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NOTICE PAPER

No. 61

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 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 **ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Report for 2001-2002. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

†1 **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. Time allowed—35 minutes.*)

†2 **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. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

* *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.*

†3 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** 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. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Question—That grievances be noted (*under standing order 106*).
- 2 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS—BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr S. F. Smith*).
- 3 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 4 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 5 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (ENHANCED UMP INDEMNITY) CONTRIBUTION BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 6 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY (IBNR INDEMNITY) CONTRIBUTION BILL 2002** (*Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 7 **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*).
- *8 **CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 9 **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*).
- *10 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (VENTURE CAPITAL) BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- *11 **VENTURE CAPITAL BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 12 **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*).

- 13 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 14 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 February 2002—Mr Cox*).
- *15 **BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 14 November 2002*).
- 16 **RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for the Environment and Heritage*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 27 June 2002—Mr Zahra*).
- 17 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 18 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2002—Mr Sidebottom*).
- 19 **COMMONWEALTH VOLUNTEERS PROTECTION BILL 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (REPAYMENT OF DIRECTORS' BONUSES) BILL 2002** (*Treasurer*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 16 October 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 22 **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*).
- 23 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **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*).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **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*).
- 29 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 March 2002—Ms Ellis*).
- 30 **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*).
- 31 **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*).
- 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 (IMPROVED REMEDIES FOR UNPROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 34 **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*).
- 35 **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*).
- 36 **MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 19 September 2002—Mr Albanese*).
- 37 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 38 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 2002** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Cox*).
- 39 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (CHOICE IN AWARD COVERAGE) BILL 2002** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- 40 **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*).
- 41 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]** (*Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Melham*).
- *42 **PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING BILL 2002**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 14 November 2002*).
- *43 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2001—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the paper.
- *44 **FEDERAL PRIVACY COMMISSIONER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- *45 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Ms Macklin*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **ENTERPRISE AND CAREER EDUCATION FOUNDATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **ANINDILYAKWA LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **LIST OF MULTILATERAL TREATY ACTIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 13 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 52 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **INSOLVENCY AND TRUSTEE SERVICE AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **OPERATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1966—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 59 **BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **VETERANS' REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 70 **AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 73 **FEDERAL POLICE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **AUSTRALIA BUSINESS ARTS FOUNDATION LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 77 **NATIONAL OCEANS OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 78 **REFUGEE REVIEW TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 80 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—WORKPLACE DIVERSITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 82 **AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—STATE OF THE SERVICE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 84 **FAMILY LAW COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 85 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 86 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 87 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 88 **AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 89 **EMPLOYMENT NATIONAL LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 90 **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 91 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 92 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 93 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 94 **CORPORATIONS AND MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 95 **FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL AND AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 96 **AUSTRALIAN OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 97 **COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 98 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 99 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 100 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACT 1996—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 101 **ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOUNDATION LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 102 **COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 103 **PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 104 **HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 105 **FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 106 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 107 **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DRUG AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 108 **ARMY AND AIR FORCE CANTEEN SERVICE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 109 **SERVICES TRUST FUNDS—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 110 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES TRUST FUND—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 111 **DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 112 **MILITARY SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFITS SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 113 **WET TROPICS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 114 **DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 115 **OFFICE OF FILM AND LITERATURE CLASSIFICATION BOARD AND CLASSIFICATION REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 116 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 117 **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE—REPORT ON ASSUMED IDENTITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 118 **AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 119 **COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 120 **GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTELY REPORT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 30 MARCH 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 121 **GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2002—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 122 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 123 **AUSTRALIA INDONESIA INSTITUTE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 124 **TREATY TABLED ON 12 NOVEMBER 2002—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 125 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 126 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 127 **AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 128 **OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 129 **FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 130 **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 131 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 132 **TOBACCO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 133 **COTTON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 134 **FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 135 **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 136 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 137 **NETALERT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 138 **TELSTRA—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 139 **SBS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 140 **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 141 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 142 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 143 **AUSTRALIA POST—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 144 **NATIONAL OFFICE FOR THE INFORMATION ECONOMY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 145 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 146 **AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM—REPORT—VOLUMES 1 AND 2—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 147 **AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM—REPORT—VOLUME 3—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 148 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 149 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 150 **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 151 **SEAFARERS SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 152 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 153 **DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—REPORT—VOLUME 1—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 154 **DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—REPORT—VOLUME 2—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 155 **SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 156 **COMLAND LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 157 **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE—REPORT—VOLUME 1—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 158 **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE—REPORT—VOLUME 2—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 159 **COMMISSIONER FOR COMPLAINTS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 160 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 161 **NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 162 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 163 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 164 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 165 **ALBURY-WODONGA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 166 **MARITIME INDUSTRY FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 167 **NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 168 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 169 **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 170 **REPATRIATION COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL TREATMENT MONITORING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 171 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS—DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 172 **ABORIGINAL HOSTELS LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 173 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 174 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 175 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 176 **AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 177 **AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 178 **COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 179 **MIGRATION REVIEW TRIBUNAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 180 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 181 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 182 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON VISITS TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 183 **AUSTRAC—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 184 **CRIMTRAC—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 185 **LAND AND WATER AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 186 **AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 187 **DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 188 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 189 **AUSTRADE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 190 **AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 191 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 192 **AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 193 **AUSTRALIAN GREENHOUSE OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 194 **CENTRELINK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 October 2002—Mr Swan*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.
- 195 **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.
- 196 **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.
- 197 **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.
- 198 **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.
- 199 **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.

- 200 **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.
- 201 **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.
- 202 **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.
- 203 **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.
- 204 **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.
- 205 **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.
- 206 **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.
- 207 **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.
- 208 **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.
- 209 **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.
- 210 **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.
- 211 **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.
- 212 **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.
- 213 **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.
- 214 **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.
- 215 **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.
- 216 **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.
- 217 **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.
- 218 **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.

- 219 **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.
- 220 **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.
- 221 **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.
- 222 **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.
- 223 **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.
- 224 **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.
- 225 **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.
- 226 **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.
- 227 **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.
- 228 **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.
- 229 **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.
- 230 **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.
- 231 **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".*
- 232 **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.
- 233 **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.
- 234 **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.

- 235 **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.
- 236 **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.
- 237 **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.
- 238 **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.
- 239 **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.
- 240 **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.
- 241 **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.
- 242 **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.
- 243 **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.
- 244 **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.
- 245 **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.
- 246 **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.
- 247 **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.
- 248 **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.
- 249 **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.
- 250 **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.
- 251 **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.

- 252 **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.
- 253 **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.
- 254 **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.
- 255 **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.
- 256 **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.
- 257 **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.
- 258 **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.
- 259 **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.
- 260 **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.
- 261 **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.
- 262 **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.
- 263 **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.
- 264 **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.
- 265 **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.
- 266 **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.
- 267 **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.
- 268 **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.

- 269 **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.
- 270 **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.
- 271 **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.
- 272 **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.
- 273 **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*).
- 274 **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 2 December 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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 11 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PLANNING, PREPARING AND PROFITING FROM TRADE AND INVESTMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2002—Mr Baird, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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 2 December 2002.*)
- 12 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON WATCHING BRIEF ON TERRORISM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 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 2 December 2002.*)
- 13 **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON DRAFT AMENDMENT 39 OF NATIONAL CAPITAL PLAN—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 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 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 14 **COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON WIRELESS BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 2002—Mr Pyne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 15 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INTEGRITY OF ELECTORAL ROLL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November*

2002—*Mr Georgiou, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Georgiou—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 16 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—49TH REPORT—TIMOR SEA TREATY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 2002—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices given for Monday, 2 December 2002

- *1 **MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Governor-General Act 1974* in relation to the annual report prepared under section 19 of the Act, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 14 November 2002.*)
- *2 **MR LLOYD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the service and bravery of all Australian veterans involved with the Z Special Unit Forces, including Operation Jaywick during WWII;
 - (2) notes:
 - (a) the upcoming 60th anniversary of Operation Jaywick on 26-27 September 2003;
 - (b) Australia Post's successful and popular policy of producing special issue commemorative stamps; and
 - (c) Australia Post's policy to only recognise anniversaries of 50 years or multiples of 50 years in such commemorative stamp issues; and
 - (3) urges Australia Post to review this policy to enable the issue of a 60th anniversary commemorative stamp series in honour of the veterans of Operation Jaywick. (*Notice given 14 November 2002.*)

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 2 **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 2 December 2002.*)

- 3 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 4 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 5 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 6 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 7 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 8 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

10 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

11 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 12 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 13 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 14 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 15 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 16 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 17 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 18 **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. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 19 **MR PEARCE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance and value of all children learning music as part of their school education;
- (2) appreciates how the learning of music can provide additional benefits to a child's overall academic and educational development;

- (3) acknowledges the significant contribution and effort that people from all walks of life make to their local communities through music and arts initiatives, particularly those that support our youth;
 - (4) recognises the positive link between the wellbeing of our youth and their appreciation and active participation in music activities; and
 - (5) calls on the Government through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) to actively support and encourage:
 - (a) an increased presence and heightened importance of learning music within the various education curricula throughout Australia; and
 - (b) an increase in funding for school music education programs from respective State and Territory governments. (*Notice given 23 October 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 20 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That the House recognises that no holder of a public office in Australia should be above parliamentary scrutiny and as such standing order 74 should be amended to allow the performance of the highest office in the nation, the Governor-General, to be debated by the democratically elected Members of the House of Representatives. (*Notice given 11 November 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 21 **MS GILLARD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the historic action of the Holt Government, with bipartisan support from the Australian Labor Party, in initiating the dismantling of the White Australia Policy;
 - (2) recognises that since 1973, successive Labor and Liberal/National Party Governments have, with bipartisan support, pursued a racially non-discriminatory immigration policy to the overwhelming national, and international, benefit of Australia; and
 - (3) gives its unambiguous and unqualified commitment to the principle that, whatever criteria are applied by Australian Governments in exercising their sovereign right to determine the composition of the immigration intake, race or ethnic origin shall never, explicitly or implicitly, be among them. (*Notice given 11 November 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 22 **MR BEVIS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) establish a committee consisting of four Government Members and three Opposition Members to review the oaths of allegiance and affirmation for Members of the House and recommend to the Parliament a new oath and affirmation that reflects our unique Australian history and our multicultural society and includes a pledge of loyalty to Australia and its people and our democratic institutions and traditions; and
 - (2) require the committee to seek public comment on a new oath and affirmation and include recommendations on procedures and a timetable to be followed in making these changes. (*Notice given 12 November 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 23 **MRS IRWIN:** To move—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the ongoing effects of emotional deprivation suffered by children placed in institutions prior to the mid 1970's;
 - (2) applauds the public exposure of the misguided policies under which British migrant children and the "stolen generation" of indigenous children were treated and the effects of their treatment in children's institutions evident in adulthood;
 - (3) recognises that Australian children raised in institutions were denied love and affection, that they were separated from siblings, subjected to harsh discipline and suffered physical and sexual abuse;
 - (4) recognises that they were conditioned to perform manual work rather than to pursue higher education or develop high level skills and that they were subjected to a deliberate policy to erase any awareness of their biological parents and family; and
 - (5) calls on the Government to facilitate the full disclosure of the forgotten history of institutionalised children and to respond to the present needs of those generations still suffering the effects of their time in children's institutions. (*Notice given 12 November 2002. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 2 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 3 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 4 **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 2 December 2002.*)
- 5 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 2002.*)
- 6 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 2002.*)
- 7 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 2002.*)
- 8 **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 the next sitting Monday after 2 December 2002.*)
- 9 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 10 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 11 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 12 **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 2 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 13 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 14 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 15 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 16 **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 3 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 17 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.)
- 18 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.)
- 19 **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 4 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.)
- 20 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.)
- 21 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.)
- 22 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 23 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 24 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 25 **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 5 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 26 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY SERVICES) BILL 2002** (*Mr Crean*): Second reading (*from 21 October 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 2 December 2002.*)
- 27 **PLASTIC BAG LEVY (ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION) BILL 2002** (*Mr Andren*): Second reading (*from 21 October 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 2 December 2002.*)
- 28 **PLASTIC BAG (MINIMISATION OF USAGE) EDUCATION FUND BILL 2002** (*Mr Andren*): Second reading (*from 21 October 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 2 December 2002.*)
- 29 **FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS (RENEWABLE CONTENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL) AMENDMENT BILL 2002** (*Mr Katter*): Second reading (*from 21 October 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 2 December 2002.*)
- 30 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN NIGERIA**: Resumption of debate (*from 21 October 2002*) on the motion of Mr Baird—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

- 31 **YOUNG PEOPLE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 2002—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)
- 32 **DIABETES:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 2002*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—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 are 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 Diab Cost Australia 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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 2002.*)

33 **ISRAEL AND PALESTINE:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 2002—Ms J. I. Bishop, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Irwin—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. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 2 December 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

Order of the day

- 1 **TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BALI—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 October 2000*) on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Order of the day

- 1 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EDUCATION OF BOYS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 November 2002—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Bartlett—That the House take note of the report.

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.

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- 36 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Will he obtain Income Tax Exemption Charity Status for non-profit child care centres that look after children, including children with a disability, children with special needs, Aboriginal children and children from disadvantaged families; if not, why not.
- 37 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is there a large number of anomalies associated with the current definition of a charity as a benevolent institution under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITA Act).
 - (2) Will amendments to the ITA Act need to be made to reflect community needs to enable charitable entities to benefit from tax deductible donations to assist their work.
 - (3) In view of the need for some charitable entities like the Breast Cancer Action Group NSW to undertake advocacy on behalf of their clients, is he prepared to recommend to the Government that amendments to the ITA Act should be made to ensure that such advocacy activities should not be a disqualifying criterion for Deductibility Gift Recipient Status; if not, why not.
 - (4) Does the St Vincent de Paul Society enjoy Deductible Gift Recipient Status; if so, is the Society precluded from engaging in any form of advocacy on behalf of the people it assists; if so, why; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will the Government encourage not-for-profit public good groups to address the problems of their members and others in the community by amending the definition of Deductible Gift Recipient Status so that such groups can more readily attract donations; if not, why not.
 - (6) Did the Charities Inquiry complete its report by 30 June 2001; if not, why not.
 - (7) Will the Charities Inquiry report be made available to the public during the 40th Parliament; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 40 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a report in *The Age* newspaper on 26 June 2001 titled “Tax experts declare: we are confused”.
 - (2) Has his attention been drawn to the comment in that report by the Tax Agents’ Association President, Ray Regan that (a) this year’s Taxpack has confused even the experts and (b) the Government’s tax reforms had complicated the system so much that tax agents’ fees would increase by 50 to 100 % this year.
 - (3) Has his attention also been drawn to a similar report in *The Canberra Times* on 26 June 2001 titled “Post-GST Taxpack too complicated: expert”.
 - (4) What action is he taking to make it easier for tax agents and taxpayers to better understand this year’s Taxpack.
 - (5) What action is he taking to minimise the increased costs taxpayers are bearing following the introduction of the Government’s recent tax reforms.
- 42 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it stated at page 36 of *Taxpack 2001* that the ATO can ask taxpayers who claim work related deductions of over \$300 to justify such claims with written evidence.
 - (2) How did the ATO determine the threshold of \$300 for work related deductions to require written evidence.
 - (3) In determining the threshold of \$300, did the ATO consider the impact of the GST; if not, why not.
 - (4) Will the Taxation Commissioner consider reviewing the threshold of \$300 for work related deductions to require written evidence; if not, why not.
- 43 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—What percentage of (a) barristers and (b) solicitors pay the top marginal rate of income tax.

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

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

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

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a media release from the Productivity Commission, dated 24 August 2001, titled “Price Regulation of Airport Services” in which the Productivity Commission recommends as its preferred option a five-year period of price and conduct monitoring for Sydney Airport, with no direct control over that period.
- (2) If so, (a) upon what policy basis is this recommendation based, (b) upon what policy basis and instruments is the existing regulatory regime of price caps and regulation founded, (c) will he table copies of these policy instruments in the House and (d) will he table the policy reasoning that has led to the recommendation by the Commission that a monitoring regime be initiated.
- (3) Further to the media release and an article at page 56 in the *Australian Financial Review* of 25-26 August 2001 concerning the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) overall ruling on Sydney’s aeronautical charges, (a) what is the policy rationale for the system of dual till pricing and (b) what impact will a dual till pricing system have on charges for consumers.
- (4) Does the Commission’s judgment conflict with the ACCC’s overall ruling to increase aeronautical charges.
- (5) What impact will the ACCC’s decision to increase aeronautical charges by 97% have on the second till non-aeronautical tenants, including shop owners, parking station owners and restaurants at Sydney Airport.
- (6) Will the 97% increase in aeronautical charges decrease turnover for the non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport due to increased airfares and other charges thus economically pricing out prospective consumers of Sydney Airport services.
- (7) Will the new two-till system enable the prospective bidders for Sydney Airport’s airport lease to increase non-aeronautical tenants’ rents, thus decreasing profitability for those non-aeronautical tenants at Sydney Airport.
- (8) Will he provide case references for the court actions referred to in the *Australian Financial Review* article.
- (9) Are the terms of settlement between the parties in the litigation matters in the public interest and should be disclosed.
- (10) In which court did the proceedings take place.
- (11) Were proceedings in the relevant court closed proceedings.
- (12) Are the terms of the out of court settlement in the public interest and do they warrant public scrutiny.
- (13) Do the terms of the out of court settlement directly impact on persons not party to the legal proceedings, including the general public and non-aeronautical tenants of Sydney Airport; if not, why not.

- (14) Upon what policy basis does the Productivity Commission seek to avoid the currently high level of regulatory involvement.
- (15) Will he seek to challenge the Commission's findings regarding its judgment or does he agree with the Commission's findings; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (16) Why does the Commission consider the current level of regulatory involvement as high.
- (17) Will he seek advice from the Commission to explain what is the existing policy of the current regulatory regime.
- (18) Are aeronautical services for Sydney Airport subject to price surveillance and are aeronautical related services subject to price monitoring.
- (19) Is Sydney Airport subject to pricing regulation under the Prices Surveillance Act.
- (20) Is Sydney Airport further subject to the current regulations under the Prices Surveillance Act made in 1997.
- (21) Would the current arrangements of pricing regulation apply only for the first five years of operation of the lease of Sydney Airport and Sydney Basin airports.
- (22) Further to the statement in relation to terms of reference No. 5 of the Commission draft report titled "Price Regulation of Airport Services", (a) what is the policy rationale for the premise that the price caps applied to aeronautical services will no longer operate, (b) what is the policy rationale for applying this regulation for only a five year period, (c) what event or milestone date did the Government contemplate in 1997 that predicated a sunset clause to terminate a price surveillance regulatory regime such as the 1997 regulations and (d) were the regulations instituted with a view to the elimination of price capping in 2002; if so, what is the policy basis to eliminate the price capping provisions in 2002.
- (23) Did he contemplate in 1997 the sale of Sydney Airport by transfer of the airport lease from Sydney Airport Corporation to a private person; if so, at the time of making his prices surveillance regulation that currently regulates Sydney Airport, did he know that the airport would be leased to a private entity or corporate person who is not the current lessee.
- (24) In 1996 when the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services made his second reading speech on the Airports Bill 1996, was it stated that Sydney Airport would not be sold until Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems had been solved.
- (25) Did he know whether the pricing regulatory regime must accommodate a financial component that satisfies all policy objectives of Government, including solving Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems through the full introduction of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and the completion of a genuine environmental impact statement (EIS) for Sydney West Airport and the construction of that airport.
- (26) Does paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act state that a general policy guideline of the Commission is to reduce regulation of industry, including regulation by the States, Territories and local government, where this is consistent with the social and economic goals of the Commonwealth Government.
- (27) Is he able to say whether the LTOP is a Ministerial Direction issued by power given to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services under section 16 of the Air Services Act.
- (28) Is the LTOP, for the purposes of paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act, a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government; if not, why not.
- (29) Is the construction of Sydney West Airport at Badgerys Creek a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government, pursuant to paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act; if not, why not.
- (30) Is it reasonable for the Commission to accept submissions at public hearings into the draft report on the Price Regulation of Airport Services, concerning the two relevant social and economic goals of the Commonwealth Government referred to in part (25).
- (31) Is it reasonable for the Commission to consider these goals when considering the terms of reference to the Price Regulation of Airport Services at Sydney Airport; if not, why not, given paragraph 8(1)(b) of the Productivity Commission Act.
- (32) Can price regulation be used to administer environmental control of Sydney Airport in meeting the Government's social and economic goals and fulfilling the LTOP.

- (33) Does paragraph 8(1)(e) of the Productivity Commission Act state that a general policy guideline of the Commission is to recognise the interests of industries, employees, consumers and the community, likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission.
- (34) Does the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) and its members represent members of the community likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission; if not, (a) why not and (b) will he notify the Productivity Commissioner under the powers given him pursuant to subsection 8(2), that the SACF and its members be considered members of the community likely to be affected by measures proposed by the Commission; if not, why not.
- (35) Is he able to say whether, by virtue of membership of the SACF, members of the SACF constitute part of a statutory committee established under the auspice of the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services and as such, constitute a formal element of the public interest process of community consultation as established by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.
- (36) In fulfilling its obligations under section 8 of the Productivity Commission Act, must the Commission consider environmental and ecological constraints as part of the Act's general policy guidelines; if not, why not.
- (37) Will he notify the Productivity Commissioner in writing under the powers given him pursuant to subsection 8(2) that the (a) full implementation of the LTOP and (b) construction of Sydney West Airport before the sale of Sydney Airport as a strategic solution to solving Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems, are matters going to the operation of paragraph 8(1)(b) as a social and economic goal of the Commonwealth Government and need to be considered as part of the Commission's terms of reference in respect to the draft report on Price Regulation of Airport Services; if not, why not.
- (38) Is the Commission's scope of inquiry into Price Regulation of Airport Services narrow as it has not been directed to report on whether relevant Government social, economic and other goals are adversely affected, compromised or negated; if not, why not.
- (39) Is the Commission's direction of recommendations flawed in that the Commission is not being called upon to identify relevant issues going to social and economic goals.
- (40) For the purposes of clause 9 of the draft report's scope of inquiry, do key interest groups and affected parties include the SACF and its members.
- 77 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—For the years ending 30 June (a) 1999, (b) 2000 and (c) 2001, (i) how many taxpayers claimed the dependent spouse rebate, (ii) how many taxpayers had tax debts and penalties raised against them for failure to include Basic Parenting Allowance in the Separate Net Income section of their returns, (iii) what was the average time between lodgement date and when taxpayers were notified of the debts referred to in part (ii), (iv) how many taxpayers with debts described in part (ii) lodged formal objections with the Australian Taxation Office and (v) of the formal objections lodged, how many have resulted in having the tax shortfall penalty waived.
- 91 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What has been the total outlay by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on the EDS contract in each financial year since EDS won the information technology delivery contract for the ATO.
 - (2) What sum has been spent by the ATO for non-EDS delivered IT functions in each financial year since the commencement of the contract.
 - (3) What is the price charged by EDS to the ATO for a basic call out.
 - (4) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions prior to the contract being outsourced to EDS and did that cost include the cost of call outs.
 - (5) What was the total cost of the ATO's IT functions after the contract was outsourced to EDS, including the internal support and does that cost include the cost of call outs.
 - (6) Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 19 October 1999, page 11914), will he provide copies of the reports EDS is required to prepare each month on service levels, since the commencement of the contract until 1 May 2000.
- 92 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) For how many of its staff has the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) provided GST training.
 - (2) How many of those staff have subsequently left the ATO, and how many of them left within six weeks of completing the training course.
 - (3) How many staff left the ATO in (a) 1998-99, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001.
 - (4) What will be the impact of these departures on the time taken to process taxation returns.

- (5) Have staff been transferred out of the Large Business and International business line; if so, how many.
- (6) What has been the cost of outsourcing the information technology function to EDS in each financial year since this first occurred.
- (7) What percentage of the ATO budget was allocated to information technology in (a) 2000-2001, (b) 1999-2000, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1997-98 and (e) 1996-97.
- (8) Has the ATO given incorrect GST registration numbers to businesses registering for the GST; if so, (a) on how many occasions, (b) what was the reason for incorrect registration numbers being issued and (c) will businesses in this situation who have printed letterheads, replied to questionnaires and who will incur significant expense in rectifying these errors be offered compensation by the ATO or the Government for expenses incurred as a result.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 101 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Did his Department receive a license agreement for the Super Dome box; if so, what was the basis of the agreement.
 - (2) In addition to the \$850 000 for the cost of tickets to the Olympics for use by Government, the \$240 000 for use of a 20-seat box at Stadium Australia, and the \$120 000 for an 18-seat box at the Super Dome, what was the breakdown of other costs incurred by him and other Ministers when entertaining guests during the Olympic Games.
- 103 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—With respect to the Roads of National Importance program can he provide the requests for funding under this program submitted by each State and Territory Government for the (a) 1999-2000, (b) 2000-2001 and (c) 2002-2003 financial years.
- 119 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—With respect to each of the OECD member nations, what (a) waiting time is required to become a citizen, (b) countries provide for dual citizenship, (c) is the per capita migration intake, (d) is the per capita skilled migration intake, (e) is the per capita refugee migration intake, (f) countries provide for permanent recognition of refugees, (g) is the per capita contribution to the UNHCR and (h) proportion of their populations were born overseas.
- 130 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—What sum was spent during (a) 1998-1999, (b) 1999-2000 and (c) 2000-2001 on (i) consultation, (ii) transport, (iii) acquisition and (iv) storage in respect of wines for the Prime Minister's Lodge and Kirribilli House.

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- 154 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Taxpayers' Charter explanatory booklet entitled "Treating you fairly and reasonably" contain a statement that it recognises individual circumstances, including previous history as a taxpayer and level of knowledge and understanding of the tax laws.
 - (2) What criteria does the ATO use to ensure that individual taxpayers are treated individually.
 - (3) Does the ATO have an internal policy document or set of procedures that outlines how this statement in the charter is to be put into practice.
 - (4) How does the ATO monitor compliance to clauses in the taxpayers' charter.
 - (5) In the instances of reassessing investors in Mass Marketed Tax Effective investments who have had rulings made against them, did the ATO look at every case individually.
- 155 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) When examining Mass Marketed Tax Effective Schemes in the process of preparing position papers, did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) examine the original prospectuses of the various schemes; if so, which schemes; if not, why.
 - (2) Did the ATO find differences between the original information contained in the prospectus and the actual operation of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
 - (3) Did the ATO find evidence of round robin arrangements associated with the payment of management fees from a non-recourse loan facility available to investors in any of the schemes; if so, which schemes.
 - (4) Did the ATO find any evidence of any illegal activities in relation to round robin schemes; if so, was this evidence passed on to Australian Securities Investments Commission (ASIC) or any other investigative or regulatory body; if not, why not.
 - (5) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors had knowledge of round robin schemes that were contrary to the scheme's original prospectus.
 - (6) What statutory requirements does the ATO have to refer suspected breaches of Corporations law to ASIC.
 - (7) When examining tax effective schemes, did the ATO make any inquiries with any investors in schemes, other than the project manager and its directors, to determine their knowledge of, or consent to round robin arrangements; if so, how many investors were interviewed or queried and in what specific schemes did this occur.

- (8) Were steps taken by the ATO or any other agency to protect the rights of investors in regard to the financial viability of these schemes; if so, what steps were taken and in which schemes were they taken.
- (9) Did the ATO investigate international agreements being entered into by schemes that were claimed as managerial or marketing services to the scheme; if so, which schemes were involved in this type of activity and what was the result of these investigations.
- (10) In relation to international agreements being used as a round robin device by schemes, was there any investigation by the ATO that this type of arrangement may have constituted an activity with the dominant purpose of avoiding or evading taxation; if so, did the ATO proceed to disallow any tax deductions made by the management company in relation to the international arrangements and funding.
- (11) Did the ATO proceed to further investigate, prosecute or refer for prosecution any parties involved in these international transactions.
- (12) Did the ATO find any evidence that investors in schemes knowingly participated in or approved round robin transactions or international arrangements or funding; if so, on what basis did the ATO determine that penalty payments should be applied to those investors in their notices of reassessment.

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

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

11 March 2002

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

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

12 March 2002

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

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

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255 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many First Home Owner Grants have been made since the commencement of the scheme.
- (2) What sum has been paid out in grants since the commencement of the scheme.

- (3) Are applicants for the grant required to live in the home for which the grant was given for any fixed period of time.
- (4) Are recipients of the grant permitted to lease the home for which the grant was made for any fixed period of time; if so, how are grant applicants advised of this condition.
- (5) Is the scheme audited to ensure that applicants have not previously owned residential property; if so, what checks are carried out to confirm the status of the applicant.
- (6) Are these checks carried out on all applicants or only a sample.
- (7) Is the scheme audited to ensure that applicants do not lease the property for which the grant applied for any period of time proscribed in the conditions for the grant; if so, what checks are carried out to confirm the applicant's compliance with this condition.
- (8) Are these checks carried out on all applicants or only a sample.
- (9) Have any persons been found to have breached this condition.
- (10) What action has been taken against any persons found to have breached this condition.
- (11) What penalties does the scheme allow when conditions are breached.

260 **MS O'BYRNE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the rental contract for the premises of the Launceston Australian Taxation Office on a month by month arrangement.
- (2) Is there any intention to close or relocate this office.

21 March 2002

269 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—What were the details of operational deployments of Australian Defence Force personnel from 1972 to the present date, including personnel numbers, relevant services and branches involved.

281 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

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

14 May 2002

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

- (1) What sum has been, or will be, spent on the National Highway in each year from 1995-96 until 2005-2006.

- (2) What proportion of those funds has been or will be spent on (a) planning and design, (b) construction and (c) maintenance in each of those years, by State and Territory.

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

- (1) What criteria have been used to select roads for funding under the Black Spot program since 1996.
- (2) Who have chaired the relevant State and Territory Black Spot Panels.
- (3) Where and what sum of Black Spot funding has been granted in each (a) municipality or shire and (b) House of Representatives electoral division.
- (4) In relation to Black Spot funding in federal electoral divisions, which party held the particular electoral division at the time any grant was made.

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

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

15 May 2002

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

- (1) What criteria are followed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in determining which ATO Access sites should be maintained or closed.
- (2) What criteria are applied in determining the provision of ATO Access sites in (a) regional and (b) metropolitan areas.
- (3) What is the reason for differential treatment in determining ATO Access sites for regional and metropolitan areas.
- (4) What is the average cost to the ATO per inquiry of answering a (a) telephone and (b) counter inquiry.
- (5) How is the service provided by the personal tax phone service different to the service available over the counter.
- (6) Is the personal tax phone service regarded as inferior to the counter service; if so, why does the ATO use different criteria for determining the location of counter services in regional Australia compared with metropolitan areas.
- (7) What action has he taken to ensure all Australians have equal access to ATO inquiry services.

16 May 2002

367 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What measures is the Commonwealth taking to address the current crisis in public liability insurance for community and sporting groups.
- (2) What are the timeframes for implementation of Commonwealth measures.
- (3) Do these measures provide any guarantee that public liability insurance premiums will reduce in price.
- (4) Under the proposed Commonwealth Government measures are there any direct controls over insurance companies to take into account an organisation's claims history and risk management strategies.
- (5) Will the Government take direct measures to combat the problem by setting up a uniform national insurance scheme; if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Government take direct measures to set minimum standards for insurance claims through the introduction of an Insurance Claims Act; if not, why not.

- (7) Will the Government amend the Insurance Contracts Act to require insurance companies to charge premiums that take into account an organisation's risk management strategies and claims history; if not, why not.
- (8) Will the Government restore the power previously in the Insurance Contracts Act which allowed a representative on behalf of members of the public to take legal action against insurance companies that ignored risk assessment strategies and claims histories on the grounds that they breached the duty of good faith; if not, why not.

371 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What role does the Accounting Standards Board have in the setting of standards for the accounting industry.
- (2) Do the standards developed and approved by the Accounting Standards Board apply to the insurance industry.
- (3) Following the collapse of (a) United Medical Protection (UMP) and allegations that the accounting practices used by UMP were other than standard within the industry and (b) HHH, has the Accounting Standards Board undertaken investigations into this matter; if not, why not; if so, (i) what investigations were carried out, (ii) what conclusions have been drawn from those investigations and (iii) have the results and conclusions been communicated to the accounting and insurance industries.

372 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What responsibility does the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) have in ensuring the stability and prudential operation of individual providers within the insurance industry.
- (2) What level of financial disclosure does APRA require of general insurers in discharging its responsibilities.
- (3) What action, if any, is APRA empowered to take in regard to insurers that fail prudential standards.
- (4) On what date did APRA become aware of the technical insolvency of United Medical Protection (UMP).
- (5) What action, if any, is APRA required to take upon becoming aware of the insolvency.
- (6) What action did APRA take upon becoming aware of any difficulties faced by UMP.
- (7) If no action was taken by APRA relating to UMP in the period leading up to the voluntary appointment of administrators, has APRA adequately discharged its responsibilities.

374 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What investigations have been undertaken by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) into the operation of providers of professional indemnity insurance.
- (2) On what dates did these investigations occur.
- (3) Were investigations of a similar nature undertaken into United Medical Protection (UMP); if so, on what dates did they take place.
- (4) On what date did APRA become aware of the prudential difficulties being faced by UMP.
- (5) On what date was he advised of the difficulties facing UMP.
- (6) Does he maintain confidence in the operations of APRA as they relate to UMP.

385 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Can the Minister explain how a salary increase of 11.5% granted to social services employees under the new Social and Community Services award in NSW on 28 November 2001 can be adequately covered by an indexed annual increase of 2.54% for the express purpose of wages growth as reported in *The Australian* on 18 February 2002.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that (a) the wages of employees under this award have increased incrementally with each of the Industrial Relations Commission's safety net adjustments, (b) these incremental rises have absorbed the indexed increases in Commonwealth funding and (c) massive increases in other fixed costs such as insurance have further eroded any benefit to be had from the indexed Commonwealth funding increase.
- (3) In light of the fact that the annually indexed increase in Commonwealth funding has been absorbed as intended, is it a fact that the community service groups who rely on Commonwealth funds do require additional funding to meet the increased costs of the new award.

27 May 2002

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

- (1) Was it stated during the Minister's address at the Post-Budget breakfast address at the Westin Hotel on 15 May 2002, that there is an estimated increase of \$300m for auditing functions of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO); if not, what is provided in the 2002-2003 Budget for auditing functions within the ATO.
- (2) Has an estimated \$39m been allocated for 3000 additional personnel for auditing functions; if not, what is the allocation in the 2002-2003 Budget for additional auditing personnel, if any.
- (3) If no sum is allocated, will funds be allocated for this additional capacity by the ATO; if not, why not.
- (4) What part of this budget goes towards collection of moneys from corporations.
- (5) Is the Minister able to say whether revenue moneys collected from media corporations represent the correct amount of company tax; if so, what revenue was collected from (a) PBL Limited, (b) News Corporation and (c) John Fairfax Holdings Ltd in 2001-2002.

28 May 2002

409 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any studies into the maintenance of Australia's "4 pillars" policy in relation to banks; if so, what was the outcome of those studies.
- (2) What is the Government's view on the application of the "4 pillars" policy.

412 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many Full Time Equivalent staff did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) have in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998, (e) 1999, (f) 2000, (g) 2001 and (h) 2002 in Victoria.
- (2) How many ATO office locations were there in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998, (e) 1999, (f) 2000, (g) 2001 and (h) 2002 in Victoria.
- (3) How many of the offices listed in part (2) provided or provide face to face assistance to taxpayers in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998, (e) 1999, (f) 2000, (g) 2001 and (h) 2002.
- (4) How many GST dedicated staff were employed in the ATO in (a) 2000, (b) 2001 and (c) 2002.

413 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What assessments has he or his Department made regarding compliance with the Goods and Services Tax.
- (2) What assessments has he or his Department made regarding the size of the black economy.
- (3) Has he or his Department made assessments regarding the time it takes small business to complete Business Activity Statements (BAS); if so, what is the average time that it takes a small business to complete a BAS.

30 May 2002

440 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) issue a draft taxation ruling on 15 November 2000 entitled "Income tax and fringe benefits tax: public benevolent institutions".
- (2) Does the document state at paragraph 150 that "migrant resource centres are not public benevolent institutions. A person cannot be said to be suffering misfortune, poverty, distress, etc simply because he or she is a migrant. In contrast, non-profit organisations that are predominantly to relieve directly the helplessness and distress of refugees may be public benevolent institutions".
- (3) In the period available for public comment on the draft ruling, did any other Commonwealth agencies make comments to the ATO on paragraph 150; if so, which agencies did so and what was the nature of their comments.
- (4) Has the ATO now made a final ruling on the matter; if so, what position does the ruling take on the possible public benevolent institution status of migrant resource centres and other Commonwealth funded migrant services.
- (5) If there has not yet been a final ruling on the matter, when is one expected.

- (6) What are the implications in terms of (a) income tax liabilities, (b) deductible gift recipient status and (c) eligibility for fringe benefits tax concessions if migrant resource centres and other Commonwealth funded migrant services are, or are not, considered by the ATO to be public benevolent institutions.

5 June 2002

- 478 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the impact the doubling of the notional employer contributions this year by the Police Superannuation Scheme actuary due to the increased number of NSW Police being medically discharged after sustaining recognised hurt on duty injuries, is having on NSW Police.
 - (2) Why are police being taxed as high income earners as a ramification of their colleagues who have been medically discharged due to being injured at work.
 - (3) Why does this anomaly exist where workers compensation for affected NSW police is included under the federal superannuation taxation regime.
 - (4) Will the Government take steps to address this important issue and to rectify the anomaly that unfairly affects NSW Police.

18 June 2002

- 537 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How long has his Department and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had access to the Productivity Commission's review of the national third party access regime
 - (2) When will the Productivity Commission's review of the national third party access regime be made public.
 - (3) Why has there been a delay in terms of the Review's findings being made public.
 - (4) When will the Government's promised review of the National Third Party Access Code commence.

19 June 2002

- 557 **MR GIBBONS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure that private midwives have access to affordable insurance indemnity cover, thereby allowing them to continue practising their profession.
 - (2) When will the Government introduce measures to alleviate problems that large sections of the community are experiencing with exorbitant indemnity insurance.

24 June 2002

- 579 **MS GRIERSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—How many people with a disability are employed by the Minister's Department or agencies under the Minister's administration in the electoral division of Newcastle.

25 June 2002

- 598 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Sport—
- (1) Has the Minister been made aware by any person or body of evidence regarding fraud committed against the Australian Film Finance Corporation (AFFC) relating to its investment in 1995-96 in a children's animation program called "Crocadoo" produced by a Sydney animation company, Energiee Entertainment.
 - (2) Has the AFFC been presented with evidence of such fraud committed against it in this matter.
 - (3) Has the AFFC informed the Australian Federal Police or the NSW Police of this matter; if not, why not.
 - (4) How much was the AFFC investment into this production and what has been the return.
 - (5) Under the terms of warranties provided by the production company to the AFFC, is the AFFC entitled to ask for the return of its investment; if so, will it do so; if not, why not.

26 June 2002

- 615 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many people currently in receipt of superannuation are estimated as potentially losing their superannuation entitlements as a result of the proposal by the Government to change the minimum wage eligible for the Superannuation Guarantee from \$450 a month to \$1350 a quarter.
- (2) On which industries does the Government expect the changes in superannuation entitlements to impact most.
- (3) Has the Government considered the estimated impact of the changes in superannuation entitlements on female workers.

19 August 2002

636 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many employers are estimated to be (a) non-compliant and (b) partially compliant with their legal obligation to pay superannuation guarantee contributions (SGC) for their employees under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.
- (2) How many employers are estimated to be covered by the Act.
- (3) How many employees are estimated to have not received the superannuation guarantee contribution from their employer to which they are legally entitled.
- (4) How many complaints did the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) receive from employees regarding the non-compliance or partial compliance of their employers with the Act each year since 1992.
- (5) How many of the complaints received by the ATO were resolved with full payment by the employer of all outstanding SGC monies, each year since 1992.
- (6) From the time when a complaint is made to the ATO by an employee regarding non-payment of SGC monies, what is the average time it takes the ATO to contact the employer for the monies.
- (7) How long on average does the ATO give an employer to pay outstanding SGC monies owing to an employee.
- (8) How long on average from the time the ATO contacts an employer for outstanding SGC contributions, does it take the ATO to lodge a prosecution against the employer if the employer does not pay.
- (9) How many employees are estimated to have lost their superannuation guarantee entitlements because their employer has gone bankrupt or into receivership since 1992.
- (10) How many employers are estimated to have not paid their employees superannuation guarantee contributions because they have gone bankrupt or into receivership since 1992.
- (11) How many prosecutions against employers for non-payment of some or all superannuation guarantee contributions were successful, for each year from 1992.

637 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What mechanisms and processes are in place to alert employees to the fact that they are being underpaid their superannuation guarantee contributions by their employer, as stipulated in the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.
- (2) What mechanisms does the Australian Taxation Office have in place to check that employers are paying their superannuation guarantee contributions (SGC) as stipulated in the Act.
- (3) Why is there no requirement for employers to report all SGCs on employee payslips.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that if an employer does not pay an employee's SGC monthly, that employee may not be covered by the death and disability insurance offered by his or her superannuation fund?
- (5) Is the Minister also aware that through the delay to introduce the requirement for employers to pay SGCs quarterly, hundreds of thousands of Australian workers will miss out on significant superannuation monies, which would have accrued through compound interest.

639 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many departmental case officers were employed assessing applications from asylum seekers in each year from 1990 to 2001, inclusive.
- (2) How many applications were assessed in each year.
- (3) What was the country of origin of applicants, detailed for each year.
- (4) On average, how long did each case take to be assessed.
- (5) Can part (4) be broken down by country of origin; if so, what are the details for each year.

- 647 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) Is he aware of allegations that ACM took four months to pay an independent local Derby contractor for work performed at the Curtin Detention Centre.
 - (2) Is he aware of allegations that sub-contractors were often paid in cash and not at the invoiced value by head contractors.
 - (3) Is he aware of allegations that some contractors purchased equipment and on-sold it at an exorbitant mark-up.
 - (4) Is he aware of allegations that, following an Australian Federal Police investigation of this alleged anti-competitive and corrupt behaviour, the detective involved was transferred suddenly.
 - (5) If so, what steps have been taken to investigate these allegations and what are the results of any such investigation.
 - (6) Can he guarantee that no equipment or infrastructure will be or has been removed from the Curtin Detention Centre given the fact that it is to be closed.
- 652 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) In each of the last three years, how many detainees who were found to be genuine refugees spent further time in detention awaiting a security clearance.
 - (2) What is the (a) average, (b) longest and (c) shortest length of time a detainee has spent awaiting for such a clearance.
 - (3) What steps are taken in relation to such security clearances and by whom are they taken.
 - (4) Is the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) involved in the security clearance process; if so, is he able to say whether ASIO has received specific resources to enable it to undertake this task; if not why not.
 - (5) What, if any changes have been made to the security clearance process since 11 September 2001 which impact upon delays to detainee releases and to the resources devoted to the task.
- 658 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) How many students graduating from the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting and Translating to date have been granted Graduate Skilled Temporary Visas, subclass 497.
 - (2) Is he aware that the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting and Translating gives graduates a professional accreditation as awarded by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters, yet overseas graduates of this course cannot be granted a Graduate Skilled Temporary Visa, subclass 497 as the course has not been undertaken in English.
 - (3) Does an anomaly exist in that the overseas graduates in the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting and Translating, requiring an advanced level of bilingual proficiency to graduate, are unable to be granted a Graduate Skilled Temporary Visa, subclass 497 as the course has not been undertaken in English.
 - (4) Will he review the Graduate Skilled Temporary Visa, subclass 497, to enable overseas students graduating from the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting and Translating to apply for this visa category considering it is impossible to produce bilingual professional translators completing courses in English only.
- 662 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Is the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 ostensibly a Health Portfolio matter; if not, why not; if so, why was it not introduced by the Minister for Health.
 - (2) Is it his understanding that both the Government and Opposition parties in the House of Representatives and in the Senate have agreed that this bill be determined by a conscience vote; if so, what is his definition of a conscience vote.
 - (3) Is he aware that on Sunday, 11 August 2002, there was a public meeting at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney, attended by in excess of one thousand members of the public; if so, has he been issued a transcript or video/audio tape of the proceedings at that meeting.
 - (4) In light of the overwhelming evidence against the experimentation on human embryos, will he now declare his opposition to this bill and recommend to his parliamentary colleagues and all Members of Parliament in both Houses to do likewise; if not, why not.
 - (5) Does the bill define the term 'human embryo'; if so, is a human embryo a human being; if not, why not.

- (6) In introducing the bill, did he state that he could not find a sufficient moral difference between allowing embryos to succumb in this way and destroying them through research that might advance life-saving and life-enhancing therapies.
 - (7) What life-saving and life-enhancing therapies does he refer to with respect to embryonic stem cell research.
 - (8) In light of the overwhelming evidence presented by the various speakers at the Wesley Theatrette on 11 August 2002, are the real gains in medical science in the discovery of the life-saving and life-enhancing therapies to be found in adult stem cell research; if not, why not.
 - (9) Is he able to say which medical, chemical and other corporations have an interest in this bill; if so, who are those corporations and what are their interests.
 - (10) Which sectors of the Australian and international economy will benefit financially from the introduction of this bill.
 - (11) Has adult stem cell research demonstrated substantial medical advancements in the treatment of (a) regeneration of tissue from heart attack sufferers, (b) paraplegia from damaged spinal chords, (c) sickle cell anaemia, (d) insulin dependant diabetics, (e) regeneration of immunity systems, (f) eye damage and (g) brain cell re-implantation in the partial treatment of symptoms of Parkinson's disease.
- 664 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many breaches of the Sydney Airport curfew have occurred since 1 October 1998.
 - (2) What are the times and dates of breaches since 1 October 1998.
 - (3) What is the name of the airline company and type of aircraft responsible for each breach since 1 October 1998.
 - (4) Have any fines associated with these breaches been visited on the airline companies; if so, what are the full details, including the names of the airline companies and the time and date of each breach incurring a fine; if not, why not.
 - (5) Will he ensure that all airline companies are fined where a breach of the Sydney Airport curfew occurs which is due to the fault of the airline company; if not, why not.
- 669 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it fact that prior to 1 July 2001, most individual or business taxpayers could claim a full tax deduction for most items of equipment up to the value of \$300 so long as those items were relevant to a taxpayer's income-producing activities.
 - (2) Is it fact that, under the Uniform Capital Allowances (UCA) system which came into effect on 1 July 2001, an item up to the value of \$300 can no longer be claimed as a full tax deduction in the year of purchase by businesses which have turnover greater than \$1M per annum; if so, (a) why and (b) how does the Howard Government see this as a positive step forward in tax reform.
 - (3) Is it also a fact that, under the UCA system, for a business having turnover greater than \$1M per annum, an item of equipment costing as little as \$10 now has to be placed in a pool in the taxpayer's records and undergo a depreciation process, the end result of which is that that \$10 item of equipment gets depreciated over a number of years; if so, how does the Howard Government see this as a positive step forward in tax reform.
- 670 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Has the number of taxpayers who have overdue debts with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) increased since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax and the Pay As You Go tax system; if so, can he provide comparative details, including the percentage increases, in relation to (a) the number of taxpayers with an overdue debt with the ATO as at 1 July (i) 2000, (ii) 2001 and (iii) 2002 and (b) the total amount of overdue debt as at 1 July (i) 2000, (ii) 2001 and (iii) 2002.
- 685 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—Further to the answers to questions No. 2259 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2001, page 26950) and No. 327 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4978) concerning the cost of wines and liquor for Kirribilli House and The Lodge, since Mr. Peter Bourne was appointed as a wine consultant (a) on what dates were purchases of liquor made for Kirribilli House and The Lodge and (b) what sum was spent on each occasion.
- 686 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to objectives 2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, 5.1, 5.4 and 6.4 of Australia Cycling: The National Strategy and the attribution of responsibility to the Commonwealth Government for their implementation.

- (2) To what extent has development occurred on policies, planning procedures, regulations and initiatives at a Commonwealth level to achieve this strategy aim.
- (3) To what extent has development occurred on the creation of an integrated cycling network, within and between communities, and the development of a national standard for such a cycling network.
- (4) How many new and renovated public and private developments, including end-of-trip facilities for cyclists, have been undertaken since the commencement of the National Strategy and where are they located.
- (5) On which buildings, transport nodes and public places have end-of-trip facilities for cyclists been fitted.
- (6) Has development occurred on a national public communication strategy to improve the awareness of all (a) road users on how they can better share roads and (b) path users on how they can better share paths; if so, (i) what is the extent of the development, (ii) has the strategy been implemented and (iii) what measures prove community awareness of the strategy.
- (7) Are cycling aspects taken into consideration during road safety audits and blackspot identification; if so, (a) what cycling factors are considered, (b) who is responsible for considering these factors and (c) where is this consideration documented.
- (8) Has development occurred on road users' behavioural programs or initiatives to improve cyclist safety; if so, (a) what is the extent of the development, (b) how is it being implemented and (c) what measures are there to indicate success.
- (9) Has development occurred on a national marketing strategy to promote cycling and its benefits; if so, (a) what is the extent of the development, (b) at what cost to the Commonwealth and (c) what measures are there to indicate success.
- (10) Has data been collected and or research commissioned by the Commonwealth providing information to assist decisions made about cycling issues; if so (a) what does the data or research reveal, (b) where can the information be accessed and (c) what cost has been incurred by the Commonwealth in this data collection and research.
- (11) What community education programs have been implemented aimed at encouraging adults to cycle and what has been the cost to the Commonwealth of the programs.

691 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the total cost of conducting the Fuel Taxation Inquiry that was chaired by David Trebeck and is he able to provide a breakdown of that expenditure into such things as wages and administration costs.
- (2) How many people were employed on the project, and of these, how many were Commonwealth employees.
- (3) What was the nature of the employment of other contributors.
- (4) How many Commonwealth Departments provided submissions to the inquiry, and what was the cost of preparing each of those submissions.
- (5) Did any other Commonwealth Department incur other costs in relation to the inquiry; if so, which Department and what cost was incurred.
- (6) Can he outline the decision making process following the finalisation of the Fuel Taxation Inquiry Report (FTIR) in March 2002.
- (7) Which Ministers, ministerial staff and Departments received a copy of the report before it was released publicly.
- (8) Was an inter-departmental committee established to consider the recommendations; if so, which Departments were involved; if not, why not.
- (9) Did Cabinet consider the report's recommendations or receive a briefing about the report before it was released publicly; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (10) Which Ministers were involved in making the decision announced by the Government in response to the FTIR.
- (11) Did he consult with any individual or organisation when making a decision in response to the FTIR; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- (12) What is the Government's position on each of the recommendations in the FTIR and why.
- (13) Is the current structure and level of fuel taxation adequate and appropriate for Australia's national interest; if not, why not.

- (14) Which Departments are responsible for the development of the energy grants credit scheme that will replace the Diesel and Alternative Fuel Grant Scheme and the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme.
- (15) What work has been done on the design of the energy grants credit scheme to date, when is a draft proposal due for consultation and what will that consultation process be.

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

- (1) How many reports have been made to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) since 1 January 1999 about company records involving allegedly fraudulent changes of company directorship and principal office details.
- (2) What steps have been taken by ASIC since 1999 to deal with fraudulent alterations to company records.
- (3) How many people have been charged by ASIC, or on behalf of ASIC, for fraudulent activity in relation to company records.
- (4) Has ASIC sought additional powers or resources from the Government to deal with the problem of fraudulent company record alteration.

705 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) What are the origins of the Government's Quality Assurance System for the disability sector which was recently enshrined into legislation.
- (2) How many disability support agencies will be affected by the new Quality Assurance System.
- (3) Will some agencies be unable to operate as a result of the new Quality Assurance System; if so, how many agencies will be affected.
- (4) What was the cost to the Government of conducting the KPMG Business Services review—A Viable Future.

MS BURKE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 707 - 723)—

- (1) Are there any programs administered by the Minister's Department that provide, or have provided, funding to local government authorities in (a) 1996-97, (b) 1997-98, (c) 1998-99, (d) 1999-2000, (e) 2000-2001 and (f) 2001-2002.
- (2) If so, for each program for each of the years that funding was granted to local government authorities, (a) what was the level of funding provided to each local government authority, (b) what was the purpose for which the grant was made and (c) in which federal electoral division or divisions does this local government authority fall.
- (3) Have any concerns been raised with the Minister's office or the Minister's Department from (a) local government authorities or (b) other organisations regarding cost shifting onto local government in regard to any programs administered by the Minister's Department; if so, (a) to what program or programs did the concern relate and (b) were any investigations undertaken by the Minister's Department in relation to these concerns; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings of these investigations.

707 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Prime Minister.

708 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

709 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer.

710 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

711 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

712 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

713 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

714 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

715 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

716 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

717 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Attorney-General.

718 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

719 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

720 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

721 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

722 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

723 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

MS BURKE: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 735 - 760)—

- (1) Does the Minister administer any Commonwealth funded programs for which community organisations or businesses can apply for funding.
- (2) If so, what are these programs.
- (3) Does the Minister's Department advertise these funding opportunities.
- (4) In the electoral divisions of (a) Chisholm, (b) Aston, (c) Deakin, (d) Latrobe and (e) Casey in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001 and (vi) 2001-2002, for each of the programs listed in part (2), (A) what was the name and postal address of each organisation that sought funding from the Commonwealth, (B) what was the purpose of the funding sought in each case and (C) for successful applications, what was the level of funding provided.

735 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Treasurer.

744 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

758 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State.

760 **MS BURKE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

776 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a letter published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1 August 2002 from Mr Arthur Sinodinos of his Office, which states that those of his children who live at Kirribilli House and are financially independent pay board to the Commonwealth.
- (2) Which of his children currently live at Kirribilli House.
- (3) What sum is paid per month for their upkeep at Kirribilli House.
- (4) On what basis is the amount paid assessed, and does it include such things as meals, laundry and telephone.
- (5) To which Commonwealth Department is the board paid.

20 August 2002

785 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the reply to part (2) of question No. 357 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4892), can fiscal management of debt in Australia be recovered through taxation revenue, rather than reliance on sale of capital assets to service Commonwealth debt; if so, how; if not, why not.

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

- (1) How many actions were exercised by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) under Civil Aviation Regulation 269 (CAR 269) in each of the past five years.
- (2) In how many actions was no further action taken.
- (3) How many actions resulted in CASA recommendations to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for further legal action or prosecution action against operators.
- (4) Of those recommendations to the DPP for further legal action or prosecutions, how many were proceeded with, and of these, how many resulted in successful prosecutions, failed prosecutions or were withdrawn.
- (5) How many were appealed and what was the outcome.
- (6) For each prosecution or legal action, what sum was spent by the Commonwealth for each case, and what was the cost to each agency involved.
- (7) For each prosecution or legal action, what sum (a) was recouped from prosecuted operators and (b) did the Commonwealth pay in costs to operators.
- (8) With respect to CASA's power to cancel, suspend or vary aviation operators' certificates under CAR 269, what is the internal CASA process taken to establish the veracity of a planned action before it is proceeded with.
- (9) At what level of management are decisions under CAR 269 determined.
- (10) Is each stage of a planned action recorded; if so, where is the file held and is it subject to Freedom of Information procedures; if not, why not.

- (11) Does the decision making process assess the impact of an action under CAR 269 on the reputation or viability of an operator, or is safety the only consideration.
- (12) If an action is not proceeded with, or is subsequently stopped or withdrawn, does CASA apologise to the operator or issue any public notice advising that the action commenced will not proceed and offer reasons why; if not, why not.

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

- (1) What financial contribution is the Federal Government making to the Adelaide to Darwin Railway project.
- (2) When is the Federal contribution being made.
- (3) If the Federal funding is staged (a) what is the proposed schedule of payments, (b) in relation to payments already made, what milestones were used to determine appropriateness for payment and (c) in relation to payments not yet made, what milestones are to be achieved to trigger future payments.
- (4) What projects are being funded by this Federal Government contribution.
- (5) What are the anticipated contributions by (a) the South Australian Government, (b) the Northern Territory Government and (c) each member of the Asia Pacific Transport Consortium to the total project cost.
- (6) What contracts have been let for the project to date.
- (7) To whom have contracts been let to date.
- (8) What is the value of each contract that has been let to date.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 798 - 823)—

- (1) How many (a) full time permanent staff, (b) part time permanent staff, (c) full time contract staff and (d) part time contract staff were employed by (i) the Minister's Department and (ii) agencies within the Minister's portfolio as at (A) 30 March 1996 and (B) 30 June 2002.
- (2) For each category of engagement referred to in part (1) and employed by (a) the Minister's Department and (b) agencies within the Minister's portfolio, where were such persons located in (i) 30 March 1996 and (ii) 30 June 2002.

798 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

801 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

808 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

814 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Forestry and Conservation.

815 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport.

823 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer.

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

- (1) Has the Minister been contacted by Freedom Air in relation to a proposal to conduct flights from New Zealand to Maroochydore Airport; if so, when and what was the Minister's response..
- (2) What aviation and customs related charges are imposed by the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies on a foreign airline landing at Maroochydore airport.
- (3) How do those costs compare with the costs for a foreign airline to conduct the same flights to Brisbane airport or Cairns airport.
- (4) Are there any infrastructure, technical or policy barriers to the operation of foreign airline operations to Maroochydore airport; if so, what are they and what sum would they cost to provide.

21 August 2002

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

- (1) Is he able to say whether the productivity level of 25 Ukranian seafarers is equivalent to that of 17 Australian seafarers aboard the CSL *Yarra*.
- (2) Is it detrimental to Australia's security to have Australian merchant ships crewed by foreign seafarers.
- (3) In times of conflict would Australia's economic independence be affected without an Australian flagged and crewed fleet.
- (4) Did Australia use foreign ships to take personnel and materiel to East Timor in 1999; if so, why.

- 835 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Has the Government produced a response to the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services' report entitled A *'Reasonable and Secure' Retirement*, which was tabled in April 2001; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of the Government's response.
 - (2) Has the Government any plans to change the indexation method for Commonwealth superannuants.
 - (3) How many Commonwealth superannuants receive a part pension from the Commonwealth.

22 August 2002

- 842 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) During his period as Prime Minister, has he visited any public housing estates in Australia; if so, which public housing estates and on what dates.
 - (2) During his period as Prime Minister, has he visited any Aboriginal communities; if so, which Aboriginal communities and on what dates.
- 845 **MR MELHAM:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What arrangements, if any, are in place to provide for personnel security clearances for Ministers or government parliamentary secretaries in respect to their access to classified information.
 - (2) What arrangements, if any, are in place to provide for personnel security clearances for shadow ministers in respect to their access to classified information given in confidential briefings by the Government.
 - (3) What arrangements, if any, are in place to provide for personnel security clearances for members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD in respect to their access to classified information provided to the committee.
 - (4) What measures does the Government propose to put in place in respect to Members of Parliament to ensure compliance with Australia's obligations under Articles 4 and 5 of the General Security of Information Agreement between the Australian and United States Government of 25 June 2002.
 - (5) If no arrangements for personnel security clearances for Members of Parliament are contemplated, on what basis will Members of Parliament be granted access to classified information received from the United States under the terms of the Security Agreement of 25 June 2002.

26 August 2002

- 850 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What are the revenue implications for the Commonwealth of the decision of the North West Shelf Venture partners to allow the China National Offshore Oil Company equity in the project.
 - (2) What are the revenue implications for the Commonwealth of the decision to give China exclusive rights to ship liquefied natural gas from Australia to China.
- 853 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is question No. 36 which appeared on 13 February 2002 on the first *Notice Paper* of the 40th Parliament the same question No. 2478 which first appeared on the *Notice Paper* of 28 March 2001 during the 39th Parliament.
 - (2) Did he receive a letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 29 August 2001 to write to him seeking an early reply to question No. 2478 under standing order 150.
 - (3) Did he receive a further letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 14 May 2002 to write to him again seeking an answer to question No. 36 under standing order 150.
 - (4) Did he receive yet another letter from the Speaker following yet another request by me to the Speaker on 19 August 2002 to write to him seeking an answer to question No. 36 under standing order 150.
 - (5) When will he answer question No. 36.
- 854 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is question No. 37 which appeared on 13 February 2002 on the first *Notice Paper* of the 40th Parliament the same question No. 2657 which first appeared on the *Notice Paper* of 6 June 2001 during the 39th Parliament.
 - (2) Did he receive a letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 29 August 2001 to write to him seeking an early reply to question No. 2657 under standing order 150.

- (3) Did he receive a further letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 14 May 2002 to write to him again seeking an answer to question No. 37 under standing order 150.
- (4) Did he receive yet another letter from the Speaker following yet another request by me to the Speaker on 19 August 2002 to write to him seeking an answer to question No. 37 under standing order 150.
- (5) When will he answer question No. 37.

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

- (1) Is question No. 40 which appeared on 13 February 2002 on the first *Notice Paper* of the 40th Parliament the same question No. 2766 which first appeared on the *Notice Paper* of 27 June 2001 during the 39th Parliament.
- (2) Did he receive a letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 29 August 2001 to write to him seeking an early reply to question No. 2766 under standing order 150.
- (3) Did he receive a further letter from the Speaker following my request to the Speaker on 14 May 2002 to write to him again seeking an answer to question No. 40 under standing order 150.
- (4) Did he receive yet another letter from the Speaker following yet another request by me to the Speaker on 19 August 2002 to write to him seeking an answer to question No. 40 under standing order 150.
- (5) When will he answer question No. 40.

27 August 2002

858 **MR RANDALL:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the secret United Kingdom inland revenue strategy which, for years, allowed some of the wealthiest people in Great Britain to escape paying their full potential taxation bills and which was declared unlawful by a senior High Court Judge, Lord Gill, on 31 May 2002.
- (2) Can the Minister assure the Australian public that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has no similar strategy in place.
- (3) Are there any Australian taxpayers who do not have to declare their real earnings by virtue of any agreement or other arrangement with the ATO.
- (4) Are there any Australian taxpayers who pay a fixed sum in taxation by virtue of any agreement or arrangement with the ATO.

869 **MS VAMVAKINOU:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) On most recent data, how many nursing home beds are located within the electoral division of Calwell.
- (2) How many of these beds are in use.
- (3) How many allocated beds within the electoral division of Calwell are yet to be occupied.
- (4) Of the beds yet to be occupied and located within the electoral division of Calwell, when were the bed licences allocated.

28 August 2002

871 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) What names were recently recommended by the Australia Council to the Minister for appointment to the Music Board of the Australia Council.
- (2) Were any of the names recommended for the Music Board of the Australia Council agreed to by the Minister; if not, why not.
- (3) What individuals were appointed to the Music Board of the Australia Council.
- (4) What were the criteria used for choosing these individuals rather than those recommended by the independent statutory authority.
- (5) What sum of Commonwealth funding does the Music Board of the Australia Council allocate to musicians in Australia annually.

875 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) For what specific purposes is funding available to eligible organisations under the Ethnic Aged Care Services grants program.
- (2) How many organisations currently receive funding under the program in each State and Territory.
- (3) What was the total sum of funding provided under the program in 2001-2002 and what is the estimated sum of funding that is available in 2002-2003.

- (4) Has the Government initiated a review of the program; if so, (a) who is conducting the review, (b) what are the terms of reference, (c) what consultation, if any, is proposed with ethnic community organisations and (d) what is the expected completion date of the review.

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

- (1) Has he seen the report on page 5 of *The Australian* on 27 August 2002 by the Political Editor, Mr Dennis Shanahan which reveals that the leading proponent of embryonic stem cell research, Professor Alan Trounson, had admitted that his trump card video showing a crippled rat walking which was used in trying to win over politicians was not demonstrating a success from the kind of embryos covered in the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002.
- (2) Is he aware that Professor Trounson and his colleagues have now admitted that the crippled rat's cure had not come from the five-day-old fertilised eggs that will be made available under the Bill but from germ cells from five-to nine week old aborted fetuses.
- (3) Is he aware that Peter Silburn from Griffith University in Queensland has stated that germ cells used in the John Hopkins Institute research were beyond the stage of stem cells.
- (4) Is he also aware that the Premier of New South Wales has used the video to promote the chance of cures from using IVF embryos and that this video was also shown on national television as an example of embryonic stem cell research.
- (5) Is he also aware that Professor Trounson has now admitted that he may have used the term embryonic stem cells when talking to parliamentarians although he knew the cells used with rats were germ cells.
- (6) When he spoke with Professor Trounson, did Professor Trounson bring to his knowledge the case of the crippled rat used in the video.
- (7) In light of his having introduced the Bill into the House of Representatives and the misleading information provided to Members of Parliament by Professor Trounson, will he make an immediate statement, in the public interest, in the House to further expose this matter; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Is he aware of reforms announced by the Reserve Bank of Australia which identifies an estimated \$350 million of profiteering by banks and credit card companies.
- (2) Has the Government accepted the recommended reforms; if so, what action will the Government take with respect to these recommendations; if not, why not.
- (3) What powers will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) be given in order to ensure that benefits flow through to retailers and consumers across Australia.
- (4) What specific powers will the ACCC be given with respect to ensuring that credit card participants do not seek to recoup any reduction in revenue resulting from a lower interchange fee by increasing other fees and charges.
- (5) What powers will the Australian Securities and Investments Commission be given in order to ensure that consumer protection from foreshadowed changes to the credit card schemes is preserved.

880 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Which states were elected to the Commission on Human Rights in 2002.
- (2) Which resolutions were sponsored or co-sponsored by Australia.
- (3) Which resolutions came to a vote.
- (4) What was the result of those resolutions which came to a vote.
- (5) What are the names and positions of the persons who represented Australia at the 2002 session.

16 September 2002

904 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Who are the members of the Australian National Group who nominated candidates for a term of nine years on the International Court of Justice from February 2003.
- (2) Whom did the Group nominate as candidates.

907 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 330 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2002, page 5164) concerning funding under the Roads of National Importance program, for (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004, (c) 2004-2005 and (d) 2005-2006, which projects have been identified in each State and Territory and what sum has been allocated to each project in each of those years.

912 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Following the Reserve Bank of Australia's recently proposed reform of the credit card system, what is the maximum surcharge a merchant is able to charge for credit card transactions.
- (2) What jurisdiction and powers does the Government or the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission have to regulate and limit surcharge fees charged on credit card transactions and interchange fees.
- (3) Has the Government any guarantee that the reforms will not result in merchants charging surcharges of (a) 10%, (b) 20% or (c) 30% or higher for credit card use.

915 **MS GEORGE:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Does he support the competitive recruitment process proposed for Community Landcare Associations.
- (2) Have Coastcare, Bushcare and Waterwatch been granted funds to allow for staff job security until 30 June 2003 but not community Landcare associations; if so, (a) why and (b) will he rectify this inequity and extend grants to Landcare until 30 June 2003; if not, why not.
- (3) Is the three months time span for recruitment unreasonably short.
- (4) Is maintaining employment continuity of current staff vital to the completion of many current projects.
- (5) Is he aware that many projects under the current National Heritage Trust will continue to employ staff until 31 March 2003 in order to complete activities and reports even though funding only extends to their projects until 31 December 2002.
- (6) Can the competitive recruitment process lead to a loss of expertise and established working relationships.

17 September 2002

917 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the answer to question No. 330 (*Hansard*, 20 August 2002, page 5164) concerning planned expenditure on the Roads of National Importance Program, for each year from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 what projects will be undertaken in each State and Territory.

919 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Does the Physical Address Register Verification Project involve Australian Electoral Commission staff physically verifying possible enrolment addresses by visiting every street in each electoral division.
- (2) Has work been undertaken in the electoral division of Wills; if so, what percentage has been completed; if not, when will it be completed.
- (3) How frequently is the addresses register updated in the electoral division of Wills.

19 September 2002

937 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What mechanisms, if any, has the Minister put in place to ensure that employers comply with their obligations under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.
- (2) Is employer non-compliance with the Act a serious issue for many Australians trying to plan for their retirement; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the current system of self-assessment resulted in an estimated 28%, or 216,000, of the 800,000 employers not paying their employees' superannuation guarantee contributions correctly.
- (4) Did the Minister send a letter dated 24th July 2002 to me regarding a Hasluck constituent, Ms J Baker; if so, is the situation in which Ms J Baker finds herself, where her employer has underpaid her superannuation guarantee from 1997 to 2001, unacceptable.
- (5) Does the Howard Government's current system of self-assessment allow employers to continue to underpay or not pay superannuation guarantee contributions; if not, why not.
- (6) Why are workers unable to access information about their employer's non-payment of superannuation monies from the Australian Taxation Office.
- (7) Why are employers who have not met their obligations under the Act protected under section 45 of the Act.

938 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the basis for the detention of (a) David Hicks and (b) Mamdouh Habib by the authorities of the United States at Guantanamo Bay.
- (2) Did Justice Colleen Kottar-Kotelly refer to rights that the two men may have under international law; if so, (a) what were those rights referred to by the Judge and (b) are Australian authorities assisting the two men to pursue those rights.
- (3) Has advice been obtained as to whether the two men have committed a breach of Australian law; if so, is it intended to press any prosecution against the two individuals by Australian authorities.

23 September 2002

944 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—

- (1) What is the total sum allocated to the Dairy Regional Assistance Program.
- (2) What projects have been funded under the program and what sum did each receive.
- (3) In what Local Government Areas are these projects located.
- (4) What projects have been awarded to (a) not-for-profit organisations and (b) private enterprise.

24 September 2002

945 **MR RIPOLL:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Which members of the Federal Parliament have made visits to Taiwan in the last 10 years.
- (2) What was the purpose of each visit.

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

- (1) What steps will the Government be taking to educate accident victims of the new taxation treatment and benefits of structured settlements once the Government's reforms on structured settlements become law.
- (2) What sum is the Government setting aside to run an education campaign for accident victims in (a) 2002-2003, (b) 2003-2004 and (c) 2004-2005.

25 September 2002

950 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) How many Australian families have claimed the Baby Bonus.
- (2) How many Australian families have claimed the Baby Bonus and have been rejected for not meeting the eligibility criteria.
- (3) What were the major grounds for rejection in these cases.
- (4) Are families who had their first child on 29 or 30 June 2002 ineligible for the bonus; if so, (a) how is it fair that transitional arrangements exist for families who already have children, while families who had their first child on 29 or 30 June 2002 miss out on the bonus and (b) will the Government introduce any type of leeway for families in this situation.

951 **MS J. S. McFARLANE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the media release circulated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia on 3 September 2002, which stated it had consulted for years with the Australian Taxation Office without seeing fundamental change, and still needed to be convinced that the latest commitment to change will be delivered with the necessary pace and priority.
- (2) If so; (a) what are the timelines for the initial priorities for attention outlined in the joint statement released by the Commissioner of Taxation and the Tax professional bodies on 3 September 2002, (b) how will the Government monitor and ensure these specific priorities are carried out in the timeframes agreed and (c) will the Minister provide the House with information and timeframes about the legislative measures the Government will introduce to address the compliance simplifications outlined in the joint statement.

26 September 2002

956 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many Defence Housing Authority (DHA) houses are there in each State and Territory.
- (2) How many DHA houses are located (a) on defence bases and (b) in the general community in each State and Territory.
- (3) Are any houses located on defence bases privately owned; if so, where are these located.
- (4) If quality of housing is not an issue, what are the main issues in separation rates from the Australian Defence Force.
- (5) How many DHA homes have been classified as being below community standards in 2002-2003.
- (6) Where are these houses located.
- (7) How many are located on defence bases.
- (8) How many are (a) privately owned and (b) leased.
- (9) What strategies does DHA have to address the issues related to these sub-standard houses.
- (10) What are the locations of the 15 major regional DHA offices and the 12 outpost offices.
- (11) What are the current average stock vacancy times and what is that figure for each of the past 5 years.
- (12) What were the causes of delays of rental allowances for single members and what steps have been introduced to address those delays.
- (13) What are the terms of reference for the review of singles accommodation.
- (14) Who is conducting the review and when will it be concluded.
- (15) How many houses does DHA plan to sell, or has already sold, on a lease back arrangement over (a) 2002-2003 and (b) 2003-2004 and what in which States and Territories are these houses located.
- (16) What will be the total DHA owned stock at the end of the Sale and Leaseback Program and what will be the State and Territory breakdown of this stock.

961 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) planning to make substantial special dividends to the Government instead of improving stock numbers, quality of housing and improvements in singles accommodation; if so, why.
- (2) Has \$84 million in DHA property value been surrendered to the Government for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.
- (3) What difficulties are anticipated as DHA disengages from pre-1996 leases and what strategies are and will be implemented to overcome these difficulties.
- (4) How many staff does DHA employ, what is the State and Territory breakdown of that staff and what was the corresponding figure for each of the previous 6 years.
- (5) When is it anticipated to present the proposed amendments to the DHA legislation to Parliament.
- (6) What are the anticipated risks in the over-reliance on private investor leasing arrangements and what contingencies have been implemented to cover these risks and ensure they are properly managed.
- (7) What are the salary levels of the Chairman and Director of the DHA and what are the individual areas of expertise they bring to DHA.
- (8) Is she aware of the concerns of Australian Defence Force families about the continued run down of DHA owned housing stock and what is the Government doing to either halt the run down or address these concerns.
- (9) What are the repair and maintenance budgets for DHA housing for each financial year from 1999-2000.
- (10) How many individual business units exist within DHA and for each, (a) where are they located, (b) how many staff does each have, (c) how many clients does each serve and (d) are they run as separate organisational delivery and profit centres; if so, how (i) are they managed and (ii) are profits distributed.
- (11) Will she table a copy of the services agreement with her Department under which it is claimed price and risk sharing arrangements, services and payments are being made.

- (12) Given that the total value of properties being managed by DHA on behalf of Defence is approximately \$3.8 billion, of which \$1.4 billion is owned by DHA, what is the breakdown of ownership of the remaining \$2.4 billion.

14 October 2002

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

- (1) What was the level of partial and radical breast mastectomy in terms of (a) the number and (b) percentage of total breast cancer patients in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000 and (vi) 2001 on a national and State and Territory basis.
- (2) What was the level of breast reconstruction in terms of (a) the number and (b) percentage of total breast cancer patients in (i) 1996, (ii) 1997, (iii) 1998, (iv) 1999, (v) 2000 and (vi) 2001 on a national and State and Territory basis.
- (3) What were the waiting times for breast prostheses or forms for patients following a partial or radical mastectomy in (i) 1996 (ii) 1997 (iii) 1998 (iv) 1999 (v) 2000 and (vi) 2001 on a national and State and Territory basis.

967 **MR GIBBONS**: To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a statement issued on behalf of the Liberal Party and the Federal Government by the then Liberal candidate for Bendigo in the *Bendigo Weekly* on 9 November 2001, that the Federal Government had a firm commitment to match dollar for dollar with the State Government funding to complete the Calder to Bendigo duplication by 2006.
- (2) Will he honour the commitment.
- (3) Will he define 2006 as the Federal Government's target date with the State Government to complete the duplication.
- (4) Will he commit \$70 million to match the \$70 million already committed by the Victorian Government for the next stage of the duplication.

969 **MR GIBBONS**: To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) What is the status of the Yorta Yorta land claim in Victoria.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to Justice Olney's statement that the Yorta Yorta people's traditional laws and any real observance of their traditional customs had not survived European settlement and the tide of history had washed away the native title claim.
- (3) What has been the impact of this statement on the Yorta Yorta land claim.
- (4) What is the impact of this statement on any subsequent native title claims.

971 **MR DANBY**: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 841 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2002, page 6990) concerning visits of Government representatives to Kurdistan, (a) who were the representatives, (b) when did they travel to Kurdistan and (c) what was the purpose of the visits.
- (2) Has the Kurdish Government, non-government organisations (NGOs) or the media relayed to Australian authorities in Baghdad the decision to not remit 13% of total revenue from the oil for food program.
- (3) Have the Kurdish Government, NGOs and the media repeatedly claimed that the United Nations Inter-Agency Humanitarian Programme will not provide them with specialised anti-cancer medicines to deal with the lasting affects of Iraq's Al-Anfal campaign in which 100 000 Kurds were gassed.
- (4) Is the phrase "three northern governorates of northern Iraq" used in his answer the preferred description of Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime for the Kurdish areas of Northern Iraq.
- (5) Does the Government have a policy of not recognising the Kurdish authorities within the boundaries of a federal Iraq.

972 **MR DANBY**: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government aware of British geneticist Christine Godsen's documentation of the extent and legacy of the Saddam Hussein regime's Al-Anfal campaign in which 100 000 Kurds were allegedly gassed by the Iraqi regime.
- (2) Has the Australian Government examined Dr Godsen's studies about the long term effects of Aflatoxin, gas and other chemical and biological weapons used against Kurdish civilians in Northern Iraq.
- (3) Was the Al-Anfal campaign carried out mainly by killings through poison gas.

- (4) How many Kurdish civilians does the Australian Government estimate were killed by round ups at night and mass executions in the Al Anfal campaign.
- (5) Is he able to say what other effects were identified by Dr Godsen's studies of the United Nations Special Commission Inspection team in relation to mutations and levels of sterility in Kurdish civilians during the Al-Anfal campaign.
- (6) Is there evidence of wide spread liver damage amongst survivors.
- (7) Is this the long term medical effect of the biological weapon Aflatoxin.

973 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Are members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) unable to get employment in other Government agencies until they have received a discharge certificate.
- (2) Is it a fact that in the past members of the ADF could take long service leave and complete police training, then discharge or return to the ADF if their police training was unsuccessful.

975 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the comments of the Federal Court in *Hamzy v Tricon International Restaurants* on the suggested relationship between unfair dismissal laws and employment growth, namely, that it seems unfortunate that nobody has investigated whether there is any relationship between unfair dismissal legislation and employment growth and that there has been much assertion on this topic during recent years, but apparently no effort to ascertain the factual situation.
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any research on this issue since the Court gave its reasons for judgment.

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

- (1) Has he seen a report by Paul McGeough titled "What the White House really wants" on page 28 of the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 28 September 2002.
- (2) Is he able to say whether the US (a) burns a quarter of all oil consumed in the world, (b) is utterly dependent on foreign oil supplies, (c) has to increasingly import oil from sources like the Caspian states, Russia and Africa on top of its traditional suppliers, (d) has to overcome foreign resistance to the outward reach of American energy companies and (e) is increasingly dependent on oil from dangerous, unstable and unfriendly regions.
- (3) Has he assessed the significance of the world oil market to the present foreign policy considerations of the US; if so, how significant is it; if not, why not.
- (4) Has he seen evidence justifying the need for the US to launch a unilateral military attack on Iraq; if so, what is that evidence; if not, why not.
- (5) In what ways would any Australian military commitment to join a unilateral US military attack on Iraq be in Australia's national interest.
- (6) In what circumstances would he commit Australian military personnel to join a unilateral US military attack on Iraq.
- (7) Can he guarantee that, if the Government determines that Australia be involved in a war on Iraq, the Government will not introduce a tax or levy to fund the cost of Australia's defence force commitment to such a military conflict; if so, how; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 607 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6799), who advised him in his answer.
- (2) Further to the answer to part (7) of question No. 607, when will Modes 6A and 8 be incorporated as part of the modes at Sydney Airport.
- (3) Is he being advised that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) is all but ticked off in terms of substantial implementation of the Plan.
- (4) Is it still the best advice of Airservices Australia that the LTOP is substantially implemented even though he has repeatedly advised me that the aircraft movement target of 17% of aircraft movements to the north has never once been reached since the LTOP was first introduced.
- (5) Who is responsible for advising him that the LTOP is substantially implemented.
- (6) Since aircraft movements to the north of Sydney Airport have been consistently well above the LTOP target of 17% of all aircraft movements to the north of the airport, is the advice of Airservices Australia that the LTOP is substantial implemented, incorrect untrue; if not, why not.

- (7) Does the LTOP have a project plan; if so, will he provide the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) with a copy of the plan; if not, why not.
- (8) Will he draw to the attention of the Chair of the SACF my repeated motions moved during my four years as a member of SACF, calling for, inter alia, a project plan and project schedule for the forward projection estimate of the full implementation and date of completion of the LTOP; if so, when will he do this; if not, why not.
- (9) On what date will the LTOP target of 17% of aircraft movements to the north be reached.
- (10) When can he say the LTOP will be fully implemented; if not, why not.
- (11) When will Mode 6A become operational.
- (12) When will Mode 8 become operational.
- (13) What impact will the Trident and High and Wide systems have on the ability of Airservices Australia to reach the LTOP target of 17% movements to the north.
- (14) What impact has the Precision Runway Monitor system had on the ability of Airservices Australia to fully achieve the LTOP targets of aircraft movements to the north, south, east and west.
- (15) Has the LTOP target of 17% movements to the north of Sydney Airport never once been met.

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

- (1) Further to the answer to part (8) of question No. 610 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6800), does the privatisation of Sydney Airport mean that there is now commercial pressure to relinquish statutory controls over aircraft movements during both curfew and non-curfew periods at that airport; if so, what is that pressure from the airport lessee company or any other person; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the same commercial pressure on non-aeronautical services at Sydney Airport that led to the elimination of the pricing surveillance regulatory regime at that airport, the same commercial pressure that will see the aircraft movement and hence the aircraft noise regulatory regime weakened in the future.
- (3) Does the net effect of privatisation of ownership of Sydney Airport mean the taking away of public ownership of the direct management of Sydney Airport as both landlord and land manager.
- (4) Does taking away effective management and land interest at Sydney Airport mean the loss of the most effective environmental management device of all, that is, actual ownership of the land; if not, why not.
- (5) With the passing of title in the airport lease to a private company, is the ability to effectively manage Sydney Airport's aircraft noise problems relinquished with the passing of that title; if not, why not.

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

- (1) In his responses to question No. 610 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6800), question No. 611 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6801) and question No. 629 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6802) and his statements that he has dealt with the matters exhaustively, is it a fact that he has never given a direct answer to these or similar questions on the current stage of development of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) nor a direct answer to the question of when the projected full implementation date of that Plan is to occur.
- (2) Is it in the public interest that the public have a right to know when the LTOP targets of aircraft movements to the north will be fully implemented, if not, why not.
- (3) When will the other LTOP targets be fully implemented.
- (4) In respect to the answer to part (9) of question No. 610, can he say who has portfolio responsibility for the question of whether the new owners of Sydney Airport, Southern Cross Consortium, have a conflict of interest in that other related interests such as Infrastructure Trust Australia and its subsidiary owners of feeder motorways, such as the Airport Motorway and the M5 Motorway, may demand financial compensation should the airport train take business away from the motorways in future; if not, why not.
- (5) Further to the answer to part (10) of question No. 610, (a) what undertakings has the Southern Cross Consortium given the Commonwealth Government with respect to NSW State environmental laws, (b) what environmental undertakings did he require of the new owners of Sydney Airport with respect to compliance issues of NSW environmental, planning and development and pollution laws; if he did not require such undertakings, why were no contractual or other requirements made prior to the sale of Sydney Airport and (c) are NSW State environmental, planning and development and pollution laws an intrinsic part of the total environmental laws of any land in NSW, whether that interest be Commonwealth, State or other land interests; if not, why not.

- (6) Further to the answers to parts (5) and (7) of question No. 611 concerning the Sydney Airport railway system, (a) does he have an interest in the railway passenger usage to and from Sydney Airport; if not, why not, (b) is he being advised of Sydney Airport railway utilisation to and from Sydney Airport; if so, what data is being made available to him from NSW State Rail; if he is not receiving data on railway utilisation, why is he as Minister for Transport and Regional Services not interested in the statistical utilisation of this critical mode of transport, (c) what is his real interest in passenger movements as part of the overall environmental operation of Sydney Airport, including whether it includes (i) cars and vehicles, (ii) trains, (iii) aircraft or (iv) a combination of these.
- (7) What is the new airport owners' political responsibility towards the minimisation of pollution of all kinds from Sydney Airport utilisation, including (a) greenhouse gas emissions either directly from the Airport or from transport related movements using Sydney Airport, (b) maximisation of public transport to and from Sydney Airport, (c) minimisation of pollution and traffic generation to and from Sydney Airport, (d) noise pollution from traffic of all kinds to and from Sydney Airport, (e) air pollution from traffic of all kinds to and from Sydney Airport, (f) water pollution from all sources emanating from Sydney Airport usage, (g) soil pollution from all sources emanating on or around Sydney Airport.

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

- (1) In his responses to part (2) of question No. 629 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6802) and part (8) of question No. 610 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6800) did he state that he has given an assurance that the Government had no intention of changing its noise policy and residents of Sydney could be confident that the sale of Sydney Airport will not change the Government's noise policy in any way but states that a Government cannot bind the actions of a future government; if so, are these statements contradictory.
- (2) If so, is it a fact that he cannot and could never give, such an assurance as no Minister nor any Government can bind the actions of a future Government, including this current Government; if not, why not.

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

- (1) Has the Minister seen a report by Mark Metherell titled "Medibank loss comes at a 13% premium" on page 3 of the Sydney Morning Herald on 28 September 2002.
- (2) Do many members of Medibank Private face a premium increase of up to 6%, taking the average increase to about 13% for the year, following the Government's decision to allow the fund to cut discounts; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the statement by Nicola Ballenden of the Australian Consumers' Association that the discount cuts were a premium increase by any other name.
- (4) Why did Medibank Private make a record \$175 million dollar loss in the last financial year.
- (5) Can the Minister guarantee that the Government will not sell Medibank Private; if so, how; if not, why not.

988 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many applications have been received under the Employer Nomination Scheme for Cardiothoracic Surgeons over the past 2 years.
- (2) What checks has his Department carried out to verify that Australian trained graduates were not available to fill the positions which were the subject of the nominations.
- (3) Is he aware that qualified Australian cardiothoracic surgeons cannot obtain employment with Australian hospitals in their specialist field.

989 **MR PRICE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 834 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2002, page 6990), what is the (a) staffing structure of the Office of the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force and (b) full year cost of that office.
- (2) How many staff are allocated to, and or employed in the Office.
- (3) What are the roles and responsibilities of these staff.
- (4) Does the full year budgeted cost of the Office include the cost of the staff.

990 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—

- (1) What were the outcomes of the evaluations of the Innovation Investment Fund and the Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET) program that were conducted on behalf of his Department in 2002.
- (2) What were the specific findings of the evaluations for (a) the Innovation Investment Funds program and (b) the COMET program.
- (3) What is the Government's response to these evaluations.
- (4) Are the evaluations publicly available; if not, are there plans to make them publicly available.
- (5) How many rounds of funding have been offered under COMET since the program commenced.
- (6) When did each round occur and what sum of money was approved in each round.
- (7) How many applicants for COMET were there for each round since the program commenced and how many of these were awarded funding in each round.
- (8) Of the additional COMET business advisers announced in July 2001, how many have been appointed.
- (9) Will the number of business advisers be increased from 10 to 17 as announced in July 2001; if so, where will they be located, if not, why not.

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991 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Small Business and Tourism—

- (1) What is the status of the Small Business Assistance Program.
- (2) Is the Small Business Answers Program replacing the Small Business Assistance Program.
- (3) What are the differences and similarities between the Small Business Assistance Program and the Small Business Answers Program.

993 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many properties owned or leased by the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) are vacant and have been for over 2 months, and what is the State and Territory breakdown for this figure.
- (2) How many properties owned or leased by the DHA are vacant and have been for (a) up to 2 months, (b) up to 4 months, (c) up to 6 months, (d) up to 8 months, (e) up to 10 months, (f) up to 12 months and (g) over 12 months.
- (3) What is the cost to taxpayers each year for properties that remain vacant for (a) up to 2 months, (b) up to 4 months, (c) up to 6 months, (d) up to 8 months, (e) up to 10 months, (f) up to 12 months and (g) over 12 months.
- (4) How many properties are leased to non defence personnel and what is the State and Territory breakdown for this figure.
- (5) What is the Government's policy on renting DHA properties to non defence personnel.
- (6) How many defence personnel are in privately rented accommodation and are receiving rent subsidies, and what is the State and Territory breakdown for this figure.
- (7) Why are defence personnel paid subsidised rent when there are vacant DHA properties available.

995 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many recipients of Newstart allowance and disability support pensions reside in the electoral division of Burke.
- (2) How many recipients of each benefit referred to in part (1) reside in each postcode within the electoral division of Burke.

996 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the Government doing to arrest the critical shortages of doctors in the outer metropolitan areas of Melbourne.
- (2) What incentives will the Government provide doctors to locate in Melton and Sunbury.
- (3) What assistance will be provided to existing medical services to enable them to attract sufficient doctors.

998 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did he receive a request from the Lithuanian Government in October 2001 asking for assistance to locate 22 alleged Lithuanian war criminals believed to be living in Australia.
- (2) Did the Lithuanian authorities give any indication of crimes the 22 suspects were alleged to have committed and did they involve the killing mainly of Jews.
- (3) How many of the 22 alleged war criminals did the Australian Federal Police (AFP), at the request of his Department, find in Australia and were the Lithuanian authorities informed.
- (4) What action, if any, have the AFP taken against the suspects.
- (5) Have the Lithuanian authorities indicated what charges they intend to lay against the suspects and have they requested the extradition of the suspects.
- (6) Will his Department take any further action against the suspects.

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999 **MRS IRWIN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many recipients of (a) aged pensions, (b) disability support pensions, (c) youth allowance and (d) Newstart allowance reside in the electoral division of Fowler.
- (2) How many recipients of each benefit referred to in part (1) reside in each post code area within the electoral division of Fowler.

1000 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Has the Government placed advertisements in newspapers Australia-wide advising recipients of payments like Newstart allowance or Parenting Payment to let Centrelink know when their circumstances change in order to not only keep the social security system fair, but also so that they will not have to pay back any overpayments.
- (2) Were all individuals who provided Centrelink with up-to-date information on their personal details not asked to pay back any overpayments.
- (3) In 2001-2002 how many recipients of the Child Care Benefit were overpaid despite providing Centrelink with up-to-date and accurate information on their income.
- (4) In 2001-2002 how many recipients of the Child Care Benefit were overpaid but later received a waiver for the overpayment.

1001 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—Has the Government made a firm commitment to provide funding to ensure the proposed purpose-built building for the West Australian Symphony Orchestra will go ahead; if not, why not and when will it be forthcoming.

1003 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations' replies to part (4) of question No. 472 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 5044) and part (3) of question No. 882 (*Hansard*, 15 October 2002, page 7623), was any Government supervision or scrutiny made of the sale of Traveland to Internova, in light of what now appears to be a commercial transaction involving the sale and transfer of a strategic national travel agency to a company that was *ab initio* fundamentally incapable of providing that service; if so, what supervision was undertaken; if not, why not.

MR McMULLAN: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1006 - 1019)—Has the Minister's Department made payments to the national or State and Territory branches of the (a) Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (b) Australian Industry Group, (c) National Farmers' Federation or (d) Business Council of Australia for consultancies, training and other purposes in (i) 1996-97, (ii) 1997-98, (iii) 1998-99, (iv) 1999-2000, (v) 2000-2001, (vi) 2001-2002 and (vii) 2002-2003 to date; if so, what sums and when.

1006 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Treasurer.

1008 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1009 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1010 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1011 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1014 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1016 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1018 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1019 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

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1025 **MR DANBY:** To ask the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Following his recent visit to Tripoli, Libya, is he able to say whether the Libyan Government is considering re-opening a diplomatic posting in Canberra.
- (2) What is the proposed site of the posting.
- (3) When was the last time Libya was permitted to have a diplomatic posting in Australia.
- (4) Has he been advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs on the principal reasons for expelling Libya; if so, what were those reasons.
- (5) Is he aware of reports dated 6 May 2002 from US State Department Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Mr John R. Bolton, of new Libyan programs for acquisition of weapons of mass destruction.
- (6) Is he aware of further reports of Libyan programs to acquire chemical and biological weapons.
- (7) Have these reports influenced the Australian Government's attitude to relations with Libya.
- (8) What is the Australian Government's justification for allowing Libya to re-establish a diplomatic mission in Australia.
- (9) Is the Australian Government considering opening a diplomatic post in Tripoli, Libya, following his meeting with Colonel Qadhafi's son.

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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.

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.

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.

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1034 **MR EDWARDS:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many currently serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel have been injured undertaking fitness tests since 1998.
- (2) What measures have been introduced to prevent the loss of experienced ADF members with 6 years or more service due to injury associated with fitness testing.
- (3) Have new fitness tests been introduced for Defence force job applicants.
- (4) Will the new fitness standards preclude some women from military roles that they currently perform.
- (5) Will the new fitness standards open the way for women to enter into combat roles provided they meet the fitness requirements.
- (6) Have changes to medical and fitness requirements for instructors involved in the cadet scheme resulted in losses of experienced staff.

1035 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Will he provide a list of all vessels issued with single or continuing voyage permits in the last five years, in each case including (a) the name of vessel, (b) the country of registration of the vessel, (c) the nationality of the crew, (d) the conditions on the permit, (e) the period for which the permit was issued or re-issued, (f) the cargo carried by the vessel and (g) whether any fare paying passengers were carried on the vessel.

1036 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) What conditions were applicable on single and continuing voyage permits over the past five years.
- (2) Who determined those conditions.
- (3) Are the conditions standard for each permit or do they vary dependent on circumstances; if so, (a) what are those circumstances and (b) who determines and approves special conditions.
- (4) Who is responsible for monitoring adherence to those conditions and what is the penalty for breaches of those conditions.
- (5) Have any breaches or suspected breaches of the conditions been identified, if so, (a) by whom, (b) in relation to which vessel and (c) what was the outcome of that breach.
- (6) If a vessel or operator breaches a condition of a single or continuing voyage permit, is the vessel or operator precluded from being issued another permit; if not, why not.

1037 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Are copies of single and continuing voyage permits issued to foreign vessels to operate in the domestic transport freight task purportedly when Australian ships are not available, published on his Department's website or the Australian Maritime Safety Authority website; if not, why not.

1038 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) For each of the last ten financial years what was the cost at (a) 1 July and (b) 1 January of each year of fees and taxes payable on a return airline ticket between (a) Melbourne and Sydney, (b) Brisbane and Sydney, (c) Melbourne and Brisbane, (d) Perth and Sydney, (e) Adelaide and Melbourne return, (f) Adelaide and Sydney, (g) Cairns and Sydney, (h) Cairns and Brisbane and (i) Darwin and Sydney.
- (2) For each instance, how did these fees and taxes compare to the cost of a full economy Qantas fare for that route.

1039 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the diagram on page 6 of the Roads to Recovery Program annual report 2001-2002, what are the actual dollars and percentage of total funds used for (a) general maintenance, (b) reconstruction, rehabilitation, widening, (c) sealing, (d) bridges, (e) traffic improvement, (f) constructing a new road, (g) sheeting/resheeting, (h) resealing, (i) drainage, (j) bicycle paths, (k) footpaths and (l) other.
- (2) Also further to the diagram, what is the actual percentage of funding directed to each Roads to Recovery key outcome, including (a) road safety, (b) improved access for heavy vehicles, (c) economic development, (d) traffic management, (e) equity, (f) access to remote communities, (g) access to international facilities, (h) asset management, (i) amenity, (j) improvements of school bus routes, (k) promotion of tourism and (l) improved recreational opportunities.
- (3) Can a project example be provided for each outcome referred to in part (2).
- (4) Was there a measure that included the number of jobs created as a result of the Roads to Recovery expenditure, if so what is it and what are the findings; if not, why not.
- (5) Further to the comments on page 7 that 244 councils will be shielded from the May 2002 Budget rephrasing of Roads to Recovery funds, (a) how many and which councils were not shielded from the funding changes announced in the May 2002 Budget, (b) by what sum was each such council affected by the funding changes and (c) how long will the rephrasing delay the full receipt of each council's allocation.

1040 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Further to the answers to questions No. 811 (*Hansard*, 21 October 2002, page 7991) and No. 824 (*Hansard*, 21 October 2002, page 7999), how many staff, including (a) ongoing full-time staff, (b) ongoing part-time staff, (c) non-ongoing full-time staff and (d) non-ongoing part-time staff were employed by the Minister's Department and agencies within the Minister's portfolio at 30 June 2002 in (i) NSW, (ii) Vic., (iii) Qld, (iv) SA, (v) WA, (vi) Tas., (vii) the NT, (viii) the ACT and (ix) overseas.

MR M. J. FERGUSON: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1041 - 1058)—

- (1) With respect to the Minister's Department and each agency for which the Minister is responsible, what is the total number of (a) male and (b) female staff.
- (2) In the Minister's Department and each agency, how many (a) male and (b) female staff are members of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and how many of each gender have elected to pay additional superannuation contributions.
- (3) In the Minister's Department and each agency, how many (a) male and (b) female staff are members of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and how many of each gender have elected to pay (i) additional and (ii) reduced superannuation contributions.
- (4) In the Minister's Department and each agency, how many (a) male and (b) female staff have any other form of superannuation.

1041 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1042 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1043 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Treasurer.

1044 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1045 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence.

1046 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1047 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1051 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1052 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

- 1053 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 1054 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- 1055 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1056 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.
- 1058 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- MR MURPHY:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1059 - 1060)—
- (1) Is it a fact that some 70% of bushfires are the result of arson.
 - (2) What can the Minister do to assist the States in the education of Australian citizens, particularly our youth, of the ramifications and cost to the Australian community of all types of fires caused by arson.
- 1059 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.
- 1060 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

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- 1062 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to the answer to question No. 802 (*Hansard*, 14 October 2002, page 7536), how many staff, including (a) ongoing full-time staff, (b) ongoing part-time staff, (c) non-ongoing full-time staff and (d) non-ongoing part-time staff were employed by his Department and agencies within his portfolio at 30 June 2002 in (i) NSW, (ii) Vic., (iii) Qld, (iv) SA, (v) WA, (vi) Tas., (vii) the NT and (viii) the ACT.
- 1063 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Further to the answer to question No. 799 (*Hansard*, 14 October 2002, page 7535), how many staff, including (a) ongoing full-time staff, (b) ongoing part-time staff, (c) non-ongoing full-time staff and (d) non-ongoing part-time staff were employed by his Department and agencies within his portfolio at 30 June 2002 in (i) NSW, (ii) Vic., (iii) Qld, (iv) SA, (v) WA, (vi) Tas., (vii) the NT and (viii) the ACT.
- 1064 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many settlement deeds have been received by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in relation to the settlement offer issued by the Tax Commissioner for investors in mass-marketed tax-effective schemes, where investors were given until 21 June 2002 to take up the offer.
 - (2) How many ATO staff have been allocated to process settlement applications.
 - (3) What is the timetable set out by the ATO to process settlement applications.
 - (4) When will the ATO process payments arising from accepted settlement deeds.
- 1065 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many citizens residing in Australia are involved in shared-care custody arrangements with ex-partners who are New Zealand citizens residing in New Zealand.
 - (2) In how many cases are both parents classified as low-income earners.
 - (3) Under the current agreement between Australia and New Zealand, in cases in which both parents are classified as low-income earners and each parent has equal custody of the children, what percentage of (a) Australian parents are required to make child support payments to the New Zealand parent and (b) New Zealand parents are required to make child support payments to the Australian parent.
 - (4) Has his attention been drawn to my representations to him concerning the Child Support Agreement between Australia and New Zealand as it relates to a Hasluck constituent, Mr Deon Roberts; if not, why not.
 - (5) Is there an anomaly in this case, whereby Mr Roberts is required to pay child maintenance to his ex-partner in New Zealand for his daughter, even though he is caring for his son in Australia; if not, why not.
 - (6) Is this Agreement which requires Mr Roberts to pay child maintenance to his ex-partner because he resides in Australia, anomalous and requiring urgent attention; if not, why not.
 - (7) What steps has he taken to address the anomaly and when will it be removed.
- 1066 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—
- (1) How many permanent staff did Telstra hire in (a) 2000, (b) 2001 and (c) 2002.
 - (2) How many apprentices did Telstra indenture in (a) 2000, (b) 2001 and (c) 2002.

- (3) What funds has Telstra allocated for repairs and replacement of new equipment being installed in remote areas when that equipment comes out of warranty.
- (4) How many regional centres, staffed with experienced technical people, did Telstra have in September (a) 1999 and (b) 2002.
- (5) What was the staffing level of technical people in the Kununurra region of Western Australia in September (a) 1999 and (b) 2002.

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- 1067 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Has the vessel *CSL Pacific* been detained by port state control while sailing under a single or continuing voyage permit; if so, (a) when, (b) what were the reasons for the detention and (c) what was the outcome of the investigation, if any.
- 1068 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) How many vessels were on the Australian shipping register in each of the past ten years.
 - (2) How many of the vessels removed from the Australian shipping register have subsequently been issued with a permit to return to the Australian coastal trade.
 - (3) Does the use of Flag of Convenience shipping on the Australian coast increase the risk of a maritime security breach; if so, what measures has he taken since 11 September 2001 to mitigate that risk.
- 1069 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to evidence before the HIH Royal Commission concerning the role of Mr Malcolm Turnbull in the sale of FAI and the subsequent collapse of HIH.
 - (2) Are office bearers of registered political parties in receipt of public funds under the Commonwealth Electoral Act required to be fit and proper persons; if so, are Mr Turnbull's actions consistent with this requirement.
- 1070 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What is the current level of expenditure on defence in Australia expressed (a) as a proportion of gross domestic product and (b) in real dollar terms.
 - (2) How many members are there in the (a) army, (b) navy and (c) airforce arms of the Australian Defence Force.
 - (3) What are the major equipment expenditures due to be undertaken over the next decade and why is it necessary to undertake this expenditure.

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- 1072 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—
- (1) How many National Service Medal applications have been received by the Medals Directorate of her Department.
 - (2) How many National Service Medal applications have been received from applicants in the electoral division of Hasluck.
 - (3) How many National Service Medals have been awarded to applicants in (a) January, (b) February, (c) March, (d) April, (e) May, (f) June, (g) July, (h) August and (i) September 2002.
 - (4) What is the average time taken to process applications for the National Service Medal.
 - (5) How many National Service Medal applications are currently outstanding.
 - (5) What steps has she taken to address the backlog of National Service Medal applications.
- 1073 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) How many (a) activity test and (b) administrative breaches relating to the (i) Newstart Allowance and (ii) Youth Allowance were issued in 2001-2002 to Centrelink clients in the electoral division of Hasluck.
 - (2) What is the total sum of penalties levied in 2001-2002 to Centrelink clients in the electoral division of Hasluck relating to the (a) Newstart Allowance and (b) Youth Allowance.
 - (3) How many Centrelink clients in the electoral division of Hasluck incurred the penalty of having payments withdrawn for 8 weeks in 2001-2002.

- 1074 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Prime Minister—Will he consider granting a fifteen year service medal to local government rangers similar to the fifteen year service medals granted to Police and Ambulance Officers and State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service volunteers; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1075 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to international articles concerning the restoration of Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic church property in Romania.
 - (2) Has the Australian Government received advice on this matter from the (a) Romanian Government, (b) US Government, (c) Roman Catholic church, (d) Greek Catholic (Melkite) church and (e) Romanian Orthodox churches; if so, what was that advice.
 - (3) If no advice has been received, will he obtain advice from these and any other relevant authorities with respect to (a) the Greek Catholic community being less successful than any other group in regaining its properties, (b) recent events in Ocna Mures, Romania, (c) the estimated 2,012 Romanian Catholic churches handed over to the Orthodox Church and the petition of 160 of those churches' right to share in the use of a further 227 other parish churches that were in Catholic hands, (d) that to date, only six Churches have been handed back to Catholic Parishes and not one petition for joint use of a parish church has been accepted and (e) the restoration of the monastery at Nicula.
 - (4) Will he make representation to the Romanian Government through its diplomatic mission in Australia on these issues and call on the Romanian Government to honour its constitutional and international obligations in ensuring that religious freedom prevails through the restoration of these properties to their rightful former owners; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1076 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) What is the present average time taken to settle a disputed property case in the Family Law Court.
 - (2) How does this compare with the average time taken to settle a disputed property case in the Family Law Court in (a) 1995, (b) 1996, (c) 1997, (d) 1998, (e) 1999, (f) 2000, (g) 2001 and (h) 2002.
 - (3) Are Family Law Court settlements being prolonged, inter alia, as a consequence of the property price boom, particularly in Sydney; if so, what are the details; if not, why not.
- 1077 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the benefits for diabetic sufferers of the drug Glitazones.
 - (2) When will the Government include Glitazones on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- 1078 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources—
- (1) What revenue is raised annually from the 15% automotive tariff.
 - (2) What sum is derived from (a) imports of assembled vehicles and (b) imported components.
- 1079 **MR EMERSON:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What has been the annual cost of the research and development (R&D) tax concession as reported in the Budget since 1996.
 - (2) Do these official estimates of the tax concession's cost include the effect of higher personal income tax revenue as a result of companies distributing less dividend imputation credits.
 - (3) If not, what has been the net cost of the R&D tax concession since 1996 once this additional revenue is taken into account.
- 1080 **MR McMULLAN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Is it a fact that a computer programming or other administrative error caused the issuing of incorrect advice regarding Superannuation by the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS) over a number of years; if so, from what date were these statements wrong.
 - (2) How many people are affected by the error.
 - (3) Will this error result in all those affected having to do revised tax returns and having their tax reassessed; if so, what is the range of additional tax that would be payable by these retirees.
 - (4) What responsibility will the Commonwealth accept for the cost incurred by these retirees as a direct result of this error by the PSS.
- 1081 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
- (1) Is the Minister's Department planning to relocate Centrelink's Records Management Unit from Cardiff, NSW.

- (2) If so, (a) why, (b) to where, (c) how many jobs will be lost in the Hunter, (d) what is the cost of the relocation and (e) will Hunter-based clients not experience delays when seeking decision reviews or pursuing appeal rights as a consequence of the move.

1082 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Is the Government aware of any dangers from the use of ethanol in petrol.
- (2) Does the use of ethanol blended petrol result in a greater possibility of corrosion to vehicle fuel tanks, underground storage tanks at service stations and fuel feed lines than it would with unblended petrol, when the proportion of ethanol is (a) greater and (b) less than 10%.
- (3) Does the use of ethanol blended petrol result in a greater possibility of contamination in and around service stations than it would with unblended petrol when the proportion of ethanol is (a) greater and (b) less than 10%.
- (4) Will Australian standards be changed to ensure that the use of ethanol blended petrol is safe.
- (5) Does ethanol blended petrol result in the blended fuel being a better conductor of electricity than unblended fuel when the proportion of ethanol is greater than 10%.
- (6) What proportion of service stations have storage tanks made of steel.

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1083 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Which OECD member Governments have not ratified Convention 182 regarding the Worst Forms Of Child Labour.
- (2) What action, if any, is the Australian Government taking to ratify the Convention.

1084 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—Has his Department taken legal proceedings against any employer as a result of engaging illegal immigrants as a cheap form of labour in the construction industry; if so, what are the circumstances in which those proceedings have been taken; if not, what, if any, other action has been taken by his Department to stop this practice.

1085 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 783 (*Hansard*, 22 October 2002, page 8121), how many applications were recommended to the Minister by the relevant State advisory group under the stronger families and communities strategy in the period 1 January 2001 to date.
- (2) Of the applications so recommended, which applications were (a) signed off, (b) returned and (c) deferred, delegated or in any other way dealt with in a manner that did not constitute signing off.

MR McCLELLAND: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 1086 - 1103)—Has the Minister's Department implemented any policies or practices to assist employees to balance work and family responsibilities; if so what are those policies and or practices.

1086 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Prime Minister.

1087 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

1088 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Treasurer.

1089 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Trade.

1090 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

1091 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

1092 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

1093 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

1094 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

1095 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

1096 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Attorney-General.

1097 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration.

1098 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

1099 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services.

1100 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training.

1101 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing.

- 1102 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.
- 1103 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.
- 1104 **MR McLEAY:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—Are Members allowed to use their postage entitlement to circulate reply paid petitions outside their own electorate.
- 1105 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the hardship provisions of Lifetime Health Cover.
 - (2) Did applications for consideration under the hardship provisions expire on 30 June 2002.
 - (3) Did these provisions have a financial impact on the Government's budgetary position.
 - (4) Will the Minister consider allowing the reintroduction of the hardship provisions; if not, why not.
- 1106 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Further to longline fishing and the threat abatement process for boats leaving Mooloolaba, Qld, what action is being taken to protect the Fleshy Footed Shearwaters.
 - (2) Will the line below which bird mitigation is required be shifted from 30 degrees latitude to 20 degrees latitude.
 - (3) Do any fishing boats fish below the current 30 degrees latitude without bird mitigation.
- 1107 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) What is the methodology used by his Department to allocate migrant source countries to its four English Proficiency (EP) groups.
 - (2) How many countries are currently included in each of the four EP groups.
 - (3) For the period 1996-2001, how many family stream migrants in total were there in each EP group.
 - (4) Under current policies, are family stream migrants from countries in EP groups 1 and 2 disregarded for the purposes of the settlement services target group.
 - (5) At the time of the (a) 1996 and (b) 2001 Census, what proportion of recent arrivals from (i) Sri Lanka, (ii) Western Samoa, (iii) Pakistan, (iv) Tonga, (v) Bangladesh and (vi) Jordan were recorded as having good English proficiency.
 - (6) For each country referred to in part (5), what was the total number of (a) permanent settlers and (b) family stream migrants over the period 1996-2001.
 - (7) Has his Department reviewed the classification of migrant source countries into EP groups as a result of the findings of the 2001 Census; if so, which countries have had their EP classification changed; if not, what is the timetable for doing so
- 1108 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 693 (*Hansard*, 18 September 2002, page 6596), of the 20 former migration agents who deregistered themselves, or allowed their registration to lapse, while the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) was investigating complaints against their conduct, how many did so after 1 November 2001.
 - (2) Following recent changes to the legislation, what action, if any, has MARA taken to pursue outstanding complaints against the former agents concerned.

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- 1109 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to his replies to questions No. 678 (*Hansard*, 11 November 2002, page 8680), No. 861 (*Hansard*, 11 November 2002, page 8697) and No. 862 (*Hansard*, 24 September 2002, page 6877) and in light of the Director of Public Prosecution's (DPP's) recent decision to review the state of health of former Senator Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston in relation to his capacity to stand trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts, will Dr Colston be exhaustively and thoroughly medically examined on this occasion by appropriately qualified and competent expert medical specialists who have never previously examined Dr Colston; if not, why not.
 - (2) Further to his reply to part (3) of question No. 678, why did the DPP not request an up-to-date medical report on the state of health of Dr Colston between 9 February 2001 and July 2002.
 - (3) Since 1 July 2002, has Dr Colston been thoroughly and exhaustively examined by appropriately qualified and competent expert medical specialists in relation to his capacity to stand trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts; if so, (a) what are the

qualifications, competencies, disciplines and experience of the specialists who have examined Dr Colston; (b) did the DPP provide to the most recent examining doctors, copies of the medical reports dated 14 May 1999 and 19 May 1999 by the previous independent expert eminent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston and opined in May 1999 that Dr Colston only had months to live; (c) did the DPP provide to the most recent examining doctors a copy of the taxpayer-funded motor vehicle and aircraft travel records of Dr Colston since 1 July 1999 reflected in the answer to question No. 862 and (d) on what dates did these medical examinations take place.

- (4) Is he able to say whether Dr Colston is terminally ill; if so, what is Dr Colston's life expectancy.
- (5) What assistance can he give to Dr Colston to provide Dr Colston with the opportunity to clear his name and stand trial on the twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.

1110 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) How many requests for ministerial intervention and exercise of his statutory discretions under sections (a) 48B, (b) 137N, (c) 345, (d) 351, (e) 391, (f) 417 and (g) 454 of the Migration Act has he received in each year from 1996 to 2002, inclusive.
- (2) Is he aware of any other statutory power under the Migration Act or any other Act that gives him discretionary power to substitute a decision of his Department or the Migration Review Tribunal or Refugee Review Tribunal with a more favourable decision of his; if so, what are those provisions.
- (3) Is he able to provide details of the number of successful interventions granted each from 1996 to 2002 inclusive against each of the statutory powers referred to in part (1) and to compare those figures against the number in which he declined to exercise his power.

1111 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Arts and Sport—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 123 (*Hansard*, 23 May 2002, page 2854) concerning the Centenary of Federation and funds allocated for the work on the National Council and Secretariat, what sum was spent on (a) salaries and administrative expenses for the Secretariat and (b) sitting fees and travelling allowances for the National Council members.
- (2) What were the sitting fees and travelling allowances set by the Remuneration Tribunal for National Council members.
- (3) What were the dates of National Council meetings.

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1112 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) When was the Governor-General appointed.
- (2) Since being appointed, how many days and nights has the Governor-General been overseas.
- (3) What was the itinerary for each overseas trip and who accompanied the Governor-General on each trip.
- (4) What was the cost of each trip for the Governor-General and those who accompanied him, including airfares, travel allowances, ground transport expenses and other expenses incurred by the taxpayer.
- (5) How many days and nights has the Governor-General spent in (a) Melbourne and (b) Brisbane and for each visit, what was the cost and who accompanied him.
- (6) How many days and nights has the Governor-General stayed at Admiralty House, Sydney.

1113 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Which councils are the minimum grant councils referred to on page 66 of the submission made by his Department to the inquiry into local government by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration in July 2002.
- (2) What is the Australian Classification of Local Governments category for each of these minimum grant councils.

1114 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 338 (*Hansard*, 19 August 2002, page 4922) concerning the appointment of Mrs Virginia Chadwick to the Board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and her appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), what salary is paid to Mrs Chadwick in her role as the CEO of the GBRMPA and where is she located to perform these duties.

- (2) Since her appointment, (a) what has she been paid in travel allowance, (b) what is the cost of air travel, taxi's and hire car expenses incurred by her and (c) is she entitled to a mobile phone and motor vehicle.
- (3) Is he able to say whether Mrs Chadwick was a former Minister in the NSW Parliament for an extended period, including a period as President of the Legislative Council and receives a generous pension from the NSW Parliament as a result.
- (4) Is it Government policy that where a former Senator or Member is entitled to a parliamentary pension, or a spouse or partner is in receipt of a pension, or holds an office of profit under the Crown, the pension may be reduced depending on the remuneration received for the holding of such office; if so, why is the policy position not applied to former State and Territory members of Parliament in receipt of parliamentary pensions.

1115 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 692 (*Hansard*, 23 September 2002, page 6806) concerning crew members of foreign ships entering Australia, has his Department considered tightening the checking of all crew on foreign vessels entering Australia since 11 September 2001; if so, what changes have been or will be made.
- (2) On what date did shipping companies become liable for the cost of detention and removal of crew who desert their vessels and become unlawful non-citizens in Australia.

1116 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 935 (*Hansard*, 11 November 2002, page 8702) concerning Comcar, (a) what responsibilities for supervision did Comcar have for drivers during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), other than payment of salary and (b) what were the terms of the agreement between Comcar and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet concerning the use of Comcar drivers.
- (2) How many non-driving staff of Comcar travelled to Queensland during CHOGM, what classification did they occupy, what duties did they perform at CHOGM and what was the cost of their travel and accommodation.
- (3) With respect to the Manager's Training Course in 2000-2001 at a cost of \$17,151; (a) where was this program conducted, (b) what was the nature of the in-house program, (c) did spouses or partners of staff attend the program and (d) what is the itemised breakdown of the expenditure.
- (4) With respect to the Comcar fatigue management principles; are drivers permitted to stop and take a break when driving on a trip extending over two hours; if not, why not.
- (5) With respect to the decision by Comcar to contract out driving services, (a) what security checks and taxation investigations have been made of the companies providing these services to Comcar and (b) what security checks have been made on drivers performing such services for the privatised provider.

1117 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the Government's position regarding the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon.
- (2) What is the Australian Government's position regarding UN resolution 520 which calls on all foreign troops to leave Lebanon.
- (3) What effects does this presence have on the social and economic welfare of Lebanon.
- (4) Does the Australian Government recognise the Taif Accord of October 1989, which calls for Syria's redeployment and the withdrawal from the country within a two-year period.
- (5) Has the Australian Government called on Syria to withdraw in accordance with the Taif Accord.
- (6) Has the Australian Embassy in Beirut ever raised abuses of Human Rights and Freedom of Speech in relation to the treatment of student protests.
- (7) Has the Australian Embassy raised the recent closures of opposition station MTV and radio RML with the Lebanese Government.

1118 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What services are provided by private contractors to the Defence Signals Directorate.
- (2) For each contract, (a) when did it come into effect, (b) when is it due to expire and (c) who holds the contract.

1119 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Treasurer—

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

1120 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What are the (a) names, (b) nationalities and (c) principal qualifications of the five Members of the International Court of Justice who were elected on 21 October 2002 for a term of nine years beginning on 6 February 2003.
- (2) By and from which states were nominations made for the five vacancies.

1121 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Further to the two Defence Integrated Distribution System (DIDS) tender processes, on the first occasion, was Toll-Tenix ranked fifth on the list of five tenders but subsequently moved into first position.
- (2) Did former Minister Reith cancel the first tender attempt at DIDS.
- (3) What reassurances can the Minister provide the House and the employees of DIDS that the second tender process will go through without interference when it is referred back to the Minister and Cabinet for approval.
- (4) Is the Minister able to say whether three days prior to the preferred tenderer announcement by Senator Hill, the shares related to the preferred tenderer jumped 16%; if so, is the Minister aware of what led to the share price increase and has the Minister investigated this matter; if so, what are the results.
- (5) Can the Minister assure the House that the employment of three high-ranking senior civilian members' children at Defence Nation Storage and Distribution Centre (DNSDC) in Moorebank was based on merit; if not, what is the Minister doing to stamp out favouritism at DNSDC.
- (6) Has one of the DNSDC employee representatives of the Management Review Team for DIDS been placed in a position with no phone or computer access; if so, how can this person fulfil the duties appropriately.
- (7) Are departmental case managers restricting the type of training that displaced DIDS staff may choose; if so, what plans does the Minister have to allow these staff members the freedom to choose the type of training and re-skilling available.
- (8) Do the DIDS sessions on "Retraining, Redeployment or Redundancy" vary dramatically in accuracy, content and duration, with some sessions conducted in 25 minutes whilst other sessions are conducted in 2.5 hours; if so, (a) why, (b) does the Minister plan to make appropriate provisions to assist the affected employees and (c) what information from Centrelink and ATO is being provided to these employees.
- (9) Given that families on low incomes need to predict future income for Family Assistance from Centrelink, what advice does the Minister's Department provide for low-income families unable to predict their future income.
- (10) What strategies are used by the Minister's Department to combat low morale due to the employment insecurity at DNSDC Moorebank.
- (11) Will the Minister provide compensation for the DIDS employees who have had to endure employment uncertainty for the past 4 years.

1122 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Prime Minister—Has his attention been drawn to the assertion that claims made during the last election campaign that asylum seekers threw their children overboard were in breach of section 329 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act in that they deceived and misled electors prior to the casting of votes; if so, will the Government urge an investigation into possible breach of the law; if not, why not.

1123 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to claims by the Victorian Liberal Party that if elected it would work to persuade the Federal Government to construct the Deer Park Bypass as soon as possible.
- (2) Given that he has previously indicated that funding for the bypass would not be possible for a number of years, can he confirm (a) that the construction of the Deer Park Bypass is not dependent on the result of the Victorian election and (b) when the Deer Park Bypass will be built.

- 1124 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Given that another medical centre in the town of Melton, Vic., has declared it will no longer bulk bill patients on Medicare, will the Minister support the Victorian Government's submission that Melton should be declared an area of high medical need.
- 1125 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Given that the Victorian Department of Human Services has declared the town of Melton an area of high medical need, will the Minister provide relief for the area by utilising the doctors of the Rural Workforce Agency.
- 1126 **MR B. P. O'CONNOR:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Given that the Victorian Department of Human Services has declared the town of Melton an area of high medical need, will the Minister help relieve the pressure by giving provider numbers for overseas and locally trained doctors with restricted registration.
- 1127 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Has he publicly advertised for a scoping study for the sale of the Sydney Basin airports known as Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden; if not, when will he commission the scoping study.
 - (2) When does he expect to sell Bankstown, Hoxton Park and Camden Airports.
 - (3) What impact on flight paths for Sydney Airport will result from the sale of Bankstown Airport.
 - (4) Will the sale of Bankstown Airport result in an increase in both volume of air traffic movements and type of aircraft, including jet aircraft movements, from Bankstown Airport.
 - (5) Is it foreshadowed that Bankstown Airport will be upgraded to allow aircraft movements of larger jet aircraft up to and including Boeing 737 class aircraft or equivalent.
 - (6) Are the proposed alterations to arrivals and departure flight paths for Sydney Airport in line with the proposed introduction of High and Wide and Trident air movements systems, impacted by the foreshadowed sale of Bankstown Airport.
 - (7) Are the flight path amendments to Sydney Airport impacted by commercial considerations as a result of the foreshadowed sale price of Bankstown Airport.
- 1128 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Was my letter, dated 27 October 1999 addressed to the then Minister for Justice and Customs on behalf of a constituent regarding her concerns about the competence of the doctors who examined former Senator Malcom Arthur Colston prior to his retirement from the Senate, referred to him for reply.
 - (2) Did his Adviser, Mr Paul Bolser, write on his behalf, to me on 25 November 1999, indicating, inter alia, that, where a person's health is very poor, the Director of Prosecutions (DPP) may consider that the person is not fit to stand trial, even though the person is still a sitting Member of Parliament.
 - (4) Did Mr Bolser advise that, in addition to the medical reports of the two eminent and independent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999, the decision by the DPP not to proceed with the case against Dr Colston was also based on medical reports provided to the DPP by Dr Colston's solicitors.
 - (3) Did Mr Bolser attach a copy of the DPPs' media statement titled "Prosecution of Mr Malcolm Colston", dated 5 July 1999 which details the procedure that the DPP adopted in order to evaluate the application that was made by Dr Colston's solicitors to discontinue the prosecution because of the alleged terminal illness.
 - (5) In addition to the two eminent and independent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999, (a) how many other medical reports relating to the state of health of Dr Colston were provided to the DPP up to 5 July 1999, (b) how many of these reports were provided to the DPP by Dr Colston's solicitors, (c) how many of these reports indicated that Dr Colston was terminally ill, (d) were any other medical reports on the state of health of Dr Colston provided to the DPP up to 5 July 1999 not provided by Dr Colston's solicitors; if so, how many and what caused these reports to be provided to the DPP.
 - (6) Excluding the two eminent and independent medical specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999, how many other doctors examined Dr Colston and reported on his state of health up to 5 July 1999, for the purposes of the consideration of the DPP.
 - (7) Excluding the two eminent and independent specialists who examined Dr Colston in May 1999, what are the qualifications and competencies of each of the doctors and senior medical specialists who examined Dr Colston and whose reports were taken into consideration by the DPP in reaching his

conclusion in July 1999 that there was no prospect of Dr Colston being fit to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.

- (8) Did any of these doctors also express the view that Dr Colston was terminally ill; if so, how many.
- (9) Did any of these doctors express the view that Dr Colston might be fit to stand trial; if so, how many and what did the DPP do to test those views.
- 1129 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the reply to part (2) of question No. 1154 (*Hansard*, 9 May 2000, page 16100), why did he believe that there was insufficient public interest to justify the release of the medical reports of the two eminent and independent medical specialists who examined former Senator Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston in May 1999 in relation to his fitness to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.
- 1130 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to his reply to parts (2)(b), (3) and (4) of question No. 1573 (*Hansard*, 30 August 2000, page 19795) and in light of the flawed conclusions reached in May 1999 by the two eminent and independent medical specialists who reported on the state of health of Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston for the purposes of the Director of Public Prosecutions, will he now make public the content of those reports for the purposes of the public interest or for the purposes of protecting public revenue; if so, when; if not, why not.
- 1131 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—Further to the reply to part (7) of question No. 1925 (*Hansard*, 2 November 2000, page 22122) that it was of major importance that the public's confidence in such basic institutions as the Parliament and the courts be a paramount consideration in the Director of Public Prosecution's (DPP's) decision to decline to proceed with the prosecution of Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston in July 1999, how can the public's confidence in the Parliament and the courts be now restored, particularly in light of the numerous media reports since July 1999 which have cast grave doubt on both the purported terminal illness of Dr Colston and the DPP's handling of this matter since 1999.
- 1132 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Further to the replies to part (19) of question No. 2376 (*Hansard*, 22 May 2001, page 26749) and part (12) of question No. 2622 (*Hansard*, 25 September 2001, page 31446) and in the knowledge of the flawed conclusions of the two eminent and independent medical specialists who examined Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston in May 1999, will the Director of Public Prosecutions now obtain copies of all of the medical tests, reports and clinical notes associated with all of the admissions for medical treatment afforded to Dr Colston at Wesley Private Hospital, Brisbane since 1999; if not, why not.
 - (2) Will the DPP obtain copies of all Dr Colston's medical records held by doctors and institutions who have treated him since July 1999; if not, why not.
- 1133 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Did he see a report by Scott Emerson on page 1 of *The Australian* on Wednesday, 13 November 2002 titled "Snappers and salad keep Colston going".
 - (2) Did he see where Mr Charlie Economou, Manager of Kenmore Plaza Seafood confirmed that former Senator Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston regularly walks, talks and drops into Mr Economou's fish and chip shop and that Dr Colston's regular fare is Greek salad and two snapper and that either Dr Colston or his sons pick up a phone order made to Mr Economou's shop.
 - (3) Will the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) interview Mr Economou with a view to obtaining more information that may be helpful to the DPP in establishing the level of activity of Dr Colston in relation to his visits to Mr Economou's shop since July 1999 and Dr Colston's capacity, or otherwise, of standing trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts; if not, why not.
- 1134 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—Further to the reply to question No. 862 (*Hansard*, 24 September 2002, page 6877), were any of the 27 taxpayer-funded motor vehicle trips or 16 taxpayer-funded interstate aeroplane trips undertaken by former Senator Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, between 1 July 1999 and 6 May 2002, for the sole purpose of Dr Colston being required to attend a medical appointment; if so, (a) how many, (b) what were the dates of the medical appointments and (c) where were those appointments.
- 1135 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—What is the Howard Government doing to encourage more high school students to undertake mathematics and science subjects in preparation for their final school examinations.
- 1136 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Is motor neurone disease a fatal degenerative neurological condition affecting nerve cells which control muscles which in turn enable human beings to move, speak, breathe and swallow.

- (2) With the progress of motor neurone disease, do the nerve cells eventually degenerate and die.
- (3) Is the average period between diagnosis and death from motor neurone disease approximately three years.
- (4) Is Rilutek the only disease-modifying drug licensed for the treatment of motor neurone disease.
- (5) Is the Minister able to say whether more than 50,000 patients worldwide have been treated with Rilutek to date, with the latest data showing a life-extension of up to one year for sufferers of motor neurone disease.
- (6) Does Rilutek cost patients suffering with motor neurone disease approximately \$900 per month.
- (7) Is the Minister able to say whether the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc. has been told that most sufferers of motor neurone disease cannot afford the cost of Rilutek.
- (8) Will the Minister do everything possible to have Rilutek listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme immediately so that motor neurone disease sufferers can afford to use the drug and, as a consequence, increase their life expectancy; if not, why not.

1137 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) How many National Service Medal applications have been received from applicants in the electoral division of Lowe.
- (2) How many National Service Medals have been awarded to applicants in the electoral division of Lowe.
- (3) What is the total number of National Service Medal applications currently outstanding.
- (4) How many National Service Medal applications received from the electoral division of Lowe are currently outstanding.
- (5) What steps has she taken to address the backlog of National Service Medal applications.
- (6) When will the backlog of applications for National Service Medals be dealt with.

1138 **MS J. S. MCFARLANE:** To ask the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Did her predecessor and the Prime Minister both issue press releases on 26 April 2001 announcing the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal (ANSM) and stating that Australians who elected to complete their national service obligations as members of the Citizens Military Force (CMF) under the 1965-1972 national service scheme would be eligible for the medal.
- (2) Is she aware that the ANSM section has told people who served in the CMF that they are ineligible for the medal.
- (3) How many people who served as members of the CMF have applied for a National Service medal.
- (4) How many people who served as members of the CMF had their applications rejected prior to 30 October 2002.
- (5) Were the Declaration and Determination under the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal Regulations which appeared in *Gazette* No. S409 on 30 October 2002 introduced to clarify the guidelines for the medal.
- (6) Will people who were notified by the ANSM section that they were ineligible for the medal prior to 30 October 2002 because there were no guidelines on CMF service, be notified that they will now receive the ANSM; if so, when.
- (7) Why did it take so long for the regulations to be introduced.

1139 **MS JACKSON:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—

- (1) How many families and individuals in the electoral division of Hasluck received a (a) Family Tax Benefit debt notice and (b) Child Care Benefit debt notice during (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
- (2) What was the average amount of (a) Family Tax Benefit debts and (b) Child Care Benefit debts for (i) 2000-2001 and (ii) 2001-2002.
- (3) Has the Government or Centrelink advised any clients to overestimate their income in order to prevent a future debt; if so, what measures has the Minister taken to ensure that those people who do overestimate their income, do not miss out on entitlements such as child care benefits or a health care card, which they would otherwise have been entitled to if they had stated their correct income at the beginning of the financial year.

1140 **MR MCLEAY:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Are donations to the United Israel Appeal tax deductible; if so, when was this status granted.
- (2) Is he able to say what are the objectives of the appeal.

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- *1141 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration—
- (1) Do (a) government Departments and (b) the offices of Members of Parliament have a choice about the personal computers that are provided to them for their daily use.
 - (2) Were (a) Amiga, (b) Atari, (c) Be, (d) Linux, (e) Macintosh, (f) OS/2 and Windows 95/98/NT2000 computer operating systems considered for ordinary day-to-day use by staff members of Members of Parliament and in government departments.
 - (3) Were (a) AppleWorks Office, (b) Corel Office/WordPerfect, (c) Lotus SmartSuite, (d) Sun StarOffice, (e) Microsoft Office/Works or others software packages considered for ordinary day-to-day use by staff members of Members of Parliament and in government departments.
 - (4) Which operating system was shown to have the lowest total cost of ownership.
 - (5) What security issues were considered and which operating system was shown to be the most secure.
 - (6) Is the operating system that was selected susceptible to viruses and what costs were factored in to manage this issue.
 - (7) How significant was user productivity in the choice of personal computers and which ease-of-use studies were used to inform this decision.
 - (8) Are government offices able to request personal computers with alternative operating systems to those supplied.
- *1142 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Further to his reply, dated 21 October 2002, to a letter from me concerning Mr Qadir Fedayee, will he detail any or all of the information received from his Department relating to the reason for not granting a visa to Mr Fedayee; if not, why not.
- *1143 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What are the rules of engagement for members of the Australian SAS in counter terrorist situations.
 - (2) What penalties can apply if soldiers operate outside these rules of engagement.
 - (3) Do these soldiers have immunity from any criminal or civil action if they cause death or injury to civilians if operating under rules of engagement.
- *1144 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister for Education, Science and Training—
- (1) How many (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) tertiary students are there in Australia.
 - (2) What proportion of GDP was spent on education in 2001-2002.
 - (3) What are the funding arrangements for secondary students in terms of State and Federal Government funds spent on non-government and government schools.
 - (4) In monetary terms, to what extent does the Federal Government subsidise non-government schools.
- *1145 **MR BEAZLEY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What adjustments were made to personal income tax thresholds and marginal rates, and in which years, under the (a) Hawke, (b) Keating and (c) Howard Governments.
 - (2) What was the impact of the adjustments to personal income tax thresholds and marginal tax rates under the (a) Hawke, (b) Keating and (c) Howard Governments on Commonwealth revenue.
 - (3) Can he provide details of the impact in constant dollars.
- *1146 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—Further to the reply to question No. 494 (*Hansard*, 16 September 2002, page 6308), how soon after 31 December 2003 will the figures relating to forecast air-traffic movements to and from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be made public.
- *1147 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the demise of superannuation investment funds in the Enhanced Cash Management Trust (ECMT) through Commercial Nominees Limited (CNAL).
 - (2) Did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) give approval for CNAL as an approved fund/trustee for this fund.
 - (3) Is he able to say whether the cash component of the ECMT has been virtually wiped out; if not, will he obtain data from APRA regarding the current cash assets within the ECMT; if not, why not.
 - (4) Is he also able to say whether this fund and this fund manager is a kind of fund and matter that falls within the terms of reference of the current Senate Select Committee on Superannuation; if not, will he recommend that either the existing select committee's terms of reference be widened to include

evidence going to the issues concerning CNAL and ECMT or a new Senate select committee be appointed to investigate such matters; if not, why not.

*1148 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What is the position of the Howard Government in relation to the crisis between Cyprus and Turkey.

*1149 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the reply to part (2) of question No 861 (*Hansard*, 11 November 2002, page 8697), is the nature of the advice being sought by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston related to establishing his capacity to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts; if not, why not.
- (2) When was that advice first sought and from whom.
- (3) What caused the DPP to seek that advice.
- (4) What specific questions were asked by the DPP of the person or persons to whom that advice was sought.
- (5) Has Dr Colston agreed to co-operate fully with the present review by the DPP; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the DPP asked Dr Colston whether he will voluntarily submit himself for fresh medical assessment; if so, what was the date of this request and was it made in writing or oral; if not, why not.
- (7) Has Dr Colston agreed to submit himself for fresh medical assessment; if not, why not.
- (8) Has Dr Colston refused to submit himself for fresh medical assessment; if so, why.
- (9) Has Dr Colston, his lawyers, treating doctors or anyone else, attempted to place any conditions on the DPP in relation to Dr Colston's preparedness, or otherwise, to be medically assessed afresh by competent medical specialists who have never previously examined him; if so, what are those conditions.
- (10) Have any medical appointments been arranged for Dr Colston to be examined by competent medical specialists who have never previously examined him; if so, what are the dates on which these new medical appointments are to take place; if not, why not.
- (11) Has any person from the office of the DPP conducted a face-to-face interview with Dr Colston since 1 July 1999; if so, on what dates and what were the outcomes of the interviews.
- (12) Why is the review of Dr Colston's case by the DPP taking so long to finalise.
- (13) When does the DPP expect to make a decision on whether or not Dr Colston is fit enough to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts.
- (14) Will the review of Dr Colston's case by the DPP since July 2002 be concluded before January 2003; if not, why not.

*1150 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), in providing evidence to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee on 20 November 2002 concerning the progress of the DPP's third review of the case of Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston's capacity to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts, state, inter alia, that the reason the matter was discontinued around April 2001 was the considered opinion of a number of medical experts that Dr Colston was not fit to stand trial, not that Dr Colston was about to die.
- (2) Did the DPP further state that there were some pessimistic prognostications but the fundamental basis for the advice and the opinions which caused the decision to be made around April 2001 was Dr Colston's fitness to stand trial, not his pessimistic outlook.
- (3) What was the nature of the medical or other evidence that came to light around April 2001 that contradicted the April 1999 opinions of the independent eminent medical specialists that Dr Colston only had months to live.
- (4) What changed the DPP's mind around April 2001 that Dr Colston was not about to die.
- (5) What specific prognoses in relation to Dr Colston's fitness to stand trial led the DPP to discontinue proceedings against Dr Colston.
- (6) What is the relationship between the prognoses of the hitherto terminal illness of Dr Colston and his fitness to stand trial.

*1151 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to his reply to question No. 862 (*Hansard*, 24 September 2002, page 7159), did the Director of Public Prosecutions, in providing evidence to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References

Committee on 20 November 2002 concerning the taxpayer-funded travel since July 1999 of former Senator Dr Malcolm Arthur Colston, state, inter alia, that one must draw the distinction between someone sitting in a plane seat and travelling and someone being able to sit in a court from 10 o'clock in the morning when the court starts, with a break in the middle of the day, and finishing at four o'clock and being able to concentrate on the evidence, give instructions to the instructing solicitor and counsel and being able to concentrate through that period of time for the estimated duration of the trial.

- (2) In light of Dr Colston's proven capacity to (a) undertake very numerous hours of taxpayer-funded motor vehicle and aircraft travel, (b) run his company Janfern Pty Ltd and (c) concentrate on legally certifying his company returns to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, will the DPP, in assessing Dr Colston's fitness to stand trial on twenty-eight charges of defrauding the Commonwealth through travel rorts, consider allowing such a trial to proceed which would only require Dr Colston to attend Court for short periods of time; if not, why not.
- *1152 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services—
Further to the reply to question No. 920 (*Hansard*, 14 October 2002, page 7551), will the Howard Government review the assets test as it impacts on pensioners who own their own home and also own only one modest investment property; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *1153 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) Has Diagnostic Technology Pty Ltd, on behalf of Digene Corporation, submitted a proposal to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) for the funding of the Human Papillomavirus DNA (HPV DNA) test to manage women with low-grade Pap smear results; if not, why not.
 - (2) Does the HPV DNA test specifically detect the human papillomavirus, which is responsible for over 99% of cervical cancers.
 - (3) Can the HPV DNA test deliver immediate and downstream cost savings by providing clinicians with a definitive risk evaluation that will reduce the (a) need for additional unnecessary procedures and (b) frequency of Pap tests.
 - (4) Has the Government accepted a recommendation of the MSAC not to list the HPV DNA test for triage of women with low-grade Pap test results; if so, why.
 - (5) Is a second submission from Diagnostic Technology Pty Ltd for the introduction of the HPV DNA test in a screening role being considered by the MSAC.
 - (6) Will the Minister approve this second application; if so, when; if not, why not.
- *1154 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government's stance on the issue of dolphins being harvested for food.
 - (2) What action has the Government taken to protect dolphins in Australian waters from fishing.
 - (3) What action has the Government taken internationally to protect dolphins from fishing.
 - (4) What representations has Australia made to (a) Japan and (b) the International Whaling Commission regarding fishing for dolphins in Japanese national waters.
- *1155 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Prime Minister—
- (1) Further to his address to the Committee for Economic Development of Australia on 20 November 2002, how many of the 183,000 jobs claimed to have been created since November 2001 are (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual.
 - (2) How many of the one million jobs claimed to have been created since March 1996 are (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual.
 - (3) How many full-time jobs have been created or lost since March 1996 in the electoral division of Prospect.
- *1156 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women—
- (1) Further to the Minister's letter to me regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November 2002, otherwise known as White Ribbon Day, has the Government reconsidered its opposition to the signing of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - (2) Have 75 states signed, and 47 states ratified, the Optional Protocol; if so, what are the reasons behind the Government's decision to not sign the Optional Protocol, considering the role Australia has played historically in fighting for the improvement of women's rights globally.

- (3) Was Australia a member on the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) from 1983 until 1990 and again from 1993 until 1996; if so, why has Australia not been a member of the CSW since 1996.

*1157 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs—

- (1) Has the Newcastle based Centacare Job Placement Education and Training (JPET) program been defunded following a recent tender process.
- (2) Was a proposal for a Centacare JPET program based in Maitland also unsuccessful despite the fact the area has high unemployment.
- (3) Is the process of evaluation of all tenders throughout Australia for the JPET program to be reviewed; if so, (a) how will tenders be assessed during the process and (b) will tenders be judged on evidence of past achievements or what the agencies say they would do.
- (4) Has the number of placements decreased in the recent tender process; if so, by how many.

*1158 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government plan to merge her Department with Centrelink.
- (2) Is she aware of the unique status of veterans.
- (3) What is the future of the Gold Card.

*1159 **MS HOARE:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many Gold Card holders are there in Australia.
- (2) How many services have been provided to veterans in 2002.
- (3) What percentage of services to Gold Card holders were bulk billed in 2002.

*1160 **DR LAWRENCE:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What action is being taken regarding allegations of abuse by three former Woomera security guards accused of assaulting and bashing thirteen year old Afghani, Zihar Sayed.
- (2) Have the three men in question been found since failing to appear in court on 5 September 2002.
- (3) Is he able to say whether the (a) Australian Federal Police or (b) Director of Public Prosecutions is responsible for locating the men.
- (4) Is he also able to say whether the men are still employees of Australian Correctional Management.
- (5) What measures has the Government put in place to ensure children in detention are protected from physical and emotional abuse.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Mr Bartlett (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Mr Farmer, Ms Gambaro, Mr Johnson, Mrs May, Mr Pearce, Ms Plibersek, Mr Sawford, Mr Sidebottom.*Current inquiry:*

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 Fitzgibbon, 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 inquiries:*

Children's developmental health and well being.

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 inquiries:

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

Variable speed limits.

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.

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 Lundy, Senator Murray, Senator Scullion, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Australia's quarantine function.

Management and integrity of electronic information in the Commonwealth.

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 inquiry:

Conduct of the 2001 Federal election.

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 Bolkus, Senator Cook, Senator Eggleston, Senator Evans, Senator Harradine, Senator Hutchins, Senator Johnston, Senator Sandy Macdonald, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Stott Despoja.

Current inquiries:

Annual reports for 2001-2002—

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Department of Defence.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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.

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 Lundy, Senator Scullion, Senator Stott Despoja.

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 Kirk, Senator Marshall, Senator Mason, Senator Santoro, Senator Stephens, Senator Stott Despoja, 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*).