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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NOTICE PAPER

No. 12

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2002

*The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **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*).
- 2 **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*).
- 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*).
- 5 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (GOLD CARD EXTENSION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 March 2002*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 8 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 9 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 10 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- \*11 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 19 March 2002*).
- \*12 **FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 19 March 2002*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 15 **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*).

\* 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.

- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—*Mr Cox*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—*Mr Albanese*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GENUINE BARGAINING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 February 2002—*Mr Cox*).
- 23 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—*Mr Griffin*).
- 24 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 February 2002—*Mr Albanese*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—*Ms Ellis*).
- 31 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—*Ms Ellis*).
- 32 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (CHILD PROTECTION CONVENTION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—*Ms Ellis*).
- 33 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 13 March 2002—*Mr Zahra*).
- 34 **HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 March 2002—*Mr Albanese*).
- 35 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 March 2002—*Mr Albanese*).
- 36 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF ASSETS—INTEGRITY OF MEANS TESTING) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 March 2002—*Mr Albanese*).

- 37 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ROLL INTEGRITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 38 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 39 **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.
- 40 **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.
- 41 **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.
- 42 **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.
- 43 **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.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.

- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.

73 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Slipper*):

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).

74 **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

**Notices given for Wednesday, 20 March 2002**

\*1 **MR PRICE**: To move—That this House:

- (1) refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Members and Senators and the draft Framework of Ethical Principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers in 1995;
- (2) seeks advice from the Procedure Committee as to the continuing validity or otherwise of the drafts; and
- (3) requests the Procedure Committee to confer with the Procedure Committee of the Senate in its consideration of these matters. (*Notice given 19 March 2002.*)

\*2 **MR WINDSOR**: To move—That in the opinion of this House the diesel fuel rebate scheme should be extended to cover industries in remote or isolated locations where access to the normal electricity grid is not available economically. (*Notice given 19 March 2002.*)

\*3 **MR KERR**: To move—That this House recognises that only five more ratifications are required to establish the International Criminal Court and expresses its view that Australia should ratify the International Criminal Court treaty as a founder member. (*Notice given 19 March 2002.*)

\*4 **MR KERR**: To move—That this House, while reiterating its strong condemnation of terrorism and restating the House's support of Australia's participation in United States led actions in Afghanistan directed against terrorist organisations:

- (1) asserts that it is the right of all Australians (irrespective of the crimes they are suspected of having committed) who are held in detention to be accorded fundamental civil and political rights;
  - (2) records its view that it is the obligation of the Australian government to provide consular assistance to any Australian citizen held in detention in violation of these rights;
  - (3) notes that an Australian is currently being held in detention in camp X-ray as an alleged terrorist; and
  - (4) calls on the Australian government to either seek his return to Australia to face trial for whatever violations of Australian law he may have committed, or to make representations to the United States authorities calling on them to allow him access to legal representation and for them to determine promptly whether or not he is to be charged with any offence under US law and if so to guarantee a fair trial before an impartial tribunal. (*Notice given 19 March 2002.*)
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## 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.*)
- 24 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 25 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House does not prohibit further stem cell research from existing or new embryos. (*Notice given 14 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.*)
- 26 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the physical, emotional and psychological damage caused by child sexual abuse;
  - (2) recognises that in every state in Australia adults who have sexual relations with teenagers under the age of 16 are committing a criminal offence, and there are no excuses for this behaviour;
  - (3) commits itself to providing a safe environment for every child in Australia;
  - (4) commits itself to playing a role in ending sexual abuse of children overseas; and
  - (5) commits itself to acknowledging and seeking to mend the harm done to victims of child sexual abuse. (*Notice given 14 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.*)
- 27 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that the NSW Social and Community Sector award pay increases are a welcome recognition of the hard work and skill of workers in the social and community sector;
  - (2) congratulates the NSW Government for funding its share of the increased wages bills of the organisations which rely on these workers;
  - (3) notes that some organisations still face significant difficulties in meeting increased wages bills and are facing reducing services to the nation's most needy; and
  - (4) calls on the Federal Government to pay its share of the increased wages bill to ensure these services can remain open. (*Notice given 14 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***Wednesday, 20 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 19 March 2002—Mr Neville*) 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, 54-64, 66-72, 74, 75, 77-115, 119-127, 129-132, 134-139, 142-144, 146, 147, 149, 151-157, 161-164, 167, 170-250.

### *20 March 2002*

- \*251 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What impact does the switch of new car buyers from passenger vehicles to the All Terrain Wagon Category vehicle potentially have on fuel consumption and the environment.
  - (2) Has the Government given any consideration to the impact on the environment of higher fuel consumption due to switching to All Terrain Wagon Category vehicles and passenger vehicles that are larger and more powerful.
- \*252 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many asylum seekers have been detained under the Government's "Pacific Solution".
  - (2) Where have asylum seekers been detained and how many have been detained at each location.
  - (3) What is the status of individual applications for asylum, including how many (a) have been accepted, (b) have been denied and (c) are still waiting a determination.
  - (4) Of those who have been accepted, to what localities have they been transported and what ongoing assistance has been provided.
  - (5) How many asylum seekers currently awaiting a determination of their status come from Afghanistan, and of these, how many are identified as being members of the Hazara community.
  - (6) Are there any Hazara translating services available to these asylum seekers; if so, what services are available and in what detention facilities are they offered.
- \*253 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of an article in the 14 March 2002 edition of *The West Australian Newspaper* entitled "Scan dilemma – sick kids go abroad for treatment" which highlights that WA parents are taking their children to Third World countries for MRI scans because Perth's only children's hospital cannot provide the service.
  - (2) Is Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) the only children's hospital in Australia without an MRI machine.
  - (3) Is it a fact that for a child to get an MRI scan in Perth he or she needs to travel to Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital for the procedure and in order to do this they have to travel with a team of paediatric experts, including an anaesthetist; if so, is this acceptable given that doctors who have to travel with the child patient are not available for procedures at PMH for periods that extend to a number of hours.
  - (4) Is the Minister able to say whether the WA Government has agreed to buy an MRI scanner for PMH on the proviso that the Federal Government grants a Medicare licence.
  - (5) Did the Minister reject the offer; if so, why.
  - (6) Did the Minister's letter to the WA Health Minister state that granting of Medicare eligibility was based on priority areas of need; if so, does the Minister consider that children who are patients at PMH do not fit this category.
  - (7) Is it acceptable for WA families to have to travel overseas or interstate to get MRI scans in a children's hospital.
  - (8) Has WA not received a Medicare licence to run an MRI scanner in a public hospital for at least nine years.

- (9) Is it a fact that of the 10 MRI scanners in WA, just two are in public hospitals; if so, (a) who holds the other 8 MRI Medicare licences, (b) what are the addresses of each of the licence holders and (c) when were each of these licences granted.
- (10) Are there any MRI licences in regional WA; if so, where.
- (11) Has the Federal Government previously refused licences for PMH and Fremantle Hospital; if so, on how many occasions.
- \*254 MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Were advertisements placed in the *Stirling Times* and *Eastern Suburbs Reporter* community newspapers during February 2002 to explain the issuing of the Family Payment debt letter.
- (2) Did the advertisements not have a contact phone number listed even though they asked the public to contact Centrelink if they had any questions.
- (3) What was the cost of these advertisements.
- \*255 MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many First Home Owner Grants have been made since the commencement of the scheme.
- (2) What sum has been paid out in grants since the commencement of the scheme.
- (3) Are applicants for the grant required to live in the home for which the grant was given for any fixed period of time.
- (4) Are recipients of the grant permitted to lease the home for which the grant was made for any fixed period of time; if so, how are grant applicants advised of this condition.
- (5) Is the scheme audited to ensure that applicants have not previously owned residential property; if so, what checks are carried out to confirm the status of the applicant.
- (6) Are these checks carried out on all applicants or only a sample.
- (7) Is the scheme audited to ensure that applicants do not lease the property for which the grant applied for any period of time proscribed in the conditions for the grant; if so, what checks are carried out to confirm the applicant's compliance with this condition.
- (8) Are these checks carried out on all applicants or only a sample.
- (9) Have any persons been found to have breached this condition.
- (10) What action has been taken against any persons found to have breached this condition.
- (11) What penalties does the scheme allow when conditions are breached.
- \*256 MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—
- (1) What "Work for the Dole" projects located in the (a) Fairfield and (b) Liverpool, NSW local government areas have been funded over the past 2 years.
- (2) What is the present status of each project.
- (3) What agency was responsible for each project.
- (4) What funding was provided by the Commonwealth for each project.
- (5) How many (a) males and (b) and females are or were employed on each project.
- \*257 MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—What was the total expenditure by the Commonwealth on "Work for the Dole" schemes over the past 2 years.
- \*258 MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Since the beginning of the "Tough on Drugs" program, what projects based in the (a) Fairfield and (b) Liverpool, NSW local government areas have received funding under the program.
- (2) What funding has each project received.
- (3) What agency is responsible for each project.
- \*259 MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What is the total government expenditure under the "Tough on Drugs" program.
- \*260 MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is the rental contract for the premises of the Launceston Australian Taxation Office on a month by month arrangement.
- (2) Is there any intention to close or relocate this office.

\*261 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has he received advice from the Ansett administrators regarding the amount of entitlements owed to individual former employees of Ansett Australia; if so, when was this advice received and what is the estimated total sum of entitlements owed to Ansett employees.
- (2) What is the total sum raised so far from the \$10 levy on air tickets.
- (3) For how long will the \$10 levy remain on air tickets.
- (4) What, if any, sum of Commonwealth money will he commit to paying the entitlements of former Ansett workers.
- (5) Will individual former Ansett employees receive 100 per cent of their accrued entitlements.

\*262 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No 166, is it a fact that (a) the Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA), Professor David Flint, chaired the “Cash-for Comment” inquiry involving the conduct of Radio 2UE broadcaster John Laws and (b) during the “Cash-for-Comment” inquiry, Professor Flint went on the Radio 2UE John Laws’ program to argue the “No” case in the referendum on the Republic; if so, does Professor Flint’s appearance on the Radio 2UE John Laws’ program constitute a conflict of interest; if not, why not.
- (2) Will he sack Professor Flint from the ABA; if not, why not.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (1) of question No 166, did the Government tell the people of Australia before the last Federal election that, in relation to its “commitment to reform Australia’s media-ownership rules”, the government would legislate to allow a media owner to own newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area; if so, is the Minister able to say when and where this was reported in the media; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the Government believe that it has a mandate to legislate to allow a media owner to own newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area; if so, why.
- (5) Is the existence of a diverse media crucial to the future of Australia’s democracy; if not, why not.
- (6) Is commercial media ownership in Australia dominated by the Murdoch family’s News Limited and the Packer family’s Publishing and Broadcasting Limited (PBL); if not, why not.
- (7) How can diversity of media opinion in Australia be truly guaranteed if News Limited and PBL are allowed to own, in addition to their existing national and international media interests, newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area.
- (8) Is the Minister aware of media research demonstrating that, in terms of access to news and information which affects the way Australians vote, most people still get such news and information from newspapers, television stations and radio stations.
- (9) Does he still intend to legislate to allow News Limited and PBL to own newspapers, television stations and radio stations in the one licence area; if so, why.
- (10) Further to his reply to question No. 133, would changes to foreign ownership laws potentially provide more competition to Australia’s existing media owners and greater diversity of media opinion; if so, how; if not, why not.

\*263 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has he organised any forum with stakeholders, including shipping lines, to create protocols about rescues at sea of ship-wrecked people, including asylum seekers; if so, will he provide details.
- (2) Is the Commonwealth prepared to pay the costs of rescues at sea of ship-wrecked people, including asylum seekers, including the reported \$1 million cost to the owners of *MV Tampa*.
- (3) Was the Government aware that had *MV Tampa* continued to sail on to Indonesia as requested by the Government it would have been without insurance cover; if so, why did the Government do this and put \$90 million worth of ship and cargo at risk.

**MR KERR:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. \*264 - \*265)—

- (1) What steps were taken to restrict Australian Falun Gong supporters outside the Chinese Embassy from expressing their concern and anger about the suppression of Falun Gong adherents by the Chinese Government.
- (2) Who asked that these actions be taken.
- (3) Was the Minister or any of the Minister’s staff involved in the decision or made aware of the decision to crack down on the protest before that action was taken.



(4) Who decided it was necessary to take such actions and what reasons were given.

(5) Had the Falun Gong done anything beyond exercising their right to peaceful civil protest.

\*264 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

\*265 **MR KERR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives

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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 FINANCIAL SERVICES:** 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*).