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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 2

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2002

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

- *1 **MR RUDDOCK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MS WORTH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Marriage Act 1961*, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, and for related purposes.
- *5 **MR WILLIAMS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and for related purposes.
- *6 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911*, and for related purposes.
- *7 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*, and for related purposes.
- *8 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*, and for related purposes.
- *9 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, and for other purposes.
- *10 **DR NELSON:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.
- *11 **MR TUCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airports Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr Hardgrave, in continuation*) on the proposed Address in Reply.

Notices—continued

- *12 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—
 - (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to consider and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament;
 - (ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - (iii) the Minister for Defence; or
 - (iv) the Minister for Trade.

* 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.

(b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

- (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
 - (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
 - (8) That 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (9) 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.
 - (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
 - (11) 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.
 - (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
 - (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (19) 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.
 - (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

*13 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
 - (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*;
 - (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*; and
 - (e) such matters relating to Australia's territories as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (3) That the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (7) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (9) That 3 members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.

- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
- (19) 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.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

*14 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (i) regulations made or proposed to be made under the *Migration Act 1958*;
 - (ii) all proposed changes to the *Migration Act 1958* and any related acts; and
 - (iii) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

(b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:

 - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.

- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) 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.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committees on Migration appointed in previous Parliaments.
- (17) 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.
- (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

*15 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister.
Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.

- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (17) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:
 - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
 - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (18) 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.
- (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

***16 MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities Commission Act 1989*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities shall be as follows:
 - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a member nominated by the Government Whips or the Leader of the Government in the Senate as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.

- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) 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 a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (l) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
 - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (o) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (p) 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.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

*17 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
 - (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and
 - (c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.
- (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair to 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 chair at that meeting.

- (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint not more than 3 subcommittees each consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) 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.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

***18 MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority shall be as follows:
 - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.

- (g) 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.
 - (h) 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.
 - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
 - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the committee appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
 - (q) 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.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

*19 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 204 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund shall be as follows:
 - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair 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 chair at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) 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 a subcommittee

the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.

- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (l) That the committee have power to examine and report on such annual and related reports as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (m) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
 - (n) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (o) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
 - (p) 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.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Orders of the day—*continued*

- *2 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *3 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ANTI-HOAX AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *4 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *5 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr McClelland*).
- *6 **CHRISTMAS 2001 BUSHFIRES** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Mr Abbott*) on the motion of Mr Howard—That this House:
 - (1) extends its sympathies to those Australians who suffered personal losses during the Christmas 2001 bushfires that raged across New South Wales;
 - (2) acknowledges the tireless commitment of the thousands of individuals from rural and metropolitan fire brigades, emergency and rescue services, ambulance services, the defence force, police, welfare groups, government agencies, councils and businesses from across the country who were involved in fighting these fires;
 - (3) expresses its enduring gratitude and admiration to these Australians, many of whom were volunteers, for their efforts and sacrifices and in particular acknowledges the bravery of those who risked their lives in fighting the fires; and
 - (4) recognises that the way that the community heroically pulled together in a time of crisis truly demonstrates the strength of the Australian spirit.
- *7 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *8 **OPERATION OF THE AGED CARE ACT 1997—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *9 **COMMISSIONER FOR COMPLAINTS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- *10 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *11 **AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *12 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *13 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *14 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *15 **HEALTH SERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *16 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *17 **REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *18 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *19 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *20 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *21 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *22 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *23 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *24 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFITS ORGANISATIONS—ERRATA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *25 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 26 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 **MR PRICE:** To move—

- (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. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

2 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (*ba*) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;
 - (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

3 MR PRICE: To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

4 MR PRICE: To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (*a*) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
- (*b*) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (*a*) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

5 MR PRICE: To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

6 MR PRICE: To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
 - (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
 - (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 7 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Questions from citizens

148A (a) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division.

- (b) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
 - (c) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
 - (d) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electoral division. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)
- 8 **MRS CROSIO:** To present a bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and other accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 March 2002.*)

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. 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).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:

www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1-132.

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- *133 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is it necessary to change Australia's cross-media ownership and foreign ownership laws simultaneously; if so, why.
 - (2) Will the Minister change Australia's foreign media ownership laws without changes to cross-media laws; if not, why not.
- *134 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Australian Communication Authority's (ACA) determination made under subsection 99(1) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* titled Telecommunications (Service Provider – Identity Checks for Pre-paid Public Mobile Telecommunications Services) Determination 2000.
 - (2) Does Part 3 of the determination make provision for the collection of information and verification of identity at point of sale of pre-paid mobile telecommunications services.
 - (3) Does paragraph 3.1 state that the Part sets out the rules that a carriage service provider must comply with if the carriage service provider chooses to collect information about, and, if necessary, verify the identity of, the purchaser of a pre-paid public mobile telecommunications service at the point of sale of the service.
 - (4) Is the operation of paragraph 3.1 at the discretion of the carriage service provider if it chooses to collect the information prescribed in Schedule 1 of the determination.
 - (5) Does the operation of paragraph 3.1 determine the operation of paragraphs (a) 3.2 (Requirements to be satisfied before service is activated), (b) 3.3 (Information to be collected about purchaser), (c) 3.4 (Verification of identity of purchaser – payment otherwise than by credit card or debit card) and (d) 3.5 (Verification of identity of purchaser – non-cash payment).
 - (6) Does Part 4 of the determination make provision for the post-sale collection of information and verification of identity of pre-paid mobile telecommunications services.
 - (7) Does paragraph 4.1 state that the Part sets out the rules that a carriage service provider must comply with if the carriage service provider chooses to collect information about, and, if necessary, verify the identity of, the end-user using the service that is automatically diverted to the carriage service provider after the completion of the sale of the service.
 - (8) Is the operation of paragraph 4.1 at the discretion of the carriage service provider if it chooses to collect the information prescribed in Schedule 1 of the determination.
 - (9) Does the operation of paragraph 4.1 determine the operation of paragraphs (a) 4.2 (Requirements to be satisfied before service is activated), (b) 4.3 (Information to be collected about end-user), (c) 4.5 (Obtaining identifying information about end-user) and (c) 4.7 (Procedures if required amount of identifying information cannot be verified).
 - (10) Do these discretionary powers in the hands of the carriage service provider or its agent, constitute industry self-regulation; if so, upon what policy rationale is this discretionary power in the hands of the carriage service providers based.
 - (11) What is the standing of the determination as a legal instrument enforceable by law.

- (12) For the purposes of Part 5 of the determination, what value do such records have as a written record of pre-paid public mobile telecommunications service, in light of the discretionary provisions in Parts 3 and 4 of the determination which do not require collection of information.
- (13) Is the quality and quantity of the written records prescribed in Part 5 determined by the quantity and quality of data that is discretionarily collected under Parts 3 and 4.
- (14) Is the operation of Part 5 therefore dependent on the discretionary operation of Parts 3 and 4 of the determination.
- (15) What procedures are in place to ensure that carriage service providers and agents of service providers as described in the Act, fulfil their statutory obligations under the determination, in particular the carriage service provider's or agent's obligation in the supply of pre-paid public mobile telecommunications services in conformance with paragraph 2.2 of the determination.
- (16) What criteria, if any, does the ACA use to determine whether a carriage service provider has properly exercised its discretionary power in fulfilling its obligations under paragraphs 3.1 and 4.1 of the determination.
- (17) Has the ACA the power to compel a carriage service provider to collect information of the kind prescribed in Schedule 1.
- (18) What evidence can be provided to show that the present scheme prescribed in the determination provides full and accurate data regarding the purported owners and true identity of pre-paid public mobile telecommunications services.

*135 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many notifications of dangerous goods being sent through the mail were received by the appropriate authorities for each month in 2001.
- (2) For each notification, how many were revealed by investigation to be hoaxes.

*136 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Which defence properties are either presently listed for sale or being evaluated for possible sale during the course of the next three years.
- (2) For each property, (a) when will the sale occur and (b) what consultations have occurred, or are planned to occur, with the local Members of Parliament and local community groups.

*137 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth Government collect in petrol excise in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000 and (e) 2000-2001.
- (2) What sum was returned to the States.
- (3) What sum did the Commonwealth Government spend on (a) total road funding, (b) construction of the National Highway system and (c) maintenance of the National Highway system in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99, (iv) 1999-2000 and (v) 2000-2001.
- (4) How was the figure of \$356 million arrived at as the Federal Government's contribution to the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital.
- (5) What options were examined to determine the funding mix for the proposed Orbital.
- (6) Was a shadow toll examined as a method of paying for the construction of the Orbital; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the details of the study and (b) why was the proposal rejected.

*138 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many (a) nursing homes, (b) nursing home beds, (c) hostels, (d) hostel beds and (e) in home care packages were there in the electoral division of Greenway in (i) 2001, (ii) 1996 and (iii) 1990.
- (2) How many of these are or were (a) publicly owned, (b) owned by not-for-profit religious organisations and (c) privately owned.
- (3) Have there been any complaints made to him, his predecessor or his Department regarding the standard of care provided in any of these facilities or programs since 1996; (a) if so; what are the details of each complaint and (b) what action did his Department take in responding to those complaints.
- (4) Under the recently completed accreditation program, were any nursing homes or hostels in the electoral division of Greenway required by his Department to undertake work in order to be granted accreditation; if so, what are the details.

*139 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many personnel does his Department employ throughout Australia for the specific task of reviewing and assessing visa applications for asylum seekers.
- (2) How many asylum seekers does his Department estimate are currently held in detention or are awaiting the processing of their visa applications.
- (3) On average, how many visa applications from asylum seekers does each departmental staff member have to review and assess each month.
- (4) How many personnel were employed by his Department for the specific purpose of reviewing and assessing visas from asylum seekers in (a) 1992, (b) 1993, (c) 1994, (d) 1995 and (e) 1996.
- (5) On average, how many visa applications for asylum seekers would a departmental staff member review and assess each month in (a) 1993, (b) 1994, (c) 1995 and (d) 1996.
- (6) Was there a downturn in staff numbers within his Department between 1996 and 2002; if so, what was the extent of that staff downturn.
- (7) What measures are in place to ensure that departmental personnel are accountable for processing of asylum seekers' visa applications within a specific time period.
- (8) Have any reports, memoranda, or other documents been presented to him by departmental personnel that provide recommendations to hasten the overall length in processing time for asylum seekers' visa applications; if so, (a) what are the recommendations and (b) when were they presented to him.
- (9) Is he able to say what is the average processing time for an asylum seekers' application in New Zealand.
- (10) Is he aware of any incidents involving departmental staff being unable to access any remote asylum seeker detention centre within Australia.
- (11) What is the longest recorded period that any detained adult male asylum seeker has had to wait in detention whilst his application for asylum to Australia was being processed.
- (12) What is the longest recorded period that any detained adult female asylum seeker has had to wait in detention whilst her application for asylum to Australia was being processed.
- (13) What is the longest recorded period that any detained minor asylum seeker has had to wait in detention whilst his or her application for asylum to Australia was being processed, and what is the age of this minor now.

*140 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the current state of the inquest into the death of an asylum seeker in 2001 who allegedly jumped off a basketball pole whilst under detention at the Maribyrnong Detention Centre.
- (2) Were there any witnesses to the alleged incident.
- (3) Is the Government proposing a coronial inquiry into the death.
- (4) What measures have been taken at the Maribyrnong Detention Centre to ensure a similar incident does not happen again.

*141 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the dollar amount of aid described as medical aid given as part of the overall aid package to Nauru.
- (2) Have Medicare bills been cancelled in order to provide this package to Nauru; if so, which bills.
- (3) Were the medical bills of the Nauru Government, including President Rene' Harris and his officials, covered by the package.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: *(Member to be appointed).*

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).*