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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 28

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 2002

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

- *1 **MR TUCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for investigation of transport accidents and other matters affecting transport safety, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR TUCKEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to make amendments consequential on the enactment of the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2002*, and for related purposes.
- *3 **MRS D. S. VALE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
- *4 **MR RUDDOCK:** To move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction and passage through all stages without delay by 5 p.m. today of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2002*).
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 4 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 5 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 6 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 7 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 8 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (GENUINE BARGAINING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 9 **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*).

* 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 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 11 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 12 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Veterans' Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Ms Livermore*).
- 21 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (CHILD PROTECTION CONVENTION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 22 **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*).
- *23 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2002—Dr Lawrence*).
- *24 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2002—Dr Lawrence*).
- 25 **RESEARCH AGENCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Science*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 26 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 27 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 May 2002—Dr Lawrence*).
- 28 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 29 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 30 **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*).

- 31 **PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PRICING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT NO. 20—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 **FUTURE OF COMMUNITY TELEVISION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY-30 SEPTEMBER 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 OCTOBER-31 DECEMBER 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **NATIONAL HERITAGE TRUST—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **IIF INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED, IIF (CM) INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED, IIF BIOVENTURES PTY LIMITED, IIF FOUNDATION PTY LIMITED, IIF NEWPORT PTY LIMITED—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 40 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LIMITED—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 41 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—ACCESS AND EQUITY REPORT FOR 2001—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **AUSTRALIA'S TRADE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ROUGH JUSTICE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **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.
- 45 **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.
- 46 **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.
- 47 **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.
- 48 **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.

- 49 **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.
- 50 **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.
- 51 **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.
- 52 **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.
- 53 **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.
- 54 **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.
- 55 **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.
- 56 **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.
- 57 **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.
- 58 **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.
- 59 **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.
- 60 **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.
- 61 **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.
- 62 **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.
- 63 **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.
- 64 **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.
- 65 **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.
- 66 **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.

- 67 **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.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **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.
- 74 **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.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **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.
- 77 **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.
- 78 **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.
- 79 **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.
- 80 **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.
- 81 **TARIFF PROPOSALS** (*Mr Slipper*):
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 29 May 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 21 February 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Zahra*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2002)—*moved 29 May 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
- 82 **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.

**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
24 JUNE 2002, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report 46—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2002. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS PLIBERSEK:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*. (*Notice given 4 June 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †2 **MR NAIRN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the invaluable contribution that immigrants have made to Australia's development;
 - (2) believes it is appropriate to recognise this through the construction of a monument in the National Capital;
 - (3) supports the efforts of those who have established the National Monument to Immigration Fund which seeks to achieve this goal; and
 - (4) remains informed of the progress of this project. (*Notice given 28 May 2002. Time allowed—45 minutes.*)
- †3 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m. plus 30 minutes when private Members' business is resumed after the presentation of petitions.*)
- †4 **MR HUNT:** To move—That this House:
- (1) endorses actions taken by the Australian Government to improve the spread of share ownership in Australia and to make shares available to Australians who had not previously owned shares; and
 - (2) deplures actions that have been taken which limit the spread of shares more generally to all Australians. (*Notice given 14 May 2002. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—continued

Orders of the day

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—44TH REPORT—FOUR NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS TREATIES TABLED IN AUGUST 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That the House

take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—45TH REPORT—STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- *3 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 388—REVIEW OF ACCRUAL BUDGET DOCUMENTATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2002—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Thursday, 20 June 2002

- *1 **MR LATHAM:** To move—That this House declares its support for:
- (1) the role of Australia's 1700 municipal libraries in providing information services and community-based learning throughout the nation;
 - (2) Federal responsibility for assisting the development of the local library network, especially with new IT services; and
 - (3) ensuring the National Library of Australia's Kinetica database is affordable for local libraries. (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
- *2 **MS O'BYRNE :** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the pivotal role undertaken by the Australian Maritime College in providing maritime education and research;
 - (2) further notes the high standard of training the College provides overseas students; and
 - (3) calls upon the Government to immediately act to honour its election commitment regarding university status for the College. (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
- *3 **MS O'BYRNE :** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes with concern the increase in the rise of piracy in the maritime industry; and
 - (2) calls upon the Government to ensure that the current discussions on maritime security are also seen as an opportunity for finding solutions to the piracy problem. (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
- *4 **MS O'BYRNE :** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the role of the merchant fleet in national defence strategy; and
 - (2) calls upon the Government to ensure a policy framework that allows a sustainable environment for the Australian merchant shipping industry in order to maintain the "fourth arm of defence". (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
- *5 **MS O'BYRNE :** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the increased risk of illegal entry into Australia from foreign crewed vessels that are now able to spend extended periods on the Australian coast; and
 - (2) calls upon the Government to immediately act to review the current security arrangements in relation to foreign seafarers. (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
- *6 **MR MURPHY:** To move—That, following the agreement on a ceasefire between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), this House supports the following next key steps in the peace process:
- (1) the security forces should be withdrawn from the public places they have been occupying, thus paving the way for the resettlement of displaced persons;
 - (2) de-proscription of the LTTE in Sri Lanka so that they are accorded equal and legal status to participate in peace negotiations;

- (3) determine a suitable composition and powers for the proposed interim administration for the Tamil homeland to rebuild war-ravaged areas whilst political negotiations are pursued; and
 - (4) proceed with political negotiations addressing the security of the Tamil people and the three cardinal principles of nationhood, right to a homeland and the right to self-determination. (*Notice given 19 June 2002.*)
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Notices—*continued*

1 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 12 February 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 8 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 9 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 10 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 15 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 16 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.)

- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 26 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 27 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 28 **MR WINDSOR:** To move—That in light of the NSW Farmers Association City-Country Snapshot Report showing the growing divide between city and country and the new 10 year discriminatory US Farm Bill, this House discusses as a matter of urgency the adoption of zonal taxation proposals as put forward by the National Farmers Federation, the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Local Government Association as a way of overcoming the population drift, economic decline and inequity of services in country Australia. (*Notice given 14 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 29 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House endorses the support given to the Howard Government by the aspirational voters of Australia. (*Notice given 14 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 30 **MR CADMAN:** To move—That this House calls on the Office of Film and Literature Classification to recognise community standards in approving films for distribution. (*Notice given 14 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 31 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 145 be omitted and the following standing orders be adopted:
- 145A** The answer to a question without notice shall be relevant and:
- (a) shall be concise and confined to the subject matter of the question;
 - (b) shall relate to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected, to proceedings in the House, or to any other matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible; and
 - (c) shall not debate the subject to which the question refers.
- 145B** The standing orders that apply to the asking of a question without notice shall generally apply to the answer.
- 145C** An answer to a question on notice shall be relevant to the question and shall be provided to the Member who asked the question within 30 days. (*Notice given 16 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 32 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that Sunday, 26 May 2002, commemorated "Sorry Day" and the "Journey of Healing" and the week of 27-31 May 2002 commemorated Reconciliation Week;
 - (2) recognises that Australian society is not a reconciled society when indigenous Australians live, on average, 19 years less than non-indigenous Australians;

- (3) recognises that trust between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians is vital to solve many of our country's problems, such as land degradation;
- (4) recognises that for trust between indigenous and non-indigenous people to grow, Australians need to look at our history through indigenous eyes;
- (5) urges all Australian communities to come together, listen to each other, and develop initiatives to overcome prejudice and race-based injustice on a local level; and
- (6) urges the Parliament to support the struggle for reconciliation by implementing the recommendations of reports such as *Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* and *Bringing Them Home*. (Notice given 27 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.)

33 **MR BALDWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the efforts of Air Force Squadrons 3 and 77, who are based at RAAF Base Williamtown, and their contribution to the coalition against terrorism through the F/A 18 deployment;
- (2) acknowledges the support that family and friends have provided to the defence personnel involved in the coalition against terrorism deployment;
- (3) congratulates RAAF Base Williamtown on its success in the 2001 Air Force Awards, with No. 26 (City of Newcastle) Squadron winning the Air Force Association Trophy for the Most Proficient Reserve Squadron and No. 2 Operational Conversion Unit winning the RAAF Maintenance Trophy for the Most Proficient Maintenance Unit; and
- (4) recognises the \$17 million investment that will go into RAAF Base Williamtown which was announced in the 2002-2003 Budget and will include a \$2 million child care centre. (Notice given 28 May 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.)

34 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that there is no Constitutional impediment to Commonwealth regulation of insurance claims procedures and the magnitude of insurance claims;
- (2) recognises that the Commonwealth has the power to prescribe conditions upon which any person may carry out insurance business of any kind and establish any mechanisms for the supervision of such person and corporations and to regulate their affairs, under section 51(xiv) of the Constitution;
- (3) recognises that the Commonwealth uses this power to regulate the *Insurance Act 1973*; the *Life Insurance Act 1995* and the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*;
- (4) calls on the Commonwealth to order an inquiry by the Australian Law Reform Commission into the feasibility of a Commonwealth legislative scheme for the insurance industry; and
- (5) calls on the Commonwealth to ensure that such an inquiry evaluate:
 - (a) whether the existing State-based scheme for negligence claims provides the most effective and efficient legal framework for the operation of such claims, in particular whether a Commonwealth-based operating structure should be provided for negligence claims;
 - (b) whether a Commonwealth-based operating structure could provide a uniform national insurance claim standard, with particular reference to:
 - (i) lump sum payment caps;
 - (ii) specific criteria for assessing disability;
 - (iii) standardising damages claims under all types of insurance including public liability, medical indemnity and compulsory third party;
 - (iv) the particular discrepancies that arise, especially in regard to damages awards, in different jurisdictions for similar injuries;
 - (v) whether existing types of negligence need to be amended, including moving from joint and severable liability towards proportional liability; and
 - (vi) whether it is possible for such legislation to apply to all insurance companies regulated under the *Insurance Act 1973*, the prudential legislation under the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
 - (c) the regulation of medical defence organisations as insurance companies;
 - (d) any constitutional limitations on implementing a Commonwealth-based regulatory structure;
 - (e) the costs and benefits of capping legal costs associated with negligence claims funded out of insurance policies; and

- (f) the costs and benefits of changing the mode of insurance claim payment from lump sum to income stream, annuity or structured settlement, including consideration of any taxation issues and appropriate remedies. (*Notice given 3 June 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

35 MS ELLIS: To move—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Howard Government for its refusal to negotiate with the NSW Government regarding the impact of the SACS Award on services for people with disabilities;
- (2) notes that our community recognises that people with disabilities must be treated with respect and dignity;
- (3) notes that a decent wage for service providers is essential if people with disabilities are to receive appropriate support;
- (4) notes that unless the Howard Government puts a new wages mechanism in place, a funding deficit in NSW will occur as salaries are reviewed in each State and Territory; and
- (5) calls upon the Government to establish fair and reasonable guidelines for the funding of award increases which exceed the CPI. (*Notice given 6 June 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

36 MR B. P. J. O'CONNOR: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the demise of former national aviation carrier Ansett has resulted in some adverse consequences, including increased airfares and a loss of thousands of Australian jobs;
- (2) recognises that the loss of Ansett jobs has had a significant impact upon employment levels particularly within some regions; and
- (3) calls upon the Government to commit itself to assisting those regions most affected by loss of employment. (*Notice given 17 June 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 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 5 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 9 **US STEEL TARIFFS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2002—Mr Baldwin, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 10 **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2002—Mr Andren, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McArthur—That this House:
- (1) registers its concern about the escalating cost of public liability insurance, especially for smaller non-profit community groups;
 - (2) notes that a number of sporting and community groups indicate that further premium increases will curtail or end their activities in both urban and regional Australia; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to co-ordinate with State Governments urgent measures to cap claims and act against the litigious culture that contributes to high insurance premiums. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

- 11 **WORKING AND LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2002*) on the motion of Mr Haase—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 12 **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 2002*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That this House:
- (1) recognises the need for additional funding for the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to be allocated specifically for research into various forms of muscular dystrophy;
 - (2) notes the various forms of muscular dystrophy include Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies;
 - (3) acknowledges that Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is the most common lethal genetic disorder of childhood, characterised by a rapidly progressive muscle weakness which almost always results in death usually by 20 years of age, and affects approximately 1 in every 3500 boys worldwide;
 - (4) acknowledges the urgency of the need for further research into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and
 - (5) urges the Government to provide additional opportunities to enable medical scientists in Australia to undertake further research into muscular dystrophy. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 13 **ANZAC LEGEND:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2002*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That this House:
- (1) notes the passing of Australia's last Anzac Gallipoli veteran, Mr Alec Campbell, and records its sympathy to his family;
 - (2) acknowledges the service and sacrifice of all Gallipoli veterans;
 - (3) notes the increasing number of young Australians who attend Anzac Day dawn services both in Australia and overseas; and
 - (4) encourages all Australians to ensure that the Anzac legend continues to be recognised and honoured. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN-CHILEAN COMMUNITY:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2002*) on the motion of Ms Roxon—That this House:
- (1) notes that members of the Australian-Chilean community who were victims of suffering, torture, expulsion and exile at the hands of the Pinochet regime in Chile now receive a "pension of mercy" from the Chilean Government as a reparation for their suffering;
 - (2) expresses concern that these members of the Australian-Chilean community have their entitlement to an Australian pension affected by the Chilean payments while other people receiving similar payments, such as victims of the Holocaust who receive compensation from Germany or Austria "as victims of National Socialist Persecution", have these payments exempt for the purposes of income testing;
 - (3) recognises that these Australian-Chileans make a significant social and economic contribution to the Australian community and should be eligible for equal treatment and access to social security payments as other Australians; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to give those members of the Australian-Chilean community fair treatment by introducing legislation to exempt the Chilean "pensions of mercy" from the income test for Australian pensions similar to the exemption for other compensation payments in paragraphs (n) and (p) of subsection 8(8) of the *Social Security Act 1991*. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)
- 15 **WESTERN SYDNEY:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2002*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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 for 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

16 **SHIPPING INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 June 2002—Mr Wakelin, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms O’Byrne—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 24 June 2002.*)

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

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

The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under “Business accorded priority for Monday, 24 June 2002”. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Thursday, 20 June 2002

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2002-2003** (*Treasurer*): Further consideration in detail—Schedule, Department of Health and Ageing (*from 19 June 2002*).
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2002-2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Mr Swan*).
- 3 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2002-2003** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 May 2002—Mr Swan*).
- 4 **ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—GOLDEN JUBILEE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 5 **EAST TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2002—Mrs Gash*) on the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane—That the House take note of the paper.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

Questions unanswered

Nos 1, 2, 4-9, 36, 37, 39-44, 46-48, 77, 85, 91-99, 101, 103, 105, 108, 112, 115, 119, 124, 126, 130, 139, 144, 154-157, 170, 175, 187, 197, 202, 255, 260, 269, 280, 281, 295, 297, 300, 301, 303, 306, 310, 311, 313, 315, 316, 318, 322, 323, 325, 327-343, 347-349, 351, 352, 354, 355, 357-360, 362-365, 367, 369, 371-379, 383-394, 396-404, 406-425, 427, 428, 430-470, 472-559.

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

- (1) For each year since 1995-96, how many applicants for Australian citizenship (a) were assessed at interview as being able to speak and understand basic English, (b) did not need to be assessed as they possessed an Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) Australian Citizenship English Record or (c) were assessed at interview as being unable to speak and understand basic English.
- (2) What were the recorded first languages of those assessed as being unable to speak and understand basic English.
- (3) Of those assessed as being unable to speak and understand basic English, how many (a) were granted a waiver on the basis that they were aged 50 years or over, (b) were granted a waiver on the basis that their ability was affected by a physical or intellectual impairment and (c) were refused Australian citizenship.
- (4) What proportion of those citizenship applicants who were assessed as being unable to speak and understand basic English are estimated to be ineligible for AMEP English language tuition under current guidelines.

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

- (1) Under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS), what is the full extent of assistance that is available to refugee and humanitarian entrants granted permanent residence who have not been sponsored by a friend or relative.
- (2) Under the IHSS, what is the full extent of assistance that is available to refugee and humanitarian entrants granted permanent residence who have been sponsored by a friend or relative.
- (3) Under the IHSS, what is the full extent of assistance available to refugee and humanitarian entrants who have been granted a temporary protection visa.
- (4) Has the Government commissioned any recent research that compares and contrasts the initial settlement experience of the 3 groups referred to in parts (1) to (3); if so, what are the details and findings of such research; if not, will the Government commission such research.
- (5) Have migrant welfare agencies expressed concern as to whether some sponsors are themselves sufficiently informed about the eligibility requirements and procedures for Federal, State and local government programs to properly assist with the settlement of sponsored humanitarian migrants; if so, what measures has the Government adopted to respond to these concerns.
- (6) Has the Government's Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council recommended to the Government the extension of additional settlement services to any of the 3 groups referred to in parts (1) to (3); if so, what are the details of the Council's recommendations and the action, if any, taken by the Government in response.

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

- (1) For the last 3 years for which data is available, how many complaints against registered migration agents received by the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) concerned agents (a) with legal qualifications and (b) without legal qualifications.

- (2) For each category of agents, how many complaints in total concerned (a) standards of professional conduct, (b) fees and charges, (c) obligations to clients, (d) duties of agents to employers, (e) record keeping and management and (f) other matters.
 - (3) For each category of agents, how many complaints (a) resulted in (i) a caution, (ii) suspension of registration (iii) cancellation of registration or (iv) no further action, (b) were discontinued or otherwise resolved or (c) remain unresolved.
 - (4) In respect of complaints against agents with legal qualifications who also have a practising certificate, how many matters were referred by MARA to the relevant State authorities and what information is known about the action, if any, taken by such State authorities.
- *563 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—For each of the past five academic years, what was the (a) number and (b) percentage of total students in each higher education institution and faculty, who paid discounted Higher Education Contribution Scheme fees by electing to pay in advance.
- *564 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Did the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001 adopt a revised recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education.
 - (2) Did the Conference recommend that the Member States bring this recommendation to the attention of the authorities concerned with Technical and Vocational Education.
 - (3) What steps has he taken to bring the recommendation to the attention of the authorities.
- *565 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) What is the total value of incentives offered under the Strategic Investment Coordination Program to date.
 - (2) What projects have been offered assistance under the Program to date and what was the level and composition of each of the assistance packages.
 - (3) How many projects have been offered accelerated depreciation under the Program.
 - (4) Which projects have received assistance and what sum has each received.
 - (5) What is the total value of concessions offered under the Program for accelerated depreciation.
 - (6) Are there any projects that have received assistance under the Program of which the Strategic Investment Coordinator has recommended against supporting.
 - (7) What criteria are employed in assessing applications under the Program.
 - (8) How many applications have been rejected.
- *566 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the dissenting report in the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee report into the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002; if so, does the report state that (a) the main beneficiaries of the Bill will be the major media corporations and their shareholders, (b) submissions to the inquiry contained no support from the members of the general public, staff associations or consumer groups, with almost all support for the Bill coming from media proprietors only and (c) evidence presented to the inquiry overwhelmingly showed that ownership of media organisations is a critical factor in editorial decision-making, and that diversity of ownership is fundamental to delivering diversity, independence and quality in media content.
 - (2) In view of the identified threats to the public interest and Australia's democracy by the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002, will the Government abandon the legislation; if not, why not.
- *567 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that a number of Australian writers believe that the proposal by the Howard Government to withdraw the Educational Lending Right (ELR) payment will have a detrimental effect on their capacity to earn an adequate living; if not, why not.
 - (2) Will the Minister re-consider the Government's decision to withdraw the ELR payments to Australian writers in 2004; if not, why not.
 - (3) Will the Minister consider making the ELR payment a permanent means of recompense to Australian writers; if not, why not.

- (4) Does parallel importation disadvantage poorly remunerated Australian authors in favour of large, foreign owned multinational corporations; if so, how; if not, why not.

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 Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mrs Hull, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lloyd, Mr Snowdon, Mr Tollner.

AGEING: Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Corcoran, Ms Gambaro, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Hunt, Mrs May, Mr Mossfield, Mr A. D. H. Smith.

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, Mr Pearce, Mr Sercombe, Mr Tanner, Mr Ticehurst.

Current inquiry:

Wireless broadband technologies.

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

Current inquiries:

Local government and cost shifting.

Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2000-01.

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 Cadman and Mr Wilkie to serve as a supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into the education of boys.)

Current inquiry:

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 Schultz, 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.

Current inquiry:

Employment in the environment sector.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mrs Hull (*Chair*), Mr Cadman, Ms Draper, Mr Dutton, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Ms George, Mrs Irwin, Mr Pearce, Mr C. P. Thomson. (Mr Quick and Mr Wakelin to be supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into substance abuse in Australian communities.)

Current inquiry:

Substance abuse in Australian communities.

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

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

Current inquiry:

Impediments to increasing investment in mineral and petroleum exploration in Australia.

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

Current inquiry:

Crime in the community.

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, Mr Baird, Mr Billson, Mrs B. K. Bishop, Mr Brereton, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr McLeay, Ms Plibersek (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 Randall (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Cobb, Mrs Crosio, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms J. S. McFarlane, 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.

Current inquiry:

Commercial regional aviation services in Australia and transport links to major populated islands.

Joint Statutory

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

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 (*Chair*), 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:

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 Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mrs Ley, Mr Melham, Senator Bartlett, Senator Ferris, Senator Mason, Senator Murray, Senator Ray.

Current inquiries:

Conduct of the 2001 Federal election.

Integrity of the Electoral Roll.

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.

Current inquiries:

Annual reports within the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

Australia's role in the United Nations.

Australia's role in the World Trade Organisation.

Department of Defence 2000-2001 annual report.

Enterprising Australia—Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment.

Watching Brief on the War on Terrorism.

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.

Current inquiry:

Norfolk Island electoral matters.

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

Current inquiries:

Treaties tabled on 12 March 2002.

Treaties tabled on 18 June 2002.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: Mr Somlyay (*appointed 15 May 2002, for a period of 3 years*).

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*).