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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 14

TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2002

*The House meets this day at 2 p.m.***GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Orders of the day**

- 1 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2002—Mr Andren, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Emerson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with, and:
- (1) calls on the Prime Minister to honour his promise to release the Tax Office audit report into the GST activities of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party;
 - (2) notes that the audit confirmed that the GST scam perpetrated in the Groom FEC was conducted more generally by the Liberal Party throughout other areas of Queensland;
 - (3) notes that the Tax Office imposed a 50% penalty tax on the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party, indicating the falsehood of Government claims that the GST scam was an “error” or a “mistake”;
 - (4) calls on the Treasurer to explain the details of the \$143,000 worth of sponsorships and internal Liberal Party transfers upon which GST was not paid when it should have been; and
 - (5) calls on the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to explain whether or not his FEC used the proceeds of the GST scam, which were in the FEC bank account as at August 2001, for his re-election campaign”.
- 2 **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*).
- *3 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *4 **BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 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 **SPACE ACTIVITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 7 **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*).
- 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 **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*).

* 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.

- 10 **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*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 13 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- *14 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 15 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 17 **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*).
- *18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *19 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 22 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 23 **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*).
- *24 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *25 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—<Member's Name>*).
- *26 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *27 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR VICTORIAN WORKERS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *28 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- *29 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Ms Livermore*).

- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GENUINE BARGAINING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 33 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *34 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Ms Livermore*).
- *35 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Ms Livermore*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (CHILD PROTECTION CONVENTION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 38 **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*).
- *39 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 40 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 41 **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*).
- *42 **RESEARCH AGENCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 43 **AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).
- 44 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- *45 **TOBACCO ADVERTISING PROHIBITION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 15—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **TAKEOVERS PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 March 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **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.
- 49 **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.

- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.
- 67 **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.

- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **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.
- 82 **TARIFF PROPOSAL** (*Mr Slipper*):
Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).
- 83 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notice given for Tuesday, 14 May 2002

*1 **MR RUDD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's plan based on the recommendations of the Private Health Industry Medical Devices Expert Committee to remove speech processors from Appendix A, Schedule 5 of the *National Health Act 1953*, meaning the withdrawal of private health funding for upgrades and replacements for cochlear implants (bionic ears); and
- (2) calls on the Government to find a way that the profoundly deaf, especially children, can continue to secure upgrades and replacements for their cochlear implants by requiring private health funds to continue to cover the cost of the prosthesis. (*Notice given 21 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.*)
- 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.*)
- 28 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 29 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 30 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 May 2002.*)
- 31 **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. 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.*)
- *8 **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Abbott*) on the motion of Mr Windsor—That the House's program be altered to allow Members to debate the serious issue of public liability insurance to guide the Federal representatives before they attend the inter-governmental Summit scheduled on the issue for Wednesday, 27 March 2002, and that this House:
- (1) recognises the widespread distress being caused by the insurance crisis and requires a multi-faceted approach by all levels of Government and the community to solve this dilemma;
 - (2) recognises the comments made by the Prime Minister in Question time last week "that there is not one level of government that can tackle the problem";
 - (3) notes with alarm the Treasurer's reply in question time today that the only Federal Government role will be to facilitate talks on the issue;
 - (4) acknowledges that under paragraph 51(xiv) of the Australian Constitution insurance is very much a Federal issue and demands that the Prime Minister takes a leadership role in relation to the National Insurance Summit being held on Wednesday 27 March 2002;
 - (5) acknowledges that this is the last opportunity for this House to send a message to the Government and the States, the views of our constituents prior to the insurance summit;
 - (6) recommends that a Joint Select Committee of Federal Parliament be established to address this important issue of public liability insurance with the widest possible terms of reference; and
 - (7) recognises and acknowledges that until a permanent and systemic solution to the public liability insurance crisis is found, the Government must implement emergency measures to allow public life and events to continue without fear of unreasonable public liability exposure. (*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.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

13 February 2002

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

- (1) Did his present Principal Private Secretary authorise in February 1996 a Liberal Party brochure for distribution to the electors of Lowe entitled “No new areas in Lowe will be affected by aircraft noise”.
- (2) Did the brochure contain a quote from his press statement dated 8 February 1996 saying that (a) those who had not been affected by disruptive aircraft noise in the past in the seat of Lowe would not be affected in the future, (b) the Coalition’s policy would result in a dramatic reduction in flights over the electorate of Lowe and (c) Lowe would experience a very substantial reduction in aircraft noise.
- (3) Did the brochure also (a) say that Paul Zammit and the Liberals had the answer and would halve the number of planes over Lowe, (b) depict the Labor Party’s assessment of the flight paths over the electorate of Lowe which would come into operation under his Government after March 1996 and (c) contain the words (i) ‘This is not Liberal Policy’ superimposed on that part of the brochure depicting the foreshadowed flight paths which would come into operation in the electorate of Lowe from Drummoyne in the East to Homebush West if he was elected to Government in March 1996 and (ii) ‘You can’t trust Labor’ below the words ‘This is not Liberal Policy’.
- (4) Is it a fact that the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) forecasts 17% air traffic movements to and from the north.
- (5) Do the Sydney Air Traffic Services Sydney Airport Operational Statistics of August 2001 confirm that air traffic movements to and from the north of KSA amount to 22.8% of movements.
- (6) Will air traffic movements to and from the north of KSA be reduced to 17% of all movements before the next federal election.
- (7) When will the Sydney Airport Community Forum next meet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 2751 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29776), what evidence can he provide to say whether Sydney Airport noise-affected communities perceive that Sydney Airport noise will, or will not, be a problem in future years.
- (2) Has he conducted surveys of noise-affected residents or community groups to ascertain their perceptions.

- (3) Has he provided to the public for scrutiny and comment specific discussion papers comprehensively covering planned future expansions of Sydney's airports, right through to ultimate operational capacity, and the concomitant effects of airport noise and toxic transport emissions on human health and well being.
- 34 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will he introduce legislation to make the fitting of air bags compulsory in all new motor vehicles for both the driver and front passenger; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 35 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Does the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) envisage a review of its operation since it was first introduced; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 36 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he obtain Income Tax Exemption Charity Status for non-profit child care centres that look after children, including children with a disability, children with special needs, Aboriginal children and children from disadvantaged families; if not, why not.
- 37 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is there a large number of anomalies associated with the current definition of a charity as a benevolent institution under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITA Act).
 - (2) Will amendments to the ITA Act need to be made to reflect community needs to enable charitable entities to benefit from tax deductible donations to assist their work.
 - (3) In view of the need for some charitable entities like the Breast Cancer Action Group NSW to undertake advocacy on behalf of their clients, is he prepared to recommend to the Government that amendments to the ITA Act should be made to ensure that such advocacy activities should not be a disqualifying criterion for Deductibility Gift Recipient Status; if not, why not.
 - (4) Does the St Vincent de Paul Society enjoy Deductible Gift Recipient Status; if so, is the Society precluded from engaging in any form of advocacy on behalf of the people it assists; if so, why; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will the Government encourage not-for-profit public good groups to address the problems of their members and others in the community by amending the definition of Deductible Gift Recipient Status so that such groups can more readily attract donations; if not, why not.
 - (6) Did the Charities Inquiry complete its report by 30 June 2001; if not, why not.
 - (7) Will the Charities Inquiry report be made available to the public during the 40th Parliament; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 39 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Without the benefit of bracket creep, will the 2001-2002 Federal Budget finish in deficit; if not, why not.
- 40 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in *The Age* newspaper on 26 June 2001 titled “Tax experts declare: we are confused”.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to the comment in that report by the Tax Agents’ Association President, Ray Regan that (a) this year’s Taxpack has confused even the experts and (b) the Government’s tax reforms had complicated the system so much that tax agents’ fees would increase by 50 to 100 % this year.
 - (3) Has his attention also been drawn to a similar report in *The Canberra Times* on 26 June 2001 titled “Post-GST Taxpack too complicated: expert”.
 - (4) What action is he taking to make it easier for tax agents and taxpayers to better understand this year’s Taxpack.
 - (5) What action is he taking to minimise the increased costs taxpayers are bearing following the introduction of the Government’s recent tax reforms.
- 41 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does subsection 262A(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act require each person who is liable to pay income tax to retain their taxation records for a period of five years from the latter of the date on which the records were originally prepared or obtained, or the date on which the transactions or acts to which those records relate were completed.
 - (2) Does section 70 of the Taxation Administration Act prescribe the keeping of records of indirect tax transactions for at least five years after the completing of the transactions or acts to which they relate, including the goods and services tax (GST).

- (3) Is he aware that, in light of the Government's amendments to the taxation law and in particular the introduction of the goods and services tax, the volume of records required to be kept under the provisions of these Acts will increase significantly by imposing a substantial storage cost on individual taxpayers by virtue of the Acts' record retention provisions.
- (4) In light of the increased personal financial burden of document storage costs on individual taxpayers through the introduction of the GST, will he amend the retention provisions of both Acts to reduce the retention periods from five years to three years; if not, why not

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

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

43 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of (a) barristers and (b) solicitors pay the top marginal rate of income tax.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 11 May 2001 titled "ACCC shot down over airport price regulation".
- (2) Has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) accepted a Federal Government direction to back Sydney Airport Corporation's bid to secure an unregulated stream of revenue from non-aeronautical services such as shops and car parking.
- (3) What cost impacts will this direction have on consumers of (a) aeronautical and (b) non-aeronautical services.
- (4) Will he furnish a copy of the direction to Parliament; if so, when.
- (5) What public interest consultation was undertaken in making the direction.
- (6) Was the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia consulted.
- (7) What other public interest groups were consulted.
- (8) Does he agree with the ACCC head, Professor Fels' prediction that this decision will result in higher prices.
- (9) What are the policy and moral grounds for the direction to the ACCC.
- (10) What are the public interest impacts of the decision on (a) consumers of airport services and (b) tenants of privatised airports, particularly service providers such as airline companies, on their profitability.
- (11) Will the direction have an adverse effect on profitability of airline companies and other service providers due to non-regulation of non-aeronautical services in Australia's privatised airports.

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

- (1) Will he provide details of the parent controlling interest of Airport Motorways Limited.
- (2) Will he provide details of the majority shareholders of Infrastructure Trust Australia (ITA).
- (3) Is Macquarie Bank one of the bidders for Sydney Airport.
- (4) Can the possibility that cross-industry of infrastructure associated with Sydney Airport, including road access to that airport, constitute monopolistic-like control of infrastructure to Sydney Airport.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a media release from the Productivity Commission, dated 24 August 2001, titled "Price Regulation of Airport Services" in which the Productivity Commission recommends as its preferred option a five-year period of price and conduct monitoring for Sydney Airport, with no direct control over that period.
- (2) If so, (a) upon what policy basis is this recommendation based, (b) upon what policy basis and instruments is the existing regulatory regime of price caps and regulation founded, (c) will he table copies of these policy instruments in the House and (d) will he table the policy reasoning that has led to the recommendation by the Commission that a monitoring regime be initiated.

- (3) Further to the media release and an article at page 56 in the *Australian Financial Review* of 25-26 August 2001 concerning the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) overall ruling on Sydney's aeronautical charges, (a) what is the policy rationale for the system of dual till pricing and (b) what impact will a dual till pricing system have on charges for consumers.
- (4) Does the Commission's judgment conflict with the ACCC's overall ruling to increase aeronautical charges.
- (5) What impact will the ACCC's decision to increase aeronautical charges by 97% have on the second till non-aeronautical tenants, including shop owners, parking station owners and restaurants at Sydney Airport.
- (6) Will the 97% increase in aeronautical charges decrease turnover for the non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport due to increased airfares and other charges thus economically pricing out prospective consumers of Sydney Airport services.
- (7) Will the new two-till system enable the prospective bidders for Sydney Airport's airport lease to increase non-aeronautical tenants' rents, thus decreasing profitability for those non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport.
- (8) Will he provide case references for the court actions referred to in the *Australian Financial Review* article.
- (9) Are the terms of settlement between the parties in the litigation matters in the public interest and should be disclosed.
- (10) In which court did the proceedings take place.
- (11) Were proceedings in the relevant court closed proceedings.
- (12) Are the terms of the out of court settlement in the public interest and do they warrant public scrutiny.
- (13) Do the terms of the out of court settlement directly impact on persons not party to the legal proceedings, including the general public and non-aeronautical tenants of Sydney Airport; if not, why not.
- (14) Upon what policy basis does the Productivity Commission seek to avoid the currently high level of regulatory involvement.
- (15) Will he seek to challenge the Commission's findings regarding its judgment or does he agree with the Commission's findings; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (16) Why does the Commission consider the current level of regulatory involvement as high.
- (17) Will he seek advice from the Commission to explain what is the existing policy of the current regulatory regime.
- (18) Are aeronautical services for Sydney Airport subject to price surveillance and are aeronautical related services subject to price monitoring.
- (19) Is Sydney Airport subject to pricing regulation under the Prices Surveillance Act.
- (20) Is Sydney Airport further subject to the current regulations under the Prices Surveillance Act made in 1997.
- (21) Would the current arrangements of pricing regulation apply only for the first five years of operation of the lease of Sydney Airport and Sydney Basin airports.
- (22) Further to the statement in relation to terms of reference No. 5 of the Commission draft report titled "Price Regulation of Airport Services", (a) what is the policy rationale for the premise that the price caps applied to aeronautical services will no longer operate, (b) what is the policy rationale for applying this regulation for only a five year period, (c) what event or milestone date did the Government contemplate in 1997 that predicated a sunset clause to terminate a price surveillance regulatory regime such as the 1997 regulations and (d) were the regulations instituted with a view to the elimination of price capping in 2002; if so, what is the policy basis to eliminate the price capping provisions in 2002.
- (23) Did he contemplate in 1997 the sale of Sydney Airport by transfer of the airport lease from Sydney Airport Corporation to a private person; if so, at the time of making his prices surveillance regulation that currently regulates Sydney Airport, did he know that the airport would be leased to a private entity or corporate person who is not the current lessee.
- (24) In 1996 when the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services made his second reading speech on the Airports Bill 1996, was it stated that Sydney Airport would not be sold until Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems had been solved.

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

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

- (1) Does he have administrative portfolio responsibility for Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act.

- (2) Does section 50AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* define control of a corporation in a broad manner, without specifying the percentage of controlling interest.
 - (3) Does schedule 1 of clause 6 of the Broadcasting Services Act state that if a person has an interest in a company exceeding 15%, the person is to be regarded as being in a position to exercise control of the company.
 - (4) Pursuant to the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act, is 15% the test applied for him to block acquisitions that would result in the control of a business passing to foreign persons.
 - (5) Is he able to say whether, pursuant to the *SANTOS (Regulation of Shareholdings) Act 1989* (SA), no shareholder can own more than 15% of SANTOS.
 - (6) Pursuant to the clause 850B of the Financial Services Reform Bill 2001, is 15% the test applied to prevent market operators such as the Australian Stock Exchange or the Sydney Futures Exchange before ministerial approval is required.
 - (7) Pursuant to the Financial Sector (Shareholdings) Act, is a person prohibited from holding a stake of greater than 15% in an authorised deposit-taking institution.
 - (8) What is the policy rationale upon which the figure of 15% is based.
 - (9) At 15%, does the operation of a parent company over pairs of airport lessee companies constitute a controlling interest; if not, why not.
 - (10) Does the parent shareholding interest provisions for paired ownership of Australian airports bring this threshold of 15% into conflict with Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act; if not, why not.
- 58 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to the answer to question No. 2621 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2001, page 29765), (a) was the former Minister charged with the responsibility for the sale of Sydney and other Sydney basin airports and (b) why was the question transferred to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services for a reply.
- 59 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to an *Australian Financial Review* article, dated 25-26 August 2001 titled "Airport gears for \$5bn take-off".
 - (2) Is the Minister able to say whether groups bidding for the purchase of the lease of Sydney Airport include (a) the AMP and Hastings' Gateway Group, (b) Macquarie Bank and (c) ABN Amro, either alone or as part of the Connect Consortium consisting of ABN Amro, Egis Group, Schiphol Group and Fraport.
 - (3) Is the Minister able to say whether (a) any of the bidders referred to in part (2) are no longer bidders, (b) any other bidders have now submitted their bids and (c) he knows of any other bids likely to be submitted before the closing date of bids.
 - (4) What criteria will be used in assessing who will be the successful bidder.
 - (5) Will the decision be based upon (a) price alone, (b) conformance with ecological/environmental and economic constraints or (c) ecological/environmental factors alone and the bidder who seeks to assist in the fulfilment of the Government's declared economic and social goals of a fully implemented Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and commence construction of Sydney West Airport immediately.
 - (6) If the decision will be based on conformance with ecological/environmental and economic constraints, will the successful bidder be one who (a) agrees to abide by the fully implemented LTOP and commence construction of Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek immediately and (b) declares that they will honour the promises made to the public that Sydney Airport would not be sold until a genuine environmental impact statement (EIS) was completed for a second airport at Sydney.
 - (7) Has any bidder expressly or impliedly declared in their bid their intention whether or not to construct Sydney West Airport; if so, who is that bidder and what is their declared intention.
 - (8) Will the Minister announce if any bidder for the lease of Sydney Airport declares an intention to not construct Sydney West Airport within an acceptable prescribed time, or at all, based on the Pareto constraints indicated in the 1995 EIS by PPK Environment and Infrastructure, for the Second Sydney Airport Proposal, namely when passenger movements reach or exceed 20 million per year.
 - (9) Is the Minister able to say whether in 1999-2000, Sydney Airport had 23 million passenger movements, and has thus exceeded its Pareto optimum ecologically sustainable limit; if not, why not.
 - (10) What ethic is driving the tender and sale process of Sydney Airport, including the primary decision to sell Sydney Airport.

- (11) Upon what ethical basis and what moral reasoning are Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports being sold separately from Sydney Airport.
 - (12) Upon what ethical basis and what moral reasoning is Sydney Airport being sold with first right of refusal in the hands of the successful bidder to construct Sydney West Airport.
 - (13) Is Sydney Airport being sold with first right of refusal by the successful bidder to not construct Sydney West Airport in order to maximise the sale price of Sydney Airport by not encumbering the sale to the successful bidder in locking that bidder into an expensive contractual obligation to construct Sydney West Airport.
 - (14) Is Sydney Airport being sold separately from Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports to sterilise the sale of Sydney Airport by emphasising it as the jewel in the crown of Australia's international gateway airports and maximise the sale price alone.
 - (15) Is the sole or substantial ethic directing the decisions made by the Government utilitarian in that it seeks to maximise utility of the greatest number of successful bidders' shareholders whilst denying both the Government's declared promises to the general public not to sell Sydney Airport until (a) Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems have been solved and (b) a genuine environmental impact statement for the Second Sydney Airport has been undertaken.
 - (16) How are environmental and public interest factors included in the tender process.
 - (17) Will bidders be expected to fulfil the Government's declared social and economic goals, including (a) full implementation of the LTOP, (b) immediate commencement of construction of Sydney West Airport and (c) maintenance of Commonwealth statute law proscribing monopolistic control of global and strategic assets, including Australia's international and regional airports.
 - (18) Is the Government's policy on this sale process driven by the principles of globalisation.
 - (19) What policy rationale, other than maximising profit, governs the sale process of Sydney Airport to these banks, foreign consortia and globalised superannuation funds.
 - (20) Has the tender process erred in failing to adequately protect the public interest and public morality of the sale process.
 - (21) What will be the financial implications in terms of rent and other overheads upon the Australian taxpayer in light of the permanent loss of strategic assets such as Australia's international airports.
 - (22) Is the Minister familiar with the principles of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the term 'anarcho-capitalism'.
 - (23) Will the right of first refusal to construct Sydney West Airport in the hands of the successful bidder effectively waive any hope for Sydney Airport aircraft noise-affected residents seeking relief from aircraft noise during the lease period of up to 50 years.
 - (24) If not, how will Sydney Airport aircraft noise-affected residents have aircraft noise managed in line with the Coalition Government's declared 1996 aviation policy.
 - (25) Is the granting of first right of refusal to the successful bidder of Sydney Airport an anarcho-capitalist policy of non-regulation by denying this and successive Commonwealth Governments the legal power to construct Sydney West Airport because the Government is contractually and legally bound to the terms of the lease and hence faces potential litigation by the successful bidder should a successive Commonwealth Government attempt to construct Sydney West Airport.
 - (26) Is the granting of first right of refusal to the successful bidder of Sydney Airport an MAI-like philosophy of ensuring the free flow of capital across sovereign borders whilst placing no weight on pre-existing prescribed Commonwealth Government social and economic goals, including the full implementation of the LTOP, construction and completion of Sydney West Airport and fulfilment of declared Coalition aviation policy.
- 60 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has the Minister seen an article by Alan Mitchell, Economics Editor, on page 55 of the *Australian Financial Review*, 29 August 2001, titled "Price Vacuum Sells Airport Cheap" in which Mr Mitchell reports that the Government looks like selling Sydney Airport before it makes a decision on the future of the airport's price regulation.
 - (2) Will Sydney Airport be sold before the Government makes a decision on the future of the airport's price regulation; if so, why.
- 62 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What is the status of the drug RU486 in Australia.
 - (2) Is RU486 being used as an abortion drug overseas.

- (3) What are the side-effects of RU486 when it is not properly used in combination with Cytotec (Misoprostol).
 - (4) Will RU486 be banned in Australia.
- 63 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Will the Minister include the drug Serc on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for treatment of Meniere’s Disease.
- 64 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many Medicare offices are located within the electoral division of Lowe.
 - (2) How many new Medicare offices will be located within the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002.
 - (3) By what criteria are Medicare offices justified and do they include service area, number of inquiries to be catered for, size and location.
 - (4) Under the criteria identified in part (3), is the electoral division of Lowe justified in having a new Medicare office.
 - (5) If no new Medicare offices are proposed for the electoral division of Lowe in 2001-2002, will the Minister now make provision for them; if so, when.
- 66 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What are the Medicare item numbers for treatment of (a) depression in all its forms and (b) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
 - (2) How many claims are made each year under each item number referred to in part (1).
 - (3) Are there any forms of treatment for mental illness, mental disorder, psychosomatic or other mental syndrome which are not covered under Medicare; if so, what are they.
 - (4) What is the process under which a treatment is assessed for addition to the Medicare scheme.
- 68 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to part (2) of the answer by the former Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to question No. 2548 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29189), has the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency obtained international research regarding the possible effects of exposure to ionising radiation and made this information available to those affected by the British nuclear tests; if not, why not.
- 69 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to an advertorial titled “Self-Deliverance & Plastic Bags: Proven effective! Introducing the customized ‘EXIT BAG’”.
 - (2) Is the product being marketed in Australia; if so, for how long has the Minister been aware of the marketing of this product.
 - (3) Is the product being marketed by direct mail, through franchises or some other means; if so, what are the details of the medium.
 - (4) Does the product facilitate suicide or euthanasia; if not, why not.
 - (5) Does the Government have a policy on the sale of this product in Australia; if so, what are the details.
 - (6) Will the Minister ensure that, if the product is found to facilitate suicide or euthanasia, it be removed from sale in Australia; if not, why not.
- 70 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many reviews has the pharmaceutical firm Schering-Plough Pty Limited submitted to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) for the therapeutic drug REMICADE, used in the treatment of Crohn’s disease, to be included on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
 - (2) How many Australians are diagnosed as suffering from Crohn’s disease.
 - (3) Is the Minister able to say whether REMICADE is available in the US and members of the European Union.
 - (4) Was REMICADE accorded priority review around the world by health authorities, including the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration.
 - (5) Was REMICADE awarded two awards in France in 2000.
 - (6) Is the Minister able to say whether REMICADE is designated an orphan drug in the US.
 - (7) Has the Minister’s attention been drawn to reports in the Sydney Morning Herald of Monday, 22 October 2001, which reported that the Minister had overruled a PBAC decision to reimburse Herceptin, however that same decision has not been forthcoming for REMICADE.
 - (8) Why did the Minister not overrule the PBAC on its decision for REMICADE.

- (9) Will the Minister permit REMICADE to be covered by the PBS and implemented in similar fashion to that of Herceptin.
- (10) What is the cost of Herceptin per patient.
- (11) What is the estimated cost of REMICADE per patient.
- 74 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—Can he guarantee that payments of the \$300 one-off bonus announced in the 2001 Budget to eligible residents of aged care facilities were paid directly to, and received separately by, those residents and not the management of the aged care facilities in which they reside; if not, why not.
- 77 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—For the years ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000 and (c) 2001, (i) how many taxpayers claimed the dependent spouse rebate, (ii) how many taxpayers had tax debts and penalties raised against them for failure to include Basic Parenting Allowance in the Separate Net Income section of their returns, (iii) what was the average time between lodgement date and when taxpayers were notified of the debts referred to in part (ii), (iv) how many taxpayers with debts described in part (ii) lodged formal objections with the Australian Taxation Office and (v) of the formal objections lodged, how many have resulted in having the tax shortfall penalty waived.
- 78 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—When will the Government respond to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee report on Air Safety and Cabin Air Quality in the BAe 146 Aircraft, dated October 2000.
- 79 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority reassessed its requirement for monitoring the operations and cabin and cockpit air quality of the BAe 146 aircraft operating in Australia since October 2000; if so, what reassessment has been made and have any practices changed as a result of that reassessment; if so what practice or practices have changed.
- 80 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will the Government introduce regulations under the Civil Aviation Act specifying (a) a specific national standard for checking and monitoring the engine seals and air quality in all passenger commercial jet aircraft, (b) maintenance procedures, including specific maintenance procedures for ageing aircraft, (c) specific appropriate maintenance and operational procedures for BAe 146 which pay particular attention to the need to ensure aircraft are withdrawn from operational flying and service to ensure any operating faults resulting in oil leaks, fumes or smoke are immediately repaired, (d) that incident reports should now be specifically designed so as to reflect the history of the cabin air problem that has been encountered on the BAe 146 aircraft and (e) air quality monitoring and compulsory reporting guidelines for all passenger jet aircraft operations.
 - (2) Why has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued an Airworthiness Directive relating to the non reporting and issue of air quality defects for the BAe 146 when the defect reporting and rectification procedures are part of the legislation.
- 81 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority undertaken liaison with airline operators to develop a standardised compulsory monitoring program which provides for testing cabin aircraft air during fume events.
- 82 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has he undertaken any liaison with State Ministers with a view to establishing a procedure to inquire into unsuccessful or inordinately delayed workers compensation cases arising from air crew being exposed to noxious fumes on board Australian passenger jet aircraft; if so, what communications has he had with a view to establishing such a procedure.
- 83 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority taken steps to ensure that commercial aircraft operators fit appropriate high-grade air filters on all commercial airlines flying in Australia.
- 84 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Prior to the last Federal election did he announce an expansion of the noise insulation project in the vicinity of the Adelaide airport; if so, what was the extent of that expansion.
 - (2) Has there been any expansion of the aircraft noise insulation project in and around Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport since March 1996; if so, what are the details of that expansion.
- 85 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer—Does the Government have any plans to abandon and or modify the Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme; if so, what are the Government's proposals.

- 88 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What diagnostic services exist in the southern Sydney region for childhood learning disabilities such as autism.
 - (2) What treatment services exist for such learning disabilities.
 - (3) Does the Government provide funding in respect of any of those services; if so, what are the details.
 - (4) What is the waiting list to access both diagnostic and treatment services for learning disabilities including autism.
 - (5) What is the length of time for a child to be (a) diagnosed and (b) treated through those services.
- 89 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Are there processes in place for the accreditation of public hospitals; if so, (a) what are the processes for that accreditation and (b) what standards does the accreditation process consider.
- 90 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How well do the (a) existing bottleneck down to two lanes of the Tullamarine Freeway and (b) dangerous intersection with Calder Highway at North Essendon, take into account Melbourne's future growth and traffic needs over the next 99 years.
 - (2) Has he considered the impact of the sale of a 99-year lease of Essendon Airport on traffic congestion on the Tullamarine Freeway and Calder Highway over this period of time.
- 91 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What has been the total outlay by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on the EDS contract in each financial year since EDS won the information technology delivery contract for the ATO.
 - (2) What sum has been spent by the ATO for non-EDS delivered IT functions in each financial year since the commencement of the contract.
 - (3) What is the price charged by EDS to the ATO for a basic call out.
 - (4) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions prior to the contract being outsourced to EDS and did that cost include the cost of call outs.
 - (5) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions after the contract was outsourced to EDS, including the internal support and does that cost include the cost of call outs.
 - (6) Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 19 October 1999, page 11914), will he provide copies of the reports EDS is required to prepare each month on service levels, since the commencement of the contract until 1 May 2000.
- 92 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) For how many of its staff has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided GST training.
 - (2) How many of those staff have subsequently left the ATO, and how many of them left within six weeks of completing the training course.
 - (3) How many staff left the ATO in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001.
 - (4) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.
 - (5) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.
 - (6) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
 - (7) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 1999-2000, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1997-98 and (e) 1996-97.
 - (8) Has the ATO given incorrect GST registration numbers to businesses registering for the GST; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the reason for incorrect registration numbers being issued and (c) will businesses in this situation who have printed letterheads, replied to questionnaires and who will incur significant expense in rectifying these errors be offered compensation by the ATO or the Government for expenses incurred as a result.
- 93 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) still have an Information Technology department; if so, (a) what is the cost of that department, (b) how many staff does it employ and (c) what is its function.
 - (2) What is the total of the financial penalties levied upon EDS for non-achievement of service credits to date and over the first year of the contract.

- (3) Has the ATO hired a company to ascertain whether or not the ATO has achieved savings by outsourcing its IT department to EDS; if so, (a) what is the name of the company, (b) what is its brief, (c) what is the cost to the ATO of the review and (d) did the company have to win a tender to carry out this work.

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

- (1) Does a landlord require an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- (2) Does a tenant require an ABN.
- (3) Is a tenant who is operating a business from their rented accommodation required to supply an ABN to the landlord.
- (4) Does Taxation Ruling MT 2000/2 state that “If you let out residential premises where the whole of the premises is to be used predominantly for residential accommodation purposes you are entitled to get an ABN, but you do not need one for PAYG withholding purposes”; if so, what is the definition of “whole” and “predominantly” and how is the determination arrived at.
- (5) If a taxpayer rents a residential flat and uses one of the three bedrooms to run a web publishing business is he or she required to provide an ABN to the landlord.
- (6) How does a landlord determine (a) the use of the premises and (b) whether or not they should require the presentation of an ABN.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What sum did the Government spend on the private health rebate advertising program during the previous Parliament.
- (2) Will the Minister provide copies of all advertising used to promote the private health rebate.
- (3) Will private health cover become 30% cheaper for all Australians as claimed in the advertising.

- (4) What guidelines has the Government provided to private health companies about the advertising of the private health rebate.
 - (5) Has the Government informed recipients of the Private Health Insurance Incentive Scheme that they will not receive the full private health rebate.
 - (6) What sum did a pensioner couple receive in rebate if their private health insurance premium was \$254.85 a quarter before 1 January 1999.
 - (7) What actual percentage rebate is a pensioner couple receiving if they were paying \$254.85 a quarter for private health insurance before 1 January 1999 and, after receiving the private health rebate, were then paying \$192.95.
- 101 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a license agreement for the Super Dome box; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
 - (2) In addition to the \$850 000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240 000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120 000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 103 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Roads of National Importance program can he provide the requests for funding under this program submitted by each State and Territory Government for the (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001 and (c) 2002-2003 financial years.
- 104 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) In answers given during Senate Estimates (Senate Committee *Hansard*, 19 February 2001, page RR&T 71) concerning his Department's assessment of the viability of a proposed Parkes international freight airport, was it stated that his Department had been lobbied over a number of years and could not see any economic viability in the proposal and that a due diligence process had been followed.
 - (2) If so, how can he justify the total lack of any economic assessment of the viability of the Alice Springs to Darwin rail project before committing expenditure by his Department, as confirmed in the answer to question No. 2036 (*Hansard*, 7 December 2000, page 23867), yet conduct a due diligence process and an assessment of the economic viability of a far smaller project, the Parkes international freight airport.
- 105 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is the Australia Cycling National Strategy examining the (a) benchmarking of bicycle use, (b) benchmarking of accident exposure and (c) benchmarking of bicycling facilities in Australia using international standards; if not, why not.
 - (2) Has the National Strategy met its December 2000 objective to include cycling expertise in peak transport, recreation and other appropriate bodies; if not, why not.
 - (3) Has the National Strategy met its January 2001 objective to make education about cycling available for pre, primary and secondary school aged students, consistent with curriculum frameworks; if not, why not.
 - (4) What work has been done to enable the National Strategy to meet its June 2001 objectives to (a) improve the services and products delivered by the bicycle industry through the development of partnerships, (b) develop a generic policy that can be adapted by all local governments which outlines their role in creating pro-bicycle cultures and physical environments, (c) ensure that appropriate new and renovated public and private developments include end-of-trip facilities for cyclists consistent with national standards, (d) increase multi-nodal trips involving bicycles and public transport, (e) develop and implement a national public communication strategy to improve the awareness of all road users and path users to better share our roads and paths, (f) ensure that safety initiatives such as safety audits and identification of blackspots include consideration of cycling and (g) develop and implement behavioural programs/initiatives relating to all road users which improve cyclist safety in areas such as motor vehicle speeds and helmets.
- 108 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Did the Airservices Australia Executive recently consider a decision to start a process of outsourcing the National Airways System (NAS) technical and engineering functions through an approach to the market to invite proposals for the provision of services; if so, will that process include Airservices

Australia issuing a Request for Proposal to organisations interested in providing those services for Airservices Australia.

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

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

- (1) How many apprentices or trainees have been employed in each employment category by (a) his Department, (b) Airservices Australia, (c) the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and (d) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority for each of the past 7 years.
- (2) Have any staff been appointed under any graduate entry programs, if so how many.

- (3) Have any targeted recruitment campaigns been conducted, if so, when and what was the aim of those campaigns.
 - (4) What sum has been spent on external recruitment agencies for recruitment to each employment category.
- 111 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) With respect to the obligations placed on Certificate of Registration holder for aircraft, how many instances in 2000 and 2001 has the Civil Aviation Safety Authority become aware of where an aircraft owner has failed to pass on maintenance information to an operator, lessor, or maintenance organisation.
 - (2) Of those cases, how many owners were (a) investigated and (b) prosecuted, and what was the outcome of those investigations and prosecutions.
- 112 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many times in each of the past 5 years have the runway lights at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (KSA) failed and what was the reason for each failure.
 - (2) Has the Australian Transport Safety Bureau investigated any of these lighting failures; if so, were any safety recommendations issued; if so, what were they and have they been acted upon.
 - (3) What is the age of the lighting system, when was it installed, what is the cost of replacing the lighting system and are there any plans to replace the system; if so, when is it scheduled to occur.
 - (4) Has the Government or the airport owners received any complaints about the safety of the lighting system; if so, from whom and what was the response to the complaints.
 - (5) Is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) responsible for the regulation of airport lighting; if so, (a) how many times in each of the past 5 years has it inspected or audited the lighting system at KSA, (b) did it identify any safety or operational deficiencies and (c) is CASA now satisfied that the lighting system complies with all safety requirements.
- 113 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his election funding commitments to the Scoresby Freeway and both the internal and external upgrades of the Hume Highway at Albury Wodonga, how many kilometres of the Hume highway between Albury and Gundagai remain single carriageway.
 - (2) What is the cost to upgrade these sections to dual carriageway standard.
 - (3) How many trucks and cars travel on these sections each day.
 - (4) How many accidents, specifying any fatalities and injuries, have occurred in these sections in each of the past 5 years.
 - (5) What is the timetable to fund and complete the National Highway works required to upgrade these sections of the Hume Highway to dual carriageway standard.
- 114 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Which business, legal and probity advisers evaluated and oversaw the tender process for the sale of FreightCorp and the National Rail Corporation Limited, and what was paid to each adviser for their service.
 - (2) What criteria were used in the tender evaluation process in meeting the Government's agreed objectives for the combined sale and what were the agreed objectives.
 - (3) Who were the bidders, what were their initial bids and were there any changes in the bids during the tender process as a result of the evaluation process.
- 115 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the former Minister for Financial Services and Regulation direct that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), when assessing aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport, not take account of revenues generated by the airport operator for services other than aeronautical services; if so, (a) when did the Government make the decision to issue the direction to the ACCC and (b) on what date was the direction given to the ACCC.
 - (2) When did the ACCC commence the process of assessing aeronautical charges at Sydney Airport and what was the date of final submissions.
 - (3) During the course of the ACCC's consultations relating to the Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd pricing proposal, did the former Minister issue any other direction or change any parameter for the review; if so, what was the nature of that direction or change and on which date was it issued or made.

- (4) Given that the Productivity Commission is considering arrangements for price regulation of airport services at all airports, should the direction given to the ACCC in relation to Sydney Airport to not take account of revenues generated by the airport operators for services other than aeronautical services, also apply to the Productivity Commission review of aeronautical charges at all airports; if not, why not.
- 119 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
With respect to each of the OECD member nations, what (a) waiting time is required to become a citizen, (b) countries provide for dual citizenship, (c) is the per capita migration intake, (d) is the per capita skilled migration intake, (e) is the per capita refugee migration intake, (f) countries provide for permanent recognition of refugees, (g) is the per capita contribution to the UNHCR and (h) proportion of their populations were born overseas.
- 120 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Did Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) develop performance criteria or service levels for the new baggage handling system at the international terminal before it was selected as the system to be introduced; if so, (a) what were they and (b) were they agreed with the industry paying for its introduction; if not, why not.
 - (2) Have the performance criteria been met; if not, why not.
 - (3) Is there a design deficiency in the system resulting in the mis-tracking of baggage; if so, (a) what is the nature of the problem, (b) what steps are being taken to fix the problem and (c) how long will that take.
 - (4) Has SACL addressed the problem in the interim by employing additional baggage handlers; if so, what sum (a) has that cost to date and (b) is it estimated to cost until the design problem is fixed.
 - (5) Have airlines been required to meet this cost, if so, (a) why, (b) what sum has it cost and (c) what cost has been borne by SACL.
 - (6) What is the legal basis or instrument that allows SACL to recover those costs from the airlines.
 - (7) Have the new aerobridges at the international terminal caused damage and delays to aircraft; if so, (a) on how many occasions and (b) what has been the cost of this damage.
 - (8) Who has borne the financial responsibility for the damage and delays caused by the aerobridges.
 - (9) Has any passenger or staff member been injured by an aerobridge; if so, what are the details.
 - (10) When will the operation of the new aerobridges meet an acceptable standard and what is that standard.
- 121 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
What was the total cost to the Commonwealth of the by-election for the Electoral Division of Ryan on 17 March 2001, including the costs incurred by the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the ballot and election funding payments to political parties in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act.
- 122 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) What method was used to calculate the limit of \$125,000 for Members of the House of Representatives for personalised stationery and newsletters.
 - (2) For each of the last 10 financial years, what has been the average sum spent by Members on personalised stationery and newsletters.
- 123 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) What was the (a) total sum expended by the Commonwealth and (b) sum spent by each Department with respect to celebrating the Centenary of Federation.
 - (2) What projects were undertaken with the Government's \$1 billion Federation Fund and what sum was allocated to each project.
 - (3) What projects were undertaken with the \$9 million allocated for history and education and what sum was allocated to each project.
 - (4) How was the \$12 million allocated for the work of the National Council and Secretariat expended.
 - (5) What financial contribution was made by corporate Australia to the Centenary celebrations, including details of corporate sponsorship.
- 124 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) When will the Government act on the recommendations of the February 1999 Copyright Law Review Committee to guarantee the extension of the Commonwealth's legal deposit provisions to publications in electronic form.

- (2) Will the Government guarantee that redefining the definition of “library material” in the Copyright Act will cover forms of publication such as microforms, audio-visual materials and electronic publications.
- (3) Is the Minister able to say whether legal deposit legislation in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia already cover publications in all forms.
- (4) Unless the extension of the definition of legal deposit is attended to urgently, is the coverage of the national collection of library material relating to Australia and the Australian people weakened.
- 126 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—In 2000-2001, what was the total sum spent by all Commonwealth agencies in newspaper display advertising for (a) employment advertisements, (b) tender notices, (c) information regarding inquiries and hearings to parliamentary committees and (d) other invitations for submissions on matters of public interest.
- 127 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many unauthorised arrivals sought access to a protection visa in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (d) 2001 and (e) 2002 to date.
- (2) How many of these unauthorised arrivals were on arrival (a) adult males without accompanying family members, (b) adult males with accompanying family members, (c) adult females without accompanying family members, (d) adult females with accompanying family members, (e) children who were part of a family group and (f) unaccompanied minors.
- (3) How many of the (a) children with accompanying family members and (b) unaccompanied minors were (i) below the age of 5 years, (ii) aged 6 to 13 years, (iii) 13 to 15 years, and (iv) 15 to 18 years.
- (4) Is data available on the country of origin, ethnic background and religious affiliation if applicable of these unauthorised arrivals; if so, what are the details.
- (5) How many unauthorised arrivals who arrived in (a) 1998, (b) 1999, (c) 2000, (e) 2001 and (f) 2002 have to date been (i) granted or (ii) refused refugee status, and how many claims are still to be determined.
- 129 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is it a fact that guests, including Ros Packer, Ray Martin, Kerry Chikarovski, David Leckie, Dick Smith, Donald McDonald, Nick Greiner and Malcolm Turnbull, attended a function at Kirribilli House on Friday, 21 December 2001.
- (2) Was this event catered; if so, (a) what food and beverages were served, (b) did the guests pay for the catering of this event and (c) what was the cost per head of catering for this function.
- (3) What sum of Commonwealth money was used to cater the function.
- 130 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister’s Lodge and Kirribilli House.
- 131 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Following the deference of the 17 September 2001 deadline after the terrorist attacks in New York, what date has the Minister decided as the renewed deadline for bids for the sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
- (2) Will the successful bidder still have first right of refusal over future development of further development at the Badgery’s Creek proposed airport site.

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- 137 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum did the Commonwealth Government collect in petrol excise in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000 and (e) 2000-2001.
- (2) What sum was returned to the States.
- (3) What sum did the Commonwealth Government spend on (a) total road funding, (b) construction of the National Highway system and (c) maintenance of the National Highway system in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99, (iv) 1999-2000 and (v) 2000-2001.
- (4) How was the figure of \$356 million arrived at as the Federal Government’s contribution to the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital.
- (5) What options were examined to determine the funding mix for the proposed Orbital.

- (6) Was a shadow toll examined as a method of paying for the construction of the Orbital; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the details of the study and (b) why was the proposal rejected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Taxpayers' Charter explanatory booklet entitled "Treating you fairly and reasonably" contain a statement that it recognises individual circumstances, including previous history as a taxpayer and level of knowledge and understanding of the tax laws.

- (2) What criteria does the ATO use to ensure that individual taxpayers are treated individually.
- (3) Does the ATO have an internal policy document or set of procedures that outlines how this statement in the charter is to be put into practice.
- (4) How does the ATO monitor compliance to clauses in the taxpayers' charter.
- (5) In the instances of reassessing investors in Mass Marketed Tax Effective investments who have had rulings made against them, did the ATO look at every case individually.

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

- (1) When examining Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes in the process of preparing position papers, did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) examine the original prospectuses of the various schemes; if so, which schemes; if not, why.
- (2) Did the ATO find differences between the original information contained in the prospectus and the actual operation of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
- (3) Did the ATO find evidence of round robin arrangements associated with the payment of management fees from a non-recourse loan facility available to investors in any of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
- (4) Did the ATO find any evidence of any illegal activities in relation to round robin schemes; if so, was this evidence passed on to Australian Securities Investments Commission (ASIC) or any other investigative or regulatory body; if not, why not.
- (5) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors had knowledge of round robin schemes that were contrary to the scheme's original prospectus.
- (6) What statutory requirements does the ATO have to refer suspected breaches of Corporations law to ASIC.
- (7) When examining tax effective schemes, did the ATO make any inquiries with any investors in schemes, other than the project manager and its directors, to determine their knowledge of, or consent to round robin arrangements; if so, how many investors were interviewed or queried and in what specific schemes did this occur.
- (8) Were steps taken by the ATO or any other agency to protect the rights of investors in regard to the financial viability of these schemes; if, so what steps were taken and in which schemes were they taken.
- (9) Did the ATO investigate international agreements being entered into by schemes that were claimed as managerial or marketing services to the scheme; if so, which schemes were involved in this type of activity and what was the result of these investigations.
- (10) In relation to international agreements being used as a round robin device by schemes, was there any investigation by the ATO that this type of arrangement may have constituted an activity with the dominant purpose of avoiding or evading taxation; if so, did the ATO proceed to disallow any tax deductions made by the management company in relation to the international arrangements and funding.
- (11) Did the ATO proceed to further investigate, prosecute or refer for prosecution any parties involved in these international transactions.
- (12) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors in schemes knowingly participated in or approved round robin transactions or international arrangements or funding; if so, on what basis did the ATO determine that penalty payments should be applied to those investors in their notices of reassessment.

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

- (1) In relation to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) treatment of Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes, will he list the projects that the ATO has investigated and to which he has applied a Part IVA ruling.
- (2) Which projects is the ATO currently investigating.
- (3) Will he provide a list of the number of investors in each of these projects who have received amended assessments as a result of a Part IVA ruling.
- (4) In relation to (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp, will he provide the number of participants in those schemes who were contacted by the ATO when preparing their position paper prior to the issuing of amended assessment.
- (5) How many submissions were made to the ATO by investors in (a) Budplan schemes, (b) Satcom, (c) Koala Hydroponics and (d) Maincamp in response to the ATO position paper.

- (6) In relation to these schemes, what time frame was spent by the ATO examining these submissions and what was the time frame between issuing the position paper and the issuing of amended assessments.

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

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

20 February 2002

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the cost of many drugs and medicines available in Australia is cheaper in a number other countries, including Sweden, the UK, Spain, the US, France and Canada.
- (2) Is it a fact that Australia enjoys one of the best life expectancy outlooks in the world.
- (3) Would a reduction in the number of drugs and medicines available to Australians on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) lead to a decrease in the life expectancy of Australian citizens; if so, by how much; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) advise the Government on what drugs and medicines are to be included or excluded from the PBS; if not, what body performs this role.
- (5) Will the Minister take steps to guarantee that the considerations of the PBAC, in terms of what drugs and medicines are placed, refused or deleted from the PBS, are made available to the public and not influenced by political interference; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Minister allow interested parties to appeal or seek a review of decisions by the PBAC; if so, how; if not, why not.

21 February 2002

170 **MS ELLIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many applications for the First Home Owners Scheme from the electoral division of Canberra have been approved since the scheme's inception until 31 December 2001.
- (2) What proportion of these grants have been received by households earning (a) less than \$20,000 p.a., (b) \$20,001-\$35,000 p.a., (c) \$35,001-\$50,000 p.a., (d) \$50,000-\$75,000 p.a., (e) \$75,001-\$100,000 p.a. and (f) more than \$100,000 p.a.
- (3) What proportion of homes purchased cost (a) less than \$100,000, (b) \$100,001-\$125,000, (c) \$125,001-\$150,000, (d) \$150,001-\$200,000 and (e) more than \$200,000.

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to an article published by the US Copts Association from the Coptic Information Centre, titled 'Coptic Priests blamed for the Muslim violent hate crimes in Bani Wellmes' dated 12 February 2002.
- (2) Is he able to say whether, at the consecration of the Church of the Virgin Mary in the town of Bani Wellmes of Al Minya, Egypt, the new church was stormed by tens of armed Muslims who set it on fire along with five houses and three cars, leaving 10 Copts wounded.
- (3) Were two buses carrying parish from the Church of St George (Heliopolis, Cairo) to the consecration ceremony also attacked by the villagers.
- (4) Did it take the local police over four hours to arrive at the scene and were Muslim villagers seen preventing the fire trucks from entering the village to extinguish the fire inside the Church.

- (5) Did the necessary process of obtaining a construction permit from the president take over 20 years and does the Hamayoni Decree enable the Muslim public to destroy churches using the excuse that these churches were illegally built.
- (6) Is the priest, Fr Luka Ibrahim Sargious, under arrest and being questioned on the charge of firing a hunting rifle; if so, (a) can he verify with the Egyptian Government whether Fr Sargious has been charged, (b) under what provision of what criminal code is Fr Sargious charged and (c) has the charge gone to trial; if not, when can the Egyptian Government reasonably expect the matter to go to trial.
- 172 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Is his Department undertaking or planning to undertake a review of the *Airports Act 1996* this year; if so, (a) who is conducting the review, (b) what are the terms of reference for the review, (c) who will be consulted on the review, (d) why is the review being conducted and when will any proposals for change be made publicly available.

11 March 2002

- 174 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) What is the Government's position on the sacking in February 2002 of 53 workers from a Telstra call centre in Belmont, WA.
 - (2) Does the Minister support Telstra's explanation that the sackings were due to the cyclical nature of the telecommunications industry, despite the 53 workers having worked in the call centre for between 6 and 10 months.
 - (3) Does the Minister support Telstra's practice of using contracted staff instead of permanent employees, given that the 53 workers performed the same duties as permanent employees but are not entitled to holiday pay, sick pay or redundancy payments.
 - (4) Has Telstra treated the workers fairly, given that they received less than one week's notice, will receive no redundancy or other benefits and had worked at the call centre for between 6 and 10 months.
- 175 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has Airservices Australia identified any cost savings that can only be achieved by moving the Sydney Terminal Control Unit (TCU) to Melbourne and cannot be achieved with the Sydney TCU in situ; if so, what are these savings and how will they be reflected in lower charges to Airservices Australia's customers.
 - (2) Has Airservices Australia identified any operational improvements that can only be implemented by moving the Sydney TCU to Melbourne and cannot be achieved with the Sydney TCU in situ; if so, what are these operational improvements and how will they be reflected in improved service to the aviation industry.
 - (3) If Airservices Australia believes that savings can be made from moving remote facilities to Melbourne, has it also considered moving the Air Traffic Management Group from Canberra to Melbourne; if not, why not.
 - (4) Would the move referred to in part (3) have the potential to not only reduce costs, but also allow the Airservices Australia management team to have a much closer working relationship with both field staff and customers.
 - (5) What benefits to the Australian aviation industry does Airservices Australia expect will result from consolidating TCU facilities.
 - (6) Has Airservices Australia advised that TCU consolidation will allow improved service delivery and greater integration and standardisation of air navigation services; if so, (a) what does this mean, (b) how will it benefit the Australian aviation industry and (c) why cannot these same benefits be delivered without relocating the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth TCUs to Melbourne.
 - (7) Has Airservices Australia advised that should TCU consolidation go ahead, it expects an increase in service levels to the aviation industry through improved operations because of less fragmentation, increased standardisation and optimisation of operating procedures, more efficient transition between Enroute and TCU and the potential for reductions in air navigation costs; if so, (a) what is meant by improved operations because of less fragmentation, increased standardisation and optimisation of operating procedures and more efficient transition between Enroute and TCU and (b) how will these changes lead to an increase in service levels and a reduction in air navigation costs.

- (8) Has Airservices Australia advised that should TCU consolidation go ahead, cost savings will be achieved through reduced management overheads and infrastructure, reduced maintenance and technical support and spare holding, improved equipment utilisation, optimisation of operational procedures and consistency of service; if so, (a) what management overheads and infrastructure will be reduced, (b) what maintenance and technical support and spares holding will be reduced, (c) what equipment utilisation will be improved, (d) what is meant by optimisation of operational procedures and consistency of service, (e) how will this lead to cost savings by Airservices Australia and (f) by what sum does Airservices Australia expect charges to the aviation industry will be reduced if these cost saving measures are implemented.
 - (9) Are communication and radar facilities used to control Sydney traffic located either on the airport or in close proximity to the control centre; if so, and the control centre is moved to Melbourne, (a) will controllers be over a thousand kilometres from these radar and communication facilities, (b) will this increased distance introduce more links in the data transfer chain that will connect Melbourne-based controllers to Sydney-based facilities and (c) how will Airservices Australia ensure that this increased potential for data link failures will not affect the safety of aircraft flying over Sydney or the residents who live under their flight paths.
 - (10) Is it the case that, at present, should Sydney tower be rendered unusable for any reason, it would only take a few minutes for contingency arrangements to be put in place and if the TCU was rendered inoperable for any reason, two consoles in the tower could be reconfigured in a matter of minutes and used by TCU controllers to provide air traffic control services to airborne Sydney traffic; if so and the Sydney TCU was located in Melbourne, (a) would this capability, among others, be lost and (b) how does Airservices Australia plan to overcome this degradation in disaster recovery ability should consolidation go ahead.
 - (11) Should an air traffic control facility suffer a catastrophic failure, is it true that, at present, adjacent areas can provide assistance, such as the use of their radar and communication facilities, that greatly improves the chance of a successful recovery; if so, and Airservices goes ahead with its consolidation plans, will this disaster recovery option be lost.
 - (12) If a consolidated Melbourne centre was rendered inoperable through facility failure or some other catastrophic event, (a) would half of Australia's airspace be uncontrolled, including airspace over residential areas of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth and (b) how does Airservices Australia plan to address this issue so that disaster recovery margins are not reduced by consolidating four centres into one.
 - (13) Are TCU controllers responsible for providing all air traffic control services, including emergency services, to airborne traffic within 45 nautical miles of the primary airport while tower controllers are only responsible for aircraft on the aerodrome and aircraft immediately prior to landing and immediately following takeoff; if so, (a) is it important for the TCU controller to have detailed knowledge of local geography, weather patterns and terrain, in case an emergency occurs within 45NM of Sydney and requires assistance from the TCU and (b) if TCU consolidation goes ahead, (i) how will the local knowledge possessed by current controllers at Sydney airport be replicated if those controllers are moved to Melbourne and (ii) will a loss of local knowledge impair the ability of remotely located TCU controllers to resolve the emergency situations.
 - (14) Has Airservices Australia's legal department alerted senior management to the fact that an intimate knowledge of local terrain in a controller's area of responsibility may be considered an essential element of their job; if so, did this advice also alert senior management that if local knowledge is considered essential, the TCU consolidation plans may be jeopardised; if this advice was received, how will Airservices Australia address its legal department's concerns should TCU consolidation go ahead.
- 181 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many general practitioners practise in the electoral division of Stirling, and of these, how many bulk bill.
 - (2) Of those general practitioners who bulk bill, what percentage of their patients and services do they actually bulk bill.
 - (3) Has the number of services being bulk billed declined in the electoral division of Stirling since 1 September 2000; if so, by how many and what percentage.
 - (4) How many general practitioners in the electoral division of Stirling bulk billed in (a) 1995-96, (b) 1996-97, (c) 1997-98, (d) 1998-99, (e) 1999-2000 and (f) 2000-2001.

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

- (1) Is he familiar with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's General Insurance Code of Practice issued pursuant to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act and the Insurance Act.
- (2) Is he able to say what medical treatments for Australian travellers abroad are the subject of the code.
- (3) What medical treatments for Australian travellers abroad are not covered by the code.
- (4) Is there a default code of practice that covers the responsibility of insurers for such medical treatments not covered by the code.
- (5) What punitive or other disciplinary provisions exist for general insurers who fail to comply with their responsibilities as insurers.
- (6) Do a general insurer's fiduciary obligations extend beyond mere instrumental legalities, including the code of conduct; if so, what are the major heads of fiduciary duties of general insurers.
- (7) Will he instigate an inquiry into the ambit of the code as it applies to all general insurance policies and general insurers; if not, why not; if so, when.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) How many people were hospitalised in Australia in each year since 1990 for treatment of a tobacco-smoking-related illness.
- (2) How many hospital patient days were taken up in each of those years for treatment of patients with a tobacco-smoking-related illness.
- (3) What was the estimated total cost of the treatment of those patients in each of those years.
- (4) How many Australians died from a tobacco-smoking-related illness during each of those years.
- (5) What revenue has the Commonwealth collected from the sale of tobacco products each year from 1990 to 2001.
- (6) What percentage of total Commonwealth revenue was derived from tobacco products each year from 1990 to 2001.

- (7) Is it a fact that anti-smoking advertising campaigns save money and lives.
- (8) Will the Government increase funding designed to reduce the level of tobacco consumption in Australia; if not, why not; if so, by how much and when.

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

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

196 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Forestry and Conservation—

- (1) How many additional jobs have been created in the timber industry in East Gippsland since the introduction of the Regional Forests Agreement.
- (2) Where are the jobs situated and what kind of work do they involve.

197 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Was he Treasurer of Australia when the Committee of Inquiry concerning Public Duty and Private Interest presented its report in July 1979.
- (2) Did the Committee recommend that the standards expected of Ministers and ministerial staff other than public servants in relation to post-separation employment should be brought to their attention when they take office and again upon their departure from office.
- (3) Were these standards brought to the attention of the Hon. Peter Reith (a) when he took office as Minister of Defence and (b) when he departed from that office; if so, by what persons, on what dates and by what means.

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202 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many applications for the First Home Owner Grant for the (a) construction of new dwellings and (b) purchase of existing dwellings were approved in each month in each State and Territory since the scheme commenced.
- (2) For each of the applications approved, what was the postcode of the applicant.

208 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) 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 Calwell.
- (2) 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 Calwell and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3036, (B) 3037, (C) 3038, (D) 3043, (E) 3046 (F) 3047, (G) 3048, (H) 3049, (I) 3059, (J) 3060, (K) 3061, (L) 3064, (M) 3427 and (N) 3428.
- (3) 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 Calwell and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3036, (B) 3037, (C) 3038, (D) 3043, (E) 3046 (F) 3047, (G) 3048, (H) 3049, (I) 3059, (J) 3060, (K) 3061, (L) 3064, (M) 3427 and (N) 3428.
- (4) 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 Calwell and (iii) the postcode areas of (A) 3036, (B) 3037, (C) 3038, (D) 3043, (E) 3046 (F) 3047, (G) 3048, (H) 3049, (I) 3059, (J) 3060, (K) 3061, (L) 3064, (M) 3427 and (N) 3428.

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

- (1) Is he aware of an article titled "Airport's \$2bn runway jolt" which appeared on page one of the *Australian Financial Review* on 7 March 2002.
- (2) When will the sale process of Sydney Airport resume.
- (3) Will Sydney Airport face a \$2 billion runway upgrade within two years to accommodate new generation passenger aircraft; if so, when will this work commence.
- (4) How must the runways of Sydney Airport be modified to accommodate new generation passenger aircraft.
- (5) What will be the impact on market appetite from the collapse of Ansett airways.

- (6) Does market appetite for Sydney Airport remain strong despite the Ansett collapse.

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- 213 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the Government withdrawn, or does it intend to withdraw, the requirement for private health funds to reimburse Cochlear implants for the cost of speech processor upgrades or replacements; if so, why.

14 March 2002

- 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 (*Hansard*, 13 March 2002, page 1153), 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 249 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What matters were placed on the agenda of the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) at its meeting in Sydney on 7 March 2002 by (a) the Commonwealth, (b) any State and (c) either Territory.
 - (2) What was the outcome of each item on the agenda.
 - (3) Where and when will the next meeting of SCAG be held.
- 250 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Is he aware of any reports that Canadian Steamships Line Incorporated Australia (CSL), is planning to sell *CSL Yarra* to its partner company CSL Asia.
 - (2) Is he aware of reports that the plan to sell *CSL Yarra* to CSL Australia will result in the sacking of the Australian crew of *CSL Yarra*.
 - (3) Can he give an undertaking that the crew will not be replaced with cheaper offshore sailors.
 - (4) Are foreign sailors who work on cargo ships permitted in Australian waters subject to the same award, rates of pay, and conditions as Australian sailors; if not, why not.
 - (5) How many Australian sailors are currently employed in the Australian shipping industry.
 - (6) How many Australian sailors were employed in the Australian shipping industry in (a) 1996, (b) 1997, (c) 1998, (d) 1999, (e) 2000 and (f) 2001.
 - (7) Has there been a decline in sailors for in this industry during these years; if so, does this coincide with the ending of the cabotage system whereby foreign ships can only carry a cargo when Australian ships are not available.
 - (8) Will the Government seek to reintroduce cabotage in Australia.
 - (9) How many single voyage permits has the Australian Government issued to foreign vessels each year since 1996.
 - (10) How many continuing voyage permits has the Government issued to foreign vessels each year since 1996.
 - (11) Is he aware of any incidents since 1996 where either single or continuing voyage permits have been issued to foreign ships where an Australian ship has been available to carry cargo.
 - (12) How many Australian ships are currently registered to carry cargo.
 - (13) How many Australian ships were registered to carry cargo in each year since 1996.
 - (14) Has there been an increase in the amount of permits issued to foreign ships wishing to carry cargo, if so, has this led to a decline in the number of Australian ships in recent years.

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- 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 a 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 a 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.

- 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.
- 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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- 266 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the Nine Network has secured the broadcasting rights for the coverage of the 2002 Soccer World Cup Finals in Japan and Korea.
 - (2) Consistent with previous coverage of the Soccer World Cup Finals, will the Nine Network undertake to broadcast the majority of matches live and uninterrupted; if not, how many matches and under what conditions will the Nine Network's broadcast take place.
 - (3) In the event that the Nine Network proceeds with a limited broadcast, is there any undertaking on the Nine Network to allow other broadcasters, whether free to air or subscriber, to pick up the remaining broadcast.

- 269 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What were the details of operational deployments of Australian Defence Force personnel from 1972 to the present date, including personnel numbers, relevant services and branches involved.
- 270 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What are the details of Defence spending on purchases impact per worker, by State and Territory, including total spending per State and Territory, employed work force, spending per worker, regional ranking for (a) 1981-82, (b) 1991-92 and (c) 2001-02.
 - (2) What are the figures for 1991-92 and 2001-02 for defence spending as a percentage of total sector sales in ship building, aerospace, information technology, communications and electronics, and vehicles.
- 271 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What was the average student contribution under HECs as a proportion of university operating grant funding, excluding those students receiving 25% discount for up-front payments, 15% bonus on voluntary repayments, debt-writedowns due to death, remission of HECs debt for special circumstances and the provision for doubtful debt in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.
 - (2) What proportion of students pay full HECs.
 - (3) What proportion of students receive the 25% discount for up-front payments.
 - (4) What proportion of students receive the 15% bonus on voluntary repayments.
- 272 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—What would be the cost for (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004 and (c) 2004-2005 of extending the Gold Card to those over the age of 70 to Australian residents who served in the armed forces of (i) Great Britain and (ii) Australia's World War II allies other than those of Great Britain.
- 275 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** 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 electoral division of Stirling have received funding under the program.
 - (2) What funding has each project received.
 - (3) What agency is responsible for each project.
- 276 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What renovations or additions requiring the services of trade specialists have been made to the buildings and grounds of (a) Kirribilli House and (b) The Lodge in (a) 2001, (b) 2000, (c) 1999, (d) 1998 and (e) 1997.
 - (2) What was the cost of each renovation in terms of (a) new materials and (b) labour.
 - (3) What sum of Commonwealth money has been used to carry out the work.
 - (4) What future renovations for Kirribilli House and The Lodge have been approved or planned for 2002.
- 280 **MR S. F. SMITH:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) On what basis has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) determined that it will not proceed on the complaint lodged by Mr David Coombes, on behalf of Bruness Pty Ltd (Bruness), against Auto Masters Corporation (AMEC).
 - (2) On what basis has the ACCC determined that it will not prosecute AMEC under section 51AC or section 52 of the Trade Practices Act, or any other relevant section of that Act.
 - (3) Why did the ACCC advise the Special Minister of State on or before 24 January 2001 that it had determined that it required evidence from former owners franchisees of AMEC, other than Bruness, before it would consider commencing a prosecution.
 - (4) Was the ACCC's decision not to further investigate or prosecute this complaint based on (a) a lack of resources or (b) a policy of the ACCC to prioritise the further investigation or prosecution of complaints based on either their monetary value or public profile.
 - (5) If not, why did officers of the ACCC advise Mr Coombes on 18 August 1999 that the ACCC was interested in multi-million dollar high profile cases and that the ACCC received on average at least one complaint a week of the magnitude made by Mr Coombes.
- 281 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) In relation to the collapse of Commercial Nominees Australia (CNA), why, when the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) required CNA to stop accepting contributions to the ECMT

from AWERF, the Network Superannuation Fund and Midas Superannuation Fund, did it allow CNA to continue accepting contributions from approximately 475 small APRA funds (SAFs).

- (2) Why did APRA remove CNA as Trustee for the 475 SAFs two months after removing CNA as the trustee for the three funds mentioned in part (1).
- (3) Was APRA aware that, at the time it removed CNA as trustee, CNA was negotiating with Perpetual Trustees Limited to take over the administration of some or all of the 475 SAFs; if not, why not.
- (4) What process was used by APRA to appoint Oak Breeze, a liquidator, as the temporary trustee of the 475 SAFs given its lack of experience in this area and the work already undertaken by Perpetual Trustees with regard to the SAFs and their compliance.
- (5) What guarantees did APRA seek from Oak Breeze that it would fulfil its claim of bringing all SAFs to a level of compliance by 31 October 2001.
- (6) How many funds were actually brought to a level of compliance by this date.
- (7) How many funds have been brought to a level of compliance since 31 October 2001.
- (8) What guarantees or limits did APRA seek from or place on Oak Breeze or Price Waterhouse Coopers regarding fees and charges in relation to the administration of the SAFs.
- (9) Are these guarantees or limits different from the standard required under the Superannuation Industry Supervision Act (SIS Act) for other trustees of superannuation funds; if so why.
- (10) Have the protocols between the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and APRA, detailed in the Senate Select Committee Report, been agreed to and executed by both agencies; if not, what is the anticipated time frame for this to occur.
- (11) What is the anticipated time frame for the Minister to make a decision regarding the implementation of section 229 of the SIS Act.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 2694 (*Hansard*, 6 August 2001, page 29260), is he aware of the Guidelines For Retailers Handling Compact Discs And Tapes With Explicit Lyrics.
- (2) What is the procedure for complaint and review of audio classification where (a) an audio recording is found for sale in a retailer's premises which has apparently no identifiable classification, (b) an audio recording is found to have a classification of the kind listed in his answer but, in the opinion of the listener, deserves a more restrictive classification and (c) despite a classification which, according to the guidelines are prohibited from being played in the store or being sold, are nonetheless being played or sold.
- (3) Does clause 3 of the Guidelines state that retailers must not sell recordings which contain material stronger than 18+; if so, can he define how a retailer or other person is to define material stronger than 18+.
- (4) Which audio classification codes correspond to the term in clause 3 as stronger than 18+.
- (5) What punitive provisions exist under Commonwealth law for a person breaching the guidelines.
- (6) Is he aware of punitive provisions in the Australian States and Territories laws for a person breaching the guidelines; if so, what are those statutory provisions.
- (7) Further to his answer to part (2) of question No. 2694, will he list the names of the 44 audio-visual videotape and CD-ROM recordings of 13 of the 23 artists listed in *Light* magazine article of May 2001.
- (8) Further to his answer in part (2) of question No. 2694 concerning titles of recordings, has his attention been drawn to recordings by the artists *Niggaz With Attitude* titled (a) Just don't bite me, (b) She swallowed it, (c) I'd rather you and (d) One less bitch; if so, have these recordings been classified; if so, what are those classifications as defined under the audio code administered by ARIA; if not, will these recordings be classified; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (9) What provisions exist for the monitoring of recordings in retail outlets in Australia.
- (10) How is policing and surveillance of audio recordings carried out to the satisfaction of the spirit of legislation regulating audio recording classification.
- (11) What law, in addition to the Record Industry Code of Practice for Labelling of Product with Explicit and Potentially Offensive Lyrics, regulates the display, playing and regulation of the sale and distribution of audio recordings.
- (12) Who is responsible for the classification of audio recordings.
- (13) How is the Classification Board constituted.

- (14) What is the current composition of the Classification Board and profile of each member.
- (15) Irrespective of labelling provisions, are there provisions under the general censorship laws of the Commonwealth that prohibit a recording being displayed notwithstanding its compliance or otherwise with labelling guidelines.
- (16) Can he clarify whether the guidelines are a law or by-law; if not, what are they in terms of a legal instrumentality and will he ratify their regulatory force by making them a law or a by-law.

287 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—

- (1) How many Australian Protective Service Officers are presently stationed at the Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility.
- (2) Has this number increased or decreased over the past twelve months; if so, by how much.

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*288 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What steps have been undertaken by his Department since 11 October 2001 to process Freedom of Information Request No. 01100473.
- (2) What is the reason for his Department not notifying the applicant of a decision on the request not later than thirty days after the day on which the Department acknowledges having received the request, namely, 10 November 2001.
- (3) Will his Department reply to the request; if so, when.
- (4) Will his Department claim exemption from production any document or documents within the bundle of documents that have been requested; if so, (a) for what category or categories of documents will exemption be claimed and (b) in respect of each category of document what are his Department's reasons for claiming exemption.

*289 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Kevin Ferguson, (b) Ian Paul King, (c) John Leslie Cox, (d) Noel Thomas Adam, (e) Terence Richard Adam, (f) Bruce William Barrance, (g) Robert John Bashford, (h) Francis Alan Becker, (i) Michael John Bower, (j) Gordon Hutcheson Bradley, (k) Ronald Garry Brown, (l) Stephen James Cherrett, (m) John William Childs, (n) Arie Gerardus Christe, (o) Richard Allen Cooke, (p) Gary John Crebert, (q) David John Cresswell, (r) Raymond John Crouch, (s) Phillip Henry Curnow, (t) Drew Dewar and (u) Robert Bruce Riley from the Hunter Valley No. 1 coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Ross Roy McKechnie, (b) Stephen John Ingle, (c) Robert John Rae, (d) Harold David Reading, (e) Rogan John Charles, (f) Wayne Kevin Rooney, (g) Phillip Robert Schultz, (h) George Selby, (i) Justin Allan Shannon and (j) Kerry James Sharpe from the Mount Thorley coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (3) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (4) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.

*290 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Errol John Munzenberger, (b) Neil Edward Noonan, (c) James William O'Dwyer, (d) Francis Alexander Palmowski, (e) Michael Paul Palmowski, (f) Kevin Edward Patterson, (g) Raymond Robert Peters, (h) David Michael Power, (i) Thomas William Price, (j) George Bruce Rowland, (k) Barry William Scott, (l) Bryan Robert Scott, (m) Edward Andrew Seaby, (n) Colin Ralph Slade, (o) Rick Desmond Sloane, (p) Terry Robert Smith, (q) Brian Kenneth Sproule, (r) Michael Richard Standing, (s) Richard Laurence Wakeling, (t) Lionel Mervyn Welsh and (u) Geoffrey Mellon from the Hunter Valley No. 1 coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Greg Fellowes, (b) Angelo Lino Farrugia, (c) Colin John Feeney, (d) Kerry Foster, (e) Frederick Ernest Fowler, (f) Lance Patrick Frost, (g) Colin Patrick Goward, (h) Paul John Fan, (i) Henry Dalibonzek and (j) Paul John Dangel from the Mount Thorley coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.

- (3) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (4) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.

*291 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) William John Martin, (b) Christopher Mark Raisbeck, (c) Barry Alexander Williamson, (d) Dennis Raymond Wilson, (e) Michael J. Zysek, (f) Bertie Arnold Andrews, (g) Laurence James Kelly, (h) William Robert Archbold, (i) Bruce James Crawford, (j) Bradley Charles Mell, (k) Mark Rankovich, (l) John Alexander Sneddon, (m) Ian John Lewis, (n) Christopher John Kennedy, (o) Bryan Michael Griffin, (p) James William Irving, (q) Terence John O'Neill, (r) Alan Stanley Procter, (s) Bruce William Evans, (t) Timothy Graham Standen, (u) Paul Davis Howard Richards, (v) Allan Edward Burford and (w) Neville Thomas Meehan from the Hunter Valley No. 1 coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Christopher Scott Taylor, (b) Darren Ashley White, (c) Karl David Boettcher, (d) Glenn Francis Wilson, (e) Darrell Rodney Wright, (f) John Gregory Adam, (g) David Peter Asquith, (h) Murray Baker, (i) Terrence James Ball and (j) Michael John Barrett from the Mount Thorley coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (3) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (4) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.

*292 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Glendon Reginald James Edwards, (b) Darrin Robert Faulds, (c) Michael Roy Field, (d) Brian Lester, (e) Peter John Fletcher, (f) Paul Garaty, (g) Colin John Goodwin, (h) Robert William Groves, (i) Brett Hassett, (j) John Arthur Heuston, (k) Kerry Charles Hills, (l) Grahame William Horne, (m) Fred Horvath, (n) Kevin Hug, (o) Michael Joseph Kuosman, (p) Raymond Claude Lambert, (q) Craig Anthony Leggett, (r) Stephen Mark Langsford, (s) Glen Francis Lantry, (t) Gary John Lowe and (u) Robert John Macbain from the Hunter Valley No. 1 coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Glenn Athur Beckett, (b) John Colin Burgess, (c) Mathew James Cahill, (d) Christopher John Cahill, (e) James Leonard Calton, (f) Warwick Desmond Cox, (g) Cameron Graham Ian, (h) Gregory Scott Crocker, (i) Michael Noel Ellicott, (j) Glen Gordon Fairhall and (k) John Stephen Wells from the Mount Thorley coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (3) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (4) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.

*293 **MS HALL:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—Since its inception, how many orange cards have been issued to British and allied ex-servicemen.

*294 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Stephen Allan Brennan, (b) John William Kershaw, (c) Allan Bromage, (d) Stephen Timothy Mushenko, (e) Peter John Hebbe, (f) Stephen John Garland, (g) Christopher James Frost, (h) Linus John Hoggan, (i) Stephen Beiger, (j) Phillip Kerr, (k) Steven Smith, (l) Bruce Moore, (m) David Powis, (n) Paul Mitchell, (o) Stephen Keith Diessel, (p) Keith William Drage, (q) Warren Peter Edwards, (r) Kelvin Ede, (s) James McDonnell Ekin, (t) Edwards Lawrence Dowse, (u) Neil Burt and (v) Stephen White from the Hunter Valley No. 1 coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Paul Ronald Thoroughgood, (b) Craig Michael Sills, (c) Bradley Stewart Solman, (d) Ross Spinks, (e) Shane Raymond Standing, (f) John William Stapleford, (g) Grant James Tanks, (h) John Tunney and (i) Marcus Henri Vaughan from the Mount Thorley coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.

- (3) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (4) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.
- *295 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—Which organisations applied for funding under the International Year of Volunteers Small Equipment Grants Program in 2001 in the electoral division of Charlton.
- *296 **MS LIVERMORE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the cases of (a) Brian Walsh, (b) Robert Smith, (c) Tod Rogers, (d) Alan McGuinness, (e) Bruce Mitchelson, (f) Gary Mannion, (g) Morgan Lindley, (h) Trevor Kelly, (i) Don Halverson, (j) Athol Finger, (k) Bob Cusack, (l) Gabby Crichton, (m) Ron Bettridge, (n) Garry Barnes, (o) Ned Appleton and (p) Mitch Albert from the Blair Athol coalmine, who were found to be unfairly dismissed over three years ago, and who still have not been reinstated.
- (2) Is he aware that the Government's unfair dismissal legislation has resulted in Rio Tinto pursuing lengthy and expensive appeal claims.
- (3) Will he urge the company to cease its corporate bullying, stop its litigation and reinstate these workers under the principle of justice delayed is justice denied.
- *297 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is she aware of the statement from the Chief of Navy on Thursday, 10 January 2002 about allegations concerning navy personnel from HMAS *Arunta* alleged to have occurred at the Golden Bosun Tavern and other places on Christmas Island, towards or at the end of HMAS *Arunta*'s deployment to intercept illegal immigrants.
- (2) Was an independent inquiry conducted to review the allegations, as indicated by Vice Admiral Shackleton; if so, when and by whom.
- (3) Was there a report upon the completion of the inquiry; if so, when was the report completed and to whom was the report delivered.
- (4) Is she or her staff aware of the findings of the report arising from the inquiry; if so, when did she or her staff become aware of the findings; if not, why not.
- (5) Why has the report not been made public and when is it intended to do so.
- (6) What were the findings of the inquiry.
- (7) Have any navy personnel been charged; if so, when and what are the charges; if not, why not.
- *298 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of reports that two young women died or committed suicide in the Villawood Detention Centre, one on or about 26 September 2001 and the other on or about 13 January 2002.
- (2) Is he aware of the circumstances in which each of these women died; if so, what are the details; if not, what does he propose to do to ascertain the circumstances of their deaths.
- (3) What does he propose to do to formally establish the causes of their deaths.
- (4) What does he propose to do to ascertain whether errors were made in the treatment or care of these women while in the custody of the Commonwealth Government.
- *299 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) In June 2001 did he tell the Secretary for Australians for the Return of the Parthenon Marbles that he intended to bring the very strong Australian interest in this issue to the attention of the British Prime Minister, Mr Blair, when he visited Australia for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).
- (2) In November 2001 did his Department on his behalf inform the Secretary that he considers the Parthenon Marbles an irreplaceable part of Greek heritage and national identity and has publicly expressed some sympathy for their return.
- (3) Did he bring this to Mr Blair's attention (a) at the adjourned CHOGM in March 2002 or (b) in London in April 2002; if so, what was Mr Blair's response.
- *300 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many Centrelink benefit reviews are outstanding in northern Tasmania.
- (2) What is the expected delay period between a review becoming due and the completion of that review

- (3) How many medical officers are employed by the Minister's Department in the northern Tasmania region.

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

- (1) What is the average cost of litigation up to and including hearing for (a) applicants, (b) respondents and (c) other parties in dissolution proceedings in the Family Court of Australia.
- (2) What is the policy rationale for the interests of the child being represented by persons independent of one or both parents, that is, in the hands of the State.
- (3) What factors are understood to be behind the near fifty per cent of all marriages in Australia ending in divorce.
- (4) What strategy, if any, is the Commonwealth Government taking to redress the high incidence of divorce in Australia.
- (5) What measures, if any, is the Family Court required to take in mitigating or preventing divorce from occurring.

*302 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Were the three River Class torpedo boat destroyers *Parramatta*, *Yarra* and *Warrego* the first Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ships to bear the title HMAS.
- (2) Was HMAS *Warrego* first constructed in England, then dismantled and shipped to Australia for reconstruction at Cockatoo Docks so that Australian shipbuilders would gain experience in warship construction.
- (3) Have the names HMAS *Parramatta* and HMAS *Yarra* been borne on two subsequent vessels each.
- (4) Following the decommissioning of the first HMAS *Warrego* on 19 April 1928, has only one subsequent vessel borne the name HMAS *Warrego*.
- (5) Was the second HMAS *Warrego* decommissioned on 15 August 1963.
- (6) In view of the historical significance of the first HMAS *Warrego*, will the Minister give vigorous support for the naming of a third HMAS *Warrego* when the next suitable vessel is constructed for the RAN; if so, when might this occur; if not, why not.

*303 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—What share of petrol taxation and excise raised by the Commonwealth Government since 1996 is attributed to Victorian motorists and what share of this revenue has been returned to that State in the form of dedicated road funding.

*304 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the annual number of insolvencies recorded for Victoria since 1996, and what share of these are registered in the postcode areas of (a) 3130, (b) 3131, (c) 3132, (d) 3133, (e) 3134, (f) 3058, (g) 3056, (h) 3055, (i) 3057, (j) 3060, (k) 3044, (l) 3039 and (m) 3046.

*305 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Since 1996, what is the level of export market development assistance provided to private firms within the postcode areas of (a) 3130, (b) 3131, (c) 3132, (d) 3133, (e) 3134, (f) 3058, (g) 3056, (h) 3055, (i) 3057, (j) 3060, (k) 3044, (l) 3039 and (m) 3046.

*306 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) How many street posting boxes have been removed by Australia Post since 1 January 2000 from the postcode areas of (a) 3130, (b) 3131, (c) 3132, (d) 3133, (e) 3134, (f) 3058, (g) 3056, (h) 3055, (i) 3057, (j) 3060, (k) 3044, (l) 3039 and (m) 3046.
- (2) What plans does Australia Post have to remove street posting boxes in the postcode areas of (a) 3130, (b) 3131, (c) 3132, (d) 3133, (e) 3134, (f) 3058, (g) 3056, (h) 3055, (i) 3057, (j) 3060, (k) 3044, (l) 3039 and (m) 3046 in the next 12 months.

*307 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is Environment Australia preparing a Wildlife Conservation Plan for Dugong populations in Australia under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.
- (2) When is the plan due to be (a) completed and (b) released.

*308 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Did he grant an 18 month exemption to Mobil Oil Company's Altona refinery, allowing it to produce diesel with sulphur levels of up to 1300 parts per million (ppm), even though the legal standard is 500ppm; if so (a) why and (b) why was the decision initially not made public.

*309 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—What funding from the Natural Heritage Trust has been directed to projects within the electoral divisions of (a) Wills, (b) Deakin

and (c) McEwen since the Trust's establishment and how does this compare with the total funding distributed by the Trust during that period.

- *310 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Attorney-General—What sum of legal aid funding has been provided to Victoria since 1996 and what share of federal funds goes directly to legal services within the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin.
- *311 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—What is the breakdown of current benefits provided through Centrelink to residents in the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin and how does this compare with (i) 2001, (ii) 2000, (iii) 1999, (iv) 1998, (v) 1997 and (vi) 1996.
- *312 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) What sums of federal funding have been allocated to schools in the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin since 1996 and what sums were provided to each school.
 - (2) In what cases has the funding complemented funding from the State Government.
 - (3) What funding is provided to schools within the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin for before and after school care and how does this compare to the total funding allocated (i) Australia wide and (ii) Victoria wide under the program.
 - (4) How many tertiary places are funded by the Federal Government within the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin.
- *313 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) How many medical services provided a bulk billing service in the electoral divisions of (a) Wills, (b) Higgins, (c) Indi, (d) Deakin and (e) McEwen in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001 and (vii) 2002.
 - (2) How many medical services were there in the electoral divisions of (a) Wills, (b) Higgins, (c) Indi, (d) Deakin and (e) McEwen in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000, (vi) 2001 and (vii) 2002.
 - (3) Is there a minimum number of medical services that provide bulk billing; if so, how many and what proportion of all medical services is this number.
- *314 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment Services—How many 'Work for the Dole' schemes have been funded in the electoral divisions of (a) Wills and (b) Deakin and how is the effectiveness of each project measured.
- *315 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—What is the current waiting list for aged care beds in the (a) northern and (b) eastern region of Melbourne and how do these figures compare with the figures (i) 12 months ago, (ii) 2 years ago and (iii) 5 years ago.
- *316 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What planes currently in operation at Sydney Airport were unable to use the east-west runway prior to the recent upgrading.
 - (2) To what extent will the modification of the runway result in larger aircraft being able to use the runway.
- *317 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Did the then Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on 14 December 1982 table ILO Convention No. 155 – Occupational Safety and Health, 1981.
 - (2) Did the Convention enter into force on 11 August 1983.
 - (3) In his answer to question No. 176 (*Hansard*, 21 March 2002, page 1655) did he state that the law and practice in all the States and Territories are in compliance with the Convention.
 - (4) What steps has the Government taken to ratify the Convention.
- *318 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—
- (1) Is the Government aware of how many fatalities occur on building sites during any given year; if so, what is that number.
 - (2) Does the Government take any role in attempting to prevent or reduce the number of those injuries and fatalities.
- *319 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Has the Government undertaken any research in respect of the extent to which illegal immigrants work in the building and

construction industry; if so, what does that research reveal; if not will he take action to ensure that appropriate investigations are undertaken.

- *320 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Has the Government undertaken any research in respect of the extent of tax evasion in the building and construction industry; if so, what does that research reveal; if not, will he ensure that such research is undertaken.
- *321 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Has the Government undertaken any research as to the extent to which sham independent contracting arrangements may be used in the building and construction industry for the purpose of avoiding or minimising taxation obligations; if so, what does the research reveal; if not, will the Commonwealth ensure that such research is undertaken.
- *322 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Was the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted in Rome on 17 July 1998.
 - (2) Was the statute signed for Australia on 9 December 1998.
 - (3) Did he and the Minister for Foreign Affairs announce on 12 December 1999 the Government's intention to ratify the statute.
 - (4) Will the statute enter into force on the first day of the month after the 60th day following the date of the deposit of the 60th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
 - (5) Did the number of deposits exceed 60 on 11 April 2002.
 - (6) Is the United States considering the cancellation of its signature.
 - (7) Has the Government considered the cancellation of Australia's signature.
 - (8) Will the Government deposit its instrument of ratification before the statute enters into force.
- *323 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 87, have there been any applications for financial assistance from witnesses before the Royal Commission into the building and construction industry or the Royal Commission into HIH who have not received financial assistance; if so how many applications have been refused in respect of (a) the Royal Commission in the building industry and (b) the Royal Commission into HIH.
 - (2) What other schemes for legal and financial assistance in respect of (a) Royal Commissions, (b) commissions of inquiry, (c) court proceedings or (d) tribunal proceedings are administered by his Department.
 - (3) Which of those schemes include an assessment of financial hardship or an assessment of the capacity of the individual who funds his or her own legal representation.
- *324 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—Is the Government no longer distributing a hard copy version of the Job Guide for Year 10 students and instead distributing the information solely by CD-ROM; if so, and given that many students have limited access to computers, will he consider reinstating the hardcopy version to give all students fair access to this important information.
- *325 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—What sum has the Government spent on its campaign which commenced on 5 March 2000 to advertise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Country of Origin Guidelines.
- *326 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) Does the Government intend to take any steps to amend paragraph 53(a) of the Trade Practices Act to take into account the 1998 Country of Origin defences particularly in relation to a claim that a product is "made in Australia".
 - (2) Does the Government intend to confer with State Governments with a view to requesting that State laws be amended to take those defences into account.
 - (3) Pending appropriate amendment of the law, will he direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to withdraw its current guidelines and to amend its website so that it is made clear that the 1998 Country of Origin defences are of no benefit and, in particular, have no application to claims that a product is "made in Australia".
- *327 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) concerning the appointment of a wine consultant to Kirribilli House, on what basis does he believe that specific recommendations by the consultant on what wine to purchase for Kirribilli House and The Lodge comprise information with a commercial value to the consultant and should therefore remain secret from taxpayers.

- (2) As against cost, what is the brand name of each of the 58 dozen bottles purchased.
 - (3) Since the original purchase of wine for Kirribilli House and The Lodge on the basis of Mr Bourne's recommendation, what other purchases of liquor have been made and on what dates were these purchases made.
- *328 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many kilometres of the Hume Highway between Sydney and Albury are not duplicated and remain single carriageway.
 - (2) What are the sections referred to in part (1).
 - (3) What is the cost of duplicating each section.
 - (4) What is the cost of completing the full duplication as one project.
 - (5) How many road accidents and fatalities have occurred in each section of the highway referred to in part (1) in each of the past five years.
 - (6) Are there any projects underway or plans for completing the outstanding duplication works over the next five years; if so, what are the projects and where and when will they be undertaken.
- *329 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been, or will be, spent on the National Highway in each year from 1995-96 until 2005-2006.
 - (2) What proportion of those funds has been or will be spent on (a) planning and design, (b) construction and (c) maintenance in each of those years, by State and Territory.
- *330 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been, or will be, spent on the Roads of National Importance Program in each year since its commencement until 2005-2006.
 - (2) What proportion of those funds has been or will be spent on (a) planning and design, (b) construction and (c) maintenance in each of those years, by State and Territory.
- *331 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What criteria have been used to select roads for funding under the Black Spot program since 1996.
 - (2) Who have chaired the relevant State and Territory Black Spot Panels.
 - (3) Where and what sum of Black Spot funding has been granted in each (a) municipality or shire and (b) House of Representatives electoral division.
 - (4) In relation to Black Spot funding in federal electoral divisions, which party held the particular electoral division at the time any grant was made.
- *332 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Since March 1996 how many feasibility studies or seeding grants have been funded from programs currently administered by his Department.
 - (2) Which programs have provided the funding for each feasibility study and seeding grant.
 - (3) What sum was allocated to each feasibility study and seeding grant.
 - (4) How many of these feasibility studies and seeding grants have matured into projects.
 - (5) How many of these projects have received funding from programs currently administered by his Department.
 - (6) From which programs has this funding been provided.
- *333 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) During the operation of Airservices Australia's contingency plan for continuing air traffic control and aviation technical operations during recent industrial action by Airservices Australia staff, was there a near miss between two regular public transport jets allegedly caused by failure to adhere to, or lack of knowledge of, the contingency procedures.
 - (2) Did two jet aircraft enter controlled airspace from the Temporary Restricted Area (TRA) on converging courses, both on different radio frequencies, each apparently not aware of the other aircraft, and which were detected in time to prevent an accident.
 - (3) Were there instances where there was not timely notification of procedures to adjacent air traffic control units to enable controllers to become familiar with the temporary procedures.

- (4) Where there instances of confusion of local time zones and universal coordinated time by the National Airways Contingency Coordinating Committee in position reports to air traffic control units adjacent to the TRA.
- (5) Were there instances of confusion as to what aircraft were in the TRA, particularly in non-radar areas and where aircraft were on routes that were not published in the contingency plans.
- (6) Were there situations where aircraft were operating on routes different to those advised to the adjacent air traffic control units.
- (7) Were there other incidents; if so, what are the details.
- (8) Was a safety case conducted into the contingency plan before it was implemented; if not, why not; if so, will he provide a copy.
- (9) Has he ordered an investigation into these incidents; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will it report and (b) who is undertaking the investigation.

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

- (1) During the recent industrial action at Airservices Australia, did management redesignate the airspace surrounding Australia's busiest general aviation airports, Archerfield, Moorabbin, and Bankstown to Class G airspace, with mandatory broadcast zone procedures implemented instead of the mandated air traffic control services; if so, (a) who made the decision to not require air traffic control services in this airspace, (b) when was the decision made and (c) was a safety case conducted before the decision was made; if not, why not; if so, will he provide a copy of the safety case.
- (2) Did any accidents or incidents occur during this alteration to the normal operating arrangements; if so, (a) how many, (b) where did they occur, (c) what was the nature of those incidents or accidents and (d) are investigations being conducted; if so, (i) by whom and (ii) when will a report be presented.
- (3) If investigations are under way, will the reports include the impact of the decision to change the normal operating procedures during the industrial action.
- (4) Is he confident that all due care and attention was given to aviation safety during this period by Airservices Australia management.

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

- (1) During the operation of Airservices Australia's contingency plan for continuing air traffic control and aviation technical operations during recent industrial action by Airservices Australia staff, did Airservices Australia declare Temporary Restricted Areas (TRAs) over the high seas outside Australian Territory and Australian Territorial Waters; if so, who determined that the TRAs should be declared.
- (2) Did the TRAs comply with ICAO requirements and definitions, Australian aviation legislation and regulations and Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) requirements and definitions.
- (3) Was advice given about the legality of the declarations under Australian and international law; if so, who provided that advice and can a copy of that advice be provided.
- (4) Did any air safety incidents occur as a result of the TRA declarations; if so, what are the details.

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

- (1) Has the Government considered introducing more uniform driver's licence testing systems across Australia; if not, why not; if so, what is the status of that consideration.
- (2) Would more uniform licence testing systems result in better skilled and safer drivers in Australia and reduce the national road toll.

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

- (1) Has the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) conducted an investigation or recommended any prosecutions in relation to the incident where the vessel *Mirande* became stuck in Port Phillip Bay in June 2001 and the Magistrates Court found the ship's master was paralytic drunk at the time of the incident; if not, why not; if so, what has occurred.
- (2) Does AMSA regularly audit the qualifications of persons going to sea as qualified masters, officers or seafarers; if so, (a) how many audits have been conducted in each of the past 5 years, (b) how many breaches were found in each year and (c) did prosecutions follow those breaches; if so, how many prosecutions were successful.

- *338 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to his announcement on 27 March 2002 to appoint Mrs Virginia Chadwick to the Board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), what sum will Mrs Chadwick receive to perform this Board position or will it form part of her duties as Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
 - (2) What sum does Mrs Chadwick receive for her roles as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and is this amount adjusted by any payments she may receive.
 - (3) What other entitlements does Mrs Chadwick accrue from her position on the AMSA Board.
 - (4) With regard to the AMSA Advisory Committee, (a) what is its current membership, (b) what role does it perform and (c) do members receive any remuneration or payments of any kind for being a member.
 - (5) Do the new AMSA Board appointees who were members of the AMSA Advisory Committee, Mrs Chadwick, Mr Vellnagel and Captain Paine, remain members; if so, is their remuneration adjusted by any amounts they receive from being board members; if not, who appoints replacement members of the Advisory Committee.
 - (6) Why is Mrs Chadwick's appointment to the Board and Mrs Sarina Bratton's appointment as Deputy Chair only for the period 8 April 2002 to 7 April 2004, while Mr Vellnagel and Captain Paine's terms are from 1 April 2002 to 30 March 2005.
 - (7) Does Mrs Chadwick receive any other government payments, including a state parliamentary superannuation entitlement; if so, what is the annual amount of such payments.
- *339 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the response to Question TP03 taken on notice in Senate Additional Estimates on 19 February 2002, that the cost of legal advice to the Stevedore Industry Finance Corporation since 1988-89 to date is \$10,345,636, (a) what individuals, firms or organisations were paid to provide that advice, (b) on what dates and (c) what was the nature of advice for which each payment was made.
- *340 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been raised by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.
 - (2) What organisations have provided funds in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002 and what sum was provided by each of these organisations, including the Federal Government.
 - (3) What projects have been funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002 and for each project (a) what sum has been allocated, (b) what are the objectives of the project and (c) in which federal electoral division is the project based.
 - (4) When was funding for these projects announced.
 - (5) What progress has each project made toward meeting its stated objectives.
- *341 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) What sum has been allocated from the Regional Solutions Program as at 30 May 2002.
 - (2) Of this, what sum has been allocated to each federal electoral division and which political party is represented in that division.
 - (3) For each federal electoral division, what sum was allocated in (a) 2000-2001 and (b) 2001-2002.
 - (4) What sum has been allocated for projects that extend across federal electoral divisions in each of those years.
- *342 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 109 concerning Bankstown Airport, will his Department merely be recommending or will it be a condition of the lease to the private operator that a full environmental impact statement into the upgrading of Bankstown Airport be undertaken.
 - (2) Why was the Master Plan for Bankstown Airport not prepared in accordance with the Airports Act and when was it due prior to the extended deadline of 30 September 2003.
 - (3) Why did Bankstown Airport not establish a consultative committee by April 2000 in accordance with the environment strategy for the airport.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 106 concerning the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the services of Mr A. Shand, QC and Mr Harvey in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal matter involving Whyalla Airlines, what was the total sum paid to each lawyer.
- (2) With respect to the external legal services for each of the last five years for CASA, (a) what sums were paid to each lawyer in each year, (b) who were the lawyers and (c) in which legal proceedings were they involved.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 251 concerning the significant growth in the numbers of All Terrain Wagons purchased as a proportion of all new light vehicle sales, what is the estimated fuel consumption for each class of new light vehicle, including All Terrain Wagons, sold in Australia.
- (2) What is the level of, or what is the sum of, federal tax paid on the purchase of each class of new light vehicle, including All Terrain Wagons, sold in Australia.
- (3) What is the registration fee payable in each State and Territory on each class of new light vehicle, including All Terrain Wagons, sold in Australia.

*345 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Does the Government accept that whilst the administration of US President Bush pays lip service to free trade, the steel tariffs represent the beginning of what seems to be a strategy to protect US jobs to the detriment of Australian workers and their families.
- (2) Since the decision to impose a 30% tariff on some steel products, is he able to say (a) what the US Administration has done on tariffs with respect to Canadian lumber and (b) whether the Congress is considering a Bill to give US farmers an extra \$US172 billion (\$A332 billion) over the next decade.
- (3) If the US Administration grants the extra \$US172 million to US farmers, does the Government accept this activity may serve to drive global farm prices lower, which will potentially have a deleterious effect on Australian and other producers.
- (4) Is he able to say whether US oil refiners have asked President Bush to impose tariffs to protect them from gasoline imported at lower costs.
- (5) With these developments in mind, does the Government accept that the US Administration may lose the high moral ground needed to prod countries to open their markets.

*346 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In how many cases did the Migration Agents Regulation Authority caution or suspend migration agents in cases that clearly had no prospects of success.
- (2) Are there regulatory requirements on the migration agent to tell the consumer whether there are grounds for success regarding an application; if so, what sanctions does the Authority have to prevent migration agents from lodging false or unfounded applications.
- (3) Have complaints been made to the Authority about such cases; if so, (a) how many and (b) how long does it take the Authority to hear such cases.
- (4) Has the Authority taken disciplinary action against migration agents that have not acted in good faith by falsely representing a case.
- (5) In how many cases did migration agents avoid being sanctioned or prosecuted by de-registering themselves.
- (6) Does the Authority publish the names of the agents that de-register; if not, why not.
- (7) What measures are available to consumers in cases where an agent has de-registered.
- (8) Of the 79 cases reported at page 23 of the Authority's 2000-2001 annual report as having no further action, (a) how many were subject to agents de-registering and (b) what advice is given to clients in these circumstances.

*347 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In 2000-2001, what has been the cost to airlines for unauthorised air arrivals placed in detention centres.
- (2) What was the cost to each airline to return unauthorised air arrivals back to their country in 2000-2001.
- (3) What has been the average time that the unauthorised air arrivals have remained in detention.
- (4) How many unauthorised air arrivals in 2000-2001 lodged immigration applications.

- (5) In 2000-2001, how many unauthorised air arrivals had successful migration outcomes and of these, (a) how many were successful protection visa applications and (b) from which countries did they originate.

*348 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) In 2000-2001, what has been the cost to shipping companies for ship jumpers who are in detention centres.
- (2) What was the cost to each shipping company to return ship jumpers back to their country in 2000-2001.
- (3) What has been the average time ship jumpers have remained in detention.
- (4) How many ship jumpers in 2000-2001 lodged immigration applications.
- (5) In 2000-2001, how many unauthorised ship jumpers had successful migration outcomes and of these, (a) how many were successful protection visa applications and (b) from which countries did they originate.
- (6) Is it still the case that crew-entering Australia by ship are covered under the Special Purpose visa.
- (7) Is there a requirement by Australian Customs Service officers to notify his Department of all ship entries and the number of crew on each ship.
- (8) What, if any, checks are carried out by his Department regarding character issues of any crew on ships.
- (9) Are any checks carried out against his Department's movement alert list; if not, why are they exempt.
- (10) How many migration applications by ship jumpers in the last three financial years were rejected on grounds of character.
- (11) How many applications for the period 1 July 1996 to May 2001 had successful protection applications and what were the nationalities of these people.

*349 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
Further to the answer to question No. 1572 (*Hansard*, 30 August 2000, page 19792) and suggestions that penalties for carriers that bring unlawful non-citizens to Australia may be less comprehensive at seaports than at airports, (a) what review or reference has been set up to look into the situation, (b) what are the names of persons nominated on the review body, (c) have submissions been called from interested parties; if not, has it been considered and (d) what are the time frames for reporting back on this issue.

*350 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—

- (1) Has he been briefed on a meeting held at the National Library of Australia on 8 March 2002 to discuss problems relating to the provision of library services to people with disabilities, including (a) the fact that large collections of analogue tape held by the specialist libraries for the blind and vision impaired will not be able to be accessed in three to five years time as equipment to play the tapes will no longer be manufactured, (b) the fact that these libraries do not have access to funding to facilitate the transfer of information from analogue to digital tape and (c) the need to facilitate alternative formats for students with disabilities.
- (2) What work has been undertaken by Government to assist in overcoming these potential huge barriers to learning by people with disabilities.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. *351 - *352)—

- (1) Have all airlines flying to, from and within Australia agreed to participate in the Government's proposal to have on board air marshals; if not, (a) which airlines have not agreed, (b) why not and (c) what will the Government do about it.
- (2) How many airlines are participating in the arrangements.
- (3) Has each airline agreed to pay the costs associated with air marshals; if not, (a) which airlines have not agreed, (b) why not and (c) what will the Government do about it.
- (4) What is the annual cost to each or any airline to have air marshals on flights for security purposes.
- (5) Will the Government reimburse or pay the airlines for any part of their costs in providing this aviation security measure.
- (6) Is it a fact that air marshals are mainly flying in the business or first class sections of aircraft; if so, why.
- (7) What proportion of flights to be made by air marshals will be on (a) international and (b) domestic sectors.

- (8) Are the airlines required to pay Goods and Services Tax and other government charges on tickets they fund for air marshals, if so, (a) what are the details of each tax and charge paid and (b) what revenue has the Government raised to date from these tickets.
- (9) How many air marshals have been trained to date and at what cost.
- (10) How many air marshals will be trained by the end of 2002 and at what cost.
- (11) What is the anticipated annual operating cost to the Government for the air marshal program.

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

*352 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

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

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 40th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mrs Hull, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lloyd, Mr Snowden, Mr Tollner, Mr Wakelin.

AGEING: Mr Albanese, Ms Gambaro, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Hunt, Mrs May, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick, Mr A. D. H. Smith, Dr Southcott.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY: Mrs Elson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mrs Ley, Mr Scultz, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr Windsor, Mr Zahra.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS: Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr Baldwin, Mr Ciobo, Ms Grierson, Mr Hatton, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Mr Pearce, Mr Sercombe, Mr Tanner.

Current inquiry:

Wireless broadband technologies.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mr Griffin, Mr Latham, Mr Nairn, Mr Pyne, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Mr Bartlett (*Chair*), Mr Cox, Mrs Elson, Ms Gambaro, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Mr Pearce, Ms Plibersek, Mr Sawford, Mr Sidebottom. (Mr Wilkie to serve as a supplementary member for the purpose of the inquiry into the education of boys.)

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Mrs D. M. Kelly (*Chair*), Mr Baressi, Mr Bevis, Mr Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Scultz, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wilkie.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: Mr Billson (*Chair*), Mr Baressi, Mr Cobb, Ms George, Mr Hunt, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kerr, Mr Lindsay, Ms Livermore, Mr McArthur.

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HOUSE: Mr Charles, Mrs Crosio, Mr Haase, Ms Jackson, Mr Quick, Mr Somlyay.

INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES: Mr Adams, Mr Byrne, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Mr Prosser, Mr Randall, Mr Somlyay, Mr C. P. Thomson, Dr Washer.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mrs B. K. Bishop, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Mr Murphy, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Sciacca, Mr Secker, Dr Washer.

LIBRARY: Mr Adams, Mrs Draper, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Georgiou, Ms Hoare, Mr Randall.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Mr Haase (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Lindsay, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr C. P. Thompson.

PRIVILEGES: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), The Leader of the House or his nominee, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or her nominee, Mr Baird, Mr Billson, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Breerton, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr McLeay, Mr Sawford, Mr Scott.

PROCEDURE: Mrs May (*Chair*), Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr P. E. King, Mr Price, Ms Vamvakinou.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Adams, Mr Cobb, Mrs Crosio, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Randall, Mr Tollner.

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION: Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Ms Corcoran, Mr Evans, Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr Hatton, Mr Lindsay, Mr A. D. H. Smith, Mr Ticehurst, Dr Washer.

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: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Andren, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mrs Ley, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Schultz, Mr Secker.

Joint Statutory

ASIO, ASIS AND DSD: Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Beazley, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Calvert, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray.

Bill referred:

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002. (*To report by 3 May 2002.*)

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Price, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr Byrne, Mr Ciobo, Mr Griffin, Mr Hunt, Mr McArthur, Senator Brandis, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Murray.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mr Dutton, Mr Kerr, Mr Sercombe, Mr C. P. Thompson, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator Greig, Senator Hutchins, Senator McGauran.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Cobb, Dr Lawrence, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator Lees, Senator Mason, Senator McLucas.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles, Mr Ciobo, Mr Cobb, Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Griffin, Ms C. F. King, Mr P. E. King, Ms Plibersek, Mr Somlyay, Senator Colbeck, Senator Crowley, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Accrual budget documentation.

Australia's quarantine function.

Independent auditing by registered company auditors.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mr Jenkins, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd, Mr B. P. J. O'Connor, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw.

Current inquiry:

Christmas Island—Christmas Island common use infrastructure—Christmas Island Airport.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mr Georgiou, Mrs Ley, Mr Melham, Senator Bartlett, Senator Ferris, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Senator Ferguson (*Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Bevis, Mr Brereton, Mr Edwards, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Dr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Mr C. P. Thompson, Senator Bourne, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Evans, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht.

MIGRATION (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Ms Gambaro (*Chair*), Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mrs Gash, Mrs Irwin, Mr Ripoll, Mr Schultz, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Ms Ellis, Mr Johnson, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr C. P. Thompson, Senator Colbeck, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy.

TREATIES (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Ms J. I. Bishop (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bartlett, Mr Ciobo, Mr Evans, Mr P. E. King, Mr Scott, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bartlett, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator McGauran, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

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*).