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THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2002

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

- *1 **MR K. J. ANDREWS:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Care (Appropriation) Act 1998*, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR ABBOTT:** To move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the notice for Private Members' business standing in the name of the Honourable Member for Dunkley concerning the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 being called on forthwith:

Orders of the day

- 1 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Ms Irwin*) on the motion of Mr Anthony—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the House declines to give the Bill a second reading, and*
- (1) condemns the Howard Government's attempt to deny Disability Support Pensions to more than 100,000 Australians living with a disability over the next three years;
 - (2) condemns the Government's attempt to create two classes of people with disabilities by seeking to pay many of those who apply for a Disability Support Pension after 1 July 2003, \$52 a fortnight less than people currently receiving the payment;
 - (3) endorses the view of the ALP supporting the need for welfare reforms that offer the opportunity for people with disabilities to participate fully in the community, including to work;
 - (4) refuses to support Government cost cutting that will discourage people with a disability from seeking employment; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to work with the ALP on a bipartisan basis to achieve real welfare reform."
- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).

Notices—continued

- *3 **MR SLIPPER:** To move—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported: Proposed Christmas Island common-use infrastructure—Christmas Island airport.

* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time

† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.

Orders of the day—continued

- 4 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 5 **TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 6 **TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 June 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 7 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002—Dr Lawrence*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INDUSTRY MEASURES) BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 22 August 2002*).
- 10 **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*).
- 11 **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (LIFE GOLD PASS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **SUPERANNUATION (GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 14 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 15 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 16 **AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 18 **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*).
- 19 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—BINDING COMMONWEALTH OBLIGATIONS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).

- 23 **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*).
- 24 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 25 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 26 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 27 **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 32 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 33 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (IMPROVED REMEDIES FOR UNPROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 36 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 37 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 38 **INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 39 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 40 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 41 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Edwards*).
- 42 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFYING AGREEMENT-MAKING) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).

- 43 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND COMPLIANCE) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 44 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 45 **ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *46 **DAIRY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *47 **EGG INDUSTRY SERVICE PROVISION BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *48 **EGG INDUSTRY SERVICE PROVISION (TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *49 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *50 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *51 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON JERVIS BAY TERRITORY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *52 **RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL —REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 August 2002—Mr S. F. Smith*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **TREATIES TABLED ON 27 AUGUST 2002—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 August 2002—Mr S. F. Smith*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 55 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **AUSTRALIAN RIVER CO. LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **ONLINE CONTENT CO-REGULATORY SCHEME—REPORT FOR PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **ACCESS TO DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES BY DR MICHAEL WOOLDRIDGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **ACCESS TO DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES BY DR MICHAEL WOOLDRIDGE—ERRATUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 62 **INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **OFFICE OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATOR—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **REVIEW OF PRICES SURVEILLANCE ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **REVIEW OF PRICES SURVEILLANCE ACT—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION HELD BY THE COMMONWEALTH—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **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.
- 69 **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.
- 70 **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.
- 71 **AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP LIMITED—PAPERS—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.
- 72 **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.
- 73 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **OPERATION OF THE AGED CARE ACT 1997—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 February 2002*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (*Mr Slipper*):**
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2002)—*moved 29 May 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Lawrence*).
 Customs Tariff Proposals No. 2 (2002)—*moved 26 June 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
 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*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2002)—*moved 26 June 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Cox*).
- 76 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

Bill to be reported from the Main Committee

- 1 **RESEARCH INVOLVING EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING BILL 2002 (*Prime Minister*):** Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 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,
16 SEPTEMBER 2002, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Presentation and statements**

- 1 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Discussion paper—Proposed revised standing orders. (*Statements to conclude by 12.50 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notices**

- 1 **MR S. F. SMITH:** To present a bill for an Act to assess certain windfall amounts not paid to the States as tobacco franchise fees or to the Commonwealth as tobacco excise and for related purposes. (*Notice given 26 August 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)

†2 **MR HAWKER:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the significant contribution Australia's defence servicemen and women are making overseas in places including East Timor, the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan;
- (2) praises the skills, dedication and professionalism of these fine young Australians;
- (3) draws these matters to the attention of Parliament and all Australians; and
- (4) acknowledges the success of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Programme in giving Members of Parliament a greater understanding and better appreciation of the commitment of our defence force personnel. (*Notice given 22 August 2002. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†3 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that:
 - (a) quality access to the Internet and to information technology in general is becoming a necessity, rather than a luxury, in modern Australian society; and
 - (b) infrastructure is not keeping pace with technological advancements, particularly in new and developing suburbs on the outer metropolitan fringe of Australia's capital cities;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) Telstra and Optus discontinued its cable roll-out before many of the new, outer metropolitan, suburbs existed;
 - (b) the existing location of Telstra exchanges means that ADSL is unavailable in many developing suburbs;
 - (c) there has been an increase in the use of "split pair gains" as a method of providing basic telephone services to developing suburbs which is also incompatible with ADSL; and
 - (d) satellite is the only broadband delivery system available to many Australians and that this is the most expensive broadband service available; and

- (3) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) investigate the true extent of this problem facing many Australians in developing communities;
 - (b) examine whether Telstra's Community Service Obligation is adequate when dealing with broadband delivery services; and
 - (c) develop a comprehensive solution to the problem of lack of access to broadband services. (*Notice given 19 August 2002. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†4 **MS GEORGE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the pain and suffering of Australians living with the disease - Adhesive Arachnoiditis;
- (2) accepts that many current sufferers were at some time involved in a spinal x-ray procedure known as a myelogram;
- (3) believes that an independent inquiry is necessary to investigate:
 - (a) the effects of exposure to the chemical Iophendylate (marketed under the name Pantopaque and Myodil);
 - (b) the basis on which Iophendylate was licensed, marketed and used in Australia; and
 - (c) the social and economic costs arising from the disease;
- (4) acknowledges the important work undertaken by the support group – Chemically Induced Adhesive Arachnoiditis Sufferers of Australia and its founder Derek Morrison; and
- (5) requests the Government to provide some resources and assistance to the Committee to enable it to carry on its worthwhile work which up until now has been done on a voluntary basis. (*Notice given 21 August 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 4 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—46TH REPORT—TREATIES TABLED ON 12 MARCH 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 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 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 5 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 389—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS 2000-2001—FOURTH QUARTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 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 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 6 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NORFOLK ISLAND ELECTORAL MATTERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2002—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—

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 16 September 2002.*)

- 7 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—47TH REPORT—TREATIES TABLED ON 18 AND 25 JUNE 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 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 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- *8 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 390—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS 2001-2002—FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 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 16 September 2002.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS—*continued*

Notice given for Thursday, 29 August 2002

- *1 **MR BILLSON:** To move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the following arrangements applying for the further consideration of the *Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*:
- (1) That, immediately before the putting of the question on the motion that the *Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002* be now read a second time, instead of the question on the second reading being put, the following question be put and determined forthwith:
- “That the *Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002* be divided into—
- (a) a Bill for an Act to prohibit human cloning and other unacceptable practices associated with reproductive technology, and for related purposes, to be known as the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*, (incorporating, with associated amendments, the title, enacting formula and Parts 1 and 2 and clauses 56, 61 and 62 and the schedule of the bill as introduced, and an activating clause), and
- (b) a Bill for an Act to regulate certain activities involving human embryos, and for related purposes, to be known as the *Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002* (incorporating, with associated amendments, Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the bill, and also including with amendments the provisions of clauses 56, 61 and 62 of the bill as introduced and a new clause 55A).”
- (2) That if the question that the bill be divided as proposed in paragraph (1) is agreed to, the following separate questions be then put:
- (a) “That the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002*, as contained in a form to be made available to Members, be read a second time (that question to be decided without further debate)”

If the motion that the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002* be read a second time is agreed to, for the consideration in detail stage the House then proceed to consider in detail the bill as contained in the form to be made available to Members; and

- (b) “That the *Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002*, as contained in a form to be made available to Members, be read a second time (that question to be decided without further debate)”

If the motion that the *Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002* be read a second time is agreed to, for the consideration in detail stage the House then proceed to consider in detail the bill as contained in the form to be made available to Members.

- (3) That, when the consideration in detail of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002* and the *Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002* has been completed, the remaining stages of the measures be dealt with separately and in accordance with the provisions of the standing orders and ordinary practices of the House. (*Notice given 28 August 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 the next sitting Monday after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

16 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

17 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

18 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)

- 19 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 20 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 21 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 22 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 23 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 24 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*
- 25 **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 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

- 26 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 27 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 28 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 29 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 30 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 31 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)

32 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

33 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

34 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 35 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 36 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 37 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 38 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 39 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 40 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON**: To move—That this House:
- (1) pays tribute to the thousands of dedicated people across Australia who are involved every week in ethnic community broadcasting;
- (2) recognises that the Australian Ethnic Radio Training Project (AERTP), auspiced by the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council, performs a vital role in providing nationally available, quality, accredited, value-for-money competency-based training for aspiring ethnic community broadcasters;
- (3) acknowledges there is an ongoing demand for such training from new broadcasters, new programs, new language groups and from existing groups; and
- (4) calls on the Government to provide further financial support to AERTP to ensure that it continues to operate beyond the 2002-2003 financial year. (*Notice given 27 June 2002. Notice will be removed*

from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)

41 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendments to the standing orders be made:

(1) Insert after standing order 61:

“**62** Unless moving the second reading of a bill or unless leave of the House is given, a Member may not read his or her speech.”

(2) Insert after standing order 84:

“**84A** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the standing orders and subject to the discretion of the Chair, a Member may ask a Member making a speech to allow the Member to ask a question or make a comment relevant to the Member’s speech.”

“**84B** A Minister moving the second reading of a bill received from the Senate may have the terms of his or her speech on the bill incorporated in *Hansard*.”

(3) Standing order 101:

(a) After the provisions under “*Tuesday*”, insert:

“*Wednesday*:

1. Notices and orders of the day. 2. Members’ statements (at approximately 1.45 p.m.). 3. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.). 4. Presentation of petitions. 5. Ministerial statements, by leave. 6. Matter of public importance. 7. Notices and orders of the day.

(b) Omit “*Wednesday and Thursday*”, substitute “*Thursday*”:

(4) Standing order 106A:

After “*Monday*”, insert “and *Wednesday*”.

(5) After standing order 111:

“**111A** Before the end of each period of sittings, the Speaker must present to the House a list showing the Ministers who have made ministerial statements since the last tabling of such a list, the subject of each statement, the time taken and the time taken by any other Members speaking in response to the statements” (*Notice given 28 June 2002, a.m. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

42 **MS GAMBARO:** To move—That:

(1) this House calls on the Government to fund a national co-ordinated study into Parkinson’s disease due to the increase in the number of sufferers estimated to be 80,000 at present and the lack of comprehensive data on Parkinson’s disease for more than 40 years;

(2) the study determine:

(a) the number of sufferers;

(b) how the disease affects sufferers and their carers; and

(c) how much the disease costs the Australian community; and

(3) the Government continues to place healthy ageing as a priority and that a national prevalence study of Parkinson’s disease will aid in better treatment of the disease and assist in understanding the impact on future health budgets. (*Notice given 21 August 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

43 **MR COBB:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes the serious state of drought across the south eastern part of the Australian continent;

(2) recognises the variability of weather patterns across Australia;

(3) recognises the serious economic and social impact being felt by rural communities;

(4) acknowledges the need to maintain the long term viability of agriculture in the drought affected regions; and

(5) calls on State Governments to provide a more substantial financial contribution to drought relief. (*Notice given 26 August 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

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

(1) recognises the need to ease traffic congestion on the New England Highway to assist motorists from areas such as Beresfield and Thornton;

- (2) acknowledges a recent audit of the New England Highway by the NRMA which found the worst section of the highway is a 12.8km stretch between Hexham and Maitland which includes the Weakley's Drive intersection;
- (3) further acknowledges the audit which found that this particular stretch of road has a crash and casualty rate 79% higher than the route average;
- (4) recognises the most recent fatality on the New England Highway when a motorist was killed on the South Seas Drive intersection in August 2002; and
- (5) calls on all levels of government to progress work along this highway as quickly as possible, including:
 - (a) State Government construction of a link road between Beresfield and Thornton;
 - (b) construction of an interchange at the Weakley's Drive intersection; and
 - (c) funding of improvements to intersections along the highway that have an historically high rate of accidents. *(Notice given 26 August 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.)*

45 **MR NEVILLE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the significance of the credit union movement in the framework of Australia's financial services;
- (2) recognises the contribution of 200 Australian credit unions and their 3.5 million members not only to the concept of mutuality but also as an alternative source of housing and domestic finance;
- (3) notes its role in providing banking-type and lending services in country and many other areas vacated by the traditional banks;
- (4) recommends a reassessment of ASIC and APRA regulations (commensurate with the size and role of credit unions); and
- (5) requests a re-examination of taxation, franking credits and register requirements as they apply to credit unions. *(Notice given 27 August 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 2 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 4 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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 5 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR ELIGIBLE DE FACTO SPOUSES BILL 2002** (*Ms Plibersek*): Second reading (*from 24 June 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 18 **NATIONAL MONUMENT TO IMMIGRATION FUND:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2002—Mr Hatton, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 19 **COCHLEAR IMPLANTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2002—Dr Washer, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rudd—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

- 20 **SHARE OWNERSHIP:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 2002—Ms Roxon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hunt—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) deplores actions that have been taken which limit the spread of shares more generally to all Australians. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 21 **ILLEGAL FISHING:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2002—Ms Grierson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) condemns the action of foreign nationals:
 - (a) illegally fishing in the Heard Island and McDonald Zone and stealing an estimated 2,000 tons of Patagonian tooth fish per month;
 - (b) for their flagrant disregard for the sovereignty of Australia's exclusive economic zone;
 - (c) for decimating an endangered species of albatross and other seabirds by using illegal fishing methods, flouting Australian and international environment regulations; and
 - (d) for threatening the future of the species in the area and the commercial sustainability of the Patagonian tooth fish fishery;
 - (2) notes that the Australian fishing industry is limited to catching 2,815 tons of Patagonian tooth fish this year;
 - (3) notes that if this practice continues, it threatens the estimated \$30 million earned annually by the Australian fishing industry, puts at risk the direct employment of approximately 120 people and the indirect employment of approximately 500 people;
 - (4) commends the Australian Government for its decision to propose the listing of Patagonian tooth fish on schedule two of the Convention in International Trade and Endangered Flora and Fauna;
 - (5) commends the Australian Government for its previous successful apprehension by the Australian Navy of several illegal foreign fishing vessels; and
 - (6) in light of the continuing serious breaches, calls on the Government to further strengthen action to prevent any further illegal incursions of our southern Exclusive Economic Zone by:
 - (a) continuing naval action to apprehend those responsible for this illegal action;
 - (b) implementing a civilian surveillance patrol with an armed boarding capacity;
 - (c) substantially increasing the financial penalties to a level that deters future offences;
 - (d) working closely with the Australian fishing industry to strengthen surveillance and apprehend offenders;
 - (e) seeking further co-operation with the French Government whose territorial integrity is similarly threatened;
 - (f) pursuing offenders through dialogue with various countries where operations supporting illegal fishing are based; and
 - (g) ensuring Australian territorial integrity is maintained. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 22 **GENERAL PRACTITIONERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2002—Mr Bartlett, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Hall—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 23 **GREAT APES:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2002*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That this House:
- (1) notes with alarm the serious decline in the population of the Great Apes—gorillas, bonobos, orangutans and chimpanzees, which could lead to their extinction in the next 10 years;

- (2) recognises that habitat destruction due to illegal logging, mining and associated activities including poaching, are all contributing to this threat of extinction;
 - (3) acknowledges that war, civil unrest and a breakdown in law and order also contribute to the problems in many of these habitat areas;
 - (4) notes Australian Government participation, principally through zoos and also with the Humane Society International, in the conservation of the Great Apes;
 - (5) notes the support of the UK Government for the Great Apes Survival Project, which is backed by the UN Environment Programme; and
 - (6) calls on the Federal Government to increase its support for the efforts of the UN Environment Programme to help save the Great Apes. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 24 **LOCAL LIBRARIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 August 2002*) on the motion of Mr Latham—That this House:
- (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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 25 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSAL—LOWER COSTS, SIMPLER PROCEDURES) BILL 2002** (*Mr Crean*): Second reading (*from 26 August 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 16 September 2002.*)
- 26 **KOKODA:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2002*) on the motion of Mr Barresi—That this House:
- (1) expresses its gratitude to the “Heroes of Kokoda” as we reflect upon the 60th anniversary of the Battles to Save Australia, and accordingly give due honour and respect to the memory of these heroes by:
 - (a) supporting the development of the Kokoda Track as a National Memorial Park, which will ensure it remains a historical, cultural and commemorative experience for all Australians; and
 - (b) establishing a joint Australian and Papua New Guinean Master Plan under the guidance of Australian Government and local PNG Provincial government personnel;
 - (2) expresses support of the Government’s commitment of \$1.5 million for the establishment of 3 memorials in Papua New Guinea, one of which will be constructed at Isurava to commemorate the Battle at Kokoda; and
 - (3) calls on all Australians in this the 60th anniversary month to commemorate the sacrifice of all servicemen who participated in the battles along the Kokoda Track by:
 - (a) inaugurating a National Day of Remembrance celebrated both in Australia and at Owers Corner, PNG;
 - (b) congratulating the Australian Football League, the members, supporters and administrators of the Sydney Swans and Richmond Tigers for their annual commemorative game at Stadium Australia, honouring the Spirit of Kokoda; and
 - (c) supporting the establishment of a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Scholarship Foundation to educate the sons and daughters of the Kokoda Trail Villagers as a sign of our nation’s gratitude for the selfless sacrifice of the local people during the campaign. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)
- 27 **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2002*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 2002.*)

28 **MAMMARY PROSTHESES:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 August 2002*) on the motion of Ms Vamvakinou—That this House:

- (1) notes the recommendation of the February 1995 report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Affairs to amend the Medicare rebate schedule to include the provision of mammary prostheses;
- (2) recognises that estimates of women undergoing breast cancer surgery in Australia approach 1000 per month with more than one-third requiring a mastectomy;
- (3) recognises the ongoing cost (financial, physical and emotional) of wearing required prostheses and shell/breast forms and acknowledges the strain on muscles and posture following the loss of a breast or a significant part of the breast;
- (4) recognises the ongoing cost of prostheses and acknowledges that there is no Commonwealth Government scheme to lessen the financial burden faced by women following breast surgery for those in need of prosthetics;
- (5) notes *The Canberra Times* article “Dead women’s breast prostheses resold” appearing on 3 June 2002 detailing the reuse of mammary prostheses amongst breast cancer patients facing financial hardship;
- (6) calls on the Government to provide mammary prostheses through the Medicare rebate schedule; and
- (7) condemns the Government over budget measures where the sickest and poorest Australians and families will be hit with an increase of almost 30% in the cost of their essential medicines. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 16 September 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, 16 September 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, 29 August 2002

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Albanese*).
 - 2 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 August 2002—Mr Albanese*).
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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Questions unanswered

Nos 2, 6, 36, 37, 39-44, 46-48, 77, 85, 91-99, 101, 103, 115, 119, 130, 144, 154-157, 170, 197, 202, 255, 260, 269, 281, 328, 329, 331-335, 343, 359, 363, 364, 367, 371-374, 376, 377, 383, 385, 388, 389, 396, 404, 409, 411-413, 435, 440, 450, 456, 463, 468, 474, 475, 478, 483, 485-487, 494, 501, 509, 522-524, 527, 535, 537, 547, 550-552, 557, 559, 560, 571, 579, 580, 587, 598, 599, 602, 607-611, 615-617, 625, 627, 629, 631, 632, 635-880.

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

- (1) Did the Minister see an editorial titled “The ABC needs its own ombudsman” on page 14 of *The Age* newspaper on Wednesday, 28 August 2002.
- (2) Could an Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) ombudsman operate like the police ombudsman, accepting the more serious complaints that cannot be resolved in other ways.
- (3) Will the Minister consider legislating for an ABC ombudsman; if so, when; if not, why not.

*882 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Further to the answer to part (3) of question No. 472 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4970), how many of the former Internova employees have been assessed as being (a) eligible and (b) ineligible for entitlements under the General Employee and Redundancy Scheme.
- (2) What sum of money is available in aggregate.
- (3) Further to the answer to part (4) of question No. 472, is he able to say which Minister has portfolio responsibility for the subject matter of the question.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 392 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4911), is he able to define the term “smuggling”; if so, (a) what is that definition and (b) where under Commonwealth law is that definition found.
- (2) Does the definition only relate to a rateable tariff under Commonwealth import regulations and cannot be applied to persons.
- (3) Can he clarify how the estimated \$1,237 million over five years will be spent in order to maintain the integrity of Australia’s borders.
- (4) Does the Government have a policy on what constitutes the War on Terrorism; if so, has the policy been announced; if so, what are the details and how does that policy relate to the moneys budgeted in the 2002-2003 Budget.

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

- (1) Further to his answer to part (3) of question No. 358 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4893), which of the 26 Medicare eligible MRI sites in NSW are teaching hospitals.
- (2) What proportion of Medicare eligible MRI sites in NSW are teaching hospitals.
- (3) What is the distribution of teaching hospitals in NSW.
- (4) What is the distribution of teaching hospitals in NSW that have MRI licenses or offer Medicare eligible MRI services.
- (5) What proportion of teaching hospitals in NSW either have MRI licences or offer Medicare eligible MRI services.
- (6) Is the Concord Repatriation General Hospital a teaching hospital of the University of Sydney.

- (7) Will the Minister offer Concord Repatriation General Hospital an MRI licence and allow it to provide Medicare eligible MRI services; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *885 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—What steps are being undertaken by the Government to implement the proposed ban on the use and importation of chrysotile asbestos.
- *886 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) Why was the Advanced English for Migrant Program (AEMP) conducted by the Illawarra Institute of TAFE let out to tender in 2001.
 - (2) What were the criteria upon which the tender was allocated.
 - (3) Is there any justification for tendering out the AEMP courses to a provider that does not appear to have the necessary resources to offer the full range of courses previously provided by the TAFE Institute; if so, what is the justification.
 - (4) Are private providers who win tenders able to subcontract back to the TAFE system if they are unable to meet their commitment to students.
 - (5) Does he approve of private providers making a profit from the above-mentioned process.
 - (6) Is there considerable waste of public resources and capital facilities with the tendering out of courses previously run by the TAFE system.
 - (7) What audit is taken to ensure that a provider offers the full range of courses previously conducted through the TAFE Institute.
 - (8) Will he supplement funding to the Illawarra Institute of TAFE so that it can reinstate the full range of AEMP courses previously conducted by that public institution.
- *887 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—Will the Government make public the full text of the exchange of notes relating to the Australia-United States General Security of Information Agreement which he referred to in debate on 26 August 2002 on the Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002; if not, why not.
- *888 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What is the cost of the trial of polygraph or electronic lie detector tests being undertaken within the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO).
 - (2) When did the ASIO polygraph trial commence and when will it be completed.
 - (3) Is the polygraph trial conducted by ASIO personnel or by external contractors.
 - (4) In what States or Territories have polygraph examinations been carried out.
 - (5) How many ASIO personnel have been subject to a polygraph examination as part of the trial.
 - (6) How many ASIO personnel have been evaluated as (a) non-deceptive or (b) deceptive in their responses in polygraph examinations.
 - (7) Has the personnel security clearance status of any ASIO officer been changed as a consequence of a polygraph examination.
 - (8) Has the Government had any discussions or exchanges with US Government departments or agencies concerning possible requirements for polygraph testing of Australian personnel granted access to classified information released by the US.
 - (9) What system of professional training and accreditation applies to polygraph examiners in Australia.
 - (10) How many trained and professionally accredited polygraph examiners are currently employed by the Government.
 - (11) Are there any Australian national standards or other guidelines relating to the use of polygraph tests.
- *889 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Are the National Guidelines for referral of politically sensitive matters to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) issued by the Attorney-General on 28 October 1996 and 14 May 1998 still current; if not, what are the current National Guidelines for referral of politically sensitive matters to the AFP.
 - (2) Does the Government apply any written criteria in determining what constitutes a politically sensitive matter requiring notification to the Minister responsible for the AFP; if so, what criteria are applied.
- *890 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2001-2002, how many times has the Minister responsible for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) been notified in accordance with the relevant National Guidelines of the referral of a politically sensitive matter to the AFP.

- (2) Which Commonwealth Ministers, Departments or agencies referred politically sensitive matters to the AFP.
 - (3) How many referrals of politically sensitive matters to the AFP were (a) accepted or (b) declined.
 - (4) What was the cost to the AFP of investigations of politically sensitive matters.
 - (5) How many AFP investigations of politically sensitive matters related to possible offences under section 79 of the Crimes Act.
 - (6) How many persons were (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted of a Commonwealth offence as a consequence of referral of a politically sensitive matter to the AFP.
 - (7) How many persons were (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted of an offence under section 79 of the Crimes Act as a consequence of referral of a politically sensitive matter to the AFP.
- *891 MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2001-2002, how many investigations were undertaken by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) into possible offences under section 79 of the Crimes Act.
 - (2) What was the cost to the AFP of investigations of possible offences under section 79 of the Crimes Act.
 - (3) How many persons were (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted of an offence under section 79 of the Crimes Act.
- *892 MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) As at 30 June of each year from 1996 to 2002, how many personnel were employed in the (a) Telecommunications Interception Division of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and (b) Telecommunications Interception Section of the National Crime Authority (NCA).
 - (2) What work has been undertaken to develop a joint AFP and NCA Telecommunications Interception Facility.
- *893 MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many alleged cases of fraud involving dishonestly obtaining a benefit by deception or other means were identified or reported for evaluation by Commonwealth Departments or agencies in accordance with the Commonwealth's Fraud Control Guidelines.
 - (2) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many alleged cases of fraud were identified or reported for each Department or agency submitting reports to his Department in accordance with the Fraud Control Guidelines.
 - (3) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many alleged cases of fraud were (a) investigated by the responsible Department or agency, (b) referred to the Australian Federal Police, (c) referred to State or Territory police or (d) not pursued.
 - (4) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many fraud investigations resulted in (a) referral to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, (b) prosecution by the responsible Department or agency or (c) no further action because insufficient evidence or suspects resigned, retired or otherwise left the organisation.
 - (5) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many persons employed by or serving as contractors to the Commonwealth Government were successfully prosecuted for offences involving fraud against the Commonwealth.
 - (6) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, what was the estimated value of losses resulting from alleged fraud reported by each Department and agency in accordance with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines.
- *894 MR MELHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs—
- (1) For each financial year from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001, how many cases of alleged fraud against the Commonwealth, as defined in the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines, were investigated by the Australian Federal Police (AFP).
 - (2) What was the cost to the AFP of these investigations each year.
- *895 MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—
- (1) How many (a) ongoing and (b) non-ongoing Comcar drivers are there in each capital city.
 - (2) For each category referred to in part (1), how many drivers are employed in each capital city (a) under a collective agreement and (b) on an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

- (3) During the winter adjournment of the Parliament, (a) how many casuals employed in each capital city under (i) a collective agreement and (ii) an AWA were offered employment, (b) what was the average number of hours worked by casuals in each capital city under (i) a collective agreement and (ii) an AWA and (c) how many hours of employment were worked by non-ongoing drivers in each capital city under (i) a collective agreement and (ii) an AWA.
 - (4) Is information identifying which casual drivers are employed on a collective agreement or an AWA available to those staff who (a) decide which drivers are engaged and (b) allocate jobs to drivers; if so, in what way is it available.
 - (5) Is there any advice or instruction within the Minister's Department to give preference of engagement to non-ongoing staff who are employed on AWAs; if so, what is it.
 - (6) What guidelines are used to determine which non-ongoing staff are offered employment and how are those guidelines promulgated to both drivers and those who determine the engagement.
- *896 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Did he recently circulate a colour brochure on the new Baxter Immigration Reception and Processing Centre; if so, (a) what sum did the brochure cost to produce, (b) what was its print run and (c) to whom was it circulated.
- *897 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many staff were employed by Telstra mainly to repair, maintain and install Telstra telecommunications cable in 1996.
 - (2) How many staff are currently employed by Telstra mainly to repair, maintain and install Telstra telecommunications cable.
 - (3) How many non-Telstra outsourced staff performed work under contract to Telstra during 2001-2002 repairing, maintaining and installing Telstra telecommunications cable
 - (4) How many staff are currently employed by Telstra.
 - (5) What is the current lifespan of Telstra telecommunications cable and is there a national plan to ensure that Telstra replaces telecommunications cable before its effective working life ends; if so, what are the details of the plan.
- *898 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many National Service Medal applications have been received by the Medals Directorate of the Minister's Department.
 - (2) How many National Service Medals have been awarded to applicants in (a) January, (b) February, (c) March, (d) April, (e) May, (f) June and (g) July 2002.
 - (3) What is the average time taken to process applications for the National Service Medal.
 - (4) How large is the backlog of National Service Medal applications.
 - (5) Did the Minister's Department employ any extra staff to cope with the workload caused by the National Service Medal; if so, how many extra full time equivalent positions were created; if not, why not.
 - (6) Does the Minister have any plans in the short term to increase resources to the Medals Directorate to reduce the backlog of National Service Medal applications and to reduce stress on the existing staff.
- *899 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Is he able to say whether the Chinese Government has charged many of its outspoken democratic dissident with political "monomania" or insanity and detained them in psychiatric hospitals.
 - (2) Is he able to say whether up to 15% of Chinese psychiatric inmates are in custody for political reasons.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether those incarcerated include independent labour organisers, whistle blowers and those who complain about political persecution or official misconduct, as well as other democratic opponents.
 - (4) Is he able to say whether one of these prisoners is China's longest serving political prisoner Wang Wan Xing who was first arrested in the mid 1970s.
 - (5) Is he also able to say whether Wang Wan Xing has been held in an institution for the criminally insane for most of the past decade based on a diagnosis by police psychiatrists that he is a paranoid psychotic.

- (6) Has the Australian China Human Rights Dialogue discussed with its Chinese interlocutors this abuse of psychiatry and Australia's long standing opposition to this abuse including during period of the former USSR.
- (7) Did his Department discuss these issues and other issues of human rights in China during their recent meeting with leading Chinese democratic activists Wei Cheng Sheng.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

Mr Adams, Mr Barresi, 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.

Current inquiry:

Capacity building in indigenous communities.

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

Current inquiry:

Long term strategies to address ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years.

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.

Current inquiry:

Future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities.

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 Albanese, 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 Barresi, Mr Bevis, Mr Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Randall, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wilkie.

Current inquiry:

Australian workers' compensation schemes.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: Mr Billson (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, 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 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: The Speaker, 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 C. P. Thomson, Mr Tollner, Dr Washer. (Mr Fitzgibbon and Mr Ticehurst to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into impediments to increasing investment in mineral and petroleum exploration in Australia.)

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*), Mr Baird, Mr Barresi (nominee of the Leader of the House), 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.

Current inquiry:

Adequacy of procedures for examining the estimates of expenditure.

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.

Current inquiry:

Commitment of Australian business to research and development.

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, Ms Livermore, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, 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 Ferguson, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator Ray.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker (*Chair*), The President, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Price, Senator Ferris, Senator Stephens, 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, Senator Wong.

Current inquiry:

Level of banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

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: Mr Cobb, Dr Lawrence, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Crossin, Senator Lees, Senator McLucas, Senator Scullion.

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 Moore, 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 Colbeck, Senator Ferguson, Senator Forshaw.

Current inquiries:

Katherine, NT—Perimeter security fence, RAAF Base Tindal.

Newcastle—Stage 1 Redevelopment and facilities for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft, RAAF Base Williamtown.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 14 February 2002*): Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr Forrest, Mrs Ley, Mr Melham, Senator Bartlett, Senator Brandis, 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, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Mr C. P. Thompson, Senator Bartlett, Senator Bolkus, Senator Bourne, Senator Cook, Senator Eggleston, Senator Evans, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, 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 Randall, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator Kirk, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiry:

Australia's migration and temporary entry program for skilled labour.

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 Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Scullion.

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 Barnett, Senator Bartlett, Senator Cooney, Senator Kirk, Senator Marshall, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Stephens, Senator Tchen.

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 21 August 2002, for a period of 3 years*).

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