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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 7

MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2002

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **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. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- 2 **MR McCLELLAND:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- 3 **MR McMULLAN:** To present a bill for an Act to provide small businesses with a simpler method of calculating Goods and Services Tax payments. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- 4 **MR LATHAM:** To present a bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †5 **MR FORREST:** To move—That this House:
 - (1) acknowledges the seriously depleted nature of rainfall patterns across south east Australia in the last decade;
 - (2) recognises that adequate water availability is a limiting criterion for Australia's economic and population growth; and
 - (3) encourages the implementation of water conservation projects, including capital upgrades for inefficient and wasteful water supply projects, increased public education on measures to conserve water and increased meteorological research into changing rainfall patterns and possible intervention measures. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †6 **MS GRIERSON:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to support improved quality of life for people with Alzheimer's disease and their carers by:
 - (1) amending the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's eligibility requirements and conditions to include greater recognition of qualitative measures rather than quantitative measures; and
 - (2) allowing greater consideration of the advice of medical practitioners and carers involved in the daily management of patients to determine the continued eligibility for the use of the drug Aricept on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme list. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †7 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House expresses its concern at the growth of untargeted financial subsidies paid to the well off in the community and calls on the Treasurer to provide transparent information regarding the cost of tax concessions and direct payments to those who have high incomes in multiples of average weekly earnings. (*Notice given 18 February 2002. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

* 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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Cadman*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 5 **INCOME TAX (SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 6 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 7 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 8 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 9 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 10 **PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 11 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 13 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 14 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *15 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 16 **ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 17 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 18 **COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL (VALIDATION OF PROCLAMATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 19 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 20 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).

- 21 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- *22 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 23 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- *24 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER BUDGET 2000 AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 25 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Small Business and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 26 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 27 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 28 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GENUINE BARGAINING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 29 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *30 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) REPEAL AND AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 31 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 32 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 33 **MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 34 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (PREGNANCY AND WORK) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 35 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 36 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *37 **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **NGAANYTJARRA COUNCIL (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) NATIVE TITLE UNIT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 41 **KIMBERLEY LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **GURANG LAND COUNCIL (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) NATIVE TITLE REPRESENTATIVE BODY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **CAPE YORK LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **MIRIMBIAK NATIONS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **QUEENSLAND SOUTH REPRESENTATIVE BODY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **COPYRIGHT AGENCY LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **SCREENSOUND AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 February 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER AS A FINAL CHARGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.

- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- *69 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Slipper*):
Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002—Resumption of debate (Mr Zahra)*.
- 70 **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—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

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 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) 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 18 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.*)

9 MR SAWFORD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the collapse of the educational framework in Australian schools;
- (2) recommends as a matter of urgency a return to a more structurally balanced curriculum; and
- (3) notes that the current framework disadvantages boys in particular and children from disadvantaged migrant and indigenous backgrounds. (*Notice given 18 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.*)

10 MR BARTLETT: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the outstanding work of our emergency service and community organisations;
- (2) thanks the unpaid and paid firefighters and support personnel for their work in saving life and property during the recent bushfires; and
- (3) urges the relevant State and local government authorities to consider approaches to better reducing risks associated with fires. (*Notice given 18 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.*)

11 MR HAASE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises and acknowledges the contribution made to the Australian economy by people working in remote areas of Australia;
- (2) recognises the disparity of services and increased cost of living faced by people working and living in remote areas of Australia;
- (3) encourages and compensates people choosing to live and work in remote areas of Australia by increasing the taxation zone rebate to an adequate level; and
- (4) discourages the practice of fly-in, fly-out employment by restricting the payment of taxation zone rebate to permanent residents in remote areas of Australia. (*Notice given 18 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.*)

- 12 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to:
- (1) establish a formal inquiry into poverty in Australia to review and update the information base established by the Henderson Inquiry; and
 - (2) advise regarding those measures most capable of reducing poverty and reducing the gap between rich and poor within the Australian community. (*Notice given 18 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.*)
- 13 **MR PRICE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the untimely death of 10-year-old Sam Boulding, an asthmatic whose family home telephone was out of order;
 - (2) expresses its sympathy to Sam's family;
 - (3) notes that the ACA survey found 40% of people were dissatisfied at the service provided by Telstra;
 - (4) notes the continuing contracting out of services by Telstra;
 - (5) notes that the current Communications Service Guarantee fails to take into account apparent persistent faults; and
 - (6) calls upon Telstra to deliver a timely service to all customers in metropolitan and rural and regional areas. (*Notice given 19 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.*)
- 14 **MR KERR:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to establish a formal and public review of the effectiveness and equity of the 30 per cent tax rebate for private health insurance schemes. (*Notice given 19 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.*)
- 15 **MR ADAMS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges that there is enormous concern in the community about the rising cost of all insurances, but in particular public liability insurance;
 - (2) recognises that this is of particular significance where community groups are being asked to cover community events for public liability and is causing the events to be cancelled because the costs are impossible to cover;
 - (3) understands that this is the responsibility of Federal and State governments to provide a solution to public liability costs; and
 - (4) asks the Federal Government to amend the *Insurance Act 1973* and the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* to:
 - (a) provide an ability for groups to provide risk assessment on events and recommend schedules of premiums based on real risk under a set of standardised guidelines;
 - (b) undertake capping of public liability payouts and relate them to cost of medical and rehabilitation payments; and
 - (c) have an independent Government-backed board to assess claims so that they may be based on foundation principles of insurance rather than market values. (*Notice given 20 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.*)
- 16 **MS O'BYRNE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Howard Government for its policies that have and continue to undermine the Australian shipping industry;
 - (2) recognises that this neglect puts at great risk our environment, our security and our ability to compete in the shipping industry and is therefore against Australia's national interest; and
 - (3) calls upon the Minister to support the Australian shipping industry before our coastline is ravaged and our industry and merchant employment opportunities destroyed. (*Notice given 20 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.*)
- 17 **MR BALDWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises hundreds of people from the electorate of Paterson who took part in the Christmas 2001 bushfires;
 - (2) congratulates fire fighters and other members of emergency services in Paterson who not only volunteered their services to fight fires in the local area such as Swan Bay, Fullerton Cove, Booral,

Stroud, Gloucester and Nahiack but who also travelled across the state of NSW to fight fires where homes and property were threatened;

- (3) acknowledges the following Fire Control Centres and their members within Paterson, for their contribution to the bushfire effort:
 - (a) the Great Lakes Fire Control Centre and the Fire Control Officer Ian Lewis;
 - (b) the Dungog Fire Control Centre and the Acting Fire Control Officer Allan Gillespie;
 - (c) the Port Stephens Fire Control Centre and the Fire Control Officer Mark Lewis; and
 - (d) the Maitland Fire Control Centre and the Fire Control Officer Barry Pont; and
- (4) calls on the NSW Government to implement its recently announced changes to fire management policies as soon as possible and put efficient and effective hazard reduction plans into place before the next fire season. (*Notice given 20 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. 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

Monday, 11 March 2002

The Main Committee meets at 4 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 February 2002—Mr Ripoll*) on the proposed Address in Reply.
 - 2 **CHRISTMAS 2001 BUSHFIRES** Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Slipper*) 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.
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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.

13 February 2002

1 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 flight paths 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 August 2001 confirm that air traffic movements to and from the north of KSA amount to 22.8% 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 Sydney Airport Community Forum next meet.

2 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.

3 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 Professor Flint called for the relaxation of Australia’s cross media ownership laws.
- (2) Has his attention also been drawn to Professor 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 Professor Flint has suggested; if so, why.

4 MR MURPHY: To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has he seen the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on the sale of Sydney Airport titled “Prices Regulation of Airport Services”.

- (2) Do the terms of reference which gave rise to the report make no reference to the prospective purchasers of Sydney Airport being required to ensure that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport is fully implemented.
 - (3) Will he guarantee that the future purchaser of Sydney Airport will be required to fully implement the LTOP; if not, why not.
- 5 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has he seen an article in *The Bulletin* of 4 September 2001 claiming the Government will be making many promises to voters associated with the \$4 billion sale of Sydney Airport?
 - (2) Will he promise to use the full proceeds of the sale of Sydney Airport to build a second airport for the people of Sydney; if not, why not.
- 6 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Was Ansett Australia a major tenant of the Federal Airports Corporation at Sydney Airport and hence a major contributor to that airport's aeronautical and non-aeronautical cash flow.
 - (2) What impact will the collapse of Ansett Australia have on the sale of Sydney Airport.
 - (3) Will he postpone the sale of Sydney Airport until after the full impact of the collapse of Ansett Australia is assessed.
 - (4) In light of the collapse of Ansett Australia, can he provide reasons for the commercial justification of the timing of the sale of Sydney Airport at this time.
 - (5) What is the current status of the sale process for the sale of Sydney Airport and have the bids of prospective buyers of the airport lease for Sydney Airport accommodated the collapse of Ansett Australia; if so, what has been the impact on their price bids.
- 7 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2854 (*Hansard*, 19 September 2001, page 30975), what is the standard for fulfilment of the targets for the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP).
 - (2) Is the standard based on (a) the comparison between the number of landings over the north for more than a quarter of the days in the year 2000 compared to that prior to March 1996 or (b) aircraft movement percentages as prescribed in the LTOP.
 - (3) Is the LTOP a Ministerial Direction issued by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services pursuant to section 16 of the Air Services Act.
 - (4) Is the Ministerial Direction created by the Coalition Government acting under its own advice as to the prescribed targets now the administrative responsibility of Airservices Australia.
 - (5) Are the prescribed aircraft movement targets stipulated in the LTOP the objective standard by which fulfilment of that Plan can be judged; if not, what other standard does he propose.
 - (6) Does the LTOP specify a target of 17% of total aircraft movements to the north of Sydney Airport.
 - (7) Is the March 1996 aircraft movements record irrelevant for the purposes of objective assessment as to whether the targets stipulated in the LTOP have been achieved or not.
 - (8) Is it a fact that since the date the Minister made the Ministerial Direction for the implementation of the LTOP, on the basis of every monthly 'Sydney Air Traffic Services—Sydney Airport Operational Statistics' report by Airservices Australia, the LTOP target of 17% to the north has not once been reached; if so, can the LTOP be described as 'substantially implemented'.
 - (9) Have Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems been solved; if not, should Sydney Airport be sold before the noise problems are solved.
 - (10) In light of Ansett Australia's demise, is the downward influence on the bid price a further incentive to postpone the sale of Sydney Airport until Australia's regional air flight needs are reassessed and Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems are solved.
- 8 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will he consider recommending a mandamus prerogative writ be issued on the Executive Director of Airservices Australia to compel completion of the Long Term Operating Plan before Sydney Airport is sold.
- 9 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the editorial in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 25 September 2001 dealing with the delay in the sale of Sydney Airport.
 - (2) Does he accept the comment in the editorial that the Federal Government proceeded with the sale even though the noise problems remain far from beaten; if not, why not.

- (3) Will he give a guarantee to the people of Sydney before the date of the next federal election that he will draw up special legislation to ensure that the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney Airport will be fully implemented before the sale of Sydney Airport is completed; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Did he see an article by Mike Seccombe titled “The shutters are pulled down on Parliament’s sideshow” on page 4 of *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 29 November 2001.
- (2) Will he make himself available for a full press conference with the Canberra media gallery on each sitting week of the 40th Parliament; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Is he aware that (a) News Limited is an Australian subsidiary of News Corporation owned and controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, (b) News Limited has interests in more than 100 national, regional and suburban newspapers throughout Australia, (c) in terms of its share of circulation within Australia, News Limited has approximately two thirds of the capital city and national newspaper market; three quarters of the Sunday newspaper market, almost fifty percent of the suburban newspaper market and almost one quarter of the regional newspaper market, (d) News Limited has a quarter stake in Foxtel’s pay television and News Interactive online and (e) News Limited has additional media interests in AAP Information Services.
- (2) Is he also aware that (a) Publishing and Broadcasting Limited (PBL) is an Australian media company which is chaired by Mr James Packer and which owns and controls the Nine Television Network and the magazine publisher Australian Consolidated Press, (b) the largest shareholder in PBL is Mr Kerry Packer, (c) PBL owns and controls three metropolitan and one regional television licences giving it a reach of more than half of the potential audience, (d) in terms of pay television, PBL has a quarter interest in Foxtel and a third interest in Sky News, (e) PBL publishes more than 65 magazines and its share of the circulation of the top thirty Australian magazines is approximately 40% and (f) PBL has a joint on-line operation known as ninemsn.
- (3) Do Australia's cross-media laws prohibit a person from owning and controlling newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area.
- (4) In light of numerous media reports since the last federal election, will the Government proceed with changes to Australia's cross-media ownership laws to permit a person to own and control newspapers and television stations or radio stations, or both, in the one licence area; if so, why.
- (5) Can he guarantee that such changes will not lead to a further concentration of media-ownership in Australia; if so, how; if not, why not.

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

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

13 **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.

14 **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.
- 15 **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.
- 16 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his reply to part (1) of question No. 2661 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29770) on which he seeks clarification, can he identify and quantify the impacts and financial costs of long-term exposure to aircraft noise and toxic air emissions associated with Sydney Airport on community health, safety and schools.
- (2) Further to his reply to part (4) of question No. 2661, does the Minneapolis St Paul (MSP) International Airport website at <http://www.msppairport.com> contain the answer to the specific question asked of him and referred by him to me; if so, will he answer the original question.
- (3) Further to his reply to part (4) of question No. 2661, what are the details of all visits ever made by Australian Government representatives to MSP International Airport.
- (4) Further to his reply to part (5) of question No. 2661, does the MSP International airport website, in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration capacity enhancement plans at <http://www.faa.gov/ats/asc/publications/CAPACITY/MSP.pdf> and Airports Council International 1997 traffic data at <http://www.airports.org>, show that (a) MSP International Airport's two parallel runways are of similar length and separation to the parallel runway layout at Sydney Airport, (b) during 1997, with annual aircraft movements of nearly 500,000 and annual passenger movements of over 30 million, the percentage usage of the two parallel runways at MSP International Airport was in the order of 48% movements to the northwest and 49% to the southeast, or in other words, parallel operations were used almost 100% of the time, at rates of around 120 movements an hour in peak hour, regardless of weather conditions, (c) removal of smaller, slower aircraft from the primary airport to surrounding reliever airports is a component of the MSP International Airport capacity enhancement plan, (d) six reliever airports within the metropolitan area of MSP are involved in the capacity enhancement plan for the primary airport and (e) the precision runway monitor system is a component of the MSP International Airport capacity enhancement plan.
- 17 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) With regard to Sydney and Bankstown airports' land use, are Aircraft Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) contours required to be updated every five years.
- (2) Has it been more than five years since the last ANEF was prepared for (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport.
- (3) What is the latest ANEF contour for (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport.
- (4) Is it Government policy not to add extra housing into certain airport noise affected zones; if so, from which ANEF contour zones is the addition of new housing prohibited and how is this enforced.
- (5) Has any additional housing development inside 20 ANEF and 25 ANEF contours surrounding (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport been approved as a result of the lack of valid ANEF documentation; if so, could such development have been prevented if a valid ANEF document had been in place.
- (6) When will new ANEFs be prepared for (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport.
- 18 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his reply to part (1) of question No. 2669 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29209), what studies have been done on (a) Sydney

Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport to assess current and future health risks associated with long term exposure to (i) benzene and (ii) 1-3 butadiene.

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

- (1) Further to his replies to parts (1) to (7) of question No. 2310 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25927) and part (2) of question No. 2669 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29209), have no comprehensive studies been conducted of the health risks associated with long-term exposure to specific toxic transport emissions, including benzene and 1-3 butadiene, anywhere in the Sydney basin, particularly adjacent to and downwind of the ports area in the eastern half of the basin.
- (2) Can he say whether any environmental impact assessment to date has established what order of negative health risks due to long-term exposure to toxic transport emissions pertain to communities living downwind of airports, and whether increases in health risks are likely to arise from the realisation of the Government's planned capacity expansions at (a) Sydney Airport and (b) Bankstown Airport.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2665 (*Hansard*, 28 August 2001, page 30224), does the International Standard Organisation's ISO 14001 standard cover airport noise and toxic emission impacts that occur outside the airport boundary fence.
- (2) What is his Department's working definition of the principles of ecologically sustainable development and continuous environment improvement in relation to Sydney Airport.
- (3) Further to his reply to part (6) of question No. 2665, are air quality issues outside the airport boundary fence comprehensively addressed in the Sydney Airport Environment Strategy document; if so, where; if not addressed in the Environment Strategy, did he mislead the House.
- (4) Further to his reply to part (8) of question No. 2665, did the Sydney Airport Environment Strategy state that impacts outside the Sydney Airport perimeter are not covered in the Environment Strategy but are to be covered in the still-to-be-released Master Plan.
- (5) Further to his reply to part (9) of question No. 2665, will he list all measures which are being undertaken, or which are planned to be taken, to fulfil Sydney Airport's stated objective to prevent pollution.
- (6) Does Sydney Airport have a total-airport management plan in the absence of a Master Plan.
- (7) Is urban airport expansion and development of significant concern to urban communities across the Sydney metropolitan area.
- (8) Why is the master plan to be exempted from public scrutiny and democratic debate throughout all stages of its preparation by the private airport operator to, and including, final approval stage.
- (9) Is it in the public interest for Government to prepare and publish the master plan prior to privatisation of Sydney airport; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No 2667 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29771), did the LTOP road show video stipulate whether there would be any expiry date for the validity of its statement that 40% of the aircraft will be propeller planes which use a different path to jets.
- (2) Approximately how many people viewed the video at each of the six road show presentations.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (5) of question No 2667, why (a) will he not produce a copy of the LTOP road show video or its transcript and (b) has it not been possible to readily locate the requested information.
- (4) Is the LTOP road show video of crucial importance to the public because future flight path and runway usages make it unlikely that full implementation of LTOP, as advertised, would or could ever be achieved in a growing airport situation.
- (5) Will he immediately locate the LTOP road show video and related transcripts.
- (6) What period of time elapsed between the public screenings of the LTOP road show video and the Government's announcement that it intended to relocate regional aircraft away from Sydney Airport.
- (7) When and how was the public advised of subsequent departures from the LTOP plan that were advertised in the LTOP road show video.
- (8) Did the Government have prior knowledge that it would not be able to honour the LTOP promises which were advertised in the LTOP road show video.

- 22 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to his replies to part (1) of question No. 2310 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26957), part (2) of question No. 2666 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29209) and part (2) of question No. 2669 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29209), will he put a moratorium on further expansion of Sydney Airport, together with an air quality capacity constraint on emissions, until a comprehensive study of health risks from long-term exposure to toxic transport emissions, including benzene and other known carcinogens, clarifies the risk situation; if not, why not.
- 23 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his reply to parts (1), (2), (3) and (5) of question No. 2670 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29771), will the removal of small aircraft from Sydney Airport allow for greater increases in the total number of jet movements, in movement frequencies and road traffic volumes than were covered by the environmental impact statement for runway 16L/34R at Sydney Airport; if so, will such increases be quantified in a fresh environmental assessment.
 - (2) What assurances can he give that significant negative health or educational implications will or will not arise from further expansion of Sydney Airport.
 - (3) Can he back up his claims with solid scientific evidence; if not, how can he convince the public that their concerns about health implications of airport noise and toxic transport emissions are groundless.
 - (4) Further to his reply to part (4) of question No. 2670, on what scientific basis did the Government decide not to expand the noise insulation program when it announced that it would increase the average size of aircraft at Sydney Airport, and expand Bankstown airport into a reliever airport, instead of building a major new airport for Sydney.
- 24 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his reply to parts (1) and (3) of question No. 2716 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29772), will he specifically clarify the LTOP targets, including runway usage percentages, projected aircraft mix percentages, jet flight paths versus propeller plane flight paths, non-reciprocal flight paths, long-haul take off paths for planes destined for North America and compliance with SIDs, and identify any divergences from the information provided to the public in the LTOP road show video and associated LTOP glossy presentation materials.
 - (2) Will he issue a new public information package detailing changes to the advertised LTOP.
- 25 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 2751 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29776), what evidence can he provide to say whether Sydney Airport noise-affected communities perceive that Sydney Airport noise will, or will not, be a problem in future years.
 - (2) Has he conducted surveys of noise-affected residents or community groups to ascertain their perceptions.
 - (3) Has he provided to the public for scrutiny and comment specific discussion papers comprehensively covering planned future expansions of Sydney's airports, right through to ultimate operational capacity, and the concomitant effects of airport noise and toxic transport emissions on human health and well being.
- 26 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2898 (*Hansard*, 17 September 2001, page 30801), will he recommend that the sale of the long-term lease of Sydney Airport not be sold until after the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) is fully implemented.
 - (2) What statutory or other legal protection does the LTOP have in respect to its ongoing implementation in the management of Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems.
 - (3) Will he recommend that the targets and other objectives included in the LTOP be given statutory effect by enacting legislation that ensures the preservation of the LTOP targets and further regulates against commercial pressure to increase aircraft movements at Sydney Airport.
- 27 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2879 (*Hansard*, 17 September 2001, page 30800), is it a fact that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) has not yet been fully implemented.
 - (2) On what date was the Ministerial Direction for the LTOP made.
 - (3) How many years have elapsed since the Ministerial Direction was given for the LTOP.

- (4) Is the duty to implement the LTOP a public duty in the hands of the Chief Executive of Airservices Australia, Mr Bernie Smith.
 - (5) Is the time that has elapsed between the date of the Ministerial Direction for the LTOP and now a “reasonable time” in which the LTOP should have been fully implemented; if not, what is a “reasonable time” for the LTOP to be fully implemented.
 - (6) Is the on-going tender process for the sale of the long term operating lease for Sydney Airport a well founded reason to ensure that the LTOP is fully implemented prior to the completion of the sale.
 - (7) Is it in the commercial interests of the prospective bidders of Sydney Airport that they have the benefit of examining the economic impact of the full implementation of the LTOP before the lease agreement is concluded and the price paid.
 - (8) Will he (a) initiate an application in the Federal Court against the Chief Executive of Airservices Australia for an application for a prerogative writ of mandamus in that Mr Smith, through Airservices Australia, has failed to fully implement the LTOP within a reasonable time and (b) compel completion of the full implementation of the LTOP before the sale of Sydney Airport is concluded.
 - (9) Does he agree that the sale of Sydney Airport must be postponed until after the LTOP has been fully implemented.
 - (10) Will he recommend to the Minister for Finance and Administration that the sale of Sydney Airport should be stopped until the LTOP is fully implemented; if not, why not.
- 28 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer of the Minister for Finance and Administration to part (2) of question No. 2436 (*Hansard*, 4 June 2001, page 26114) and his reply to part (2) of question No. 2307 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 25926), (a) 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 (b) 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.
- 29 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2878 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2001, page 31237), what policy or other criterion has driven his decision to direct the Airports Division of his Department to have a major, time-critical responsibility to answer, in detail, questions from prospective buyers in relation to aspects of the Airport’s regulatory regime.
 - (2) Further to the answer to parts (3), (4), (5) and (6) of question No. 2878, was it he or the Airports Division that recommended to postpone the sale of Sydney Airport until the first half of 2002.
 - (3) What policy criteria are being used in the decision to postpone the sale of Sydney Airport.
 - (4) Did he obtain advice from the Division in determining the time frame for the postponement; if so, (a) what was that advice and (b) will he furnish a copy of that advice to the House; if so, when.
 - (5) Is the advice predicated on financial criteria, including the collapse of Ansett Australia, or were environmental considerations taken into account when determining the alternative time frame; if so, what were those environmental considerations.
- 30 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to parts (1) and (4) of question No. 2878 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2001, page 31237), can he clarify how, on the one hand, he has written to the Speaker of the House in his letter dated 8 August 2001, that 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, whilst in his answer to part (4) he said he did not give the Airport Division specific instructions on this matter.
 - (2) Upon what basis does this time-critical responsibility rest.
 - (3) What is time-critical about this responsibility.
- 31 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (2) of question No. 2715 (*Hansard*, 17 September 2001, page 30791), can he identify where the proceeds from the sale of Sydney Airport will be placed.
 - (2) Will he commit the proceeds from the sale of Sydney Airport to a dedicated fund for the purposes of construction of Sydney West Airport; if not, why not.
 - (3) Can he estimate the cost of construction of Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek, capable of handling the volume of passenger movements as prescribed in the Rust PPK Environment and Infrastructure Environmental Impact Statement, dated 1997.

- (4) In light of his answer to part (3) of question No. 2715, the Coalition's 1996 Aviation Policy and speeches made by the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services, is it the intention of the Government to build Sydney West Airport; if so, (a) when will it be built, (b) from where will the money come to build it and (c) in light of his answer to part (1) of question No. 2715, can no funds be expected from the prospective airport lessee company of Sydney Airport to contribute to Sydney West Airport.
- (5) If the first right of refusal is granted to the prospective airport lessee company and the sale proceeds of Sydney Airport are dissipated prior to any decision to build Sydney West Airport, will a future Commonwealth Government be able to raise the money necessary to build Sydney West Airport.
- (6) If so, will Sydney West Airport not be capable of being built due to financial incapacity; if not, from where will the money to build Sydney West Airport come.
- 32 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No. 2414 (*Hansard*, 17 September 2001, page 30782), will the re-opening of the East-West Runway and the commissioning of the Sydney West Airport Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) alone fulfil the Coalition's promise that Sydney Airport would not be sold until that airport's aircraft noise problems had been solved.
- (2) Have these two actions alone solved Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems.
- (3) Has the commissioning of the Second Sydney Airport EIS, together with the Coalition's 1996 Aviation Policy, created a legitimate expectation in the minds of the community that Sydney West Airport would be built as part of the solution to Sydney Airport's Aircraft Noise problems; if not, what purpose does the Second Sydney Airport EIS serve in its relation to the Coalition Policy to solve Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems.
- 33 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has the aircraft noise inquiry line for Sydney Airport been recently changed from 1800 802 584 to a toll free national number 1300 302 240; if so, when did this change occur and what is the cost of a call to this number.
- (2) Was the 1800 802 584 telephone number a toll free, seven days per week service, operating from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- (3) Does the new 1300 302 240 number operate from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays only; if not, what are the operating times of the new number.
- (4) Why do people now have to pay to complain about aircraft noise associated with Sydney Airport.
- 34 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will he introduce legislation to make the fitting of air bags compulsory in all new motor vehicles for both the driver and front passenger; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 35 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Does the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) envisage a review of its operation since it was first introduced; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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) Did 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 during the 40th Parliament; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 38 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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 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.
- 41 **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
- 42 **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.
- 43 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of (a) barristers and (b) solicitors pay the top marginal rate of income tax.
- 44 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (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.
- 45 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Do 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.
- 46 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will he provide details of the parent controlling interest of Airport Motorways Limited.
 - (2) Will he provide details of the majority shareholders of Infrastructure Trust Australia (ITA).
 - (3) Is Macquarie Bank one of the bidders for Sydney Airport.
 - (4) Can the possibility that cross-industry of infrastructure associated with Sydney Airport, including road access to that airport, constitute monopolistic-like control of infrastructure to Sydney Airport.
- 47 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a media release from the Productivity Commission, dated 24 August 2001, titled "Price Regulation of Airport Services" in which the Productivity Commission recommends as its preferred option a five-year period of price and conduct monitoring for Sydney Airport, with no direct control over that period.
 - (2) If so, (a) upon what policy basis is this recommendation based, (b) upon what policy basis and instruments is the existing regulatory regime of price caps and regulation founded, (c) will he table copies of these policy instruments in the House and (d) will he table the policy reasoning that has led to the recommendation by the Commission that a monitoring regime be initiated.
 - (3) Further to the media release and an article at page 56 in the *Australian Financial Review* of 25-26 August 2001 concerning the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) overall ruling on Sydney's aeronautical charges, (a) what is the policy rationale for the system of dual till pricing and (b) what impact will a dual till pricing system have on charges for consumers.
 - (4) Does the Commission's judgment conflict with the ACCC's overall ruling to increase aeronautical charges.

- (5) What impact will the ACCC's decision to increase aeronautical charges by 97% have on the second till non-aeronautical tenants, including shop owners, parking station owners and restaurants at Sydney Airport.
- (6) Will the 97% increase in aeronautical charges decrease turnover for the non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport due to increased airfares and other charges thus economically pricing out prospective consumers of Sydney Airport services.
- (7) Will the new two-till system enable the prospective bidders for Sydney Airport's airport lease to increase non-aeronautical tenants' rents, thus decreasing profitability for those non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport.
- (8) Will he provide case references for the court actions referred to in the *Australian Financial Review* article.
- (9) Are the terms of settlement between the parties in the litigation matters in the public interest and should be disclosed.
- (10) In which court did the proceedings take place.
- (11) Were proceedings in the relevant court closed proceedings.
- (12) Are the terms of the out of court settlement in the public interest and do they warrant public scrutiny.
- (13) Do the terms of the out of court settlement directly impact on persons not party to the legal proceedings, including the general public and non-aeronautical tenants of Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (14) Upon what policy basis does the Productivity Commission seek to avoid the currently high level of regulatory involvement.
- (15) Will he seek to challenge the Commission's findings regarding its judgment or does he agree with the Commission's findings; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (16) Why does the Commission consider the current level of regulatory involvement as high.
- (17) Will he seek advice from the Commission to explain what is the existing policy of the current regulatory regime.
- (18) Are aeronautical services for Sydney Airport subject to price surveillance and are aeronautical related services subject to price monitoring.
- (19) Is Sydney Airport subject to pricing regulation under the Prices Surveillance Act.
- (20) Is Sydney Airport further subject to the current regulations under the Prices Surveillance Act made in 1997.
- (21) Would the current arrangements of pricing regulation apply only for the first five years of operation of the lease of Sydney Airport and Sydney Basin airports.
- (22) Further to the statement in relation to terms of reference No. 5 of the Commission draft report titled "Price Regulation of Airport Services", (a) what is the policy rationale for the premise that the price caps applied to aeronautical services will no longer operate, (b) what is the policy rationale for applying this regulation for only a five year period, (c) what event or milestone date did the Government contemplate in 1997 that predicated a sunset clause to terminate a price surveillance regulatory regime such as the 1997 regulations and (d) were the regulations instituted with a view to the elimination of price capping in 2002; if so, what is the policy basis to eliminate the price capping provisions in 2002.
- (23) Did he contemplate in 1997 the sale of Sydney Airport by transfer of the airport lease from Sydney Airport Corporation to a private person; if so, at the time of making his prices surveillance regulation that currently regulates Sydney Airport, did he know that the airport would be leased to a private entity or corporate person who is not the current lessee.
- (24) In 1996 when the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services made his second reading speech on the Airports Bill 1996, was it stated that Sydney Airport would not be sold until Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems had been solved.
- (25) Did he know whether the pricing regulatory regime must accommodate a financial component that satisfies all policy objectives of Government, including solving Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems through the full introduction of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and the completion of a genuine environmental impact statement (EIS) for Sydney West Airport and the construction of that airport.
- (26) Does paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act state that a general policy guideline of the Commission is to reduce regulation of industry, including regulation by the States, Territories and

local government, where this is consistent with the social and economic goals of the Commonwealth Government.

- (27) Is he able to say whether the LTOP is a Ministerial Direction issued by power given to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services under section 16 of the Air Services Act.
- (28) Is the LTOP, for the purposes of paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act, a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government; if not, why not.
- (29) Is the construction of Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government, pursuant to paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act; if not, why not.
- (30) Is it reasonable for the Commission to accept submissions at public hearings into the draft report on the Price Regulation of Airport Services, concerning the two relevant social and economic goals of the Commonwealth Government referred to in part (25).
- (31) Is it reasonable for the Commission to consider these goals when considering the terms of reference to the Price Regulation of Airport Services at Sydney Airport; if not, why not, given paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act.
- (32) Can price regulation be used to administer environmental control of Sydney Airport in meeting the Government's social and economic goals and fulfilling the LTOP.
- (33) Does paragraph 8(1)(e) of the Productivity Commission Act state that a general policy guideline of the Commission is to recognise the interests of industries, employees, consumers and the community, likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission.
- (34) Does the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) and its members represent members of the community likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission; if not, (a) why not and (b) will he notify the Productivity Commissioner under the powers given him pursuant to subsection 8(2), that the SACF and its members be considered members of the community likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission; if not, why not.
- (35) Is he able to say whether, by virtue of membership of the SACF, members of the SACF constitute part of a statutory committee established under the auspice of the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services and as such, constitute a formal element of the public interest process of community consultation as established by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- (36) In fulfilling its obligations under section 8 of the Productivity Commission Act, must the Commission consider environmental and ecological constraints as part of the Act's general policy guidelines; if not, why not.
- (37) Will he notify the Productivity Commissioner in writing under the powers given him pursuant to subsection 8(2) that the (a) full implementation of the LTOP and (b) construction of Sydney West Airport before the sale of Sydney Airport as a strategic solution to solving Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems, are matters going to the operation of paragraph 8(1)(b) as a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government and need to be considered as part of the Commission's terms of reference in respect to the draft report on Price Regulation of Airport Services; if not, why not.
- (38) Is the Commission's scope of inquiry into Price Regulation of Airport Services narrow as it has not been directed to report on whether relevant Government social, economic and other goals are adversely affected, compromised or negated; if not, why not.
- (39) Is the Commission's direction of recommendations flawed in that the Commission is not being called upon to identify relevant issues going to social and economic goals.
- (40) For the purposes of clause 9 of the draft report's scope of inquiry, do key interest groups and affected parties include the SACF and its members.

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

- (1) Does he have administrative portfolio responsibility for Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act.
- (2) Does section 50AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* define control of a corporation in a broad manner, without specifying the percentage of controlling interest.
- (3) Does schedule 1 of clause 6 of the Broadcasting Services Act state that if a person has an interest in a company exceeding 15%, the person is to be regarded as being in a position to exercise control of the company.
- (4) Pursuant to the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act, is 15% the test applied for him to block acquisitions that would result in the control of a business passing to foreign persons.

- (5) Is he able to say whether, pursuant to the *SANTOS (Regulation of Shareholdings) Act 1989 (SA)*, no shareholder can own more than 15% of SANTOS.
 - (6) Pursuant to the clause 850B of the Financial Services Reform Bill 2001, is 15% the test applied to prevent market operators such as the Australian Stock Exchange or the Sydney Futures Exchange before ministerial approval is required.
 - (7) Pursuant to the Financial Sector (Shareholdings) Act, is a person prohibited from holding a stake of greater than 15% in an authorised deposit-taking institution.
 - (8) What is the policy rationale upon which the figure of 15% is based.
 - (9) At 15%, does the operation of a parent company over pairs of airport lessee companies constitute a controlling interest; if not, why not.
 - (10) Does the parent shareholding interest provisions for paired ownership of Australian airports bring this threshold of 15% into conflict with Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act; if not, why not.
- 49 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he introduce legislation to require superannuation funds to fully disclose on the annual superannuation statements forwarded to members the total fees, charges and commissions paid to funds managers and consultants; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 50 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2737 (*Hansard*, 9 August 2001, page 29507) and my question No. 2811, is he aware of a report in Colombo's *Sunday Leader* of 12 August 2001, that the Sri Lankan Defence Ministry has acquired Russian-made chemical warheads, RPO-A Shamel Rockets, valued at millions of dollars.
 - (2) Is he aware that the end-user certificates for the purchase of these chemical weapons were allegedly signed by the now Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia, Major-General Janaka Perera.
 - (3) Have these chemical warheads been banned internationally.
 - (4) Does the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), formerly the 1993 Paris Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, prohibit the use of these weapons.
 - (5) Did Sri Lanka become a signatory to this Convention on 14 January 1993, which was ratified on 19 August 1994 and came into effect on 29 April 1997.
 - (6) Will he make inquiries to establish, independently, the allegations against Major-General Janaka Perera; if not, why not.
 - (7) In light of the latest allegations against Major-General Janaka Perera, does he still consider he is a suitable Sri Lankan Ambassador to Australia; if so, why.
- 52 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Will the Minister introduce legislation to require members of the Canberra Media Gallery to complete a register of pecuniary interests to be held by the Clerk of the House of Representatives; if not, why not.
- 53 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Does section 8 of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act state the duties of the Board of Directors of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.
 - (2) Will the Minister ensure that the Chairman of the Board of Directors to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation is made accountable to the Senate Estimates Committee during the 40th Parliament by the Chairman being available to appear before such committees if required; if not, why not.
- 54 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did he issue a media release dated 20 September 2001, saying that over 90 per cent of workers who lose their entitlements when their companies become insolvent will receive 100 per cent of their entitlements under the new General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS).
 - (2) Does GEERS enable the Government to pay advances to terminate employees and later recover those funds in the event of a distribution of assets by the liquidator of the insolvent employer; if not, how does GEERS enable the Government to so recover such funds.
 - (3) Has his attention been drawn to (a) the insolvency of Traveland Pty Limited on 26 November 2001 and now under administration, (b) the subsequent termination of 550 employees of Traveland on 4 December 2001 and (c) the fact that those 550 former employees had worked the whole of November

2001 without being paid their monthly wages and (d) the fact that, since 4 December 2001, those 550 former employees have received no further payments.

- (4) Were the 550 former Traveland employees excluded from the Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees as a result of Traveland's primary assets, including its employee contracts, being sold by the Administrator of the Ansett Group, which included Traveland Pty Limited, on 23 September 2001 to Internova Travel Pty Limited, notwithstanding widespread speculation at the time that Internova Travel did not have sufficient capital to operate a national travel agency network.

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

- (1) Is he 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 he introduce health-warning labels for all Australian petrol bowsers; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 2622 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2001, page 31235), has no further medical examination occurred in respect of Dr Colston's medical condition and hence fitness to stand trial.
- (2) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 2622, is the conclusion of Dr Colston's life expectancy being months based on two medical reports by two eminent specialists compiled on 14 and 19 May 1999; if so, are these reports now over two years and four months old.
- (3) Are the reports referred to in the answer to part (5) of question No. 2622 based on the same medical examinations performed by the two eminent specialists of 14 and 19 May 1999.
- (4) Is it a fact that, in relation to Dr Colston's capacity to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts, no medical examination of Dr Colston has taken place since 19 May 1999.
- (5) Further to the answer to part (13) of question No. 2622 and the prediction that Dr Colston's life expectancy of months is now disproved, will he recommend to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) that Dr Colston should be medically re-examined; if so, when will he recommend that re-examination.
- (6) Further to the answer to part (14) of question No. 2622, was the review of Dr Colston's medical condition based on a paper review of the pre-existing medical reports of 14 and 19 May 1999, without obtaining fresh medical evidence.
- (7) What evidence was relied upon by the DPP in making his review, in addition to the two medical reports of May 1999.
- (8) Will he now reconsider his decision not to assess whether Dr Colston is now capable of standing trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts; if not, why not.

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

- (1) How many marriages were registered in Australia in 2001.
- (2) How many divorce orders were made by the Family Court of Australia in 2001.
- (3) What action is the Government taking to address the significant percentage of divorces occurring in Australia each year.
- (4) What action is the Government taking to address the number of contraventions of Family Court orders.

58 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to the answer to question No. 2621 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29765), (a) was the former 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.

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

- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an *Australian Financial Review* article, dated 25-26 August 2001 titled "Airport gears for \$5bn take-off".
- (2) Is the Minister able to say whether groups bidding for the purchase of the lease of Sydney Airport include (a) the AMP and Hastings' Gateway Group, (b) Macquarie Bank and (c) ABN Amro, either alone or as part of the Connect Consortium consisting of ABN Amro, Egis Group, Schiphol Group and Fraport.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether (a) any of the bidders referred to in part (2) are no longer bidders, (b) any other bidders have now submitted their bids and (c) he knows of any other bids likely to be submitted before the closing date of bids.
- (4) What criteria will be used in assessing who will be the successful bidder.
- (5) Will the decision be based upon (a) price alone, (b) conformance with ecological/environmental and economic constraints or (c) ecological/environmental factors alone and the bidder who seeks to assist in the fulfilment of the Government's declared economic and social goals of a fully implemented Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and commence construction of Sydney West Airport immediately.
- (6) If the decision will be based on conformance with ecological/environmental and economic constraints, will the successful bidder be one who (a) agrees to abide by the fully implemented LTOP and commence construction of Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek immediately and (b) declares that they will honour the promises made to the public that Sydney Airport would not be sold until a genuine environmental impact statement (EIS) was completed for a second airport at Sydney.
- (7) Has any bidder expressly or impliedly declared in their bid their intention whether or not to construct Sydney West Airport; if so, who is that bidder and what is their declared intention.
- (8) Will the Minister announce if any bidder for the lease of Sydney Airport declares an intention to not construct Sydney West Airport within an acceptable prescribed time, or at all, based on the Pareto constraints indicated in the 1995 EIS by PPK Environment and Infrastructure, for the Second Sydney Airport Proposal, namely when passenger movements reach or exceed 20 million per year.
- (9) Is the Minister able to say whether in 1999-2000, Sydney Airport had 23 million passenger movements, and has thus exceeded its Pareto optimum ecologically sustainable limit; if not, why not.
- (10) What ethic is driving the tender and sale process of Sydney Airport, including the primary decision to sell Sydney Airport.
- (11) Upon what ethical basis and what moral reasoning are Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports being sold separately from Sydney Airport.
- (12) Upon what ethical basis and what moral reasoning is Sydney Airport being sold with first right of refusal in the hands of the successful bidder to construct Sydney West Airport.
- (13) Is Sydney Airport being sold with first right of refusal by the successful bidder to not construct Sydney West Airport in order to maximise the sale price of Sydney Airport by not encumbering the sale to the successful bidder in locking that bidder into an expensive contractual obligation to construct Sydney West Airport.
- (14) Is Sydney Airport being sold separately from Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports to sterilise the sale of Sydney Airport by emphasising it as the jewel in the crown of Australia's international gateway airports and maximise the sale price alone.
- (15) Is the sole or substantial ethic directing the decisions made by the Government utilitarian in that it seeks to maximise utility of the greatest number of successful bidders' shareholders whilst denying both the Government's declared promises to the general public not to sell Sydney Airport until (a) Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems have been solved and (b) a genuine environmental impact statement for the Second Sydney Airport has been undertaken.
- (16) How are environmental and public interest factors included in the tender process.
- (17) Will bidders be expected to fulfil the Government's declared social and economic goals, including (a) full implementation of the LTOP, (b) immediate commencement of construction of Sydney West Airport and (c) maintenance of Commonwealth statute law proscribing monopolistic control of global and strategic assets, including Australia's international and regional airports.
- (18) Is the Government's policy on this sale process driven by the principles of globalisation.
- (19) What policy rationale, other than maximising profit, governs the sale process of Sydney Airport to these banks, foreign consortia and globalised superannuation funds.

- (20) Has the tender process erred in failing to adequately protect the public interest and public morality of the sale process.
- (21) What will be the financial implications in terms of rent and other overheads upon the Australian taxpayer in light of the permanent loss of strategic assets such as Australia's international airports.
- (22) Is the Minister familiar with the principles of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the term 'anarcho-capitalism'.
- (23) Will the right of first refusal to construct Sydney West Airport in the hands of the successful bidder effectively waive any hope for Sydney Airport aircraft noise-affected residents seeking relief from aircraft noise during the lease period of up to 50 years.
- (24) If not, how will Sydney Airport aircraft noise-affected residents have aircraft noise managed in line with the Coalition Government's declared 1996 aviation policy.
- (25) Is the granting of first right of refusal to the successful bidder of Sydney Airport an anarcho-capitalist policy of non-regulation by denying this and successive Commonwealth Governments the legal power to construct Sydney West Airport because the Government is contractually and legally bound to the terms of the lease and hence faces potential litigation by the successful bidder should a successive Commonwealth Government attempt to construct Sydney West Airport.
- (26) Is the granting of first right of refusal to the successful bidder of Sydney Airport an MAI-like philosophy of ensuring the free flow of capital across sovereign borders whilst placing no weight on pre-existing prescribed Commonwealth Government social and economic goals, including the full implementation of the LTOP, construction and completion of Sydney West Airport and fulfilment of declared Coalition aviation policy.
- 60 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has the Minister seen an article by Alan Mitchell, Economics Editor, on page 55 of the *Australian Financial Review*, 29 August 2001, titled "Price Vacuum Sells Airport Cheap" in which Mr Mitchell reports that the Government looks like selling Sydney Airport before it makes a decision on the future of the airport's price regulation.
- (2) Will Sydney Airport be sold before the Government makes a decision on the future of the airport's price regulation; if so, why.
- 61 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Can he guarantee that the Federal Government policy relating to contestable funding for vocational education and training is not used to establish an artificial training market; if so, how.
- (2) Is he aware that teachers in TAFE are spending significant time that should be allocated to the delivery of quality education courses in writing submissions and tenders in order to win contestable funds that were once allocated to TAFE; if so, if time and outcomes are the basis of efficiency, why is funding not directly allocated to TAFE.
- (3) Has he allowed the Australian National Training Authority to ignore the recommendations of the Senate inquiry into the quality of vocational education and training; if so, why and will he ensure that the recommendations are implemented; if not, why not.
- (4) What strategy does he have in place to avert the impending teacher shortage crisis caused by the forecast retirement of approximately 75% of TAFE permanent staff in the next five years.
- (5) What commitment will the Government make to promote teacher education and recruitment in light of present and future shortages of TAFE teachers.
- (6) Has his "growth through efficiencies" policy significantly contributed to the casualisation of the teaching staff in TAFE; if so, how will he address this issue.
- (7) How will he address the needs of distance education for rural and remote communities by efficiently funding on-line and E-commerce training through the public education provider TAFE, including Open Training and Education Network-Distance Education in NSW.
- 62 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (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.

- 63 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Will the Minister include the drug Serc on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for treatment of Meniere’s Disease.
- 64 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (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 the Minister now make provision for them; if so, when.
- 65 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—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.
- 66 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (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.
- 67 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to the 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 the Minister 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.
- 68 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to part (2) of the answer by the former 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.
- 69 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to an advertorial titled “Self-Deliverance & Plastic Bags: Proven effective! Introducing the customized ‘EXIT BAG’”.

- (2) Is the product being marketed in Australia; if so, for how long has the Minister been aware of the marketing of this product.
 - (3) Is the product being marketed by direct mail, through franchises or some other means; if so, what are the details of the medium.
 - (4) Does the product facilitate suicide or euthanasia; if not, why not.
 - (5) Does the Government have a policy on the sale of this product in Australia; if so, what are the details.
 - (6) Will the Minister ensure that, if the product is found to facilitate suicide or euthanasia, it be removed from sale in Australia; if not, why not.
- 70 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many reviews has the pharmaceutical firm Schering-Pough Pty Limited submitted to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) for the therapeutic drug REMICADE, used in the treatment of Chron's disease, to be included on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
 - (2) How many Australians are diagnosed as suffering from Chron's disease.
 - (3) Is the Minister able to say whether REMICADE is available in the US and members of the European Union.
 - (4) Was REMICADE accorded priority review around the world by health authorities, including the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration.
 - (5) Was REMICADE awarded two awards in France in 2000.
 - (6) Is the Minister able to say whether REMICADE is designated an orphan drug in the US.
 - (7) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to reports in the Sydney Morning Herald of Monday, 22 October 2001, which reported that the Minister had overruled a PBAC decision to reimburse Herceptin, however that same decision has not been forthcoming for REMICADE.
 - (8) Why did the Minister not overrule the PBAC on its decision for REMICADE.
 - (9) Will the Minister permit REMICADE to be covered by the PBS and implemented in similar fashion to that of Herceptin.
 - (10) What is the cost of Herceptin per patient.
 - (11) What is the estimated cost of REMICADE per patient.
- 71 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—
- (1) Does Australia have a reciprocal arrangement with the British Government for her Department to act as the contact agent in facilitating health requirements for ex-British servicemen and servicewomen who have accepted war related disabilities; if so, what are the details.
 - (2) Does the Australian Government invoice the British Government for each departmental client; if not, does the Australian Government negotiate a lump-sum each year for estimated costs of attending to ex-British servicemen.
 - (3) Can she describe how a person may peruse the accounting transaction referred to in part (2).
- 72 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—When will the Government grant a Gold Card to ex-servicemen and women who served in the Australian Armed Forces within Australia during World War 2 and who do not have qualifying service.
- 73 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (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.
- 74 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—Can he 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.

MR MURPHY: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 75 - 76)—

- (1) Were persons employed under the Social and Community Services New South Wales Award granted a salary increase with effect from 28 November 2001 by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission when it handed down its determination on 16 November 2001.
- (2) Do the Commonwealth and the NSW Governments jointly fund the cost of the salaries of the majority of Community Services' employees covered by this award.
- (3) Has the NSW Government committed to fully fund its share of the salary increase awarded by the Commission.
- (4) Will the Commonwealth fully fund its share of the salary increase awarded by the Commission; if so, when; if not, why not.

75 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

76 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing.

77 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—For the years ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000 and (c) 2001, (i) how many taxpayers claimed the dependent spouse rebate, (ii) how many taxpayers had tax debts and penalties raised against them for failure to include Basic Parenting Allowance in the Separate Net Income section of their returns, (iii) what was the average time between lodgement date and when taxpayers were notified of the debts referred to in part (ii), (iv) how many taxpayers with debts described in part (ii) lodged formal objections with the Australian Taxation Office and (v) of the formal objections lodged, how many have resulted in having the tax shortfall penalty waived.

78 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—When will the Government respond to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee report on Air Safety and Cabin Air Quality in the BAe 146 Aircraft, dated October 2000.

79 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority reassessed its requirement for monitoring the operations and cabin and cockpit air quality of the BAe 146 aircraft operating in Australia since October 2000; if so, what reassessment has been made and have any practices changed as a result of that reassessment; if so what practice or practices have changed.

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

- (1) Will the Government introduce regulations under the Civil Aviation Act specifying (a) a specific national standard for checking and monitoring the engine seals and air quality in all passenger commercial jet aircraft, (b) maintenance procedures, including specific maintenance procedures for ageing aircraft, (c) specific appropriate maintenance and operational procedures for BAe 146 which pay particular attention to the need to ensure aircraft are withdrawn from operational flying and service to ensure any operating faults resulting in oil leaks, fumes or smoke are immediately repaired, (d) that incident reports should now be specifically designed so as to reflect the history of the cabin air problem that has been encountered on the BAe 146 aircraft and (e) air quality monitoring and compulsory reporting guidelines for all passenger jet aircraft operations.
- (2) Why has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued an Airworthiness Directive relating to the non reporting and issue of air quality defects for the BAe 146 when the defect reporting and rectification procedures are part of the legislation.

81 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority undertaken liaison with airline operators to develop a standardised compulsory monitoring program which provides for testing cabin aircraft air during fume events.

82 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has he undertaken any liaison with State Ministers with a view to establishing a procedure to inquire into unsuccessful or inordinately delayed workers compensation cases arising from air crew being exposed to noxious fumes on board Australian passenger jet aircraft; if so, what communications has he had with a view to establishing such a procedure.

83 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority taken steps to ensure that commercial aircraft operators fit appropriate high-grade air filters on all commercial airlines flying in Australia.

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

- (1) Prior to the last Federal election did he announce an expansion of the noise insulation project in the vicinity of the Adelaide airport; if so, what was the extent of that expansion.

- (2) Has there been any expansion of the aircraft noise insulation project in and around Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport since March 1996; if so, what are the details of that expansion.
- 85 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Government have any plans to abandon and or modify the Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme; if so, what are the Government’s proposals.
- 86 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Is he aware of the decision of the Full Court of the Family Court of Australia in T and S [2001] FamCA 1147, in particular the comments by Nicholson CJ that the case highlights a serious problem affecting the administration of justice in family law proceedings and that women who have suffered serious domestic violence may be unable to present their cases unaided in family law proceedings.
 - (2) Should a woman who has suffered domestic violence be required to personally cross-examine the perpetrator of that violence in family law proceedings.
 - (3) What steps is the Commonwealth taking to ensure that women who have suffered domestic violence are properly represented in family law proceedings.
 - (4) Does he agree with the view of Chief Justice Nicholson presented in his judgement that the denial of legal aid in the circumstances seen in the present case appears to infringe the practical enjoyment of rights which are meant to be assured under both the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women 1981 and the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons 1975.
- 87 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Are there any precedents for a party or parties appearing before a Royal Commission to receive legal assistance from the Commonwealth; if so, in respect of which Royal Commissions was such assistance provided.
 - (2) Is it contemplated that the Commonwealth will provide legal assistance to any party or parties in respect of the HIH Royal Commission or the Royal Commission in respect of the building industry unions.
- 88 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What diagnostic services exist in the southern Sydney region for childhood learning disabilities such as autism.
 - (2) What treatment services exist for such learning disabilities.
 - (3) Does the Government provide funding in respect of any of those services; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) What is the waiting list to access both diagnostic and treatment services for learning disabilities including autism.
 - (5) What is the length of time for a child to be (a) diagnosed and (b) treated through those services.
- 89 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Are there processes in place for the accreditation of public hospitals; if so, (a) what are the processes for that accreditation and (b) what standards does the accreditation process consider.
- 90 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How well do the (a) existing bottleneck down to two lanes of the Tullamarine Freeway and (b) dangerous intersection with Calder Highway at North Essendon, take into account Melbourne’s future growth and traffic needs over the next 99 years.
 - (2) Has he considered the impact of the sale of a 99-year lease of Essendon Airport on traffic congestion on the Tullamarine Freeway and Calder Highway over this period of time.
- 91 **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.

92 **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 (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001.
- (4) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.
- (5) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.
- (6) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
- (7) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 1999-2000, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1997-98 and (e) 1996-97.
- (8) 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.

93 **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.

94 **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.

95 **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.

96 **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.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Was Andersen Consulting appointed to conduct a wide-ranging overhaul of the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) client relations, including dealings with taxpayers.
- (2) What was the estimated cost of this overhaul.
- (3) Was Minter Research awarded a \$90 000 contract to review ATO relations with non-business clients.
- (4) Was 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.
- 99 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—Was Black Is White 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.
- 100 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What sum did the Government spend on the private health rebate advertising program during the previous Parliament.
- (2) Will the Minister provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
- (3) Will private health cover become 30% cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.
- (4) What guidelines has the Government 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 did 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, were then paying \$192.95.
- 101 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a license agreement for the Super Dome box; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
- (2) 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 was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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) 2002-2003 financial years.

104 **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 the proposal 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.

105 **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.

106 **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.

107 **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.

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

- (1) Did the Airservices Australia Executive recently consider a decision to start a process of outsourcing the National Airways System (NAS) technical and engineering functions through an approach to the market to invite proposals for the provision of services; if so, will that process include Airservices Australia issuing a Request for Proposal to organisations interested in providing those services for Airservices Australia.
- (2) If Airservices Australia makes a decision to approach the market to request proposals for provision of NAS technical and engineering functions, will Airservices Australia charge companies and organisations to participate in presenting proposals; if so, how much is the charge and how is it calculated.
- (3) Does Airservices Australia have an internal policy document titled “Airservices Market Testing Process Guidelines” and do the guidelines apply to Airservices Australia’s proposal for market testing NAS technical and engineering functions; if so, have all relevant parties been advised of this; if not, what process applies.
- (4) Was the decision being considered by the Airservices Australia Executive last week the Step 3 phase of those guidelines; if not, what phase or stage has been reached.
- (5) Is the fifth step in those guidelines the stage at which the Executive will decide if a work package will proceed to be market tested; if so, has Airservices Australia not yet gathered the detailed information as required in Steps 4 and 5 of the guidelines with regard to this proposal.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia considered the application of the Trade Practices Act in reaching a decision to enter into a commercial arrangement with regard to proposals for the provisions of goods and services.
- (7) Has the Airservices Australia Executive taken all reasonable steps to ensure that it is aware of all necessary and relevant information prior to proceeding to make a decision about the viability of outsourcing the technical and engineering functions of the NAS.
- (8) What are the particular outputs and services that Airservices Australia is considering seeking proposals for to encompass the Australian NAS technical and engineering functions and has the Airservices Australia Executive assured itself that it is viable to outsource this particular output or service; if so, what process or information has provided that assurance and has each member of the Executive been so informed.
- (9) What steps has Airservices Australia taken to identify the risks and benefits of outsourcing the outputs and services referred to in part (8) and has that information been communicated to the Airservices Executive.
- (10) Does Step 2 of the Guidelines identify a process to assure that outsourcing is viable; if so, what steps has the Airservices Australia Executive and the Chief Executive Officer taken to assure themselves that outsourcing is viable for each of the outputs and services identified.
- (11) Has Airservices Australia received a report by consultants regarding the possible outsourcing of Airservices Australia’s property management functions; if so, did the Airservices Australia Executive consider the relevance of its findings in the context of the viability of outsourcing services that essentially encompass the Australian NAS technical and engineering functions; if so, which findings were considered; if not, why not.
- (12) When considering a decision to market test national airways system functions, was the Airservices Australia Executive aware of a recent air ground communication failure caused by the cutting of a cable at Canberra airport; if so, when did this failure occur.
- (13) Was the Airservices Australia Executive also aware that more than 48 hours prior to the failure, contractors cut the cables carrying the tertiary air ground communications; if so, did the Airservices Australia Executive consider this information to be relevant to its consideration of the viability of outsourcing the technical and engineering functions of the NAS; if so, how.
- (14) Was the Airservices Australia Executive aware that following the heightened security measures following the tragic events in the United States in September 2001, contractors have not been able to enter Airservices facilities located within military establishments such as the RAAF base at Canberra airport.

- (15) Did Airservices Australia consider this information to be relevant to its consideration of the viability of outsourcing the technical and engineering functions of the NAS; if so, how.

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

- (1) Does the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act or the Airports Act guarantee that Bankstown Airport will have an Environmental Impact Statement for any airport expansion proposals, such as new passenger terminals, runway extensions and handling of larger aircraft like Boeing 737 aircraft; if so, which sections provide that guarantee and what is the impact of the proposed privatisation on those sections.
- (2) Does the Airports Act require the completion of a Masterplan for Bankstown Airport, if so, has it been completed.
- (3) If a Masterplan has not been completed as required, why not and when will it be completed.
- (4) Has Bankstown Airport established a consultative committee as it was required to do by April 2000 in accordance with the Environment Strategy for the airport, if not, why not.
- (5) Will that consultative body be empowered to discuss, analyse and provide solutions to noise and pollution impacts from aircraft arriving, departing, taxiing and overflying residents and who will be on that consultative body.

110 **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 7 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.

111 **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 and 2001 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.

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

- (1) How many times in each of the past 5 years have the runway lights at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) failed and what was the reason for each failure.
- (2) Has the Australian Transport Safety Bureau investigated any of these lighting failures; if so, were any safety recommendations issued; if so, what were they and have they been acted upon.
- (3) What is the age of the lighting system, when was it installed, what is the cost of replacing the lighting system and are there any plans to replace the system; if so, when is it scheduled to occur.
- (4) Has the Government or the airport owners received any complaints about the safety of the lighting system; if so, from whom and what was the response to the complaints.
- (5) Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) responsible for the regulation of airport lighting; if so, (a) how many times in each of the past 5 years has it inspected or audited the lighting system at KSA, (b) did it identify any safety or operational deficiencies and (c) is CASA now satisfied that the lighting system complies with all safety requirements.

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

- (1) Further to his election funding commitments to the Scoresby Freeway and both the internal and external upgrades of the Hume Highway at Albury Wodonga, how many kilometres of the Hume highway between Albury and Gundagai remain single carriageway.
- (2) What is the cost to upgrade these sections to dual carriageway standard.
- (3) How many trucks and cars travel on these sections each day.
- (4) How many accidents, specifying any fatalities and injuries, have occurred in these sections in each of the past 5 years.

- (5) What is the timetable to fund and complete the National Highway works required to upgrade these sections of the Hume Highway to dual carriageway standard.
- 114 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which business, legal and probity advisers evaluated and oversaw the tender process for the sale of FreightCorp and the National Rail Corporation Limited, and what was paid to each adviser for their service.
 - (2) What criteria were used in the tender evaluation process in meeting the Government's agreed objectives for the combined sale and what were the agreed objectives.
 - (3) Who were the bidders, what were their initial bids and were there any changes in the bids during the tender process as a result of the evaluation process.
- 115 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the former Minister for Financial Services and Regulation 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 the former Minister 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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Where, and in which electoral divisions, are Migrant Resource Centres located.
 - (2) How many clients has each Centre assisted in each of the last 10 years.
 - (3) When was each Centre established and how is the ongoing need for a Centre in a particular location regularly assessed.
 - (4) Is the Government considering the closure or opening of any Centre.
 - (5) How many refugees were assisted by each Centre over each of the last 10 years.
- 118 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
How has the composition of the country of origin of settler arrivals changed since the establishment by Australia of a planned immigration program after the Second World War.
- 119 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
With respect to each of the OECD member nations, what (a) waiting time is required to become a citizen, (b) countries provide for dual citizenship, (c) is the per capita migration intake, (d) is the per capita skilled migration intake, (e) is the per capita refugee migration intake, (f) countries provide for permanent recognition of refugees, (g) is the per capita contribution to the UNHCR and (h) proportion of their populations were born overseas.
- 120 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing 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.
- 121 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
What was the total cost to the Commonwealth of the by-election for the Electoral Division of Ryan on 17 March 2001, including the costs incurred by the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the ballot and election funding payments to political parties in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act.
- 122 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What method was used to calculate the limit of \$125,000 for Members of the House of Representatives for personalised stationery and newsletters.
 - (2) For each of the last 10 financial years, what has been the average sum spent by Members on personalised stationery and newsletters.
- 123 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) What was the (a) total sum expended by the Commonwealth and (b) sum spent by each Department with respect to celebrating the Centenary of Federation.
 - (2) What projects were undertaken with the Government's \$1 billion Federation Fund and what sum was allocated to each project.
 - (3) What projects were undertaken with the \$9 million allocated for history and education and what sum was allocated to each project.
 - (4) How was the \$12 million allocated for the work of the National Council and Secretariat expended.
 - (5) What financial contribution was made by corporate Australia to the Centenary celebrations, including details of corporate sponsorship.
- 124 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (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 the Minister 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.
- 125 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (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 his Department provide any grants to the Turkish community in any other States and Territories; if so, what is the nature of those grants.
- 126 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In 2000-2001, what was the total sum spent by all Commonwealth agencies in newspaper display advertising for (a) employment advertisements, (b) tender notices, (c) information regarding inquiries and hearings to parliamentary committees and (d) other invitations for submissions on matters of public interest.
- 127 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many unauthorised arrivals sought access to a protection visa in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001 and (e) 2002 to date.
- (2) How many of these unauthorised arrivals were on arrival (a) adult males without accompanying family members, (b) adult males with accompanying family members, (c) adult females without accompanying family members, (d) adult females with accompanying family members, (e) children who were part of a family group and (f) unaccompanied minors.
- (3) How many of the (a) children with accompanying family members and (b) unaccompanied minors were (i) below the age of 5 years, (ii) aged 6 to 13 years, (iii) 13 to 15 years, and (iv) 15 to 18 years.
- (4) Is data available on the country of origin, ethnic background and religious affiliation if applicable of these unauthorised arrivals; if so, what are the details.
- (5) How many unauthorised arrivals who arrived in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (e) 2001 and (f) 2002 have to date been (i) granted or (ii) refused refugee status, and how many claims are still to be determined.
- 128 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Following the introduction of the temporary protection visa (TPV) system in October 1999, how many unauthorised arrivals were granted a TPV in (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001 and (c) 2001-2002 to date.
- (2) How many TPV holders have subsequently applied for a permanent protection visa and of these how many claims have been granted or refused to date.
- (3) How many TPV holders are estimated to be ineligible for access to a permanent protection visa after 30 months as a result of changes to the law that commenced on 27 September 2001.
- (4) Are TPV holders eligible to access (a) torture and trauma counselling, (b) AMEP English language tuition, (c) settlement assistance from Commonwealth-funded Migrant Resource Centres or (d) Community Settlement Service Scheme projects.
- (5) Has the Government commissioned any research into the settlement experience of TPV holders; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- 129 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it a fact that guests, including Ros Packer, Ray Martin, Kerry Chikarovski, David Leckie, Dick Smith, Donald McDonald, Nick Greiner and Malcolm Turnbull, attended a function at Kirribilli House on Friday, 21 December 2001.
- (2) Was this event catered; if so, (a) what food and beverages were served, (b) did the guests pay for the catering of this event and (c) what was the cost per head of catering for this function.
- (3) What sum of Commonwealth money was used to cater the function.
- 130 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.
- 131 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Following the deference of the 17 September 2001 deadline after the terrorist attacks in New York, what date has the Minister decided as the renewed deadline for bids for the sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
- (2) Will the successful bidder still have first right of refusal over future development of further development at the Badgery's Creek proposed airport site.

- 132 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many persons were provided with Temporary Safe Haven Visas arising from the situation in Kosovo in 1999.
 - (2) How many persons issued with Temporary Safe Haven Visas subsequently applied for permanent residency in Australia.
 - (3) How many persons issued with Temporary Safe Haven Visas have subsequently been granted permanent resident status.
 - (4) Have any persons issued with Temporary Safe Haven Visas remained in Australia, excluding those granted permanent resident status.
 - (5) What is the present status of persons issued Temporary Safe Haven Visas who have remained in Australia and have not been granted permanent resident status.
 - (6) Of the persons provided with Temporary Safe Haven Visas arising from the situation in Kosovo in 1999, how many came to Australia as (a) a family unit, (b) unaccompanied minors or (c) single persons.
 - (7) At what locations around Australia were Kosovo refugees housed.
 - (8) How many persons were housed at each location.

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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 representing 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 Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (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 for Foreign Affairs—

- (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.

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142 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has the Governor-General issued instructions to his Department and the media that the Governor-General is to be known by the title Dr Hollingworth; if so, what is the basis of this title.

143 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Government now finalised the planning study it commenced in 1997-98 on the need for additional ramps on the F5 Freeway

between Casula and Campbelltown; if so, (a) what are the study's findings and recommendations and (b) what progress has been made in implementing the study.

144 **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 and (d) capital gains tax exemptions for individuals.
- (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.

145 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (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.

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

- (1) Further to the former 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.

147 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—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 hospitals, (ii) private hospitals, (iii) medical services, (iv) dental services, (v) other professional services and (v) all other services in each year since 1996-97.

148 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) What progress has been made on the project to develop an Australian Standard for European STORZ-type hose couplings since the answer to question No. 2576 (*Hansard*, 28 June 2001, page 29091).
- (2) During the NSW bushfires in December 2001 and January 2002 which of the fire-fighting teams from NSW and other States were equipped with STORZ-type hose couplings.

149 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Prime Minister—Did any staff from his office or his Department visit Christmas Island between 25 August and 10 November 2001; if so, for each visit (a) who visited, (b) on which days did the visits take place, (c) what was the official business conducted on those visits, (d) who instructed those persons to undertake the visits and (e) to whom did they report.

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

- (1) How many disclosures of information or documents by carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators were made under the provisions of Part 13 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and reported to the Australian Communications Authority for 2000-2001.
- (2) What were the numbers of disclosures in 2000-2001 in respect of each relevant section and subsection of Part 13 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.

- 151 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Attorney-General—On how many occasions in (a) 1997-1998, (b) 1998-1999, (c) 1999-2000 and (d) 2000-2001 did the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation seek and obtain disclosures of information or documents from carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators under the provisions of section 283 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
- 152 **MR BRERETON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—On how many occasions in 2001 did Australian Federal Police officers certify under section 282 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* that the disclosure of information on documents by carriers, carriage service providers or number database operators was reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law.

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- 153 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—
- (1) Of the \$5 million provided to the travel industry as part of the travel industry subsidy scheme, what is the breakdown of the allocation paid to each Australian State and Territory.
 - (2) What were the destination details of those who received a subsidy.
- 154 **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.
- 155 **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 not.
 - (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.

156 **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 to which he has applied a Part IVA ruling.
- (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.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the existence of the Part IVA Panel at the Australian Taxation Office.
- (2) What is the specific role of the panel.
- (3) Is the panel a formal body; if so, what powers does it have.
- (4) Who are the members of the panel.
- (5) Who appoints the members of the panel.
- (6) How many meetings did the panel have in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000 and (f) 2001.
- (7) Are minutes kept of the meetings of the panel.
- (8) Are the minutes of these meetings readily available for scrutiny by the public.

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158 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What is the revised Budget in 2001-2002 for his Department's spending on appreciation of cultural diversity.
- (2) From this allocation, what sums are allocated for (a) grants under the Living in Harmony initiative, (b) Living in Harmony administration and (c) the New Agenda for Multicultural Australia.
- (3) What other specific items are funded under departmental output 2.4 and what sums are allocated for each such item in 2001-2002.
- (4) What is the forward allocation for 2002-2003 for each item referred to in parts (2) and (3).

159 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) What is the revised Budget allocation in 2001-2002 for departmental spending on migrant settlement services in 2001-2002.
- (2) From this allocation what sums are designated for (a) grants for Migrant Resource Centres, (b) grants under the Community Settlement Services Scheme, (c) assistance to refugees and humanitarian entrants under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy, (d) his Department's settlement planning and information provision and (e) other items, if any.
- (3) What is the forward allocation for 2002-2003 for each item referred to in part (2).
- (4) In respect of the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS), what amount of the 2001-2002 Budget is allocated to (a) initial information and orientation assistance, (b) accommodation support,

- (c) household formation support, (d) proposers' support, (e) service providers' support, (f) community support for refugees and (g) early health assessment and intervention.
- (5) How many refugees and humanitarian entrants received assistance under the IHSS in 2000-2001 and how many are estimated to receive such assistance in 2001-2002.
- 160 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many projects currently receive funding in NSW under (a) the Migrant Resource Centre program and (b) the Community Settlement Services Scheme.
 - (2) What is the estimated sum of Commonwealth funding that will be provided to these projects in 2001-2002.
 - (3) What is the additional extra cost to these projects in (a) 2001-2002 and (b) 2002-2003 as a result of the implementation of the revised Social and Community Services (SACS) Award in NSW.
 - (4) Will the Government provide additional funding to projects in NSW to assist them to meet their increased obligations under the Award; if so, what amount; if not, why not.
 - (5) If the Government does not propose to provide NSW projects with additional funding to cope with their award obligations, how will it ensure that (a) service operating hours are not reduced, (b) client caseloads are not cut and (c) staff classifications are not downgraded.
- 161 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Since September 1994, how many (a) adults and (b) children are estimated to have lost their Australian citizenship due to the operation of section 17 of the Citizenship Act.
 - (2) What were the new countries of nationality or citizenship that triggered the loss of Australian citizenship.
 - (3) How many of the people referred to in part (1) have to date (a) applied for and (b) obtained a resumption of their Australian citizenship under section 23 of the Act.
- 162 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Which Minister sought approval for the special purpose flight on 4 February 2001 that required a Falcon Air Force jet to fly from Canberra to Brisbane without passengers, returning to Canberra that day with Senator I. Macdonald, the Hon. I. Macfarlane MP, the Hon. J. Moore MP, the Hon. M. Brough MP, the Hon. W. Entsch MP, Mr P. Lindsay MP, the Hon. A. Somlyay MP, Mr P. Connole, Ms L. Fox, Mr R. Mill, Ms S. Pandal, Mr S. Reading, and Mr M. Taylor.
 - (2) What was the purpose of the travel.
 - (3) What was the cost for this flight.
- 163 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What was the purpose of the special purpose flight requested for the Hon. J. Anderson MP from Canberra to Brisbane on 8 March 2001 to carry Mr Anderson, the Hon. J. Hockey MP, the Hon. L. Anthony MP, the Hon. M. Brough MP, Ms T. Gambaro MP, Mr G. Hardgrave MP, Mr P. Lindsay MP, Mr M. Abbott, Ms W. Armstrong, Ms R. Bain, Mr A. Beresford-Wylie, Ms F. Murphy and Mr L. Myers.
 - (2) What were the stated requirements requested by Mr Anderson necessitating the aircraft's travel to Moree via Brisbane on 8 March 2001 and Moree to Canberra on 9 March 2001.
- 164 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) With respect to the issue of road safety, is there a clear link between speed and serious accidents.
 - (2) Does the Government accept that speed advertising contradicts the primary road safety measure that speed kills.
 - (3) Has the Government considered the advertising code of the United Kingdom on automotive advertising and speed.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether the current Toyota Corolla television advertisement, the Mitsubishi VRX 'speeding bullet' advertisement; the Holden Ute 'kicking up a storm' advertisement; the Ford Ute 'wake-boarding ad and the Honda 'dreams' would be unlikely to be permitted in the UK or other countries with similar advertising codes.
- 165 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What is the take up rate of set top boxes.
 - (2) What is the forecast take-up rates of set-top boxes in (a) 2002, (b) 2003, (c) 2004 and (d) 2005.

- 166 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has he seen media reports that the Press Council has warned the Federal Government that (a) its plan to change Australia's cross-media ownership laws could lead to a direct threat to the freedom of the press and (b) giving powers to the Australian Broadcasting Authority could be detrimental to the independence of the press.
 - (2) Will the Minister proceed with the proposal to change Australia's cross-media ownership rules to allow a person to own newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area; if so, why.
- 167 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the cost of many drugs and medicines available in Australia is cheaper in a number other countries, including Sweden, the UK, Spain, the US, France and Canada.
 - (2) Is it a fact that Australia enjoys one of the best life expectancy outlooks in the world.
 - (3) Would a reduction in the number of drugs and medicines available to Australians on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) lead to a decrease in the life expectancy of Australian citizens; if so, by how much; if not, why not.
 - (4) Does the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) advise the Government on what drugs and medicines are to be included or excluded from the PBS; if not, what body performs this role.
 - (5) Will the Minister take steps to guarantee that the considerations of the PBAC, in terms of what drugs and medicines are placed, refused or deleted from the PBS, are made available to the public and not influenced by political interference; if so, how; if not, why not.
 - (6) Will the Minister allow interested parties to appeal or seek a review of decisions by the PBAC; if so, how; if not, why not.

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- 168 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) What is the total number of unfair dismissal applications filed in each State and Territory each year since 1996 under the Workplace Relations Act.
 - (2) How many of the applications were filed relating to businesses with fewer than 20 employees.
 - (3) For all applications in each State and Territory in each of those years, how many were (a) settled by negotiation or conciliation, (b) determined in favour of the dismissed employee and (c) rejected by the Commission.
 - (4) For all applications relating to businesses with fewer than 20 employees in each State and Territory in each of those years, how many were (a) settled by negotiation or conciliation, (b) determined in favour of the dismissed employee and (c) rejected by the Commission.
- 169 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware that since 2 October 2001 the ship *CSL Pacific* registered in Nassau and manned by a Ukrainian crew has regularly carried cargoes of cement powder and associated products for Adelaide Brighton Cement on voyages from Port Adelaide to Melbourne, Sydney, Port Kembla and Brisbane.
 - (2) As the voyages are not part of an overseas voyage is he able to say whether the crew are illegal non-citizens without visas.
 - (3) Was *CSL Pacific* formerly registered in Australia and operated by an Australian crew who have now been replaced by illegal non-citizens.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether there are Australian seafarers available to work on *CSL Pacific*.
 - (5) Will he direct that all necessary steps be taken to ensure the deportation of the illegal non-citizens who constitute the crew of *CSL Pacific*.
 - (6) What steps will he take to ensure that illegal non-citizens are not engaged as crew on ships in Australian waters.
- 170 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many applications for the First Home Owners Scheme from the electoral division of Namadgi have been approved since the scheme's inception until 31 December 2001.

- (2) What proportion of these grants have been received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) \$20,001-\$35,000 p.a., (c) \$35,001-\$50,000 p.a., (d) \$50,000-\$75,000 p.a., (e) \$75,001-\$100,000 p.a. and (f) more than \$100,000 p.a.
- (3) What proportion of homes purchased cost (a) less than \$100,000, (b) \$100,001-\$125,000, (c) \$125,001-\$150,000, (d) \$150,001-\$200,000 and (e) more than \$200,000.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article published by the US Copts Association from the Coptic Information Centre, titled 'Coptic Priests blamed for the Muslim violent hate crimes in Bani Wellmes' dated 12 February 2002.
- (2) Is he able to say whether, at the consecration of the Church of the Virgin Mary in the town of Bani Wellmes of Al Minya, Egypt, the new church was stormed by tens of armed Muslims who set it on fire along with five houses and three cars, leaving 10 Copts wounded.
- (3) Were two buses carrying parish from the Church of St George (Heliopolis, Cairo) to the consecration ceremony also attacked by the villagers.
- (4) Did it take the local police over four hours to arrive at the scene and were Muslim villagers seen preventing the fire trucks from entering the village to extinguish the fire inside the Church.
- (5) Did the necessary process of obtaining a construction permit from the president take over 20 years and does the Hamayoni Decree enable the Muslim public to destroy churches using the excuse that these churches were illegally built.
- (6) Is the priest, Fr Luka Ibrahim Sargious, under arrest and being questioned on the charge of firing a hunting rifle; if so, (a) can he verify with the Egyptian Government whether Fr Sargious has been charged, (b) under what provision of what criminal code is Fr Sargious charged and (c) has the charge gone to trial; if not, when can the Egyptian Government reasonably expect the matter to go to trial.

172 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is his Department undertaking or planning to undertake a review of the *Airports Act 1996* this year; if so, (a) who is conducting the review, (b) what are the terms of reference for the review, (c) who will be consulted on the review, (d) why is the review being conducted and when will any proposals for change be made publicly available.

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*173 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Are Australian special forces on active service in Afghanistan (a) being tasked appropriately with those military operations they are specifically trained to perform, (b) operating with like special forces and (c) being resourced and supported to the same levels as those special force counterparts.

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

- (1) What is the Government's position on the sacking in February 2002 of 53 workers from a Telstra call centre in Belmont, WA.
- (2) Does the Minister support Telstra's explanation that the sackings were due to the cyclical nature of the telecommunications industry, despite the 53 workers having worked in the call centre for between 6 and 10 months.
- (3) Does the Minister support Telstra's practice of using contracted staff instead of permanent employees, given that the 53 workers performed the same duties as permanent employees but are not entitled to holiday pay, sick pay or redundancy payments.
- (4) Has Telstra treated the workers fairly, given that they received less than one week's notice, will receive no redundancy or other benefits and had worked at the call centre for between 6 and 10 months.

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

- (1) Has Airservices Australia identified any cost savings that can only be achieved by moving the Sydney Terminal Control Unit (TCU) to Melbourne and cannot be achieved with the Sydney TCU in situ; if so, what are these savings and how will they be reflected in lower charges to Airservices Australia's customers.
- (2) Has Airservices Australia identified any operational improvements that can only be implemented by moving the Sydney TCU to Melbourne and cannot be achieved with the Sydney TCU in situ; if so,

what are these operational improvements and how will they be reflected in improved service to the aviation industry.

- (3) If Airservices Australia believes that savings can be made from moving remote facilities to Melbourne, has it also considered moving the Air Traffic Management Group from Canberra to Melbourne; if not, why not.
- (4) Would the move referred to in part (3) have the potential to not only reduce costs, but also allow the Airservices Australia management team to have a much closer working relationship with both field staff and customers.
- (5) What benefits to the Australian aviation industry does Airservices Australia expect will result from consolidating TCU facilities.
- (6) Has Airservices Australia advised that TCU consolidation will allow improved service delivery and greater integration and standardisation of air navigation services; if so, (a) what does this mean, (b) how will it benefit the Australian aviation industry and (c) why cannot these same benefits be delivered without relocating the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs to Melbourne.
- (7) Has Airservices Australia advised that should TCU consolidation go ahead, it expects an increase in service levels to the aviation industry through improved operations because of less fragmentation, increased standardisation and optimisation of operating procedures, more efficient transition between Enroute and TCU and the potential for reductions in air navigation costs; if so, (a) what is meant by improved operations because of less fragmentation, increased standardisation and optimisation of operating procedures and more efficient transition between Enroute and TCU and (b) how will these changes lead to an increase in service levels and a reduction in air navigation costs.
- (8) Has Airservices Australia advised that should TCU consolidation go ahead, cost savings will be achieved through reduced management overheads and infrastructure, reduced maintenance and technical support and spare holding, improved equipment utilisation, optimisation of operational procedures and consistency of service; if so, (a) what management overheads and infrastructure will be reduced, (b) what maintenance and technical support and spares holding will be reduced, (c) what equipment utilisation will be improved, (d) what is meant by optimisation of operational procedures and consistency of service, (e) how will this lead to cost savings by Airservices Australia and (f) by what sum does Airservices Australia expect charges to the aviation industry will be reduced if these cost saving measures are implemented.
- (9) Are communication and radar facilities used to control Sydney traffic located either on the airport or in close proximity to the control centre; if so, and the control centre is moved to Melbourne, (a) will controllers be over a thousand kilometres from these radar and communication facilities, (b) will this increased distance introduce more links in the data transfer chain that will connect Melbourne-based controllers to Sydney-based facilities and (c) how will Airservices Australia ensure that this increased potential for data link failures will not affect the safety of aircraft flying over Sydney or the residents who live under their flight paths.
- (10) Is it the case that, at present, should Sydney tower be rendered unusable for any reason, it would only take a few minutes for contingency arrangements to be put in place and if the TCU was rendered inoperable for any reason, two consoles in the tower could be reconfigured in a matter of minutes and used by TCU controllers to provide air traffic control services to airborne Sydney traffic; if so and the Sydney TCU was located in Melbourne, (a) would this capability, among others, be lost and (b) how does Airservices Australia plan to overcome this degradation in disaster recovery ability should consolidation go ahead.
- (11) Should an air traffic control facility suffer a catastrophic failure, is it true that, at present, adjacent areas can provide assistance, such as the use of their radar and communication facilities, that greatly improves the chance of a successful recovery; if so, and Airservices goes ahead with its consolidation plans, will this disaster recovery option be lost.
- (12) If a consolidated Melbourne centre was rendered inoperable through facility failure or some other catastrophic event, (a) would half of Australia's airspace be uncontrolled, including airspace over residential areas of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth and (b) how does Airservices Australia plan to address this issue so that disaster recovery margins are not reduced by consolidating four centres into one.
- (13) Are TCU controllers responsible for providing all air traffic control services, including emergency services, to airborne traffic within 45 nautical miles of the primary airport while tower controllers are only responsible for aircraft on the aerodrome and aircraft immediately prior to landing and immediately following takeoff; if so, (a) is it important for the TCU controller to have detailed

knowledge of local geography, weather patterns and terrain, in case an emergency occurs within 45NM of Sydney and requires assistance from the TCU and (b) if TCU consolidation goes ahead, (i) how will the local knowledge possessed by current controllers at Sydney airport be replicated if those controllers are moved to Melbourne and (ii) will a loss of local knowledge impair the ability of remotely located TCU controllers to resolve the emergency situations.

- (14) Has Airservices Australia's legal department alerted senior management to the fact that an intimate knowledge of local terrain in a controller's area of responsibility may be considered an essential element of their job; if so, did this advice also alert senior management that if local knowledge is considered essential, the TCU consolidation plans may be jeopardised; if this advice was received, how will Airservices Australia address its legal department's concerns should TCU consolidation go ahead.

*176 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) When did Commonwealth, State and Territory officials last meet to consider ILO matters.
- (2) When will they next meet to consider ILO matters.
- (3) When did the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council last receive a report from Commonwealth, State and Territory officials on ILO matters.
- (4) When will the Council next meet.
- (5) When did the meetings of the officials and Ministers last discuss the eight ILO Occupational Health and Safety Conventions concluded between 1974 and 1995, or any of the eight conventions.
- (6) With which of the eight conventions does the law and practice comply in (a) NSW, (b) Victoria, (c) Queensland, (d) WA, (e) SA, (f) Tasmania, (g) the ACT and (h) the NT.
- (8) When did he or his predecessor last (a) seek or (b) receive advice about legislative development in any State or Territory regarding the eight conventions, or any of the eight conventions.

MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *177 - *179)—

- (1) Which organisations funded by the Minister's Department will face an increased salary bill as a result of the decision of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales in the social and community services employees (State) Award case matter no. IRC 5544 1998.
- (2) Is it the case that the NSW Government has offered to increase grants to those organisations to assist in meeting those increased salaries.
- (3) Will the Federal Government similarly increase grants to those organisations to assist them to cope with the increased salary commitment.

*177 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

*178 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*179 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

*180 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many families in the electoral division of Stirling received a Family Tax benefit debt letter.
- (2) How many families residing in the postcode areas of (a) 6018, (b) 6019, (c) 6020, (d) 6021, (e) 6022, (f) 6029, (g) 6060, (h) 6061 and (i) 6062 received the Family Tax benefit debt letter.
- (3) What measures is the Government taking to ensure that people on commission based jobs and families where mothers return to the workforce are not penalised by the current Family Tax benefit regime.

*181 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Stirling, 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 Stirling since 1 September 2000; if so, by how many and what percentage.
- (4) How many general practitioners in the electoral division of Stirling bulk billed in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) 2000-2001.

- *182 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Can the Common Youth Allowance actual means test be applied along with the Socio-Economic Status (SES) measurement to measure more accurately the eligibility of non-government schools for Federal assistance; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is he satisfied that in all cases, the SES measurement will deliver equitable outcomes, and will not result in some schools receiving more or less funding vis-à-vis schools of similar socio-economic status; if so, why.
 - (3) Is he satisfied that the SES measurement will, in all cases, not unfairly advantage some students and some schools over others of equal or greater need; if so, why.
- *183 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What are the names and positions of the (a) men and (b) women who hold dormant commissions as Administrators of the Commonwealth of Australia.
 - (2) What are the texts of their commissions.
- *184 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Did Australia accede with reservations to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees in 1954 and withdraw the reservations in 1967 and 1971.
 - (2) Did Australia on 13 December 1973 accede to the (a) 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, (b) 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and (c) 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees.
 - (3) Which of the countries on or near the sea and air routes between the Mediterranean and Australia are parties to the (a) 1951 Convention and (b) 1967 Protocol.
 - (4) Which of the other countries on or near the sea and air routes between the Mediterranean and Australia has the Government asked to become parties to the Convention and Protocol and on what dates, in what circumstances and with what results has the Government asked them to do so.
 - (5) Which of the countries referred to in parts (3) and (4) are members of the Executive Committee of the UNHCR's Program.
 - (6) What are the names, positions and qualifications of the persons who represented Australia at the 52nd session of the Executive Committee held between 1 and 5 October 2001.
- *185 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) What is the rationale behind the spraying of passengers and the cabin areas of planes when entering Australia, given that insects and bacteria are likely to lodge in books and papers.
 - (2) Is the spray designed to reach those sections of the cabin.
 - (3) Are the non-passenger areas sprayed.
 - (4) What is the spray and how powerful is it.
 - (5) What sum does the process cost.
 - (6) How is the effectiveness of the spraying process measured.
- *186 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) When was the customs declaration form last reviewed for readability.
 - (2) Is there any evaluation or monitoring process in place for ensuring the form is easy to read and complete, particularly for non-English speakers.
 - (3) Is any support in completing the form provided to those people for whom English is not a first language.
- *187 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is he familiar with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's General Insurance Code of Practice issued pursuant to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act and the Insurance Act.
 - (2) Is he able to say what medical treatments for Australian travellers abroad are the subject of the code.
 - (3) What medical treatments for Australian travellers abroad are not covered by the code.
 - (4) Is there a default code of practice that covers the responsibility of insurers for such medical treatments not covered by the code.
 - (5) What punitive or other disciplinary provisions exist for general insurers who fail to comply with their responsibilities as insurers.

- (6) Do a general insurer's fiduciary obligations extend beyond mere instrumental legalities, including the code of conduct; if so, what are the major heads of fiduciary duties of general insurers.
- (7) Will he instigate an inquiry into the ambit of the code as it applies to all general insurance policies and general insurers; if not, why not; if so, when.

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

- (1) Can he say when the formal response to the report of the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services titled *A 'Reasonable and Secure' Retirement* will be made.
- (2) Has recommendation 1 of the report been examined; if so, what is the outcome; if not, why not.
- (3) Will Commonwealth civilian and military superannuants have their pensions indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), in the same way that Social Security pensions are indexed to the CPI or Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE); if not, why not.
- (4) What is the estimated cost to the Commonwealth if indexing for Commonwealth civilian and military superannuants was changed to the CPI/MTAWE, whichever is the higher.
- (5) What will be the additional cost to unfunded liabilities if indexing is changed to CPI/MTAWE, whichever is the higher.
- (6) What will be the differences when MTAWE is 1 per cent; 1.5 per cent and 2 per cent greater than the CPI.
- (7) What flow on effect would there be on NSW State Superannuants if indexing for Commonwealth civilian and military superannuants was changed to the CPI/MTAWE, whichever is the higher.
- (8) Did the Prime Minister's announced 13 point program of superannuation changes include provision for allowing spouses who are members of accumulation funds to split their superannuation contributions from 1 July 2003, thus giving access to two tax-free thresholds, two reasonable benefit limits and two lump sum benefits; if so, will these changes apply to members of defined benefit schemes; if so, when; if not, why not.

*189 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What is the estimated waiting time from filing of applications for appellants to the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT) and Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) to the dates the applications are heard.
- (2) How many cases are waiting to be heard in the MRT and RRT.
- (3) What steps are being taken to reduce the waiting time from date of lodgement to date of hearing in the MRT and RRT.
- (4) If he is unable to answer any of parts (1) to (3), why.

*190 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many people were hospitalised in Australia in each year since 1990 for treatment of a tobacco-smoking-related illness.
- (2) How many hospital patient days were taken up in each of those years for treatment of patients with a tobacco-smoking-related illness.
- (3) What was the estimated total cost of the treatment of those patients in each of those years.
- (4) How many Australians died from a tobacco-smoking-related illness during each of those years.
- (5) What revenue has the Commonwealth collected from the sale of tobacco products each year from 1990 to 2001.
- (6) What percentage of total Commonwealth revenue was derived from tobacco products each year from 1990 to 2001.
- (7) Is it a fact that anti-smoking advertising campaigns save money and lives.
- (8) Will the Government increase funding designed to reduce the level of tobacco consumption in Australia; if not, why not; if so, by how much and when.

*191 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many aged care beds formally allocated to operators by his Department remain non-operational.
- (2) What steps is he taking to ensure aged care operators bring these beds on-line.
- (3) When will these beds be brought on-line.
- (4) What action will he take if formally allocated aged care beds remain non-operational on 1 January 2004.

- *192 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Has he seen reports from the Australian Nursing Homes and Extended Care Association requesting the Federal Government to change its aged care bed allocation system.
 - (2) Will he act on that request; if so, how; if not, why not.
- *193 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many women and children are held in Immigration Detention Centres around Australia.
 - (2) How many women and children have husbands and fathers already in Australia on Temporary Protection Visas.
 - (3) In each case, how long have these women and children been detained.
- *194 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) When was the Mature Age Allowance instituted.
 - (2) How many recipients have there been on this allowance.
 - (3) What has been the average duration for people receiving the allowance.
 - (4) How many recipients of the allowance have resided in the electoral division of Chifley.
 - (5) What is the breakdown by State of recipients of the allowance for the last full year of operation.
 - (6) In what year will the allowance be phased out.
 - (7) What was the cost of the scheme in its last full year of operation and how many persons were in receipt of the allowance in that year.
- *195 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the Australian Radio Network (ARN) owns the radio stations The Edge (formerly One FM), Mix FM and WS FM.
 - (2) Under broadcasting legislation, is a radio operator only permitted two radio stations per market.
 - (3) Is it a fact that (a) One FM and WS FM were both western Sydney based radio stations which delivered quality radio broadcasting services to a western Sydney population of almost 1.5 million, including local news and local content and (b) One FM and WS FM provided a cost effective communications medium for local western Sydney businesses to advertise and to reach new local customers.
 - (4) Is it a fact that the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) approved ARN's purchase of One FM in 1998 on the basis that the three stations were in separate geographical regions, namely The Edge in Penrith, WS FM in Seven Hills and Mix FM in Neutral Bay.
 - (5) Is it a fact that when 2WS-FM was launched on 23 November 1978 it had a specific charter to provide a service for Sydney's growing western region.
 - (6) Are ARN's two western Sydney stations, The Edge and WS FM, now located in North Ryde with ARN's third station, Mix FM, also based in North Ryde.
 - (7) What implications does the decision of the three radio stations to relocate to North Ryde have on (a) the ABA's 1998 decision to allow the ARN to purchase a third station on basis that they were in different geographical regions and (b) the western Sydney based content and the western Sydney based news which was formerly broadcast on One FM located in Penrith and 2WS FM located in Seven Hills.
 - (8) What commitment can the Federal Government give to ensure that the 1.5 million people of western Sydney have a western Sydney based radio station that provides local content and local news stories while also providing an advertising medium for local businesses.
- *196 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—
- (1) How many additional jobs have been created in the timber industry in East Gippsland since the introduction of the Regional Forests Agreement.
 - (2) Where are the jobs situated and what kind of work do they involve.
- *197 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Was he Treasurer of Australia when the Committee of Inquiry concerning Public Duty and Private Interest presented its report in July 1979.

- (2) Did the Committee recommend that the standards expected of Ministers and ministerial staff other than public servants in relation to post-separation employment should be brought to their attention when they take office and again upon their departure from office.
- (3) Were these standards brought to the attention of the Hon. Peter Reith (a) when he took office as Minister of Defence and (b) when he departed from that office; if so, by what persons, on what dates and by what means.

*198 **MR SCIACCA:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many tenders were received to scuttle the decommissioned HMAS *Brisbane* at the Sunshine Coast.
- (2) What was the decision making process for the tender and what criteria were applied to select the successful tender.
- (3) Was a full and independent study done of the environmental and economic impact of each tender.
- (4) Were the safety implications of each tender considered.
- (5) Did the decision making process involve a survey of the effect of each tender on Queensland tourism.

*199 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In the last 5 years what was the total number of (a) humanitarian/refugee stream migrants and (b) family stream migrants born in English Proficiency (EP) group 3 and 4 countries who settled in (i) each local government area in metropolitan Sydney, (ii) the Hunter and Illawarra regions, (iii) rural NSW, (iv) each local government area in metropolitan Melbourne, (v) rural Victoria, (vi) Queensland, (vii) WA, (viii) SA, (ix) Tasmania, (x) the ACT and (xi) the NT.
- (2) What research, if any, has the Government commissioned since 1996 on the factors that influence the initial settlement location of humanitarian/refugee stream migrants and their subsequent movement patterns.
- (3) Does the Government offer any incentives to smaller States or individual councils that wish to accept larger numbers of humanitarian/refugee stream migrants; if so, what are the details; if not, is the Government willing to consider any such proposals positively.

*200 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) In the latest year for which data is available, how many eligible clients received Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) (a) classroom/community based formal tuition and (b) Home Tutor Scheme assistance in (i) southern Sydney, (ii) western Sydney, (iii) south-western Sydney, (iv) Illawarra, (v) inner city and eastern Sydney, (vi) Burwood, (vii) Hornsby, (viii) Newcastle and (ix) rural NSW.
- (2) In the same year how many eligible clients received tuition in NSW under the AMEP Distance Learning Program.
- (3) Are eligible clients in Sydney entitled to attend AMEP classes outside their region of residence and; if so, what proportion of clients actually do so.
- (4) Have concerns been expressed that potential clients in some regions of NSW are not being referred to the AMEP Distance Learning Program; if so, what action has his Department taken in response to these concerns.
- (5) What is the estimated total annual value of Commonwealth funding for AMEP service provision in NSW for 2001-2002.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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