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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 10

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2002

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

- \*1 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*, and for related purposes.
- \*2 **MR TRUSS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2000*, and for related purposes.
- \*3 **MR TUCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend or repeal certain legislation relating to aviation, and for related purposes.
- \*4 **MR ANTHONY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* in relation to the effect on social security and veterans' benefits of the disposal of assets, and for related purposes.
- \*5 **MRS D. S. VALE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- \*6 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes.
- \*7 **MR SLIPPER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, and for related purposes.

**Orders of the day**

- \*1 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL MOVEMENT) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).

**Notices—continued**

- \*8 **MR TUCKEY:** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposals for works in the Parliamentary Zone which were presented to the House on 11 March 2002, namely:
  - (1) construction of childcare centre playgrounds, Treasury Building; and
  - (2) refurbishment of Communications Centre, John Gorton Building.

\* 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.

**Orders of the day—continued**

- 5 **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).
- 6 **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).
- 7 **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).
- 8 **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).
- 9 **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).
- 10 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards).
- 11 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GENUINE BARGAINING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox).
- 12 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox).
- 13 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin).
- 14 **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).
- 15 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 16 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese).
- 17 **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).
- 18 **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).
- 19 **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).
- 20 **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).
- \*21 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis).
- \*22 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis).
- \*23 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis).
- \*24 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis).

- \*25 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- \*26 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- \*27 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- \*28 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (CHILD PROTECTION CONVENTION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- \*29 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- \*30 **ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- \*31 **SUPPORTING APPLICATIONS FOR ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **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.
- 33 **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.
- 34 **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.
- 35 **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.
- 36 **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.
- 37 **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.
- 38 **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.
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.

- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.

- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Slipper*):  
Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).
- 65 **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.

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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### Notice given for Thursday, 14 March 2002

- 1 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) registers its concern that the proposed construction of a third international airport for Paris will result in Australian war graves being disturbed;
  - (2) notes the huge significance of these sites to all Australians, and particularly the families of those soldiers whose graves are affected; and
  - (3) calls upon the French Government to do everything in its power to ensure that Australian war graves are not disturbed. (*Notice given 13 March 2002.*)

### Notices

- 1 **MR PRICE:** To move—
- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
    - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
    - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
    - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
  - (2) That the committee shall:
    - (a) in relation to estimates—
      - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
      - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
    - (b) in relation to staffing—
      - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and

- (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 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 Nabiac 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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 18 **MR MURPHY:** To move—That this House prohibits further stem cell research from existing or new embryos. (*Notice given 11 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)

- 19 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Howard Government for failing to address:
    - (a) the shortage of general practitioners in regional, rural and outer metropolitan areas; and
    - (b) the decline in general practitioners bulk billing in these areas; and
  - (2) calls on the Howard Government to immediately implement a strategy to address the decline and shortages. (*Notice given 12 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 20 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) establish a committee consisting of four Government Members and three Opposition Members to review the oaths of allegiance and affirmation for Members of the House and recommend to the Parliament a new oath and affirmation that reflects our unique Australian history and our multicultural society and includes a pledge of loyalty to Australia and its people and our democratic institutions and traditions; and
  - (2) require the committee to seek public comment on a new oath and affirmation and include recommendations on procedures and a timetable to be followed in making these changes. (*Notice given 12 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 21 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That the Australian Parliament recognises the importance of the Parthenon to the people of Greece and its special place in Greek history and accordingly requests the Government of the United Kingdom to take the appropriate steps in consultation with the Greek Government to return the Parthenon Marbles to their original and rightful home in Athens. (*Notice given 12 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 22 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the decision of the Bush Administration to impose tariffs and quotas on Australian steel imports;
  - (2) welcomes the recent backdown on the import of hot rolled coil;
  - (3) recognises that the US decision makes a mockery of the Administration's free trade rhetoric; and
  - (4) indicates deep concern about the impact of the decision on:
    - (a) employment levels within the steel industry and in the coal and iron ore sectors; and
    - (b) the dumping of increased volumes of surplus steel. (*Notice given 12 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 23 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the failure of the Federal Government to provide increased funds to meet its share of the new award conditions applying to staff in the community services sector in NSW;
  - (2) recognises that this funding shortfall is having serious impacts on the homeless, the unemployed, the aged, young people and people with disabilities; and
  - (3) urges the Federal Government to commit the necessary funds to avoid the possibility that community organisations will be forced to reduce or close services, cut hours or retrench staff. (*Notice given 12 March 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)

## Orders of the day

- 1 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2002** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading (*from 11 March 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 2 **CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2002** (*Mr McClelland*): Second reading (*from 11 March 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (A SIMPLER BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT) BILL 2002** (*Mr McMullan*): Second reading (*from 11 March 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)

- 4 **SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Mr Latham*): Second reading (*from 11 March 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 5 **WATER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2002*) on the motion of Mr Forrest—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 6 **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2002*) on the motion of Ms Grierson—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 7 **TAX CONCESSIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 March 2002*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)

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**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS** (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS** (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday.

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. 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).

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**BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE***Thursday, 14 March 2002**The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mrs D. S. Vale*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its:*
  - (1) pre-election spending spree;
  - (2) speculation in currency derivatives at a cost of nearly \$5 billion over the life of this Government;
  - (3) blatant disregard for the application of Australian accounting standards in compiling its own accounts;
  - (4) failure to recognise the GST as a Commonwealth tax and this Government as the highest taxing Government of all time;
  - (5) complete lack of disclosure and accountability in relation to the escalating costs of the so-called ‘Pacific Solution’;
  - (6) breaking its election promise to make health insurance affordable by approving a premium increase at twice the rate of inflation;
  - (7) misleading the public about the real cost of its defence commitments prior to the election;
  - (8) woefully inadequate support for the development of the broadband infrastructure integral to Australia’s participation in the information economy;
  - (9) inadequate attempts to remedy chronic under funding of research and innovation; and
  - (10) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education and the provision of social services”.
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Jenkins*) on the proposed Address in Reply.



## 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/info/notpaper/qons.pdf).

### *Questions unanswered*

Nos 1-50, 53-115, 119-127, 129-139, 142-144, 146, 147, 149-164, 166-213.

### *14 March 2002*

- \*214 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Senate Estimates response show that estimated monies in the Natural Heritage Trust on 31 December 2000 totalled \$691m, and that disbursements from the Trust since then for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 were \$167m; if so, what remaining money has been disbursed since then.
- \*215 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did the Greenhouse Allies Grant Agreements for 1999-2000 include (a) \$30,000 to the Australian Industry Group, (b) \$30,000 to the South Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation and (c) \$6205 for the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry; if so, how was this money spent and what greenhouse gas abatement was achieved as a result.
- \*216 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What sum was left in the Greenhouse Challenge program as of 1 June 2002.
  - (2) What sum from the program remains unspent.
- \*217 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Has the Australian Greenhouse Office advised that it will be able to accurately report on emissions abatement compared to year 2004 forecast after all progress reports covering the 2000-2001 financial year are received; if so, (a) have all reports been received, (b) can the Australian Greenhouse Office now report on comparative emissions abatement and (c) will it make that data publicly available.
- \*218 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Of the 550 members of the Greenhouse Challenge were there 90 corporate progress reports overdue as at 4 June 2001, including 13 from large companies.
  - (2) How many reports are now overdue, and how many of those are from large companies.
- \*219 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Was the availability of Australian Greenhouse Office Grants to the building sector for voluntary initiatives ever publicly announced or the program's existence made known to the broader community.
- \*220 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did a Senate Estimates response indicate that grant funds available under the National Reserve System Program, but unspent as at 1 July 2001 totalled \$17.649m; if so, what sum has since been spent.
- \*221 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Was the application for Natural Heritage Trust funding in 2002 titled "Patchwork: Adopt a Patch (Stage 2) – Building Community Partnerships in Local Bushland" rejected by the former Minister in September 2001.
  - (2) Was the project rated seventh out of 95 projects by the Tasmanian State Assessment Panel.
  - (3) How many projects from Tasmania were funded.
  - (4) Were projects ranked lower than 7th by the Assessment Panel funded.
  - (5) Has all money from this program been allocated.
  - (6) Was all the money spent.
  - (7) Did the project (a) involve primary students from no fewer than 62 schools, (b) attract involvement from the Tasmanian Education Department and Greening Australia (Tasmania) and (c) involve two

schools that have won National Awards as a result of their Adopt a Patch work; if so, why did the Government think this project was not value for money.

\*222 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) How many Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) or MRC outposts are currently funded by the Government.
- (2) How many of these centres were first approved for funding after March 1996.
- (3) In respect of the new centres funded referred to in part (2), in which (a) location and (b) federal electoral division is each centre located.
- (4) Have any centres had their funding withdrawn since March 1996; if so, in which (a) location and (b) electoral division did each centre previously operate.
- (5) What specific criteria are used in assessing the need for MRCs to be established, or to remain, in particular locations.

\*223 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Does the Public Service and Merit Protection Commission's (PSMPC) *Workplace Diversity Report 2000-01*, dated 24 October 2001, note that there has been a continuous decline in the employment of NESB 1 staff over the past decade in Commonwealth departments and agencies.
- (2) Does the report also state that while there had been continuous, gradual improvement in representation of people from NESB 2 until 1997-98, now a decline is taking place.
- (3) Does the report point out that people from a non-English speaking background continue to be under-represented in engagements compared to their representation in the Australian Public Service and they are leaving at a higher rate than that at which they are joining.
- (4) Has the his Department sought advice from the PSMPC on the factors that have contributed to these trends; if so, what was the Commission's advice.
- (5) Have a number of Commonwealth agencies reported to the PSMPC that they have no need for specific strategies to remedy employment disadvantage on the basis of ethnicity; if so, which agencies have made such a claim.
- (6) What are the implications of the findings of the report for the Government's *Charter of Public Service in a Culturally Diverse Society* and what measures, if any, has the Government adopted in response.

\*224 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Under the terms of the contract of the Governor-General, what payout is the Commonwealth liable to make should the Governor-General resign before the end of the five year term of office.
- (2) What payout is the Commonwealth liable to make if the Governor-General is dismissed.
- (3) What pension or other entitlement does the Governor-General have on resignation before the end of the five year term of office.
- (4) What pension or other entitlement does the Governor General have on dismissal before the end of the five year term of office.

\*225 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) When does the Government expect the sale of Bankstown airport to proceed.
- (2) Will Hoxton Park and Camden Airports be included in the sale.
- (3) Will prospective tenderers for the purchase of Bankstown Airport be encouraged to develop Bankstown to allow the use of passenger jet services as previously announced.

\*226 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Was his Department informed of reports made in January and February 2002 of children at risk at the Villawood Detention Centre.
- (2) Has he been briefed by his Department on the reports; if so, when.
- (3) What action has been taken in response to the reports.

\*227 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many persons under the age of 18 years are currently detained at the Villawood Detention Centre.
- (2) How many persons under 18 at Villawood are (a) in family groups and (b) not accompanied by a parent.

- (3) What facilities and programs are in place at Villawood for pre-school children.
- (4) Are pre-school programs conducted in languages other than English; if not, why not.
- (5) Has his Department attempted to place pre-school children in preschools outside the Villawood Detention Centre; if not, why not.
- (6) What facilities and programs are in place at Villawood for primary school aged children.
- (7) Has his Department attempted to place primary school aged children in schools outside the Villawood Detention Centre; if not, why not.
- (8) Are primary school programs conducted in languages other than English; if not, why not.
- (9) Are English language classes available for primary school aged children; if not, why not.
- (10) What subjects are taught at primary school classes at Villawood.
- (11) For how many hours each day and for how many days each week are primary classes available.
- (12) Are educational programs for primary school aged children at Villawood accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training; if not, why not.
- (13) What facilities and programs are available at Villawood for children above primary school age.
- (14) For how many hours each day and for how many days each week are secondary classes available.
- (15) Are secondary programs conducted in languages other than English; if not, why not.
- (16) Are English language classes available for secondary school aged children; if not, why not.
- (17) Are educational programs for secondary school aged children at Villawood accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training; if not, why not.
- (18) What facilities and programs are available for persons under 18 years at the Villawood Detention Centre for post secondary or vocational training.

\*228 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to his announcement on 12 March 2002 declaring the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to be an approved organisation in order to qualify for research funding of \$150 000, under which sub-section of section 8 of the Australian Land Transport Development Act is the declaration made.
- (2) On what date did the ALGA make an application to be declared and receive this funding.
- (3) What amount of funding did the ALGA seek in its application.
- (4) How many previous applications has the ALGA submitted for funding under this section of the Act, and what amounts were sought on each occasion, which applications were successful and for what research projects were the successful grants.
- (5) Did he or his Department publicly or privately call for expressions of interest from any or all organisations, individuals or research organisations competent and available to conduct the national strategy on strategic asset management in local government; if so, when and how many expressions of interest were received; if not, why not.
- (6) What criteria, if any, were applied to the selection of the ALGA to conduct this research project and did he consider any potential conflicts of interest between the ALGA's role of representing the interests of local government authorities and ALGA also evaluating the effectiveness of those local government authorities' expenditure on projects under the Roads to Recovery program.
- (7) Is this ALGA research project and the process that will evaluate the effectiveness of Roads to Recovery projects the only evaluation he intends to conduct of the effectiveness of Roads to Recovery projects; if not, what other processes will be applied and when.
- (8) What are the criteria or guidelines that operate to assess applications for declarations under each part of section 8 of the Act.
- (9) In each year of the operation of the Act, (a) how many declarations have been made under section 8, (b) which organisations and individuals have been declared, (c) what sums were granted and (d) what was the purpose of the grant.
- (10) From which program are these projects funded.

\*229 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answer of the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information and the Arts to question No. 52, will he 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.

\*230 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Is he aware of an article titled “Race on to sell Sydney Airport by Budget” in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, dated 11 March 2002.
- (2) Is the Government to restart the deferred sale of Sydney Airport Corporation.
- (3) Did he say last week words to the effect that he would like to sell Sydney Airport as soon as possible for the best possible price.
- (4) Was the sale of Sydney Airport and Sydney basin airports stalled due to (a) the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre and Pentagon on 11 September 2001, (b) the subsequent downturn in tourism travel to and from Australia and with it, a downturn in passenger and aircraft movements at Sydney Airport and with it, a downturn in revenue for the owner/operator of Sydney Airport or (c) the collapse of Ansett Airways Ltd; if so, which factors.
- (5) Are there any other factors that have contributed to the stalling of Sydney Airport and Sydney Basin airports, including Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden airports, in addition to those factors referred to in part (4).
- (6) Was the lowering of the sale price the only factor that led to the stalling of sale of Sydney Airport; if not, what other factor has led to the stalling of the sale of Sydney Airport and Sydney basin airports.
- (7) Are environmental factors a relevant consideration affecting the sale of Sydney Airport and Sydney basin airports; if so, what are those environmental factors.
- (8) Has any assessment of the environmental impact on Sydney basin airports as a result of privatisation been undertaken; if so, what environmental impact will privatisation have on the residents living the Sydney Basin and on the environment generally.
- (9) What regulatory controls will exist from a fully privatised Sydney Airport and Sydney Basin airports with the arrival of new generation aircraft, including the new super-jumbo jet and A380 Air Bus.
- (10) Will new generation aircraft such as the super-jumbo and A380 Air Bus require \$2 billion worth of alterations to the existing runways at Sydney Airport; if not, what is the impact on Sydney Airport infrastructure necessary to make Sydney Airport capable of complying with the runway standards for take-offs and landings for the super-jumbo and A380 aircraft.
- (11) What will be the estimated cost of infrastructure upgrade of Sydney Airport for the works described in part (10).
- (12) Is the estimated cost of the upgrade of infrastructure of Sydney Airport to accommodate flights from the new generation aircraft a reason why the Government is now recommencing the sale process for Sydney Airport at this time.
- (13) Is the necessity to spend a significant amount of money to upgrade the infrastructure at Sydney Airport to accommodate new generation aircraft a moving force on the Government to sell that airport at this time and a financial burden to be borne by the prospective winner of the bid to purchase the long term operating lease of Sydney Airport.
- (14) As a privatised airport, will Sydney Airport’s Airport Lessee company seek to recover the costs of the upgrade of Sydney Airport’s runways by passing the cost of those upgrades onto aeronautical and non-aeronautical services of the airport.
- (15) How will he regulate the costs of Sydney Airport’s increase in infrastructure investment costs through the upgrade of Sydney Airport’s runways, now that the Government has permitted to lapse any effective pricing surveillance regulations that regulate the price of aeronautical and non-aeronautical prices at Sydney Airport.
- (16) How will prices of aeronautical and non-aeronautical services be regulated in a scenario of a fully privatised Sydney Airport.

\*231 **MR RUDD:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What are the names and positions of the Australians who will attend the International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Monterey, Mexico, between 18 and 22 March 2002.
- (2) What are the names and positions of the Australians who will attend the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg between 26 August and 4 September 2002.

\*232 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the 1993 US Congressional investigation, titled “October Surprise Taskforce”, into the veracity of claims made regarding the Iran-Contra affair.



- (2) Is he aware of the conclusions reached by the Taskforce regarding the allegations and veracity of Mr Arie Ben-Menashe.
- (3) What is the Australian Government's view of the allegations by Mr Ben-Menashe as to major money laundering into Western Australia a decade ago.
- (4) Will the Government support the initiative of Senator Murray to bring Mr Ben-Menashe to Australia to testify to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.
- \*233 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—What sums were provided to companies in Victoria for export assistance in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000, and (c) 2000-2001 and what was the (i) expenditure on, and (ii) purpose of, each grant.
- \*234 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—What projects did the Australia Council fund in the Melbourne metropolitan area in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 and what was the (i) expenditure on, (ii) location of, and (iii) purpose of, each project.
- \*235 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Attorney-General—On the most recent data, what is the incidence of reported crime by type in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*236 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Newstart allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*237 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many Family Payment Greater than Minimum recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*238 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many disability support pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*239 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent data, how many age pension recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*240 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—On the most recent date, how many parenting payment single recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*241 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sums were provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in (i) 2000 and (ii) 2001 in the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083 (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090, (J) 3091 and (K) 3752 and what was the (I) expenditure on, (II) location of, and (III) purpose of, each grant.
- (2) Using the criteria referred in part (1), what are the allocations for 2002.
- \*242 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What percentage of Medicare services by broad type of service were direct billed during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 in (i) Victoria and (ii) the electoral division of Scullin and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083 (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090, (J) 3091 and (K) 3752.
- \*243 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What was the total number of Medicare services provided during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Scullin and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083 (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090, (J) 3091 and (K) 3752.
- \*244 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—How many Medicare services were provided per capita during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Scullin and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083 (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090, (J) 3091 and (K) 3752.

- \*245 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What percentage of Medicare services were provided at or below the scheduled fee during (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 in (i) Victoria, (ii) the electoral division of Scullin and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083 (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090, (J) 3091 and (K) 3752.
- \*246 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—What sums were allocated in local government financial assistance grants in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 to the (i) City of Whittlesea, (ii) City of Banyule, (iii) Shire of Nillumbik and (iv) City of Darebin.
- \*247 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—On most recent data, how many Child Support Agency clients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.
- \*248 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—On the most recent data, how many youth allowance recipients reside in (a) Victoria and (b) the postcode areas of (i) 3074, (ii) 3075, (iii) 3076, (iv) 3082, (v) 3083, (vi) 3087, (vii) 3088, (viii) 3089, (ix) 3090, (x) 3091 and (xi) 3752.

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**SPEAKER'S PANEL**

Mr Adams, Mr Baressi, Ms Corcoran, Ms Gambaro, Mr Hawker, Mr Lindsay, Mr Mossfield, Mr Price, Mr Scott,  
Mr Wilkie.

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**COMMITTEES**

*Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament*

**Standing**

*Pursuant to standing orders*

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**AGEING:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**LIBRARY:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**PRIVILEGES:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**PROCEDURE:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**PUBLICATIONS:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** *(Members to be appointed).*

**SELECTION:** Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr Wilkie.

**TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** *(Members to be appointed).*

#### **Joint Statutory**

**ASIO, ASIS AND DSD:** Senator Calvert, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray. *(Members to be appointed).*

**BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS:** The Speaker, The President, Senator Knowles, Senator West. *(Members to be appointed).*

**CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES:** Senator Brandis, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Murray. *(Members to be appointed).*

**NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY:** Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator McGauran. *(Members to be appointed).*

**NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND:** Senator Crossin, Senator Ferris, Senator Lees, Senator Mason, Senator McLucas. *(Members to be appointed).*

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:** Senator Colbeck, Senator Crowley, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson. *(Members to be appointed).*

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw. *(Members to be appointed).*

#### **Joint Standing**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS** *(Formed 14 February 2002):* Senator Bartlett, Senator Ferris, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray. *(Members to be appointed).*

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE** *(Formed 14 February 2002):* Senator Bourne, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Evans, Senator Ferguson, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht. *(Members to be appointed).*

**MIGRATION** *(Formed 14 February 2002):* Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney. *(Members to be appointed).*

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES** *(Formed 14 February 2002):* Senator Greig, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson. *(Members to be appointed).*

**TREATIES** *(Formed 14 February 2002):* Senator Bartlett, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator McGauran, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen. *(Members to be appointed).*

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## **APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES**

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

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

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