial return does the Government expect to make on its investment.

2888 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of high fee-charging non-government schools providing entry preference to foreign students; if so, what are the details.
- (2) As a condition of Federal funding for non-government schools, does the Government require equal entry access for Australian students; if so, what are the details.

2889 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 2382 (*Hansard*, 2 March 1998, page 142), was the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region adopted at Lisbon on 11 April 1997 signed under the auspices of the Council of Europe and UNESCO.
- (2) Did the Convention enter into force on 1 February 1999.

- (3) Was the Convention signed for Australia, subject to ratification, on 20 September 2000.
- (4) On what dates, in what circumstances and with what results were letters sent to the relevant State and Territory Ministers following signature.
- (5) What countries have ratified the Convention.
- (6) What is the timetable for Australia to ratify the convention.

2890 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to question No. 2586 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29234) concerning the Peter Tomson case, (a) was the magistrate's decision that a prima facie case had been established based on averments sworn by the Australian Customs Service (ACS) to initiate the proceedings and (b) were these averments subsequently shown to be false.
- (2) How many officers that provided evidence before the Midford inquiry were also involved with the Tomson case and what positions did they hold within the ACS.
- (3) What are the terms of reference for the review of the Tomson case by Counsel.
- (4) What guarantee can the Minister give of the independence of a review commissioned by Customs itself.
- (5) Can the Minister guarantee that all relevant ACS information will be placed before Counsel.
- (6) Will Mr Tomson be interviewed by Counsel.
- (7) When does the Minister expect Counsel's review to be completed.

2891 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Will he bring up-to-date his answer to question No.1491 (*Hansard*, 31 May, 2000, page 16794) concerning the countries and territories in and around the Pacific and Indian oceans in which (a) the death penalty can be imposed and (b) the death penalty is still carried out.

2892 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has he responded yet to six letters from the Speaker seeking reasons for the delay in answering question No. 1290 asked on 3 April 2000; if not, why not.

2893 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Does he stand by his address to the National Press Club on 14 August 1998 that "this is a package where after-tax disposable income jumps way in advance of prices leaving people much better off in real terms".
- (2) Does he stand by his address to the Financial Planning Association in Sydney on 11 November 1999 that wage earners, families and pensioners will be better off under the new tax system after price rises.
- (3) Does he stand by his answer to question No. 1247 (*Hansard*, 29 May 2000, page 16500) that all Australians, including residents of caravans parks, will be better off under The New Tax System.



- (4) Does he stand by his statement in *The Weekend Australian* on 16 November 1996 that now that the GST has receded from consciousness it's been invested in some snake oil qualities.
- (5) Does he stand by his statement on Perth ABC radio on 18 May 2000 that nobody will go to the wall as a consequence of the GST.
- (6) Does he stand by his statement on Radio 3AW on 24 January 2000 that "Every time you go for an exemption you get into a complication. I argued this in relation to food. You can recall I was arguing all the way through the tax debate that you should have food included as a good".
- (7) Does he stand by his statement in the *Tax Reform: Not a New Tax A New Tax System* advertisement in national newspapers on 23 August 1998 that health, education, child care services and nursing homes will be GST-free.
- (8) Does he stand by his statement in a media release on 7 September 1998 that the Government's proposed New Tax System will not lead to any increases in petrol prices.
- (9) Does he also stand by his statement on Radio 3AW on 24 January 2000 when he said "Well, it does mean that we're not changing the legislation, that we've got it right. As you implement these things there have to be further rulings, they're just rulings as to how the Tax Office applies the concepts, but we're not changing the legislation".

*23 August 2001*

2894 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) How many persons have been breached in the Tasmanian Northern Statistical region.
- (2) How many breaches were in the 7248, 7249 and 7250 postcode areas.

2895 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Which Family Court Judges have visited Launceston to hear family court matters in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000 and (e) 2000-2001.
- (2) In each financial year what were the dates of each Family Court Judge's visit to Launceston.

2896 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What specific measures did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) implement to provide assistance to non-profit community groups and charities to help deal with changes to the tax system.
- (2) What sum did the ATO spend on these measures in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001.
- (3) What training was provided to non-profit community groups and charities to help deal with the changes to the tax system.
- (4) Was funding given to peak bodies to provide assistance to their member organisations regarding the changes to the tax system; if so, which organisations received funding and what sum did each receive.

- (5) Does the ATO have any field officers similar to GST compliance officers who deal specifically with non-profit community groups and charities; if so, how many and where are they based; if not, why not.
- (6) How many charity packs have been produced.
- (7) How many organisations have (a) applied for endorsement as a charity, (b) had their endorsement application rejected, (c) appealed the decision to reject their endorsement application and (d) had their appeal for endorsement as a charity rejected.
- (8) How many non-profit organisations have (a) applied for GST registration and (b) applied to cancel their GST registration.
- (9) What procedure does the ATO have for acknowledging the receipt of an application to remove a non-profit organisation's GST registration.

2897 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What substantive measures is the Minister taking to facilitate the re-entry into the workforce of those mature age workers who have had career breaks or who find themselves between jobs and unable to regain a foothold in the employment market.
- (2) How many older Australian workers have re-entered the workforce as a result of the measures.

2898 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Under the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport, are the air traffic movement targets to the north 17% of movements and to the west 15% of movements, respectively.
- (2) Do the latest Sydney Airport Operational Statistics to 31 May 2001 provided by Airservices Australia reveal air traffic movements to the north are running at 33.1% and to the west 6.1%.
- (3) Does he stand by his reply to part (4) of my question No. 2751 (*Hansard* 20 August 2001, page 29776) that the LTOP has been substantially implemented with the exception of a small number of elements; if so, why.
- (4) In light of the statistics referred to in part (2), when will the LTOP target of 17% aircraft movements to the north be achieved.
- (5) Will he direct Airservices Australia to fully implement the LTOP before the lease of Sydney Airport is sold; if not, why not.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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## **SPEAKER'S PANEL**

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

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## **COMMITTEES**

*Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament*

### **Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mr 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 Lees, 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.

**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.

Christmas Island—Proposed common-use infrastructure items.

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.

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 27 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*.)

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**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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