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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 53

MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2002

*The House meets this day at 12.30 p.m.***BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR THIS SITTING**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Enterprising Australia: Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on the education of boys. (*Statements to conclude by 1.10 p.m.*)
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on visit to Australian Forces deployed to the International Coalition Against Terrorism. (*Statements to conclude by 1.35 p.m.*)
- 4 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on Draft Amendment 39. (*Statements to conclude by 1.45 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR McCLELLAND:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 23 September 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
 - 2 **MR ANDREN:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide for the assessment and collection of a levy on the use of plastic bags at retail points of sale. (*Notice given 14 October 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
 - 3 **MR ANDREN:** To present a Bill for an Act relating to the establishment of a fund for the purpose of education about plastic bag damage to the environment, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 14 October 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
 - 4 **MR KATTER:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000* to regulate the amount of renewable fuel in motor vehicle fuel, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 14 October 2002. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)
- †5 **MR BAIRD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the sentencing of Amina Lawal to death by stoning by Shari'ah Courts in the Katsina province of Nigeria, for allegedly committing adultery and bearing a child out of wedlock;
 - (2) registers its strong opposition to all similar extreme sentences that discriminate against women; and
 - (3) calls on the Government of Nigeria to do everything within its power to protect the basic human rights of Amina Lawal and all its citizens. (*Notice given 16 September 2002; amended 9 October 2002. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)

* 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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2002—Ms Grierson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:
 - (1) confirms that the protection from being unfairly dismissed is a fundamental safety net issue for Australian workers and their families irrespective of the size of the business in which they are employed;
 - (2) notes that the Australian Labor Party, in Opposition and as a future Government, is committed to working with small business, employees and peak bodies to make unfair dismissal laws more effective by addressing procedural complexities and costs; and
 - (3) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) promoting socially divisive policies for its political purposes;
 - (b) using the issue of unfair dismissal to deflect criticism of the fact that its taxation policies have tied up small business in an unprecedented level of complexity and red tape;
 - (c) proposing legislation that would actually expose small business to other areas of more complex and costly litigation;
 - (d) undermining the security that unfair dismissal laws have given Australian workers and their families;
 - (e) failing to assist small business to develop effective human resource strategies in terms of the selection, ongoing training, supervision and management of employees; and
 - (f) failing to heed calls from the small business community for a more constructive approach to the issue of unfair dismissal that is likely to result in uniform national standards underpinned by the concept of a ‘fair go all round’”.
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).
- 7 **TORRES STRAIT FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 16 October 2002*).
- 8 **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*).
- 9 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 10 **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002** (*Minister for Education, Science and Training*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).

- 13 **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*).
- 14 **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*).
- 15 **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*).
- 16 **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*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 21 **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*).
- 22 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 24 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 27 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 28 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).

- 33 **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*).
- 34 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **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*).
- 37 **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*).
- 38 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Small Business and Tourism*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 39 **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*).
- 40 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 41 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (REPAYMENT OF DIRECTORS' BONUSES) BILL 2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 42 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION ADVICE INDUSTRY) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Melham*).
- *43 **FILM FINANCE CORPORATION AUSTRALIA LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- *44 **INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **AUSTRALIA POST—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **TELSTRA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **JOINT COAL BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 53 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 2001-02—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **ABORIGINALS BENEFIT ACCOUNT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **WITNESS PROTECTION ACT—REPORT ON OPERATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **CRIMES ACT—REPORT ON CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **COMCARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **CUSTOMS ACT—REPORT ON CONDUCT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **CRIMES ACT—REPORT ON AUTHORISATIONS FOR ACQUISITION AND USE OF ASSUMED IDENTITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **TREATIES TABLED ON 15 OCTOBER 2002—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 70 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 72 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BIOPROSPECTING—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 73 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT—1 JANUARY-31 MARCH 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **AUSTRALIA-CHINA COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **OPERATION OF AGED CARE ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 77 **AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2002—Mr Downer*) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That the House take note of the papers.
- 78 **APEC—AUSTRALIA'S INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN 2002—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Lloyd*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the papers—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Andren, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while the House commends the Government for its strong condemnation of terrorists and their activities and its encouragement of Iraq’s compliance with United Nations’ resolutions, the House believes that Australian Defence Forces should not be involved in any action in Iraq that is not carried out under a United Nations’ resolution”.*
- 80 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF JOB NETWORK—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **COMMUNICATION UNDER THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the papers.
- 82 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 39—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUDITOR-GENERAL'S ACT 1997—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 84 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COASTWATCH—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 85 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 86 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 87 **ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 88 **CARPENTARIA LAND COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 89 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—PREMIUM INCREASES FOR QUARTER BEGINNING 1 APRIL 2002—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 90 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE—JUNE 2002—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 91 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE—SUPPORTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS—JUNE 2002—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 92 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON URBAN DWELLING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 93 **DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT 2002-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 94 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 95 **OPERATION OF WAR CRIMES ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 96 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 August 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 97 **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.
- 98 **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.
- 99 **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.
- 100 **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.
- 101 **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.
- 102 **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.
- 103 **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.
- 104 **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.
- 105 **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.

- 106 **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.
- 107 **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.
- 108 **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.
- 109 **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.
- 110 **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.
- 111 **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.
- 112 **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.
- 113 **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.
- 114 **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.
- 115 **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.
- 116 **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.
- 117 **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.
- 118 **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.
- 119 **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.
- 120 **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.
- 121 **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*).
 Customs Tariff Proposals No. 3 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 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*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2002)—*moved 16 September 2002*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

- 122 **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2002:** Second reading (*from 12 February 2002*).

Contingent notices of motion

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 2 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 3 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 4 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 5 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 6 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 7 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—PAPER—PROPOSED REVISED STANDING ORDERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 September 2002—Mr Price, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the paper. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

- 8 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT 391—REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT AUDITING BY REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITORS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 September 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 21 October 2002.*)
- 9 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS 2000-2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2002—Mr Jull, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jull—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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 10 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2000-2001—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2002—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—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 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Monday, 21 October 2002

*1 **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 17 October 2002.*)

*2 **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 17 October 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 17 October 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 17 October 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 17 October 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 17 October 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 17 October 2002.*)

- *8 **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 dated 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 17 October 2002.*)

- *9 **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 17 October 2002.*)

Notices—continued

- 1 **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 21 October 2002.)

2 **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 21 October 2002.)

3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 October 2002.)

4 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 11 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 12 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 13 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

14 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002*)

15 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) young people have a diversity of talent and can provide a fresh insight into the creative industries;
 - (b) there is a need for positive promotion of young people and their achievements;
 - (c) young people wish to advance themselves by utilising work placement and work experience programs; and
 - (d) young people are willing to promote and enhance positive programs on a range of issues such as multiculturalism, education, the environment and social justice issues, including asylum seekers; and
- (2) urges the Government to:
 - (a) organise a collaborative effort by schools in local areas to provide the opportunity for students to audition, take part in and display their individual talents in a musical performance, with the help of local sponsorship and government funding, to provide a professional opportunity for students in creative areas;
 - (b) provide increased resources to support mechanisms to students in order to enhance educational opportunities and outcomes, including library facilities, syllabus management and student support infrastructure;
 - (c) provide incentives to employers to encourage their participation in work experience and work placement programs and to address the public liability insurance issues that are threatening such programs; and
 - (d) create youth sport and recreation facilities where young people can physically participate and interact with each other to promote better physical and mental well-being. (*Notice given 19 September 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

16 **MS ELLIS:** To move—That Standard 9 (Employment Conditions) of the Disability Services (Disability Employment and Rehabilitation Program) Standards 2002 made under the *Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Act 2002*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 23 September 2002. Standard will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 8 sitting days, including today.*)

17 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To move—That Civil Aviation Amendment Regulation 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 167 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed. (*Notice given 24 September 2002. Regulation will be deemed to have been disallowed unless disposed of within 9 sitting days, including today.*)

18 **MS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the continued occupation by the State of Israel of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in contravention of United Nations Resolution 242 passed on 22 November 1967;
- (2) supports the right of Israel to exist within secure borders;
- (3) calls on the United Nations to insert a peace keeping force into the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza and the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces;
- (4) calls for the recognition of the State of Palestine based on the pre 1967 borders of the West Bank and Gaza; and
- (5) calls on the international community to encourage and support the resolution of outstanding differences between the State of Israel and the State of Palestine based on the Oslo and Camp David Agreements. (*Notice given 25 September 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

19 **MRS MOYLAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the alarming rise in the number of people with Type 2 Diabetes estimated to be 1 million, with half of those people currently undiagnosed;
 - (b) according to a recent landmark study by Diab Cost Australia Type 2 diabetes is costing Australians a staggering \$3 billion a year with the bill for each person averaging nearly \$11,000 in expenditure and benefits;
 - (c) according to the study, as the complications of diabetes increase the costs per person is estimated to escalate from \$4,020 to \$9,625 when there are both microvascular and macrovascular problems;
 - (d) early detection through screening programs and action to slow or prevent the onset of complications will see reductions in health costs and improve and maintain quality of life for individuals with Type 2 Diabetes; and
 - (e) the contribution this landmark study conducted by Associate Professor Stephen Colaguiuri of Daib Cost Austral will make to better informing Government and the public of a significant public health problem;
- (2) congratulates the Federal Government for the emphasis it has placed on public awareness programs in relation to Type 2 Diabetes; and
- (3) urges the Government to:
 - (a) continue programs to raise public awareness of the high risk of undiagnosed and untreated cases of Type 2 Diabetes and ensure access to appropriate screening;
 - (b) support access to new medications for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes while ensuring that Australian taxpayers get value for money through appropriate pricing arrangements;
 - (c) continue to encourage people diagnosed with Diabetes to undergo regular medical test including eye testing so as to prevent complications;
 - (d) ensure adequate funding for further research into prevention and treatment of Type 2 Diabetes; and
 - (e) develop a strong education program encouraging appropriate diet and exercise regimes to minimise the risk of Type 2 Diabetes. (*Notice given 15 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

20 **MS VAMVAKINO:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises that youth suicide is becoming an increasing cause of death amongst young people with youth suicide figures in 2000 at 2,363 with 1,860 of those males;
- (2) recognises that the youth suicide rates for males and indigenous people, particularly in rural areas, are amongst the highest in the western world and that males are three times more likely to complete a suicide attempt;
- (3) recognises that admissions to hospitals for intentional self-injury are close to 10 times as common as fatalities for suicide, with males more likely to take far more drastic suicide methods;
- (4) recognises there is a role for families, education, role models and health workers in identifying and supporting young people at risk of depression and self-harm;

- (5) notes *The Sydney Morning Herald* 7 February 2002 article regarding government alarm on suicides rates with the Minister for Youth Affairs stating that “Australia is losing the war against youth suicide and needs a fresh approach.”; and
- (6) calls on the Government to implement further measures to lower the rate of juvenile depression and youth suicide. (*Notice given 16 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 October 2002.*)
- 2 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 October 2002.*)
- 3 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 October 2002.*)
- 4 **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 the next sitting Monday after 21 October 2002.*)
- 5 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 6 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 7 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 9 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 10 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 11 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 12 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 13 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 14 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 15 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 16 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 17 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

- 18 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 19 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)

- 21 **TOBACCO EXCISE WINDFALL RECOVERY (ASSESSMENT) BILL 2002** (*Mr S. F. Smith*): Second reading (*from 16 September 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 21 October 2002.*)
- 22 **BROADBAND SERVICES**: Resumption of debate (*from 16 September 2002—Mr Hunt, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 23 **ADHESIVE ARACHNOIDITIS**: Resumption of debate (*from 16 September 2002*) on the motion of Ms George—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 24 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE) BILL 2002** (*Mr McMullan*): Second reading (*from 23 September 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 25 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CREDIT CARD REFORM) BILL 2002** (*Mr Griffin*): Second reading (*from 23 September 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 26 **DROUGHT**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2002—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Cobb—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 27 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (UNFAIR DISMISSAL—LOWER COSTS, SIMPLER PROCEDURES) BILL 2002** (*Mr Crean*): Second reading (*from 23 September 2002*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 28 **ETHNIC COMMUNITY BROADCASTING**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2002*) on the motion of Ms Vamvakinou—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 2002.*)
- 29 **TOURISM INDUSTRY**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 2002*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That this House:
- (1) recognises the positive contribution of this Government in encouraging the tourism industry in Australia;
- (2) notes the impact of external factors on the local industry;
- (3) recognises the contribution of local and regional tourism to the national economy;
- (4) acknowledges the important role of local and regional tourism in providing employment opportunities for young people; and
- (5) recognises the need for more equitable dismissal laws for small business to ensure greater employment opportunities are made available by employers in the tourism industry. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 21 October 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 today are shown under "Business accorded priority for this sitting". 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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BALI—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mrs Hull*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 2 **HEALTH CARE (APPROPRIATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 October 2002—Mr Neville*).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Order of the day

- 1 **DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 September 2002*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—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.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

Questions unanswered

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- *1027 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 697 (*Hansard*, 14 October 2002, page 7519) concerning Migrant Resource Centres, for each of the last five years what was the total number of (a) humanitarian refugee stream migrants and (b) former stream migrants born in English Proficiency (EP) group 3 and 4 countries, settled in each area covered by the respective Migrant Resource Centres and Migrant Service Agencies.
- *1028 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) For the last year for which data is available, what was the cost to the Translation and Interpreter Service (TIS) of providing fee-free translation of identity and other approved documents for eligible new arrivals.
 - (2) Are eligible clients required to lodge any such documents with their local Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) outlet; if so, when did this arrangement commence.
 - (3) Are AMEP providers paid by his Department for receiving documents on the TIS's behalf; if so, what is the annual cost to the TIS.
 - (4) Was a tender process conducted for the provision of this service; if so, when was the tender awarded and when does the current contract cease; if not, why not.
- *1029 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 653 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6803), why was the decision taken that one Afghan asylum seeker be processed by his Department.
 - (2) Has processing on this case been completed; if so, what was the outcome.
 - (3) If the asylum seeker has been given refugee status, has a resettlement country been identified.
 - (4) If the asylum seeker has been rejected, has the person indicated a preparedness to accept the Government's monetary offer to return to Afghanistan.
 - (5) If the asylum seeker has been rejected and has not accepted the Government's monetary offer to return to Afghanistan, when will the asylum seeker be forcibly returned and where will the asylum seeker be held pending forcible return.
- *1030 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) Is the Director-General Reserves—Navy unable to continue forwarding gratis copies of *Navy/Reserve News* to former members of the Navy Reserve.
 - (2) If this decision has been made due to budgetary constraints, what are these constraints.
 - (3) Were other funding measures considered before the subscription fee was introduced.
 - (4) If other funding measures were considered, what were they and why were they not implemented.

*1031 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) When the Governor-General travelled overseas recently to attend the El Alamein commemorations did he use a special purpose aircraft.
- (2) If so, (a) what type did he use, (b) what date did it (i) leave and (ii) return to Australia, (c) how many passengers travelled from Australia, (d) how many passengers could have been accommodated and (e) did it make any refuelling stops en route from Canberra; if so, where.

*1032 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Which postcodes or suburbs fall within the South-East Metropolitan Aged Care Planning Region of Perth.
- (2) On the most recent data, how many residential aged care beds are there in the South-East Metropolitan Aged Care Planning Region of Perth..
- (3) On the most recent data, how many high care and low care residential beds are there in each of the postcodes or suburbs in the South-East Metropolitan Care Planning Region of Perth.
- (4) On the most recent data, how many of these high care and low care beds, in each of the postcodes or suburbs, are in use.
- (5) On the most recent data, how many high care and low care beds, in each of the postcodes or areas, have been allocated to the South-East Metropolitan Aged Care Planning Region and are yet to be occupied.
- (6) Is he aware that 50% of older Australians have to wait more than 1 month and 25% have to wait 3 months or longer to enter a residential aged care home; if not, why not.
- (7) In each postcode or suburb in the South-East Metropolitan Aged Care Planning Region of Perth, how long do people have to wait for a residential aged care place.
- (8) Does he intend to implement a key recommendation of the 2001 Two Year Review of Aged Care Reforms and review the indicators of demand for residential and community care; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (9) Is it government policy that Australians who require residential aged care should be able to access this care in their local community; if not, why not.
- (10) Can he explain in detail what he means when he states that one of the Government's major priorities in aged care is to ensure that older Australians are able to access residential aged care.
- (11) Do Australians residing in the postcode areas of 6108, 6107, 6109 and 6110 in the City of Gosnells in Perth have to move to the postcode areas of 6151 and 6100, some 30 minutes away by car within the South-East Planning Region, to access residential aged care beds; if so, why.
- (12) Is it important for aged people requiring care to be able to access that care within their own local community; if not, why not.
- (13) Will he rectify the problem of the shortage of residential aged care beds in the City of Gosnells; if so, when; if not, why not.

*1033 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

- (1) Further to the Minister's replies to questions No. 673 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 7073), No. 674 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 7073), No. 675 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 7074), No. 676 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 7074) and No. 833 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 7078) is the Minister aware that the Member for Calare, when speaking in the House on 26 September 2002 on the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002, declared that, when he worked for Channel 9, Mr Kerry Packer exerted a direct and at times hands-on influence on the content of news bulletins, particularly at politically sensitive times which were almost invariably sensitive to conservative political interests.
- (2) Did the Minister also see where the Member for Calare further declared that he could remember several occasions when Mr Packer exercised a direct influence over editorial policy and that it would be a nonsense to suggest that that sort of influence would not be exerted across a stable of media interests.
- (3) Did the Minister also see where the Member for Calare further declared that, when he joined Channel 8 Orange, it was only after this station was subsumed into the Prime Network that management interference from head office in Sydney became a common feature in both editorial and the production components.

- (4) Did the Minister also see where the Member for Calare further declared that, in relation to the envisaged role of the Australian Broadcasting Authority under the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002, there is no way unless there is a forensic license renewal hearing process, that editorial processes which would arise from a relaxation of cross-media ownership in regional towns could be traced.
- (5) Is the Minister also aware that, when speaking in the House on the Television Broadcasting Services (Digital Conversion) Bill 1998 (*Hansard*, 3 June 1998, page 4565) the Member for Calare responded to an interjection by the Member for North Sydney concerning his comments about politicians being preoccupied with trying to serve the best interests of powerful media barons.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that the Member for Calare, through the Chair, advised the Member for North Sydney and the House that he had been rung by Mr Packer during a news broadcast, questioning the line-up of his bulletin and further stating that this still goes on.
- (7) How does the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 stop powerful media owners interfering with the news and information broadcasted and published and which affects the way the people of Australia think and vote.
- (8) Will the Minister abandon the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002; if not, why not.

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 inquiry:

Local government and cost shifting.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Mr Bartlett (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Farmer, Ms Gambaro, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Mr Pearce, Ms Plibersek, Mr Sawford, Mr Sidebottom. (Mr Cadman and Mr Wilkie to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into the education of boys.)

Current inquiries:

Education of boys.

Vocational education and training in schools.

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Mrs D. M. Kelly (*Chair*), Mr Bevis, Mr Dutton, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Lloyd, 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 Quick, Mr C. P. Thomson. (Mr Wakelin to be a supplementary member 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 inquiries:

Adequacy of procedures for examining the estimates of expenditure.

Proposed revised standing orders.

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.

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.

Bill referred:

Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002. (*To report by 6 November 2002*).

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 Hogg, Senator Moore, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

Current inquiry:

Australia's quarantine function.

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 inquiry:

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

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 Byrne, 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 Cook, Senator Eggleston, Senator Evans, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne.

Current inquiries:

Aspects of the 2000-2001 annual report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission relating to conditions at immigration detention centres and the treatment of detainees.

Australia's maritime strategy.

Australia's role in the United Nations.

Australia's role in the World Trade Organisation.

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

Human rights and good governance education in the Asia-Pacific region.

Relations with Indonesia.

Trade and investment relations with the countries of Central Europe

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 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 Kirk, Senator Marshall, Senator Mason, 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*).